A photograph of a rural setting with women. In the foreground, a woman is seen from behind, wearing a grey headscarf and a dark shawl. To her right, another woman in an orange headscarf and shawl is looking towards the left. In the background, a woman in a yellow headscarf is holding a young child. The scene is set in front of a building with a thatched roof and a wooden post. The background has a warm, orange-toned gradient.

# **The Survivor Project:** **16 Days Of Activism** **Against Gender-Based** **Violence 2021**

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**25 November - 10 December 2021**

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## **The Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption (RoLAC) Programme is collaborating with the Federal Ministry of Justice, FCT Judiciary and the National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) on *The Survivor Project*, in commemoration of the 16 Days of Activism 2021.**

Since the establishment of the first Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) in Nigeria in 2013 and the establishment of the 31 SARCs that have followed, the SARCs have continued to provide free immediate emergency medical treatment, counselling and follow up support to survivors of rape and sexual assault, including support for their engagement with the legal system. In just 8 years, the SARC Network has grown from a single SARC in Lagos to 32 SARCs across 19 states in Nigeria; assisting 23,207 survivors of sexual assault combined, between July 2013 and September 2021. Over 70% of whom have been children under the age of 18 years.

In spite of the remarkable expansion and spread of the SARC initiative in Nigeria and stronger focus nationwide on the provision of comprehensive medical and counselling services for survivors,

the number of SGBV cases reported to SARCs is still a poor representation of the scale of sexual assault in Nigeria. The number of SGBV cases that are prosecuted are very few compared to the number of reports.

For many years, there has been a steady call for the establishment of specialised courts for SGBV in Nigeria to address delays in the justice process. Most recently, this call was echoed by the Attorney General of the Federation and Minister for Justice, Abubakar Malami, SAN. The AGF's call followed the inauguration in 2020 by the President, of an Inter-Ministerial Management Committee on Eradication of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence, a demonstration of the government's renewed commitment to comprehensively address SGBV and protect victims.



The Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption (RoLAC) Programme supports the call and effort to establish special courts for SGBV and is collaborating with the FCT Judiciary, the Federal Ministry of Justice and the National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) on the occasion of the 16 Days of Activism 2021, to sensitize and mobilise relevant

actors and stakeholders around the imperative and applicability of special courts for SGBV, in the context of Nigeria's legislative and social policy environment. The aim is to explore relevant policy options, guidelines and recommendations for establishing or designating special courts for SGBV across Nigeria.

European Union

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The Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption (RoLAC) Programme  
in collaboration with  
Federal Ministry of Justice, FCT Judiciary and  
National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP)

**7th Network Conference  
of Sexual Assault Referral  
Centres (SARCs) in Nigeria**

Theme:  
**The Imperative for Special  
SGBV Courts**

10.30am - 4.00pm  
Thursday, 25 November 2021  
Congress Hall, Transcorp Hilton Hotel,  
1 Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja.

To register & participate online,  
<https://bit.ly/SARCSNetwork>

Any questions?  
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**Thursday, 25 November 2021**  
**7th Conference of Network  
of Sexual Assault Referral  
Centres (SARCs)**

A plenary session to discuss the critical need for special courts for SGBV cases.

Venue: Congress Hall, Transcorp Hilton Hotel  
Time: 10.30am - 4.00pm

To register and participate online:  
<https://bit.ly/SARCSNetwork>

European Union

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The Delegation of the European Union to the Federal Republic of  
Nigeria and ECOWAS in collaboration with Raconteur Productions  
invites you to a stage play

**HEAR WORD!**

Directed by: Heoma Fafunwa

In commemoration of the 16 Days of Activism against  
Sexual and Gender-Based Violence

Thursday, 25  
November 2021

Cocktail 6.00pm Play 7.00pm

Chida International Hotel  
Events Centre, P.O.W. Mafemi  
Crescent, Utako, Abuja

Free tickets will be issued at  
the venue. Please RSVP to  
[delegation-nigeria-ops2@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:delegation-nigeria-ops2@eeas.europa.eu)  
to reserve your ticket.

