



# JUSTICE DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE COMMISSION (JDPC) IBADAN

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Building a community where justice and promotion of human dignity are held sacred: a community where all are fully alive and active through the realization of their full potentials in a just, safe and free environment.



## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends and Supporters of JDPC,

I am excited to present the maiden edition of our quarterly newsletter. Over the past years, our organization has made significant strides in our mission to serve and uplift our society; as we have been actively involved in various initiatives that I am proud to share with you.

The last three month was particularly busy and rewarding. We visited the National Directorate of Employment to explore synergy on how to provide meaningful engagement for ex-community service offenders; a collaboration aimed at offering these individuals a fresh start and integrate them positively into society.

In the areas of bolstering maternal health care services in Oyo State at the primary health care level, the organization conducted a two-day comprehensive workshop for agency groups and women in the Ward Development Committee across Oyo State. An initiative aimed at having them champion a cause for change

In the same vein our Caritas Program actively engaged with the community through a vibrant market rally; in a bid to further amplify our awareness against child trafficking, child abuse, as well as child labor; in commemoration of this year's World Children's Day.

Our Integrated Development Program continue to light the paths for Agriculture in Oyo State, as we had the honor of hosting representatives from both the federal and state ministries of agriculture. Their advocacy visit was a critical step in forging strong partnerships that will enhance our agricultural programs.

As we reflect on these accomplishments, I am filled with gratitude for our dedicated team and the unwavering support of our donors, partners and community members at large. Together, we are making a tangible difference in our society.

Thank you for being a part of this journey. I look forward to sharing more of our progress and achievements in the coming months.

Warm regards,

Rev. Fr. Jerome Ajakaiye  
Director  
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## Overview



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## WELCOME TO THE MAIDEN EDITION OF OUR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the very first edition of JDPC's quarterly newsletter! We are thrilled to introduce this new platform dedicated to keeping you informed and engaged with our activities, achievements, and upcoming events.

This newsletter marks an exciting milestone in our ongoing commitment to transparency, communication, and community building. Each quarter, we aim to bring you insightful articles, inspiring stories, and the latest updates from our projects and initiatives.

In this inaugural issue, you will find:

- Feature Article: An in-depth look at our recent projects and initiatives, highlighting its impact and future goals.
- Upcoming Events: A preview of events and workshops you won't want to miss, complete with dates and participation details.
- Special Section: A unique feature on specific topic of interest, offering expert insights and practical advice, and a glimpse of our vocational center.

Our goal is to create a newsletter that not only informs but also inspires and fosters a sense of community. We welcome your feedback and suggestions for future editions, as we strive to make this publication a valuable resource for all.

Thank you for joining us on this journey. We hope you enjoy reading this edition as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

Warm regards,  
Media and Communication Department,  
Justice Development and Peace Commission.  
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# Feature Article

With four active programs currently running, we have numerous activities taking place five days a week, twenty days a month and sixty days in three months. To this end, our events cannot be exhaustively captured in the course of this bulletin. However, this feature article shall see us capturing one event per program. We shall reflect the following:

- The 2-day Maternal Health care workshop conducted by the Democracy and Governance (D&G) unit.
- Our participation in the Market Rally conducted by the Network Against Child Trafficking, Abuse and Labour (NACTAL), in commemoration of this year's children's day.
- Our visit to the National Directorate of Employment (NDE) to discuss collaborations with the ministry on how to get the ex community service offenders gainfully engaged, and
- The visit of representatives from the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (FMARD) and representatives from the Oyo State Ministry of Agriculture.



## TWO-DAY CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON MATERNAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES IN OYO STATE

We successfully conducted a two-day capacity building workshop between the 8th and 9th of May, focusing on enhancing maternal health care services in Oyo State. This workshop drew participants from various women groups, female members of the Ward Development Council (WDC), and Officers-in-Charge of Primary Health care Centers across the 11 local government areas in Ibadan Land.

