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Shehu Musa Yar'Adua Foundation

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The Yar'Adua Foundation was established by the friends, family and associates of Shehu Yar'Adua to inspire Nigeria's future generations with his legacy of service.

OUR VISION

A Nigeria united across ethnic and religious divides; committed to justice and democracy.

OUR MISSION

To promote national unity, good governance and social justice by creating platforms to engage citizens, policy makers and stakeholders in national conversations that foster an inclusive and prosperous Nigeria.



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Director General's Statement



We look forward to building on the important civil society and development agency partnerships we have forged over the years to continue to address the nation's challenges while remaining true to the enduring legacy and vision of one of Nigeria's foremost contemporary leaders and democrats, late Shehu Musa Yar'Adua.

I am pleased to convey the Foundation's sincere appreciation for the support and encouragement from friends, stakeholders and international development partners over the past two years.

In 2015, our Public Policy Initiative was at the forefront of promoting transparency and accountability in Nigeria's elections through the adoption of new media technologies to address some of the unique challenges of our election process. CASE 2015 provided a collaborative incident reporting platform for civil society organizations observing elections, INEC and the Office of the National Security Adviser Crisis Center.

CASE 2015 technology has subsequently been transitioned to enable accountability in other governance processes. Justice Report, developed in partnership with the Presidential Advisory Council against Corruption and the Nigerian Bar Association, will assist in tracking retail corruption and misconduct in the judicial system.

Nowhere To Run: Nigeria's Climate and Environmental Crisis highlights environmental threats to human and food security in Nigeria. The documentary won five awards, including the prestigious 2016 Africa International Film Festival Award. The Foundation's climate advocacy has raised the profile of national and international discourse on the impact of climate change in Nigeria, drawing crucial attention to the need for an immediate policy response to a challenge that is now a crisis for many of our communities.

As the Foundation approaches its 20th anniversary, we are excited about the opportunity to focus our work on creating platforms for citizen engagement in conversations that foster national unity, good governance and social justice.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jacqueline Farris
Director General

Corporate Information

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

H.E. Olusegun Obasanjo	- Chairman
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Alhaji Umaru Mutallab	- Member
Mr. Yomi Edu	- Member
Chief Dubem Onyia	- Member
Mr. Akin Kekere-Ekun	- Member
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Mrs. Jacqueline Farris	- Director General

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Board of Trustees



H.E. Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, GCFR *Chairman*

H.E. Olusegun Obasanjo, GCFR, was elected President and Commander in Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in 1999 and re-elected in 2003. He served as Chairperson in the Office of the Commonwealth until December 2005 and also served as Chairman of the African Union until January 2006.

Former President Obasanjo was born in Abeokuta, Ogun State on March 5, 1937 and commissioned into the Nigerian Army in 1959. In January 1970, as General Officer Commanding, he led the Third Marine Commando Division that ended the Nigerian Civil War and accepted the surrender of Biafran forces. He was appointed Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters in 1975 and became Head of State upon the assassination of General Murtala Mohammed. As Head of the Federal Military Government of Nigeria from 1976-1979, he presided over the first voluntary transition to civil democratic rule on the African Continent.

In 1995 President Obasanjo was convicted with his former deputy, Shehu Yar'Adua, of a phantom coup plot and sentenced to life in prison. He was released in 1998 upon the demise of the military ruler and later granted a full state pardon. He is the Founder of Bells University of Technology, Ota and the Olusegun Obasanjo Presidential Library, Abeokuta.

H.E. Atiku Abubakar, GCON *Vice Chairman*

H.E. Atiku Abubakar (Turakin Adamawa), GCON, was elected Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in 1999 and re-elected in 2003.

Born in Jada, Adamawa State, on November 25, 1946, Atiku Abubakar attended Ahmadu Bello University, graduating in 1969 with a Diploma in Law. The former Vice President enlisted in the Nigerian Customs and Excise Service, retiring in 1989 at the rank of Deputy Director. Upon his retirement, he went into private business, serving as Chairman and Director of several companies.

Atiku Abubakar's political career began with Shehu Yar'Adua's determination to build a national grassroots organization in Nigeria. He is the Founder of American University, Yola.

Hajia Binta Yar'Adua *Trustee*

Hajia Binta Yar'Adua is the widow of late Shehu Musa Yar'Adua. They married on December 27, 1965 after her graduation from Queen Elizabeth Secondary School, Ilorin, Kwara State.

In addition to Hajia Binta's active participation in guiding Yar'Adua Foundation programmes, she devotes herself to religious and charity work in Kaduna and Katsina.