**Thursday, 25 November 2021**  
**Hear Word! – A Stage Play**

Hear Word! is a theatre production that presents an intimate view into the obstacles that Nigerian women face, including stories of domestic violence, absence of women from positions of power, resilience and resistance, shattering the culture of silence, overturning the status quo, abuse, disrespect, bravery, sisterhood and joy.

Venue: Chida International Hotel  
Events Centre, P.O.W. Mafemi  
Crescent, Utako, Abuja  
Time: 6.00pm

Please confirm your attendance to  
[DELEGATION-NIGERIA-OPS2@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:DELEGATION-NIGERIA-OPS2@eeas.europa.eu)  
by close of business on Monday, 22nd of  
November. Reserved tickets will be issued at  
the venue.

The poster for 'Mock SGBV Courts' features logos for the European Union, the Nigerian government, and the British Council. It is part of the Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption (RoLAC) Programme, in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Justice, FCT Judiciary, and the National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP). The event is titled 'Mock SGBV Courts: Demonstrating survivor-centred justice processes' and includes three icons representing justice: scales, a gavel, and a courtroom. The event details are: Monday, 29 November – Wednesday, 1 December 2021, at Borno Hall, Transcorp Hilton Hotel, 1 Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja, from 10.00am to 4.00pm daily. It is accessible via Zoom at <https://bit.ly/MockCourt>. Contact information for Lynda is provided: 08064292526 or [herstoryourstoryng@gmail.com](mailto:herstoryourstoryng@gmail.com). Social media handles @herstoryOSNG and #HerStoryOurStoryNG are also listed.

## Monday, 29 November - Wednesday, 1 December 2021 Mock SGBV Courts

The Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption (RoLAC) Programme in collaboration with Federal Ministry of Justice, FCT Judiciary and National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) will be seeking to demonstrate what survivor-centered justice processes could look like in the context of Nigeria's legislative social policy environment.

It will provide the opportunity to model court hearings, police investigation and prosecution scenarios that support or compromise justice for survivors; and gather lessons for what judges, prosecutors and police investigators should do differently.

Venue: Borno Hall, Transcorp Hilton Hotel  
Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm

To register and participate online:  
<https://bit.ly/MockCourt>

The poster for 'Counselling & Legal Clinics for SGBV Survivors' features logos for the European Union, the Nigerian government, and the British Council. It is part of the Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption (RoLAC) Programme, in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Justice, FCT Judiciary, and the National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP). The event is titled 'Counselling & Legal Clinics for SGBV Survivors' and includes three service areas: Rape & Sexual Assault Trauma Counselling, Legal Advice & Assistance, and Legal Representation. A 'FREE!' badge is prominently displayed. The event details are: Monday, 29 November - Wednesday, 1 December 2021, from 10am to 4pm daily. It is accessible at two locations: Congress Hall, Transcorp Hilton Hotel, 1 Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja; and Olusegun Obasanjo Hall, Federal Ministry of Justice, 71, Shehu Shagari Way, Abuja. Contact information for Lynda is provided: 08064292526 or [herstoryourstoryng@gmail.com](mailto:herstoryourstoryng@gmail.com). Social media handles @herstoryOSNG and #HerStoryOurStoryNG are also listed.