The event aimed at empowering those at the forefront of maternal health care delivery in Oyo State, providing them with the necessary tools to improve Health care services in their communities. The workshop featured a series of enlightening talks and interactive discussions designed to deepen the participants' understanding of maternal health care services in the State.

Key sessions of the workshop included discussions on harnessing health insurance for maternal health care services, where the Executive Secretary the Oyo State Health Insurance Agency (OYSHIA), Dr. Olusola Akande highlighted the state's commitment to making the insurance premium available and easily accessible to primary healthcare facilities in the state.

In addition, our Chief of staff, Adenike Ibitara Esq. gave a robust enlightenment on the dignity and rights of patients in maternal health care services, emphasizing the need to respect and uphold the rights of women during the care process.

Participants expressed their appreciations for the workshop, noting that the knowledge gained and the technical capacity built, would significantly enhance their capacities to deliver better maternal health care services and more importantly advocate for patient rights and dignity.



The workshop didn't end without the inputs of Health care professionals, where Dr. Faidat Adenuga and Mrs. Funmilayo Abodunrin of the Oyo State Primary Healthcare Board shed lights on how to understand the Maternal Healthcare Services in Oyo State and as well discussed the Issues and challenges of Maternal Healthcare in the State while they deliberated on the way forward with the participants at the workshop.

This capacity building initiative marks a critical step towards achieving improved maternal health outcomes in our dear State: as it brings together key stakeholders dedicated to making a positive impact on maternal health care services.

## Market Rally to Commemorate World Children's Day 2024

In a powerful display of solidarity and commitment, the Oyo state chapter of Network Against Child Trafficking, Abuse and Labour (NACTAL), a coalition dedicated to combating child trafficking, abuse, and labor, invited us in our capacity as a member of Child Protection Network (CPN) to participate in a market rally they organized on the 22nd of May, 2024, in commemoration of this year's Children's Day. The event, held in the bustling heart of the Bólá Igè International market (Gbági), saw enthusiastic participation from community members, activists, and concerned citizens.

Participants marched through the market, carrying banners and chanting slogans to raise awareness about the urgent need to protect children from exploitation and harm. The rally aimed to highlight the ongoing issues of child trafficking, abuse, and labor, and to call for stronger measures to safeguard the rights and well-being of every child.

Speakers at the event included representatives from the Child Protection Network, Network Against Child Trafficking, Abuse and Labour and other stakeholders, including the Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS).



National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) emphasized the importance of community involvement in the fight against child exploitation. The rally concluded with a call to action, urging everyone to remain vigilant and proactive in protecting the youngest and most vulnerable members of society.

The market rally was a resounding success, bringing much-needed attention to the critical issues affecting children and reinforcing the community's commitment to ensuring a safe and secure future for all.

## COLLABORATION WITH THE NATIONAL DIRECTORATE OF EMPLOYMENT (NDE) TO GIVE EX-OFFENDERS A SECOND CHANCE.

In our relentless effort towards promoting rehabilitation and reintegration of minor offenders after serving their community service punishment, our community service team on May 7 2024, represented the organization in a productive meeting with the National Directorate of Employment (NDE). The focus of the discussion was on creating avenues for ex-offenders to gain meaningful employment after completing their community service sentences.

Through our Community Service Program (CSP), we advocate for community service as an alternative to custodial sentencing for minor offenses. It is our belief that such an approach not only benefits the community but also supports offenders in turning their lives around. The meeting with the NDE marks a crucial milestone in our efforts to ensure that those who serve community service sentences are provided with opportunities to reintegrate into society seamlessly.

During the meeting, both parties discussed various strategies to facilitate the employment of ex-offenders. Key points of discussion included the development of job training programs, vocational training, and other skill-building initiatives tailored to the needs of former offenders. The NDE expressed strong support for these initiatives, acknowledging the importance of providing ex-offenders with the tools they need to secure stable employment and avoid recidivism.

The Oyo State Coordinator of the NDE, Mrs. Olayinka Steve Ogundipe, who played host to our team, made it known that NDE is not just about white collar employment but also involves empowering Nigerians in vocational training. She emphasized the agency's commitment to collaborating with organizations like ours to enhance the employability of ex-offenders.

