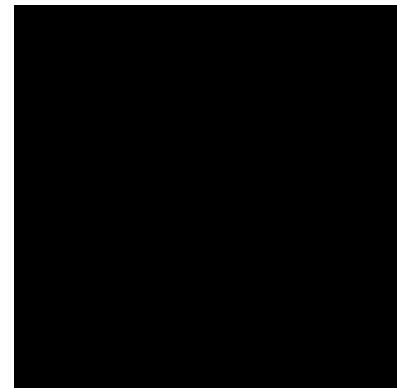




2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR REPORT

September 2023 – August 2024

TOKAN Foundation empowers hundreds of children with ₦8,885,794 in educational, social, medical, and legal support through the Child Rights & Juvenile Justice Centre (CRJJC) between September 2023 and August 2024.



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Letter from the Foundations' Chair



Dear Friends, Supporters, and Partners,

We all have a powerful role to play in tackling inequality. Insufficiencies in the provision of welfare, education, healthcare, and justice has left millions of Nigerian children at a great disadvantage. The disadvantage is exacerbated for children in low socioeconomic households. In this regard, TOKAN Foundation has, since 2018, dedicated its resources to providing educational, medical and social wellness support to vulnerable children and young people. With the launch of the Child Rights & Juvenile Justice Center (CRJJC) in 2022, we have also provided legal support in and out of the courtroom for justice involved children and juveniles.

As I reflect on the past year at TOKAN Foundation and CRJJC, I am filled with immense gratitude for the collective efforts that has allowed us to bring hope and brighter futures to hundreds of children in need. Our mission to provide educational, medical, social, and other resources to less privileged children, and to advocate for the rights of marginalised children remains at the heart of everything we do. While it has been a year of both growth and challenges, we saw remarkable progress in quality of impact, number of beneficiaries, and the scope of support provided. In the 2023/2024 Academic Year, we empowered our beneficiaries with support totalling ₦8,885,794 (Eight Million, Eight Hundred and Eighty-Five Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Four Naira). This support covered scholarships for tuitions, textbooks, and school activities, provision of school bags and school supplies, daily lunch stipends, after school lessons, medical support, legal support and advocacy through CRJJC, amongst others.

I must thank our incredible donors, volunteers, and partners for believing in our mission. Your generosity and dedication fuel our work and inspire us to keep moving forward. I also want to recognize the hard work of our team and volunteers, whose passion and commitment drive the foundation forward every single day.

However, our work is far from finished. The challenges we face in our society are significant but I am more confident than ever that, together, we can overcome these hurdles. As we look ahead, our focus will be on expanding our reach, deepening our impact, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive and become positively-impacting members of their communities. The journey ahead is filled with possibilities, and with your continued support, we will keep making a lasting difference in the lives of children who need it the most. I look forward to the amazing things we will achieve together in the 2024/2025 Academic year.

With deepest gratitude,

A Tope Tokan-Lawal, Chair
TOKAN Foundation
CRJJC



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About TOKAN Foundation



TOKAN Foundation for Children and Young People is a registered charitable organisation with CAC/IT/No. 113059 dedicated to providing educational, social and medical-wellness support for vulnerable children and young people. Through donations and partnerships with individuals, local communities, businesses, charitable organizations and the government, we can adequately empower our beneficiaries to become self-sufficient and positively-impacting members of their communities.

Date of Registration:

14 June 2018

Through our various programs, we strive to one day create a world where no child or young person is denied a future of possibilities.

Our goal is to bring hope and comfort to more than 600 children and families every year.