## Monday, 29 November – Wednesday, 1 December 2021 Counselling and Legal Clinics

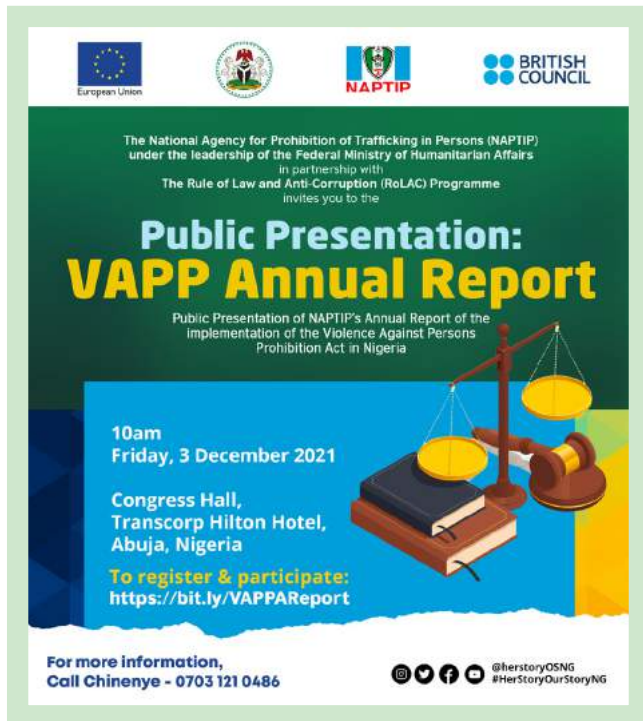
Are you a survivor of sexual and gender-based violence in the FCT, in need of legal advice or counselling?

The European Union and the British Council in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Justice, FCT Judiciary and the National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) is offering free counselling and legal clinic for survivors in the FCT.

### 2 locations:

- Congress Hall, Transcorp Hilton Hotel, 1 Aguiyi Ironsi St, Maitama, Abuja
- Olusegun Obasanjo Hall, Federal Ministry of Justice, 71, Shehu Shagari Way, Abuja

Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm



**Wednesday, 3 December 2021**  
**Public Presentation: VAPP Annual Report**

Public presentation of the first ever Violence Against Persons Prohibition Act in Nigeria (VAPPA) Annual report by the National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) in fulfilment of Section 42 of the VAPP Act 2015.

Venue: Congress Hall, Transcorp Hilton Hotel,  
 Time: 10.00am

To register and participate online:  
<https://bit.ly/VAPPARreport>



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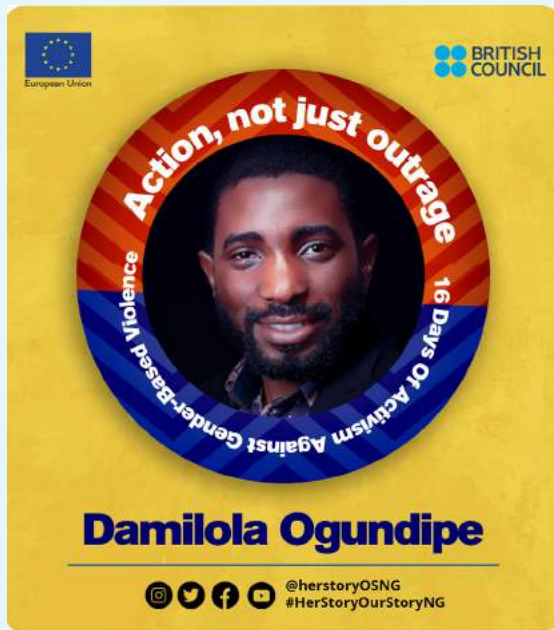
**You can participate online!**

We have limited seats for physical participation and we hope that you will be able to join us online. You can register via zoom to connect to any of the events.

**Refer to individual event banners for all zoom registration and participation links.**

Please note that physical participants must adhere to COVID-19 prevention protocols.

## Join the campaign - Download our campaign badge



You can join the 16 Days of Activism campaign and add your voice to the advocacy against sexual and gender-based violence by downloading the campaign badge from the [herstoryourstory](http://herstoryourstory.org) website.

### Simply the following steps:

- Visit [www.herstoryourstory.org/16daysofactivism](http://www.herstoryourstory.org/16daysofactivism)
- On the right side of the page, fill in your details - name, phone number, email address and choose a campaign message.
- Click the "Submit" button and your badge will automatically download to your phone or laptop for your use.

### What else can you do?

#### Do you know if there is a Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) in your state?

If there isn't one, visit [www.herstoryourstory.org](http://www.herstoryourstory.org) to sign the petition for your state government to establish one.

#### Join the conversation

Produce and publish content and data that will generate and sustain conversations, narratives and actions to counter persistent cycles of sexual and gender-based violence, victim blaming and the culture of silence.