Lt. Gen. Aliyu Mohammed Gusau (Rtd.) *Trustee*

Lt. General Aliyu Mohammed Gusau served as Nigeria's National Security Adviser and Minister of Defence during the Obasanjo, Yar'Adua and Jonathan Administrations.

General Aliyu was Commander of the 9th Infantry Brigade, Abeokuta April 1976-July 1978, Adjutant General of the 2nd Mechanized Division July 1978-September 1979 and Director of Personnel Services, Army Headquarters, October 1979-November 1979. From November 1979 to December 1983 he served as Director of Military Intelligence (DMI). General Aliyu trained at the Royal College of Defence Studies in the UK.

Alhaji (Dr.) Umaru Mutallab, con *Trustee*

Dr. Umaru Mutallab is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered and Certified Accountants (FCCA); Fellow, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (FCA); Fellow, Institute of the International Bankers Association of the United States (FIBA) and Fellow, Institute of Bankers of Nigeria.

Dr. Mutallab served as Federal Commissioner Economic Development in 1975. He was former Vice Chairman, United Bank for Africa 1978-1988 and Chairman, First Bank of Nigeria 1999-2009. He is currently the Chairman, Business Support of Vision 20:2020 and has served on the boards of several companies including Arewa Textiles Limited, National Electric Power Authority, Nigerian Agricultural and Cooperative Bank Ltd, Nigerian Communications Commission, Nigeria Agip Oil and Cement Company of Northern Nigeria.

Mr. Yomi Edu *Trustee*

Mr. Yomi Edu is a qualified Insurance Broker and Attorney, receiving his LLB, Barrister at Law, from the University of Buckingham, England in 1989.

He has served on various boards including the Nigerian Industrial Development Bank, African Alliance Insurance Company, Kewalrams Nigeria Limited and Afcot Nigeria Limited. He was appointed Federal Minister for Special Duties in the Obasanjo Administration from 1999 to 2003.

Mr. Edu currently runs an oil service company, Afrigate Energy Limited, and a real estate development company, Vickers Properties Limited. He is board chairman of Eko Support Services Ltd., an oil and gas logistics terminal located at the Apapa Port Complex, Lagos.

Mr. Akin Kekere-Ekun *Trustee*

Mr. Akin Kekere-Ekun serves as Director, Africapital Management Limited, an institution that provides financial and investment advisory services to a diversified client base including corporations, financial institutions, governments, state owned enterprises and high-net worth individuals.

Mr. Kekere-Ekun is the former Managing Director, Habib Nigeria Bank Limited and former Chairman, Technical Committee, National Council on Privatization. He attended Ansar-ud-Deen College, Isolo, Lagos and the Federal School of Science, Onikan. In 1973 he travelled to the United States where he received his first degree in Biological Science and Physiology at Oklahoma State University. He is married to Kudirat Kekere-Ekun, a Justice of the Supreme Court.

Chief Dubem Onyia *Trustee*

Chief Dubem Onyia was elected Member of the House of Representatives in 1999 and resigned to serve as Minister of State for Foreign Affairs from 1999 to 2003.

During the period he was also appointed Chairman, International Technical Commission for the National Boundary Commission; Chairman, Nigeria Economic Joint Commission and Chairman Sao Tome and Principe Joint Boundary Commission. He has chaired

many corporate boards and served on numerous government committees. Chief Onyia has been awarded several national and international honours.

Mallam Murtala Yar'Adua *Treasurer*

Mallam Murtala Yar'Adua served as Minister of State, Defence during the Jonathan Administration. He attended Southeastern University, London, England from 1994-1997 and holds a B.Sc. Degree in Business Management and an MBA in Financial Management. He serves as Director of Hamada Holdings Nigeria Ltd, Kaduna and Nation House Press, Kaduna.

Mallam Murtala is the eldest son of Shehu Yar'Adua and was turbaned Tafidan Katsina in 2002, a traditional title he inherited from his late father.

Mrs. Jacqueline Farris *Director General*

Mrs. Jacqueline Farris has served as Director General of the Yar'Adua Foundation since its inception in 1998. Born in Panama City, Florida, U.S.A., she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and Urban Development from Michigan State University in 1977, graduating Magna Cum Laude.

Mrs. Farris was first employed as a Legislative Staff in the Office of Congressman Andrew Young in Washington, D.C. From 1977-1979 she served at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in the Political Section - African Affairs, New York. During the period 1980-1984 she worked with Andrew Young Associates, Atlanta, Georgia, established to encourage US companies to invest in Africa. From 1984-1988 she was responsible for government relations in the Office of the Mayor, City of Atlanta.

