TOKAN FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
CHILD RIGHTS & JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRE (CRJJC)

2025/2026
ACADEMIC YEAR REPORT

September 2025 – August 2026



Standing With Children. Building Futures. Creating Possibilities.

TOKAN Foundation and CRJJC delivered ₦19,270,800 (US$ 14,323) in educational, social, medical and legal support during the 2025/2026 academic year.

A Message from the Chair



Dear Friends, Supporters, Partners and Volunteers,

Every academic year tells a different story. For some children, returning to school is a familiar routine. For many children we support, school fees, books, lunch, healthcare, recreation and legal advocacy depend on whether someone is able to step in.

This is why TOKAN Foundation and the Child Rights & Juvenile Justice Centre (CRJJC) exist.

We believe that no child or young person should be denied a future of possibilities because of the circumstances into which they were born. Our work takes us into classrooms, correctional centres, hospitals, courts and communities wherever children need support.

From September 2025 to August 2026, we continued to fund school and lesson fees, textbooks, supplies, lunch stipends and welfare needs. We supported eligible students through national examinations with registration, lessons, transport and meals. We celebrated 13 graduates and helped children explore their interests through sport, recreation and technology activities.

Our healthcare work included a partnership with Drug Aid Africa, which brought essential medicines and supplies to children's correctional centres in Lagos and the Nigerian Correctional Service Borstal Training Institute in Adigbe. We also responded to urgent individual medical needs.

Through CRJJC, we represented children in conflict with the law, monitored court proceedings, worked with counsel and justice-sector stakeholders, and delivered Know Your Rights sessions. Our expanded work at Adigbe included tracing stalled cases and missing files across court registries. During the year, CRJJC facilitated the release of six children and advanced other cases that had remained without progress.

Behind every number is a child who needed a fee paid, a textbook, lunch, medical attention, or someone to ask what had happened to their case.

Thank you to every donor, volunteer, partner and supporter who helped us show up.

Every child who stays in school, completes an examination, receives treatment or sees a case move forward reminds us that this work matters.

With deepest gratitude,

A Tope Tokan-Lawal, *Chair*
TOKAN Foundation and CRJJC

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Our teams work alongside children, schools, correctional centres, families and justice-sector partners.

About TOKAN Foundation

TOKAN Foundation for Children and Young People is a registered charitable organisation (CAC/IT/No. 113059) dedicated to educational, social and medical-wellness support for vulnerable children and young people.

Through donations and partnerships with individuals, communities, businesses, charitable organisations and government, we help beneficiaries build the confidence and skills to contribute to their communities.

Our vision is a world where no child or young person is denied a future of possibilities. We aim to bring hope and practical support to more than 600 children and families each year.

What We Do

- Provide financial, educational, social, medical and welfare resources to children and young people who need them.
- Support learning through scholarships, lessons, books, supplies, mentoring and other academic activities.
- Create recreational and developmental opportunities that build wellbeing, confidence and practical skills.
- Support parents, guardians, families and children's homes with services that strengthen care and protection.
- Advocate for children and young people and mobilise resources to meet these needs.

In furtherance of our child-advocacy work, TOKAN Foundation established CRJJC in November 2022 as its legal services arm.

About Child Rights & Juvenile Justice Centre (CRJJC)

The Child Rights & Juvenile Justice Centre (CRJJC), registered as Child Rights and Juvenile Advocacy Centre (CAC/IT/No. 193337), provides legal support to children and young people in Nigeria.

Its child-centred approach extends beyond court representation to include case monitoring, family and institutional engagement, rights education and support outside the courtroom.

CRJJC's Focus

- Advocate for children in conflict with the law, in need of care and protection, or beyond parental control.
- Promote the best interests and rights of every child.
- Educate children, adults and institutions on children's rights and relevant laws.
- Work with families, schools, social workers, correctional centres, counsel and justice-sector institutions to protect children.

Impact Summary and Financial Overview

During the 2025/2026 academic year, TOKAN Foundation and CRJJC worked with children, families, schools, correctional centres, courts and partners to address barriers to learning, health, wellbeing and justice.