Aims and Objectives

1. To provide financial, educational, social, medical and other resources to less privileged children and young people
2. To give underprivileged children the same opportunities as children from privileged homes.
3. To provide welfare, food and services to needy children and their families.
4. To organise recreational activities that improve the social, educational and medical welfare of vulnerable children and their families
5. To assist in the education and training of less privileged children through organising home-work sessions, extra-class activities, arts & craft, scholarships and mentoring.
6. To organise activities that help in developing the skills, capacities and capabilities of vulnerable children and young people so they can participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.
7. To provide parents and guardians with the training needed to raise children and young people who are socially skilled, resilient, mature, responsible and achievement-oriented.
8. To assist with reducing the orphanage population by: Ensuring that families can afford to keep their children at home; Educating people on the importance of adoption; and Educating willing and qualified people, who wish to begin a family or increase their family, on the mechanisms of adoption or fostering.
9. To provide the necessary assistance to orphans and orphanage homes.
10. To act generally as advocates of children and young people.
11. To generate funds generally and/or specifically towards the attainment of the objects of the association.
12. To engage in such other activities as may be necessary, or incidental to the above stated objects, to further the attainment of the objects for which it is established.



Further to No. 10 of our aims and objectives, we established the Child Rights and Juvenile Justice Center (“CRJJC”) in November 2022 as our legal service arm.

About Child Rights & Juvenile Justice Center (CRJJC)



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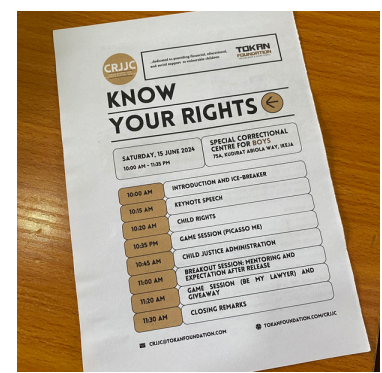
29 November 2022

The Child Rights & Juvenile Justice Center (CRJJC), registered as Child Rights and Juvenile Advocacy Center with CAC/IT/No/193337, is the legal services arm of TOKAN Foundation inspired by the TOKAN Initiative. We provide legal support to children and juveniles in Nigeria. Our wholistic approach to child rights advocacy and juvenile justice helps to ensure that children and juveniles receive needed support in and out of the court room.

Aims and Objectives

1. To advocate for the rights of marginalised children in conflict with the law, in need of care and protection, or beyond parental control before any individual, public or private body, institution, court of law, administrative or legal authority
2. To promote the best interests of the child in every action concerning a child.
3. To promote the rights of children.
4. To educate children, adults, and entities on the rights of children and all laws relating to children.
5. To conduct activities on child rights, advocacy and protection.
6. To act generally as child advocates.
7. To generate funds generally and/or specifically towards the attainment of the objects of the association.
8. To engage in such other activities as may be necessary, or incidental to the above stated objects to further the attainment of the objects for which it is established.

“We are always thanking God for what u are always doing to us. We appreciate. The Lord will do more for u in Jesus name.” - Moses



Impact Summary and Financial Overview

Educational,
Social,
Medical, and
Legal support

In the 2023/2024 Academic Year, we empowered our beneficiaries with educational, social, medical, and legal support, through the Child Rights and Juvenile Justice Centre (CRJJC). With total funding of ₦8,885,794 (Eight Million, Eight Hundred and Eighty-Five Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Four Naira) we were able to provide resources to dozens of children ensuring that children who had no access to school could have the opportunity to learn and thrive.

**Total
Expenses:
₦8,885,794**

Our legal advocacy through CRJJC also saw the release of 3 children from Correctional Centers and our medical partnerships reached more than 500 children, giving them access to essential medical supplies. In addition, administrative services were provided by our trustees, volunteers and expenses were limited to logistics costs, purchase of t-shirts, and banners.

Throughout the year, TOKAN Foundation maintained a close relationship with the five Children's Correctional Centers in Lagos, i.e., Special Correctional Center for Girls in Idi-Araba (SCCG), Children's Correctional Center for Girls (CCCG), Special Correctional Center for Boys in Oregun (SCCB), Children's Correctional Center for Junior Boys (CCCJB), and Children's Correctional Center for Senior Boys in Isheri (CCCSB). Children in these centers continued to receive educational scholarships, social, medical, and legal support.