During the period 1991-1998, Mrs. Farris held the position of Business Consultant to Pratt & Whitney, a division of United Technologies, Hartford, Connecticut, providing advice on the political transitions in Nigeria and South Africa.

In 1992, she was retained as media consultant to the Social Democratic Party, Lagos, Nigeria and developed campaign advertising for the party and its candidates. She relocated to Nigeria in 1998 in order to establish the Shehu Musa Yar'Adua Foundation and received her Nigerian citizenship in 2014.

Our Team



SITTING (L to R)

Mrs. Jacqueline Farris
Director General

Amara Nwankpa
Director, Public Policy Initiative

STANDING (L to R)

Chinenye Ugonna
Digital Media Specialist

Kiki Williams
Programme Officer

Babatunde Ahmadu
Chief Operating Officer

Abraham Agharite
Librarian

Loveth Owunezi
Conference Coordinator

Public Policy Initiative

The Foundation's Public Policy Initiative was established to encourage the formulation and implementation of sustainable public policy to strengthen Nigeria's democracy. Our initiatives include Climate Advocacy, Resource Governance, Credible Elections and support for the fight against corruption.

CLIMATE ADVOCACY

A lack of awareness and understanding is hampering effective policy and process response to the impacts of climate change. Stakeholders with responsibility to confront the challenge are either unaware of the scale of the problem or unable to make connections between growing food insecurity and the creeping effects of climate change.

To address this problem, the Public Policy Initiative embarked on an advocacy campaign with the following objectives:

- To raise awareness of the impact of climate change in Nigeria, particularly as it relates to food and human security.
- To provide forums for citizens and community groups to engage government officials and policy makers on the impacts of climate change.
- To explore viable solutions for mitigation and adaption in Nigeria.
- To establish partnerships with academic institutions and community groups working to address these challenges.



The campaign featured a series of activities designed to engage citizens, policy makers, and other stakeholders about the impact of climate change and the need for immediate policy response to the issue:

International Documentary Screenings
National Documentary Screenings
A Public Policy Forum
Radio Appearances and
Social Media Engagement

Public Policy Initiative (contd.)

Awards

The Foundation received significant recognition for its feature length documentary, helping to raise the national and international profile of the Foundation and its work.



GREEN ME
Green Me Berlin
Film Festival
Lagos

Grand Jury Award
Best Overall Film



**THE AFRICAN
FILM
FESTIVAL**
The African Film
Festival (TAFF)
Dallas

**Best Documentary
(Short)**



EKO
INTERNATIONAL
FILM FESTIVAL
Eko Int'l Film
Festival
Lagos

Best Documentary



AFRICA
INTERNATIONAL
FILM FESTIVAL
The Africa Int'l Film
Festival (AFRIFF)
Lagos

Best Documentary



AFRICA
INTERNATIONAL
FILM FESTIVAL
Nigeria Integrity Film
Awards (HOMEVIDA)
Lagos

Best Documentary



Support from International Development Partners

Ford Foundation	• The African Film Festival, Dallas, Texas • Screenings in Washington, DC
MacArthur Foundation	• Chicago Council on Global Affairs Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago
European Union Delegation to Nigeria and the ECOWAS	• Screenings in 7 locations • Publicity and engagement around the EU Climate Diplomacy Week • Public Policy Forum
Canada Fund for Local Initiatives	• Screenings in 10 locations
Open Society Initiative for West Africa	• Screenings in 8 locations • Public Policy Forum



International Screenings

The African Film Festival, Dallas, Texas
Nowhere to Run was screened for an audience of Africans in the diaspora as part of the African Film Festival held in Dallas from July 1 - 3, 2016.

Washington, DC

The Foundation held several screenings of the documentary in Washington, DC (July 5-7, 2016) to increase awareness and understanding among US policy makers, academics and Africans in the diaspora about climate change and environmental degradation in Nigeria.

The United States Institute of Peace
International Republican Institute (IRI)
National Democratic Institute (NDI)
Johns Hopkins University (SAIS)
American University

Linden, New Jersey

Nowhere to Run was screened for an audience of Nigerians in the diaspora on July 8, 2016.

Chicago, Illinois

The Foundation partnered with the MacArthur Foundation and the Chicago Council on Global Affairs to host a screening of *Nowhere to Run* at the Chicago Museum of Contemporary Art on August 31, 2016.

National Screenings

The Foundation organized documentary screenings in 15 locations across Nigeria with support from the European Union, Canada Fund for Local Initiatives and the Open Society Initiative for West Africa.