₦19,270,800 (US$ 14,323) invested

Education, welfare, medical care, recreation and legal advocacy were sustained across three terms and the long vacation, from September 2025 to August 2026, benefiting 700+ children.

Reporting period	Support provided
First term · September–December 2025	₦6,708,500 (US$ 4,986)
Second term · January–April 2026	₦6,061,950 (US$ 4,505.5)
Third term · May–July 2026	₦5,533,550 (US$ 4,113)
Long vacation · August 2026	₦966,800 (US$ 718.62)
Total	₦19,270,800 (US$ 14,323)

A Year at a Glance

Education	Health & wellbeing	Child protection
13 graduates: 3 senior secondary, 9 junior secondary and 1 primary	Medical supplies distributed in Lagos and Adigbe with Drug Aid Africa	6 children released through CRJJC advocacy
Examination registration, lessons, transport and meals supported	Medical consultations, tests, treatments and medicines funded	Know Your Rights session for 104 children at Special Correctional Centre for Boys Oregun (SCCB)
School fees, books, supplies and lunch stipends continued	More than 700 children and young people across six institutions within the reach of the supply partnership	6 missing case files located and 4 hearing dates secured in Adigbe case tracing

Education remained central to the year's work. Support included school and lesson fees, textbooks, school supplies, lunch stipends, examination preparation and logistics, and ongoing engagement with schools.

Healthcare and recreation complemented this support, while CRJJC helped children navigate the justice system and seek timely consideration of their cases.

Support Across the Academic Year

First Term · September–December 2025

Support valued at ₦6,708,500 helped children begin the school year prepared and supported.

- School fees for 18 students and lesson fees for 3 secondary students, post-UTME fees for 3 students; university fees for 2 students and accommodation for 1.
- Bags, shoes, sandals, belts, sportswear, water bottles and other supplies for 57 students.
- Textbooks and learning materials for 18 students.
- Toiletries and essential welfare items for 57 students, with lunch stipends for 24 and project or assignment support for 47.
- Legal services for 3 beneficiaries.
- Monthly salaries for teachers at Special Correctional Centre for Girls, Idi Araba (SCCG) and carers at Children's Correctional Centre for Girls, Idi Araba (CCCG).
- Bi-weekly welfare visits to children's centres.

Second Term · January–April 2026

Support valued at ₦6,061,950 sustained education, wellbeing and development through the 2nd term.

- School and lesson fees for 19 secondary students; supplies and learning materials for 38.
- National examination registration support for 6 students and extra lessons for 5 candidates; mobile data support for 6 senior students.
- Daily lunch stipends and weekly allowances for 27 beneficiaries.
- Emergency welfare and medical consultations, treatments, surgeries and medication.
- Two donated laptops delivered to Children's Correctional Centre for Junior Boys, Birrel, Yaba (CCJB) and Children's Correctional Centre for Girls, Idi Araba (CCCG) on 30 March 2026.
- Legal services for 11 beneficiaries; one child released from custody and another transferred from an adult facility to Special Correctional Centre for Boys, Oregun (SCCB).
- Know Your Rights session at Lagos City Senior College, Sabo, Yaba.
- Bi-weekly welfare visits to children's centres.

Third Term · May–July 2026

The third-term investment of ₦5,533,550 supported education, healthcare, welfare, recreation and legal advocacy. Eligible students received examination registration, preparation, logistics and participation support for West African Examinations Council (WAEC), National Examinations Council (NECO), Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and other qualifying examinations. Thirteen beneficiaries graduated: three from senior secondary school, nine from junior secondary school and one from primary school.

Long Vacation · August 2026

A further ₦966,800 supported children during the long vacation, including lunch stipends for 9 beneficiaries, lessons for 4, examination costs and preparatory lessons for 2, and graduation fees and clothing for 13 graduates.



Learning access and practical support helped children stay connected to school and prepare for the next step.

Programme Highlights and Key Achievements

Education and School Engagement

TOKAN Foundation continued to support beneficiaries at every stage of the school cycle: preparing for a new term, keeping up with lessons, meeting examination requirements and celebrating graduation.