These centers accommodate justice-involved children in three categories: children in conflict with the law (child offenders), children in need of care and protection (such as orphans or those whose parents are unable to provide necessary care), and children who are beyond parental control. SCCG and SCCB primarily house child offenders, and children in these centers are confined for a specific period. They are only allowed to leave for court appearances, bail, release by court order, or other sanctioned exits. Despite the term "correctional" in their names, CCCG, CCCJB, and CCCSB function more like government-run orphanages. These centers house children in need of care and protection, as well as those beyond parental control. Unlike in correctional facilities, these children are allowed to attend school outside the center, participate in religious programs, or engage in any sanctioned activities, similar to an orphanage setting.



In the 1st Academic Term (September – December 2023) our beneficiaries in Lagos and Oyo were empowered with support valued at ₦2,585,100 (Two Million, Five Hundred and Eighty-Five Thousand, One Hundred Naira). We provided pro bono legal services to children in both SCCG and SCCB through the CRJJC. In addition to the usual educational, social, medical, and legal support, 3 children received funding for emergency medical treatments and procedures; we donated mattresses and mosquito nets to the CCCSB; and purchased materials for new uniforms for the girls at SCCG. We also continued to maintain the Special Approved School at SCCG where we paid the salaries of all four teachers at the school.



In the 2nd Academic Term (January – April 2024), a total support valued at over ₦3,045,110 (Three Million, Forty-Five Thousand, One Hundred and Ten Naira) was provided to students in Lagos and Oyo. We provided pro bono legal services to 6 children in SCCG and SCCB through the CRJJC. During this period, we secured the release of one girl. We also continued payment of salaries for the four teachers of the SCCG Special Approved School. We also assisted with payment of three teachers in SCCB. As such, we paid salaries for 7 teachers who taught a range of subjects including Mathematics, English, Literature, Economics, Government, and Business Studies. On 8 March 2024, we partnered with Offeriing to donate hair and beauty supplies to the girls at SCCG for International Women’s Day. In March 2024 and August 2024, we partnered with Drug Aid Africa to donate essential drugs and medical supplies to the five Correctional Centers, i.e. SCCG, CCCG, SCCB, CCCJB, and CCCSB. We also partnered with Dr Oluwaseun Ayotola of DOOA Health Services Limited to provide free medical consultancy services to the children at CCCJB and CCCSB.

In the 3rd Academic Term (April – July 2024), our beneficiaries continued to have access to quality education and welfare with support valued at ₦2,634,304 (Two Million, Six Hundred and Thirty-Four Thousand, Three Hundred and Four Naira). A total support of ₦621,280 (Six Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighty Naira) was made during the Long Vacation (July – August 2024). In addition to the usual educational, social, medical, and legal support, we purchased a smart television for CCJB with the support of an anonymous donor. To celebrate our 6th Anniversary on 14 June, we commissioned two paintings by Victoria Oniosun, titled Mother, Provider (2024) and Graduation (2024). Proceeds from this auction will go directly into our work, funding the welfare of more children in Nigeria. The auction is managed by June Creative Art Advisory (JCAA). To place a bid, kindly contact Seun Alli at +2348179830800, hq@jcaalagos.com, or jcaalagos@gmail.com. Our commemorative t-shirts of "Mother, Provider" (2024) and "Graduation" (2024) are also available for sale at ₦20,000 each.

Between April and August 2024, CRJJC’s volunteer lawyers represented children in Court and in June and July 2024, CRJJC hosted the Know Your Rights Initiative across five correctional centres for children in Lagos. On Tuesday, 30 July 2024, our founder and Chair was presented with the Distinguished Merit Award by the National Association of Northern Nigerian Students (“NANNS”) for her work at TOKAN Foundation. She was inducted to the NANNS 2024 Hall of Fame as an Icon of Hope in recognition of my immense contribution towards national development, educational upliftment, youth engagement, and relentless service to humanity. Finally, in August 2024, paid for entryway signs/banners at CCCJB and CCCG and partnered with Creative Summer School hosted by Debra’s Place Initiative by sponsoring the attendance of two boys. We also partnered with Evon Labs’ 3D Printing Summer Boot Camp by sponsoring the attendance of five girls and five boys.