An important milestone of the Foundation's national advocacy was the screening of the documentary at the Nigerian Governor's Forum on November 7, 2016. Twenty-five Governors and nine Deputy Governors watched the film and discussed its message at a press conference that followed the meeting.



Amb. Johnnie Carson (left) hosts a screening of the documentary at the US Institute for Peace (USIP) in Washington, DC.



Left: H. E. Olusegun Obasanjo delivering the keynote address at a screening at Bells University of Technology, Ota.

Centre: Governor Nasir El-Rufai and H.E. Michel Arrion EU Ambassador planting a tree after the screening in Kaduna.

Right: Screening the documentary for key national policy makers at the British High Commissioner's Residence in Abuja.

NATIONAL SCREENING LOCATIONS		Attendance	Facebook Reach	Twitter Reach
1	University of Port Harcourt, Rivers State	850	52,512	24,000
2	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University Katsina State	350	23,052	64,109
3	Niger Delta Development Forum Concorde Hotel, Owerri, Imo State	120	-	-
4	University of Nigeria Nsukka Enugu State	1000	50,064	63,865
5	British High Commissioner's Residence, Abuja	20	-	-
6	Kaduna State Government House, Kaduna State	100	61,552	108,040
7	University of Ibadan, Oyo State	150	43,296	76,690
8	WAPIC Conference, Lagos State	100	84,448	196,217
9	Bells University of Technology Ota, Ogun State	850	89,071	76,889
10	Niger Delta University Amasoma, Bayelsa	350	18,811	30,031
11	Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State	120	20,776	46,075
12	University of Benin, Benin City, Edo State	1100	22,512	46,075
13	Nassarawa State Univeristy, Keffi	550	43,936	31,891
14	Baze University, Abuja	300	43,760	45,912
15	Lagos Business School, Ajah, Lagos	80	45,440	102,623
14	Baze University, Abuja	300	43,760	45,912
15	University of Calabar	490	35,486	50,436
Totals		6055	553,790	809,794

Participants described the documentary as enlightening and thought provoking. Many were able to make the connection between climate change and environmental challenges in their communities.

Distinguished Senator Oluremi Tinubu and Honourable Minister of Environment Aminu Mohammed lead speakers at the public policy forum



The Public Policy Forum

The Foundation organized and hosted a public policy forum on desertification and deforestation on October 25, 2016. The forum created a platform for citizens to engage with the international community, academia, policy makers and senior government officials on the impacts of environmental degradation and climate change.

Panel discussions on desertification and deforestation featured decision makers in relevant government institutions.

Key issues discussed:

- Impact of desertification on land conflict in Nigeria
- Impact of the proposed Cross River State superhighway through Nigeria's endangered rain forest.

Attendees valued the opportunity to engage with policymakers about the impacts of climate and environmental degradation on food security in Nigeria.

Climate Diplomacy Week

The European Union Climate Diplomacy Week (September 12-16, 2016) provided an important opportunity to engage a global audience on environmental challenges facing Nigeria, reaching over 200,000 on Facebook and Twitter.

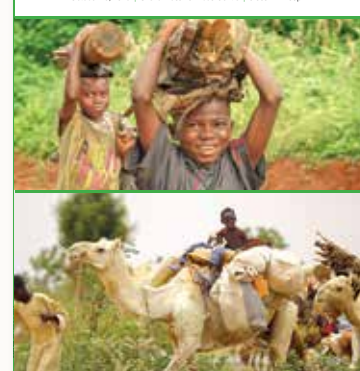
The Foundation developed key messages relevant to Nigeria and in alignment with EU climate diplomacy goals.

Gas flaring wastes scarce resources, harms people and contributes to climate change



A Public Policy Forum Desertification & Deforestation

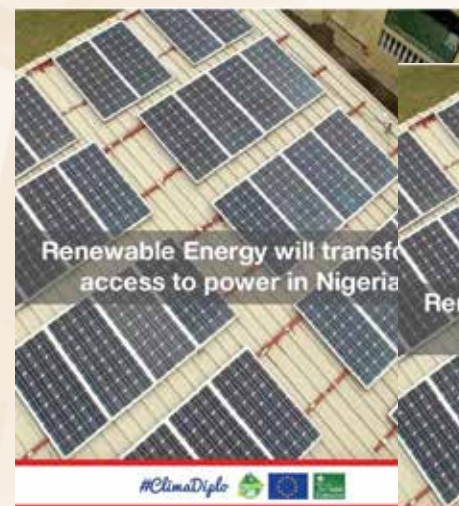
October 25, 2016 | Shehu Musa Yar'Adua Centre | 9:00am - 1:00pm



Public Policy Initiative (contd.)