#### Follow the campaign on social media - [#HerStoryOurStoryNG](https://twitter.com/HerStoryOurStoryNG)



# Help is closer than you think!



If you are a victim of sexual and gender-based violence, you can:

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- **Call our hotline on 08064292526**
  - **Send us a DM on @herstoryOSNG**  
(Twitter, Facebook or Instagram)
  - **Visit [www.herstoryourstory.ng](http://www.herstoryourstory.ng)**



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	State	Name of SARC	Location and Address	Centre Manager Name, Email, Phone Number	SARC Hotline(s) / Handles
1	Adamawa	Hope Centre 1	ADSACA building State Specialist Hospital Jimeta, Yola	Dr Usha Saxena 08069710461 ushasaxena6@gmail.com hopecenteryola@gmail.com	07068339913 hopecenteryola@gmail.com
2	Adamawa	Hope Centre 2	General Hospital, Numan	Paula G. Tumbwem 07035082504 paulagtumbwem@gmail.com	
3	Akwa-Ibom	Agape Centre	Immanuel General Hospital, Eket	Anietie Ikpe 08023009220 anie_ntem@yahoo.com agapesarc@yahoo.com	09077777433, 09090000648 09050797650, 09067773008 agapesarc@yahoo.com Twitter: @AgapeSarc
4	Anambra	Ntasi Centre	General Hospital Enugwu-Ukwu Njikoka Local Government Area, Anambra	Bernadette Uchendu 08066306402 uchebern@yahoo.com	09066916915 09049224086
5	Borno	Nelewa Centre	Umar Shehu Ultra-modern Hospital, Maiduguri	Fati Mustapha 08161838555 mustaphafati209@gmail.com N3lewacentre@gmail.com	08028982947 N3lewacentre@gmail.com Twitter: @N3lewaCentre Facebook: @N3lewa center
6	Edo	Vivian Centre	1 Coronation Avenue, Besides Edi International Hospital, GRA Benin City	Dr. Georgina Eromosele 08052322280 ginaeroms@gmail.com	HOTLINES: 07046055026, 08054461139 Toll free line: 0800 200 2020
7	Ekiti	Ekiti SARC (Moremi Clinic)	Moremi Clinic, Besides Dental Clinic, Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital (EKSUTH), Ado-Ekiti	Barrister Rita Ilevbare 08033581144 ritailevbare@gmail.com ekitisarc@gmail.com	07050752287 07039786904 ekitisarc@gmail.com Facebook: Ekiti SARC (Sexual Assault Referral Centre)
8	Enugu	Enugu State Government Tamar SARC	Family Support Programme Building, Opp. Enugu State College of Education Technical, Enugu	Evelyn Ngozi Onah 08068528819 ngozievelyn96@yahoo.com ensgtamarsarc@yahoo.com	08060084441, 07032567458 ensgtamarsarc@yahoo.com Twitter: SarcTamar Facebook: ENUGU Tamar SARC