Summary of Impact	Beneficiaries			
	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term	Long Vacation
Program				
Scholarships for tuitions, textbooks, PTA	19	18	8	-
School activities and projects	15	15	15	13
School bags and school supplies	43	54	40	-
Daily lunch stipends	21	24	26	27
Payments for national exams (UTME, Junior WAEC, Common Entrance) and preparatory lessons	2	2	2	-
Medical support payment	3	-	3	-
Graduation (fees and clothing)	-	-	16	-
Salaries for secondary school teachers	SCCG	SCCG, SCCB	SCCG, SCCB	SCCG
Legal support and advocacy through CRJJC	5	6	9	5
CRJJC Know Your Rights Initiative	-	SCCG, CCCG, SCCB, CCCJB, CCCSB	-	-
Total Impact in Naira	2,585,100	3,045,110	2,634,304	621,280

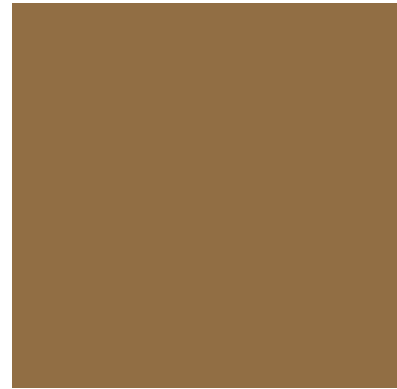
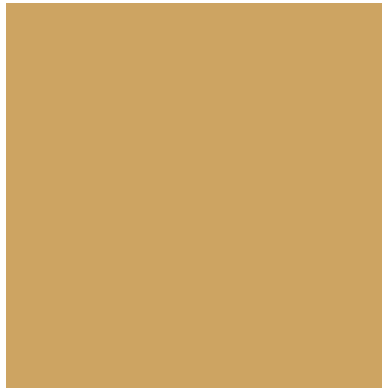




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“I want say thank you for everything you have done for me and everything you have given me since I met you to honest since I know you you’ve been there for me even though I don’t have anyone else you have been there for me like a parent and family for me and I want to use this opportunity to say I’m very sorry for everything I have done to you which makes you to feel bad and I’m very grateful for everything you’ve been doing for me thank you very much ma the love of the Lord shall not depart from you and the protection of the Lord Jesus Christ shall not depart from your family and your household in Jesus name. I am saying this because of my first time of being a graduating student ma thank you 🙏 once again for everything ma” - Jeremiah (JSS3)

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Program Highlights and Key Achievements

In the Academic Year, we made incredible strides in improving the lives of vulnerable children. Thanks to the generous support of our donors, volunteers, and partners, we were able to deliver life-changing programs that provided hope, education, and essential services to children and their families. Below are some of our program highlights and key achievements from the past year.

Educational Support

During the year, we enrolled children in school across Lagos and Oyo regions, ensuring they had access to quality education. We also purchased over hundreds of textbooks, school supplies, and learning materials, helping children succeed academically. We also paid salaries of 7 teachers to subsidize the education of children in the special correctional facilities for children. In addition, we paid internet for use by the girls in SCCG for educational and tech trainings from March to September 2024.

We believe in working together to create change. Between September 2023 and August 2024, we continued to partner with individuals, schools, local communities, businesses, other charitable organisations, and child-centered institutions to achieve our goals of educational equity.