Loss of rain forest increases food insecurity and threatens livelihoods. It makes communities vulnerable to climate change



18.6 million households in Nigeria are not connected to the national power grid



Better urban planning will reduce the impact of climate change to Nigerian cities



JUSTICE REPORT

The Yar'Adua Foundation, in an effort to encourage the adoption of new media technologies to promote good governance and citizen engagement, has developed an electronic platform for tracking incidents of retail corruption in the administration of criminal justice in Nigeria.

Justice Report includes an incident management system that allows administrators and backend operators to track and update the status of reported incidents until they are resolved or closed.



President of the Nigerian Bar Association A.B. Mahmoud, SAN after a meeting with the Justice Report team

Deliberate delay of court processes
Non-execution of orders
Denial of bail
Lack of responsiveness from lawyers
Extortion
Subversion of extant processes

Objectives:

- Establish a system to receive and process reports of retail corruption in criminal justice administration in Nigeria
- Provide user-friendly tools/channels to lawyers, court users and judiciary support staff to report instances of corruption they encounter
- Encourage demand-driven accountability and transparency in the administration of criminal justice in Nigeria

Partnership with the NBA

The Foundation is working with the Nigerian Bar Association to deploy and operate the Justice Report platform. The NBA will operate and manage the platform and promote its adoption by NBA members nationwide. The Foundation will provide training and support for the NBA to enhance its capacity to manage the platform.

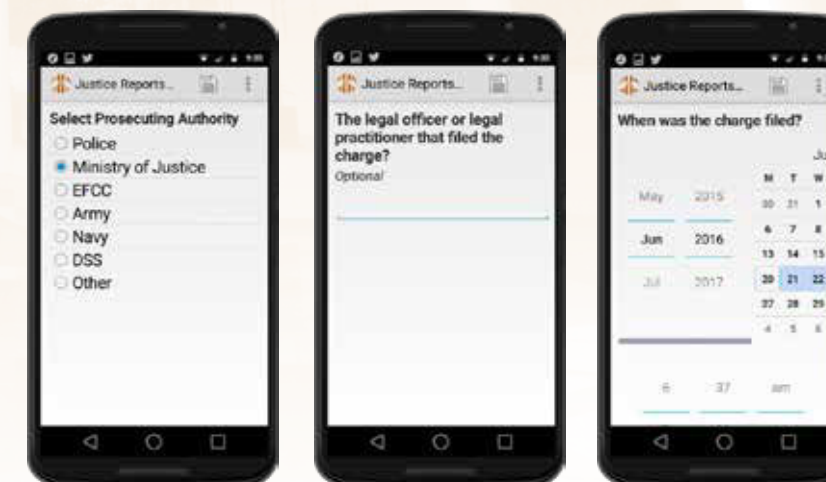
Funding

The Foundation received a two-year grant of \$350,000 from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to support the development of CASE 2015. Virement of the unspent balance was approved to support repurposing the CASE platform into a tool for fighting corruption in the administration of criminal justice in Nigeria.

Radio Appearances

- Abuja
Nigeria Info FM
September 14, 2016
- Port Harcourt
Nigeria Info FM
September 14, 2016
- Abuja - Love FM
September 17, 2016

Richard Young, EU, Esther Agbarakwe, Ministry of Environment and Amara Nwankpa after appearing on Nigeria Info FM Abuja during Climate Diplomacy Week



Screenshots of Justice Report Mobile App



CASE 2015

Improving transparency and openness in Nigerian elections through the collaborative use of technology

2015 Election Reports	Federal	State
Aggie	2,009,655	658,634
Twitter	1,995,682	648,010
Facebook	13,066	10,387
RSS Feeds	634	234
Peak Report Rate	14,000 per minute	10,000 per minute