Members of our team joined school open days and PTA meetings, visited beneficiary schools and spoke with teachers about students' academic progress and wellbeing.

For eligible examination candidates, support covered registration, extra lessons, transportation and meals during examination periods. This made it possible for children to sit for WAEC, NECO, JAMB, Common Entrance and other qualifying examinations without financial and logistical barriers becoming the reason they missed an opportunity.






Celebrating Graduates

The year's graduates included 3 senior secondary school students, 9 junior secondary school students and 1 primary school student. Their progress reflects sustained support and their own persistence through changing circumstances.

A journey of care and persistence

One senior secondary graduate also completed WAEC, NECO and JAMB after receiving education support, medical treatment and advocacy for stable care. She is preparing to begin university in the coming academic year. Her identity is withheld to protect her privacy.

Technology and Learning Resources

Two donated laptops were delivered to the Children's Correctional Centre for Junior Boys in Birrel and the Children's Correctional Centre for Girls in Idi Araba on 30 March 2026, extending access to digital learning resources.





Expanding Our Reach to Adigbe

In October 2025, TOKAN Foundation extended its outreach beyond Lagos with a visit to the Nigerian Correctional Service Borstal Training Institute in Adigbe, Abeokuta, Ogun State. The institute provides rehabilitation, vocational training and formal education for boys and young people and houses about 500 residents.

The team brought essential items, including rice, toiletries and exercise books donated by MTN. The visit also opened discussions with the institute's management about residents' needs and where future support could help.



Tracing Cases and Restoring Access to Justice

CRJJC also learned of boys in urgent need of legal representation, including children who had spent years in custody with little or no progress on their cases. The team commenced investigations of case statuses and physically tracing files across courts and registries in Ogun and Lagos, working with court staff, registrars, prosecutors and other justice-sector stakeholders.

The case-tracing effort located missing files and secured hearing dates. CRJJC also facilitated the release of five boys through the Adigbe work. Follow-up continued on other cases. This work exposed administrative gaps, including files that could not be found and cases that had stalled after transfers or changes in court records.

Across the academic year, CRJJC facilitated the release of six children. It also supported the transfer of Salam (name changed to protect identity), a child who had been wrongly held in an adult correctional facility to the Special Correctional Centre for Boys in Oregun (SCCB), where his case could proceed within the juvenile justice system.

Why case tracing matters

A missing file or an unrecorded transfer can keep a child in custody long after a case should have moved forward. Finding the record, confirming the next step and following through can restore a child's access to due process.









Sports, Recreation and Child Engagement

Children need opportunities beyond the classroom.

Throughout the year, TOKAN Foundation supported football, Ultimate Frisbee, chess, ludo, movie sessions and other child-focused activities. These create space for teamwork, confidence, strategic thinking and positive connection.

Children interested in football received support to develop their skills, including enrolment in football academies. Chess and ludo encouraged strategy and problem-solving, and some beneficiaries went on to win competitions among their peers.







Ultimate Frisbee · More Than a Game



Since 2025, teenagers at Children's Correctional Centre for Junior Boys in Yaba (CCJB) and Children's Correctional Centre for Girls (CCCG) have taken part in Ultimate Frisbee with members of the Ultimate Frisbee Club. Friendly games between boys and girls in December 2025, April 2026 and August 2026 encouraged teamwork and healthy competition. Several children were recognised as Most Valuable Players during games and tournaments.

On 1 May 2026, the boys at CCJB played a close match against members of the Ultimate Frisbee Club, narrowly losing 19–20. Their performance reflected the progress they had made through regular practice.



Sport and recreation create room for confidence, skill-building and shared achievement.

Healthcare and Wellbeing

TOKAN Foundation worked to ensure that health needs did not become an additional barrier to children's learning and wellbeing. The year's response was a continuation of our partnership with Drug Aid Africa and direct support for individual medical needs.

Medicines and Medical Supplies

In February and July 2026, medicines and medical supplies were provided to children across five Lagos correctional centres and the Nigerian Correctional Service Borstal Training Institute in Adigbe. The distribution benefitted more than 700 children and young people in these centres.