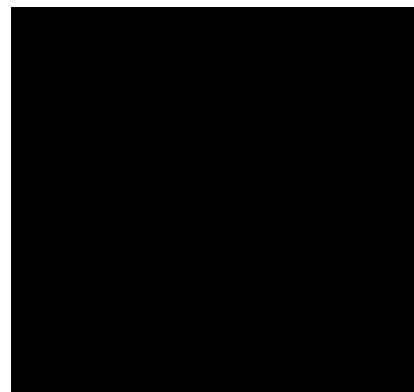
Social Welfare Support

For the older boys in CCCSB, we worked with the center to ensure that the older children obtained NIN, BVN, and bank accounts. We also secured phones for five boys who recently turned eighteen. These phones were donated by our sponsors and is part of our mission to adequately empower our beneficiaries to become self-sufficient and positively-impacting members of their communities. We have also committed to support the older girls at CCCG with similar provisions in the coming year.

Medical Support and Partnerships

Intended as a continuing collaboration, we partnered with Drug Aid Africa to donate essential drugs and medical supplies to the five Correctional Centers, i.e. SCCG, CCCG, SCCB, CCCJB, and CCCSB. The first phase was on the 9th and 23rd of March 2024. The second phase was on 17th of August 2024. The donation of essential drugs and medical supplies, including items like paracetamol, dewormers, antimalarials, antibiotics, and sanitary pads to the girls at to SCCG and CCCG made a significant impact on the health and well-being of these children. Additionally, the inclusion of items such as mosquito nets showed a comprehensive approach to addressing the various needs of the children, including hygiene and prevention of diseases like malaria.

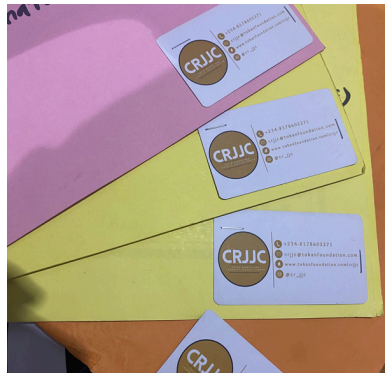
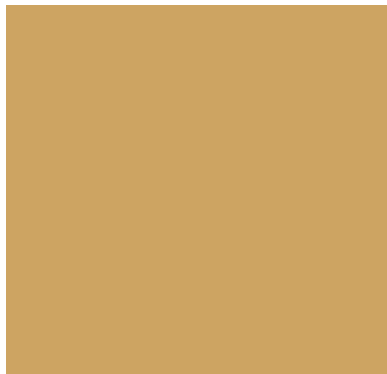
TOKAN Foundation also partnered with Dr Oluwaseun Ayotola of DOOA Health Services Limited to provide ongoing free medical consultancy services to the children at CCCJB and CCCSB. DOOA Health Services is a health care service provider dedicated to delivering prompt and effective health care to clients at home. At the centers, Dr. Ayotola reviewed and evaluated each child's health status and formulated effective treatment plans. The prescribed medicines were then provided through the collaborative effort of TOKAN Foundation and Drug Aid Africa, thus further ensuring that the children have access to the necessary medications. Dr. Ayotola also engaged with the children on proper hygiene by educating them on the importance of maintaining good health practices. Additionally, he committed to providing monthly routine health checks and on-call services. This holistic approach to healthcare not only addresses the immediate medical needs of the children but also empowers them with knowledge and resources to take charge of their health in the long term.



Child Rights and Juvenile Justice Center

Legal Representation

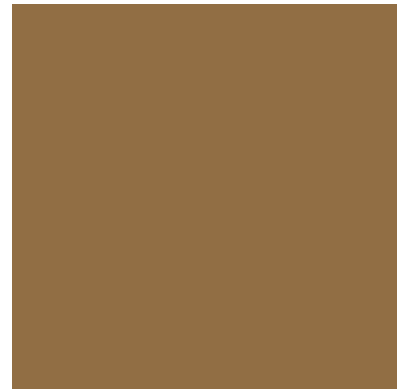
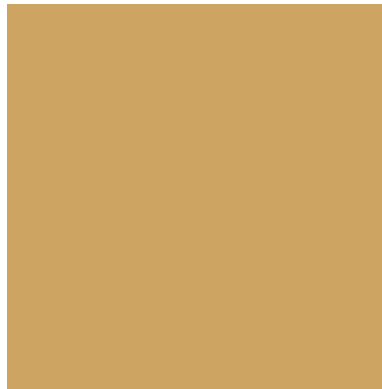
In the 2023/2024 Academic Year, CRJJC's volunteer lawyers represented a total of 11 children in Court for various offences and secured the release of 3 children (two girls and a boy). We also secured bail for other children ensuring that they returned to their families and were able to resume their education during trial. In this period, our volunteer lawyers appeared in court 38 times, expending over a hundred pro bono hours on behalf of our clients. Filing and other court fees are paid for by TOKAN Foundation for children whose parents are unable to afford same. This year marked a significant increase in the number of representations with CRJJC being on call at the SCCG and SCCB to represent children who otherwise did not have legal representation.