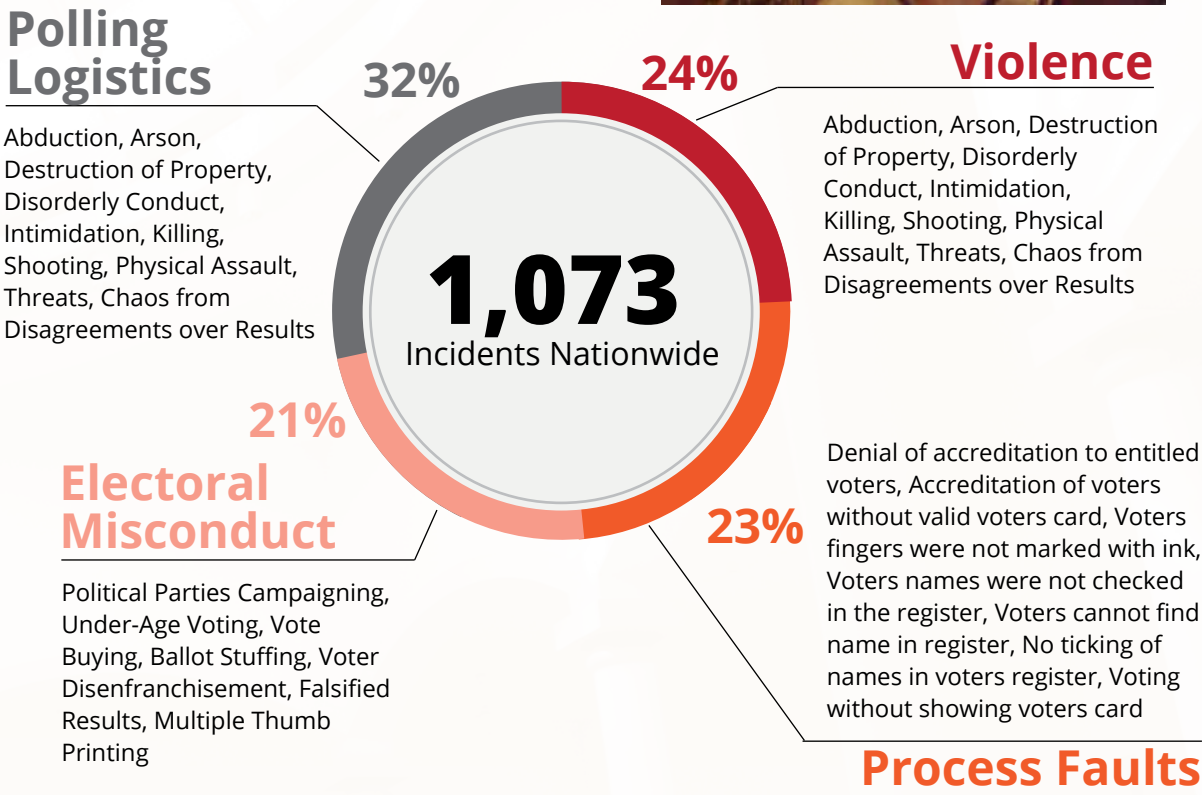
The Content Aggregation System for Elections (CASE 2015) is a technology-enabled, multi-stakeholder election observation system designed to improve the scope and detail of information available to civil society and citizen stakeholders during and beyond elections.

CASE is comprised of a social media aggregation software (Aggie), a platform for aggregating and analyzing traditional observer reports (ELMO) and a mobile app for sending reports. The incident management process created an important connection between unverified social media reports and trusted observers deployed in the field.

Support for CASE 2015 was generously provided by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA), the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and the Canadian Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI).



Election Incidents
Volume of Incidents by Category



Social Media Campaign
The CASE 2015 team targeted potential voters on social media with ads to improve the chances of gathering relevant and effective reports from social media. The ads were designed to ensure as many voters as possible shared useful information about their election day experiences on social media. The ads reached an estimated 300,000 users on Facebook and Twitter.

★ ★ ★ Yar'Adua Merit Scholars

*Improving lives by providing
a comprehensive education
for talented youth.*



Amina Abdulkadir
Katsina State
Bayero University, Kano
BSc Microbiology



Aliyu Abubakar
Adamawa State
Bayero University, Kano
Biology (Ed)



Fiddausi Adamu
Kaduna State
UMYU, Katsina
Bsc Mathematics



Abdulsamad Adeleke
Ogun State
Bayero University, Kano
Mechatronics Engineering



Mary Amos
Ogun State
American University, Yola
BA Int'l and Comparative Politics



Franklin Aziujali
Enugu State
University of Nigeria, Nsukka
Electrical Engineering



Ibrahim Bawa
Plateau State
University of Jos
Microbiology



Destiny Enabulele
Edo State
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Business Administration



Mustapha Gidado
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BSc Petroleum Chemistry



Hauwa Hashimu
Plateau State
University of Jos
Business Administration



Chidinma Ifekauche
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American University, Yola
Petroleum Chemistry



Zainab Iliyasu
Federal Capital Territory
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Computer Science



Victory Friday Inyang
Akwa Ibom State
American University, Yola
BSc Environment & Health



Amira Jalo
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University of Ibadan
Guidance & Education



Aisha Mohammed
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Bayero University, Kano
Microbiology



Mu'azu Haliru
Kaduna State
UMYU, Katsina
(Admission Pending)