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9. Enugu	WACOL Tamar SARC Ulo Umunwanyi (The Women House)	Women Aid Collective (WACOL) Nigeria Office 9 Dr. Mathias Iloh Avenue New Haven Extension by Flyover & Behind New Haven Secondary School, Emene Express, Enugu	Egodi Blessing 08136836588 09060002128 wacolnig@gmail.com	09091333000, 09060002128 09092777000, 08155850000 (Anambra branch) wacolnig@gmail.com Live chat with counsellors @ www.wacolnigeria.org Twitter: WACOL Tamar SARC Facebook: WACOL Tamar SARC Instagram: wacol_nigeria
Abuja	The CeCe Yara Child Advocacy Centre	D2, Salatu Royale Estate Wuse zone 2 Abuja.	Dayo Ogunbiyi oogunbiyi@ceceyara.org 07032353516	Helplines: · Help for children and young people. Call Child helpline on 08008008001 · Help for adults concerned about a child. Call us on 07007007001 help@ceceyara.org Twitter: @cece_yara Instagram: @cece_yara Facebook: @The Cece Yara Foundation
10. FCT Abuja	Awyetu SARC	Bwari General Hospital, Abuja	Dr Oyetundun Afolabi 08035859724 WhatsApp: 07055363830 oyetundun4real@yahoo.com bghsarc@gmail.com	Hotline: 09134668737
11. Jigawa	Jigawa SARC	Dutse General Hospital, 10 Kiyawa Road, Dutse, Jigawa	Dr Abbas Yau Garba 09033035588 yauichd2013@gmail.com	09033035588, 08069444225 Facebook: @Jigawa Sexual Assault Referral Center Twitter: @JigawaCenter
12. Kaduna	Salama Centre 1	Dr. Gwamna Awan General Hospital, Kakuri, Kaduna	Juliana Joseph 08033837025 julieneemalachy@gmail.com salamasarc2017@gmail.com	08092049888, 09029991140 07018160776, 09032063303 salamasarc2017@gmail.com Twitter: @SalamaSarc Facebook: @Salama Sarc
13. Kaduna	Salama Centre 2	Yusuf Dantsoho Memorial Hospital, Tundun Wada, Kaduna	Sidikat Adegboye Bello 08092877682, 08033143437 cdqah2@yahoo.com Salamacenter19@gmail.com	09011578622, 08063968541 Salamacenter19@gmail.com Twitter: @SalamaSarc Facebook: @Salama Sarc

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14.	Kaduna	Salama Centre 3	Gambo Sawaba General Hospital, Zaria, Kaduna	Amina Ladan 08065826024	08093314811, 08093314800 08093314855, 08093314844 salamacentrezaria@gmail.com Twitter: @SalamaSarc Facebook: @Salama Sarc
15.	Kaduna	Salama Centre 4	Ibrahim Patrick Yakowa General Hospital, Kafanchan, Kaduna	Grace Abbin Yohanna; 08035869981 graceyabbin@gmail.com	08148026802 09061503384 salamasarcKaf@gmail.com Twitter: @SalamaSarc Facebook: @Salama Sarc
16.	Kano	Waraka SARC	Murtala Muhammad Specialist Hospital, Kano	Dr Nasir Garko 08065340578 nasgak@gmail.com	09028944933, 09030424123 warakasarc_kano@gmail.com
17.	Kebbi	Mai Talle Tara SARC	Kalgo Medical Centre. Birnin Kebbi	Safiya Isah 07063532324 safiyakamba209@gmail.com	08061434873 maitalletarasarckb@gmail.com @maitalletarasarckb
18.	Kwara	Sexual Assault Referral Centre, Ilorin	Inside Juvenile Correctional Home, Oko-Erin, Ilorin.	Adesola Bolanle Ogungbemi 08034997673 ogungbemibolanle63@gmail.com	08033580150 08060697833 kwsgwomenaffairs@gmail.com
19.	Lagos	Mirabel Centre	Lagos State University Teaching Hospital (LASUTH), Ikeja, Lagos	Juliet Olumuyiwa-Rufai 07013491769 julietmyjewel@yahoo.com	07013491769, 08187243468 08155770000 sarc@pnigeria.org Twitter: @MirabelCentreNG Instagram: @mirabelcentreng Facebook: @Mirabel Centre-Sexual Assault Referral Centre, Lagos
20.	Lagos	Women at Risk International Foundation (WARIF) Centre	6 Turton Street, Off Thorburn Avenue, Yaba, Lagos	Dr Aniekan Makanjuola 07060568196 bridget.makanjuola@warifng.org	WARIF helpline: 08092100009 WARIF toll free line: 080092100009 info@warifng.org Twitter: @WARIF_NG Instagram: @warif_ng Facebook: @WARIFNG