Know Your Rights Initiative

In June and July 2024, CRJJC hosted the Know Your Rights Initiative across five correctional centres for children in Lagos. The first event was held on 15 June 2024 at the SCCB; a combined event was held on 22 June 2024 for SCCG and CCCG; another combined event was held on 13 July 2024 for CCCJB and CCCSB. The events were coordinated by a team of experienced lawyers, law students, and other volunteers. The lawyer-speakers discussed Child Rights (under the Nigerian Constitution and laws) and Child Justice Administration.





Acknowledgments

Thanks to our trustees, donors, volunteers, and collaborators, the beneficiaries of TOKAN Foundation and CRJJC are realizing their full potential both in school and at home.

We are deeply grateful to our TOKAN Foundation Trustees, Tope Tokan-Lawal and Seun Alli, and our CRJJC Trustees, Tope Tokan-Lawal and Akorede Adelupe, whose dedication has been invaluable to our work.

We extend our gratitude to our medical partners, Drug Aid Africa and Dr. Oluwaseun Ayotola of DOOA Health Services Limited. We are also thankful to Victoria Oniosun, June Creative Art Advisory (JCAA), and Evon Labs for their support. Our commitment to fostering partnerships and providing holistic support reflects our dedication to making a lasting and positive impact on the lives of vulnerable children and young people.

A special thank you goes to Mr. Olufemi Fadahunsi for his unwavering support, and to our esteemed patrons, Itselela Omo-Ikirodah and Ogranya Jable Osai.

We also extend our sincere appreciation, in no particular order, to our incredible volunteers: Abayomi Osuntuyi, Lolade Ayeni, Rapheal Irenen, Yosola Diya, Oluwatunmise Lasisi (LASU), Oluebube James (UNILAG), Christabel Chika (UNIZIK), Sharon Ogunjiofor (UNILAG), and Fathia Adetola (LASU).

Finally, we honor the memory of two generous donors who passed away this academic year—Ms. Ife Omotayo Komolafe and Mr. Dennis Olajide Sokoya—both of whom championed the foundation's cause throughout their lifetimes. Their contributions will never be forgotten.



Challenges

Due to funding constraints, we have been unable to hire dedicated staff for administrative and outreach tasks. As a result, these responsibilities have been fully undertaken by our trustees and volunteers. With adequate funding, we aim to hire a team to further advance our mission.

Call to Action

This year has been one of challenges, but also of resilience. From navigating the continued impact of Naira devaluation to addressing the increasing demand for our services, we have stayed true to our mission. There is still much to be done, but with supporters like you, we are more determined than ever to meet these challenges head-on.

For the 2024/2025 Academic Year, we hope to continue our impact and ensure that our beneficiaries can thrive in and out of school. Our focus is clear: we will continue expanding our reach and ensuring that even more children have the chance to succeed. The journey ahead is filled with possibilities, and with your continued support, we will keep making a lasting difference in the lives of children who need it the most. You can support our activities with donations to the foundation's Account No. 1015972986 (Zenith Bank Plc) or <https://paystack.com/pay/tokanfoundation>. We also welcome partnerships from individuals, businesses, religious organisations, and the government.

I look forward to the amazing things we will achieve together in the coming year.

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Thank You

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