Supplies were tailored to needs identified by the institutions and included antibiotics, antifungal and antimalarial medicines, pain relievers, hematinics, sickle-cell medicines, topical creams, vitamins, nutritional supplements, antihistamines, cotton wool, gauze, antiseptics, plasters, gloves and other essentials.











Drug Aid Africa and TOKAN Foundation supported children's centres with essential medical supplies.

Direct Medical Support

Individual interventions included medical consultations, diagnostic tests, medication, minor procedures and other necessary treatment. One beneficiary diagnosed with tuberculosis received support for medical expenses, tests, surgery and ongoing treatment. Other interventions included a tooth extraction and medicated glasses for two beneficiaries.

Child Rights and Juvenile Justice

For some children, a major barrier to their future is a justice system they do not understand and may lack the resources to navigate. CRJJC works to ensure that children in conflict with the law are not left to manage that system alone.

Court Advocacy and Legal Representation

CRJJC's legal work combined court representation with case monitoring, follow-up, file searches, engagement with court officials and collaboration with volunteer lawyers and counsel. Where parents or guardians could not afford legal and court-related expenses, TOKAN Foundation helped cover costs needed to move cases forward.

The team worked with children and institutions in Lagos and Ogun State. At Adigbe, tracing case files across registries helped revive cases that had seen little or no progress. During the year, CRJJC facilitated six releases, located six missing files and secured four hearing dates through the Adigbe case-tracing effort.

Know Your Rights

CRJJC held a Know Your Rights session at Lagos City Senior College, Sabo, Yaba, on 13 March 2026 and another at the Special Correctional Centre for Boys in Oregun on 30 May 2026, reaching 104 boys at the latter session. Children explored their rights and the child justice system through interactive activities including "Picasso Me" and "Be My Lawyer." Gifts for participation helped keep the sessions engaging and practical.











CRJJC combines legal representation, case follow-up and rights education.

Recognition

In August 2026, CRJJC was recognised as Social Impact Initiative of the Year at the Social Impact and Sustainability Awards (SISA 2026).

The People Behind the Impact

The work of TOKAN Foundation and CRJJC depends on people choosing to care. Donors provide resources for school and medical needs. Volunteers give time and professional expertise. Partners contribute medicines, skills and opportunities. Children's centres help identify needs and coordinate support. The children themselves show what becomes possible when they are given the chance to keep learning, trying and dreaming.

Acknowledgments

We thank our donors, sponsors, partners, volunteers, trustees, staff, correctional-centre personnel, lawyers, counsel, schools and everyone who contributed during the year. We are grateful to Drug Aid Africa, MTN and the sponsors who provided laptops and other resources, as well as the Ultimate Frisbee Club and all who supported children's education, healthcare, recreation and legal advocacy.



Challenges and Future Goals

The number of children needing educational, medical, social and legal support continues to exceed the resources available. Rising costs make essential interventions more expensive. Legal advocacy also takes time and resources when case files are missing, cases have remained inactive for years or progress requires engagement with several institutions.

In the coming year, TOKAN Foundation will continue working to keep children in school, support examination completion and post-secondary transitions, expand access to healthcare, and create opportunities for sport, technology and personal development. Through CRJJC, we will strengthen case monitoring and legal representation, expand Know Your Rights sessions and continue engaging justice-sector stakeholders so that children are not forgotten in the system.



Thank You

Every school fee paid, textbook purchased, meal provided, medical bill settled, case followed up, legal session delivered and hour volunteered contributed to a child's journey. Thank you for making these interventions possible.



Our Programmes Associate, Mobola Ajipe, (L) and Chair, A Tope Tokan-Lawal, with the supplies purchased as part of the Back-to-School Drive.

Call to Action

You can support TOKAN Foundation's work through a donation to:

Zenith Bank Plc, Account No. 1015972986

or

online at paystack.com/pay/tokanfoundation

We welcome partnerships with individuals, businesses, religious organisations and government.

Together, we can help more children learn, grow and receive the care and justice they deserve.



Our Programmes Associate, Mobola Ajipe, (L) and Chair, A Tope Tokan-Lawal, with CRJJC volunteers during the Know Your Rights initiative at the Lagos City College