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21. Lagos	The CeCe Yara Child Advocacy Centre	2A Akin Ogunmade Davies Close, Gbagada Phase 2, Lagos	Grace Ketefe 09085692623 gketefe@ceceyara.org  Bisi Ajayi-Kayode 09085692612 08034083896 oajayi-kayode@ceceyara.org help@ceceyara.org	<b>Helplines:</b> Help for children and young people. Call Child helpline on 08008008001 · Help for adults concerned about a child. Call us on 07007007001 help@ceceyara.org Twitter: @cece_yara Instagram: @cece_yara Facebook: @The Cece Yara Foundation
22. Lagos	Idera Centre	Alimosho General Hospital Igando Lagos	Moromoke Babatunde-Martins 08035935086 WhatsApp: 08035935086 Momart112@gmail.com	08150473831 09055891612 iderasac@gmail.com iderasarc@alimoshogh.com Instagram: iderasarc
23. Niger	Rayuwa Centre	Police Clinic Stadium Road, Unguwa Daji, Minna	Dr Yinka Umeh 08188107782 yinkaumeh@yahoo.com	07030735333, 07038991160 rayuwasarc@yahoo.com Twitter: @SARCRayuwa Instagram: @sarcrayuwa Facebook: @SARC Rayuwa
24. Ogun	The Spring Centre	Babalola Ti'lase Owu close, Ikereku-Ayedun, behind Laderin Workers Estate, Oke-Mosan, Abeokuta.	Damola Lapite 08034268616 Jnmhi81@hotmail.com haviilahade@yahoo.com	08113931752 thespringcentre@yahoo.com Twitter: @centre_spring Instagram: @thespringcentre
25. Ogun	Ogun State SARC	Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital (OOUTH), Sagamu		