Olutoyin Oluwajemilehin
Ekiti State
American University, Yola
Journalism



Onyinyechi Onuigbo
Enugu State
American University, Yola
Petroleum Chemistry



Chukwuma Onwujiuba
Anambra State
American University, Yola
Petroleum Chemistry



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Petroleum Chemistry



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Petroleum Chemistry



Uduak Usoro
Akwa-Ibom State
University of Nigeria, Nsukka
Urban Planning



Aminu Yahaya
Kano State
Bayero University, Kano
Pysics (Ed)

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**Shehu Musa
 Yar'Adua Centre**

Located at One Memorial Drive in Abuja's Central Business District, the Yar'Adua Centre serves as a hub for social and civic engagements in Nigeria.



Shehu Musa Yar'Adua Centre (contd.)

Conference facilities include an auditorium, central atrium and executive meeting rooms, supported by professional event service providers, offering an ideal setting for every occasion.



Our expansive collection of books and reference materials, including Shehu Yar'Adua's personal papers, are available to registered members.



We invite you to tour our inspirational multi-media presentation of the life of Shehu Yar'Adua featured against the backdrop of Nigerian history.

★★★ Shehu Musa Yar'Adua: Profile



SHEHU MUSA YAR'ADUA
March 5, 1943 - December 8, 1997

To access additional information on Shehu Yar'Adua including speeches, photographs and videos log on to: www.yaraduafoundation.org

Born in Katsina on March 5, 1943 to the late Mutawallin Katsina, Mallam Musa Yar'Adua, young Shehu was greatly influenced by his father's strength of character and capacity for leadership. A member of the Katsina Emirate Council, Mallam Musa Yar'Adua was one of the leading lights of Nigerian political development and a pillar of political wisdom. During the First Republic, Mutawalli served as a Member of the House of Representatives, Federal Minister for Establishment, Nigerianisation and Training and later as Minister for Lagos Affairs.

Shehu Yar'Adua was educated at Katsina Provincial Secondary School and the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, U.K. He returned from Sandhurst in 1964 as a young Second Lieutenant not long before the Nigerian Civil War broke out. Major Yar'Adua's capture of Onitsha in 1967 is regarded as the decisive battle that led to the end of the bloody conflict that consumed millions of lives.

The Civil War had a tremendous impact on Lt. Col. Shehu Yar'Adua. Disheartened by the devastation he witnessed, he recognised the futility of disunity based on ethnicity, region or religion and understood that a united Nigeria was prerequisite for the nation's growth and development.

Colonel Shehu Yar'Adua served as Federal Commissioner of Transport in 1976. As Commissioner, he was credited with establishing a blueprint for the development of Nigeria's transport sector as well as the reorganisation and decongestion of the nation's ports. Upon the assassination of the revered Head of State, Murtala Mohammed in 1977, Shehu Yar'Adua was named Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters and promoted to Major-General in the Obasanjo Administration. At just 36 years of age, he was the youngest officer to hold that rank on the entire Continent.

Among many accomplishments, perhaps most significant was the Administration's successful conduct of elections and historic hand over to



democratic rule in 1979. As the first military government to voluntarily hand over power in Africa, General Obasanjo and General Yar'Adua knew that enthronement of democracy was the only way to ensure stability and social harmony in the country.

Upon retirement, Yar'Adua joined the business world with a view to providing important private sector services with partners and investors. He established a publishing company, cultivated agricultural holdings, developed manufacturing, oil service and shipping facilities and incorporated Habib Nigeria Bank. He established the Islam in Africa Organisation and served as Chairman of the National Mosque Committee where he oversaw the funding and building of the National Mosque, Abuja.

In April 1987 he was honoured turbaned Tafidan Katsina, a traditional title he inherited from his father.

But the return of a military regime without a commitment to handing over to a democratically elected government led General Yar'Adua to join politics. He was prepared to lead the political class through the familiar antics and obstacles set by his former colleagues in uniform.

Shehu Yar'Adua was a gifted politician. His grassroots politics were void of ethnic bias and religious or regional sentiment. His organisation, whether PF or SDP or PDM, dominated the political landscape, breaking what he dubbed the "siege mentality" that had dogged Nigerian politics since 1914.

His aspiration for the SDP Presidential ticket was inspired by a desire to give the nation the committed and responsible leadership it so desperately desired and deserved. He advocated a new National Purpose designed to enrich lives, inspire patriotic pride and serve the common good.

As Presidential candidate, Yar'Adua continued to break barriers, beating formidable opponents and winning elections across the nation to become his

In life he was a force to reckon with... In death his legacy remains a guidance to those who hold power and those who seek power.

party's nominee. Just when he was poised to win the party's presidential nomination, his election was annulled and he was banned from further participation.

Without bitterness or rancour, Shehu Yar'Adua devoted himself to playing the role of advisor, mentor and counsellor through new rounds of elections. He continued to steer the country toward democracy as the single most influential politician in the country.

Always a courageous leader, Yar'Adua stood in the forefront of those who demanded a timely hand over to democratically elected government. Those who sought to perpetuate themselves in power plotted to imprison him and others in order to remove obstacles that stood in their path.

Even when his death sentence was passed, Shehu Yar'Adua's spirit and determination were not broken. From Kirikiri Prison in 1995, he wrote, "Don't worry too much about me. It is the sacrifice some of us must make for our country to be free." Shehu Musa Yar'Adua died two and a half years later in Abakaliki Prison. The country lost a gentleman and a hero, but the structures he built could not be destroyed. The democracy we now enjoy is testimony to his courage and leadership. It is his courage and his leadership that we continue to celebrate today.

Charity Projects

Supporting Internally Displaced Persons

Yar'Adua Foundation staff donated food items, clothes, toiletries and children's toys to internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Karmajiji, Abuja camp during Ramadan 2016.



Yar'Adua Foundation staff with donated items

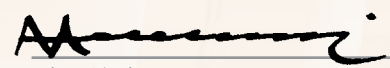
Financial Report

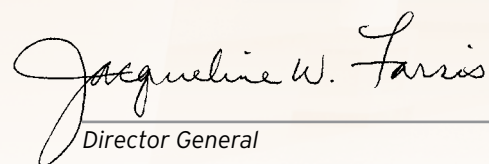
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Balance Sheets

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2014	2016 #	2015 #
Assets Employed		
Fixed Assets	409,010,427	429,252,153
Investment	86,167,714	76,527,126
	495,178,141	505,779,278
Current Assets		
Debtors	0	1,923,522
Cash and Bank Balances	29,629,717	12,314,715
	29,629,717	14,238,237
Creditors: Amount Falling Due within One Year		
Sundry Creditors	(10,938,464)	(5,830,813)
Net Current Asset	18,691,253	8,407,424
Total Assets	513,869,394	514,186,702
Financed By		
Capital Fund	513,869,394	514,186,702
	513,869,394	514,186,702


Vice Chairman


Director General

Income and Expenditure Accounts

	2016		2015	
	#	#	#	#
	Centre	Foundation	Centre	Foundation
Income	90,263,713	-	63,291,400	0
Donations and Project Support	0	73,488,612	0	63,531,820
Less: Expenses				
Foundation Expenses	-	(23,343,882)	0	(3,120,000)
Administrative Expenses	(43,513,867)	0	(32,211,186)	(25,560,000)
Maintenance and Utilities	(43,844,262)	0	(30,407,455)	0
Merit Scholars Expenses	0	(1,646,450)	0	(2,744,120)
Public Policy Initiative Expenses	0	(38,544,259)	0	(68,937,065)
Excess of Income over Expenditure	2,905,584	9,954,021	672,758	(36,829,365)
Surplus before Depreciation	2,905,584	9,954,021	672,758	(36,829,365)
Depreciation (Non Cash Outflow)	(20,850,149)	0	(17,764,002)	0
Excess/Deficit on Ordinary Activities	(17,944,565)	9,954,021	(17,091,244)	(36,829,365)
Impairment of Shares			(78,059,412)	
Foreign Currency Translations Gain/(Loss)		8,912,628	3,782,712	0
Provision for Tax	(1,239,392)		(1,987,385)	0
Surplus/(Deficit) on Ordinary Activities	(19,183,957)	18,866,649	(93,355,329)	(36,829,365)

Cash Flow Statements

	2016 ₦	2015 ₦
Cashflow from Operating Activities		
Receipt from Activities	90,263,713	63,291,400
Receipt from Donations and Project Support	73,488,612	63,531,820
Payment to Employees	(41,178,489)	(43,187,461)
Payment to Suppliers	(94,775,098)	(194,047,939)
Net Cashflow from Operating Activities	27,798,738	(110,412,181)
Cashflow from Investing Activities		
Fixed Asset	(608,424)	(5,666,452)
Net Investments	(9,640,588)	106,527,965
Net Cashflow from Investing Activities	(10,249,012)	100,861,513
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalent	17,549,726	(9,550,668)
Cash and Cash Equivalent at the Beginning of the Year	12,079,991	21,630,659
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