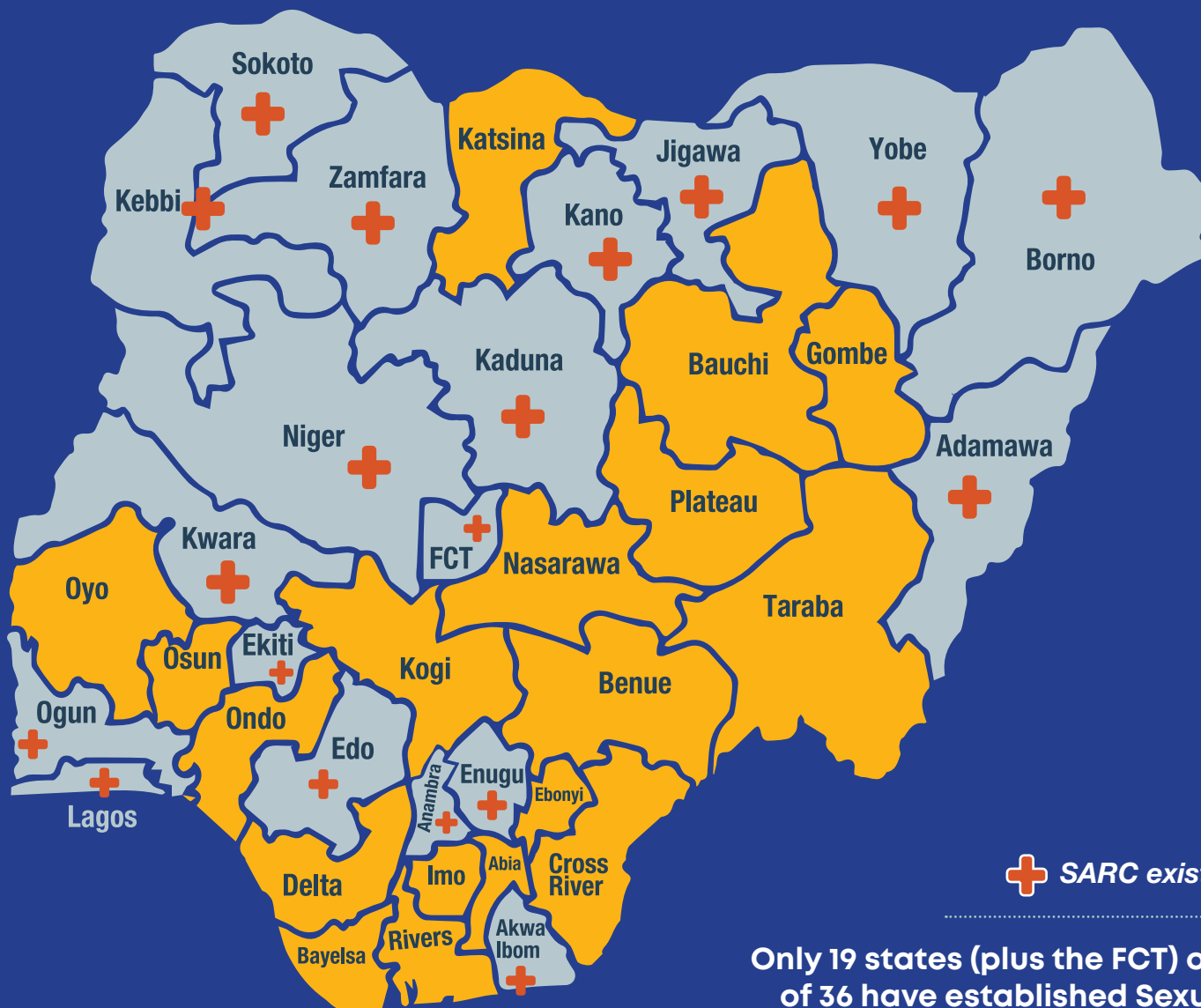
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26. Sokoto	Nana Khadija Centre	Sokoto Specialist Hospital, Sultan Abubakar Road, Sokoto	Adamu Florence Danladi 07061907725 08093959527 flowiedee@gmail.com	09041625256, 08061970093 07042274748, 08061981109 08142054253 nanakhadijacentre@gmail.com nanakhadijacentre@pjnigeria.org nkcadmin@pjnigeria.org Twitter: @NanaKcentre Instagram: @nanakhadijacentre Facebook: @Nana Khadija Centre
27. Yobe	Shifa Centre	Family Support Unit, Women and Children Hospital, Gashua Road, Damaturu	Dr Mahmud Maji Abdulkadir 08060438111 mahmudmaji@gmail.com	07035140037
28. Yobe	Potiskum SARC	General Hospital Potiskum, Hausawa Asibiti Road	Hauwa Idris 08067273197 Hauwaidriss2@gmail.com	08025887545
29. Yobe	Nguru SARC	Federal Medical Centre, Nguru, Nguru Town, Yobe	Dr. Badirudeen Giwa 08130048911 successfulbadirudeen@gmail.com	
30. Yobe	Gashau SARC	General Hospital, Gashua	Jawi Garba Gashua 08024371185	
31. Yobe	Geidam SARC	General Hospital, Geidam	Dr. Ahmad Ligali 07039662660 ahmedligali80@gmail.com	
32. Zamfara	Sexual Assault Referral Center, Gusau	King Fahad Women and Children Hospital, Samuru, Gusau.	Muazu Anaruwa 08037355396 muazuanaruwa@yahoo.com	08035577891 08067816263 zamfarasarc@gmail.com

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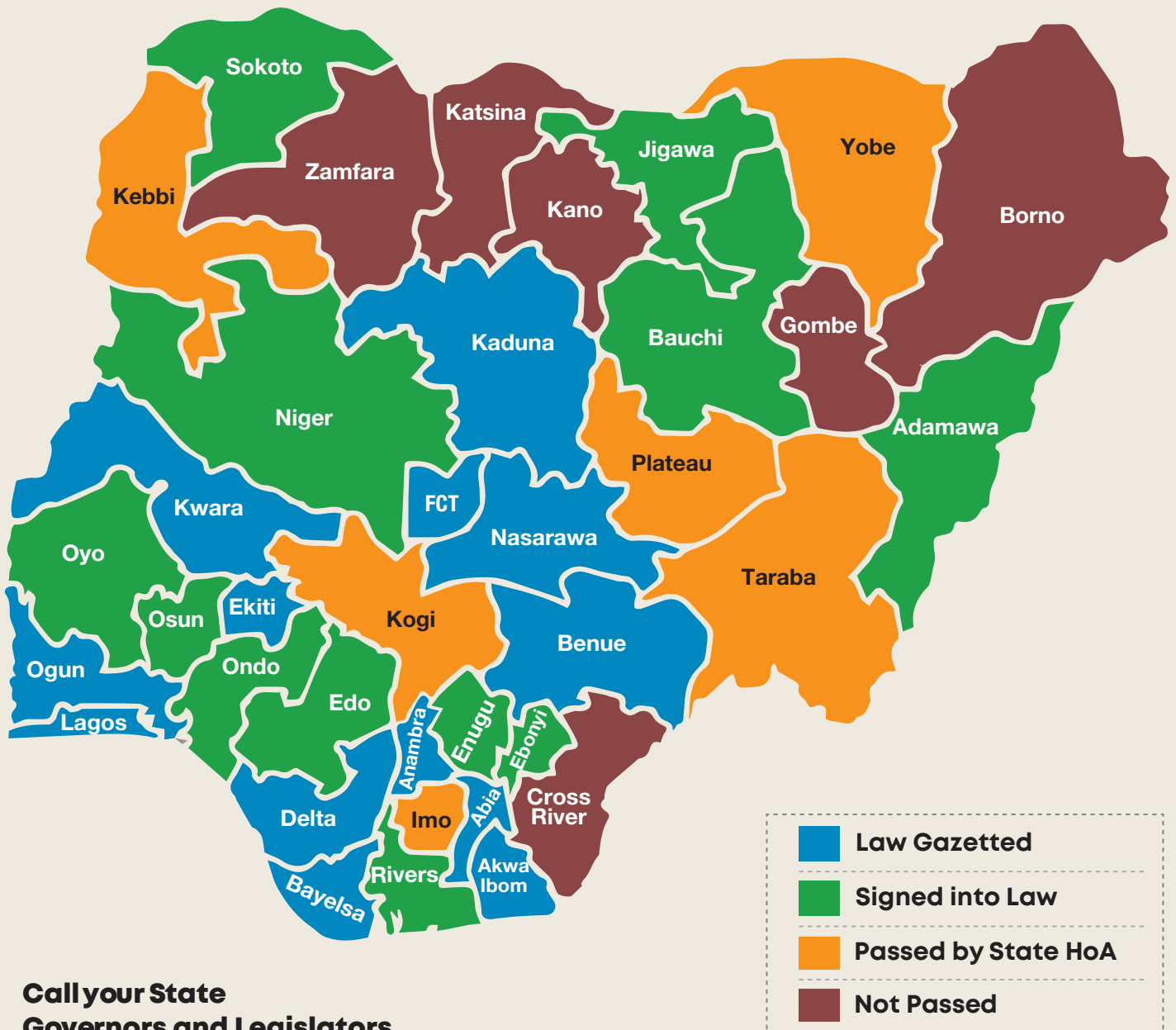
Only 19 states (plus the FCT) out of 36 have established Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCs) that provide free medical, counselling and support services to survivors of sexual violence.

# The Violence Against Persons Prohibition Act (VAPP Act)

## Map of Compliance



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**Call your State  
Governors and Legislators  
to adopt the VAPP Act**

**#StateofEmergencyGBV**

\*Lagos has a Domestic Violence Law (2007) which continues to provide the framework for the reforms the state has achieved in addressing SGBV



## About the RoLAC Programme

The Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption (RoLAC) is a 5-year (2017 – 2022) European Union-funded programme that is implemented by the British Council. The programme aims to enhance good governance in Nigeria by contributing to the strengthening of the rule of law and curbing corruption, as well as supporting reform initiatives that are led by the Federal and State criminal justice institutions, anti-corruption agencies, civil society, citizens, and the media. RoLAC's interventions are implemented in 5 states – Adamawa, Anambra, Edo, Kano, Lagos – and at the Federal level.

RoLAC has supported initiatives that have resulted in the adoption of laws and practices that facilitate access to justice for women, children, and persons with disabilities; and is now focused on supporting state governments and civil society in the implementation and embedding of these laws and practices.

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