"We are willing to work with you to reintegrate the ex-offenders into society. By providing you with the necessary access to recommend a number of ex-offenders to benefit from our periodic vocational training and placement opportunities, we are not only helping them rebuild their lives but also strengthening our communities," she stated.

Our organization's representatives highlighted several successful case studies where community service sentences had led to positive outcome both for the offenders and the community recording an infinitesimal case of recidivism. They stressed that meaningful employment is a critical factor in reducing recidivism and fostering a sense of purpose and self-worth among former offenders.

The meeting concluded with a sparkling ray of hope, setting expectations for productive collaboration between our organization and the NDE. We believe that this will pave the way for a more inclusive approach to justice and rehabilitation. By working together, we can create a system where community service will not only serve as a punishment but also as a stepping stone to a brighter future for those who have made minor mistakes.

For more information on this initiative, or to learn how you can support our efforts, please contact our organization, the Justice Development and Peace

Commission (JDPC) Ihàdàn, inside St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Bashorun, Ibadan.

This collaborative effort underscores our commitment to transformative justice and the belief that everyone deserves a second chance.



## Advocacy Mission for CADRE HARMONISE: Key Stakeholders Meet to Strengthen Food Security

Our organization hosted representatives from the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (FMARD) and the State Ministry of Agriculture on the 22nd of May 2024 as part of their advocacy mission for the CADRE HARMONISE (CH) initiative.

The event brought together key stakeholders within our organization, committed to addressing food security challenges and ensuring sustainable agricultural practices in Oyo State and beyond. Representatives from FMARD and the State Ministry of Agriculture engaged in productive discussions focused on the CADRE HARMONISE framework, which aims to provide reliable data and analysis for better decision-making in food security and nutrition.

During the meeting, the importance of collaborative efforts to enhance food security was emphasized. The discussions highlighted the role of CADRE HARMONISE in creating a comprehensive and harmonized approach to food security analysis, enabling stakeholders to respond effectively to food crises and improve the resilience of agricultural systems.



The representatives shared insights into current food security challenges and explored potential solutions to ensure a stable and sustainable food supply. The event underscored the significance of multi-sectoral collaboration in achieving food security goals and improving the livelihoods of the State's population.

Our organization's hosting of this advocacy mission reflects our commitment to supporting initiatives that promote food security and sustainable agriculture. By bringing together diverse expertise and resources, we aim to contribute to the successful implementation of the CADRE HARMONISE framework and strengthen the State's capacity to address food security challenges.

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to continue working together towards a food-secure future, leveraging the CADRE HARMONISE framework to drive positive change in the State's agricultural and food security landscape.



## Upcoming Events

### ADVOCACY VISITS



The Democracy and Governance (D&G) unit of DHRP shall in the months ahead pay advocacy visits to duty bearers such as The Commissioner for Budget and Economic Planning, Commissioner for Health, The Executive Secretary of Òyó State Health Insurance Agency (OYSHIA) and The Executive Secretary of Primary Health Care Board. We shall also be visiting The Òyó State House Committee on Appropriation.

### PURPOSE

Our visit to Òyó State Health Insurance Agency (OYSHIA) will focus on the need to improve service delivery of primary health care in Òyó State.

The visit to the office of the Commissioner for Budget and Economic Planning will be all about the feeds on the needs submitted by the citizens during the budget consultation meeting 2024 and to also evaluate the resources for social sector and how fair it has been to the people.

### PARTICIPATION

The following are expected to participate in the forthcoming events:

- Members of the Community Development Council (CDC)
- People Living with Disability (PWD)
- Members of the Civil Coalition for Good Governance (CCGG)
- Ward Development Committees, and
- Other NGOs



## Special Feature

The current state of the nation is completely chaotic, so formless that the common man on the street is so clueless of where the next meal will come from. In this piece, Michael Arasanmi, an account officer in our organization delves into the discussions of inflation as he gives professional advices on the best practices in a time like this.

### Inflation Explained

Inflation is used year after year to characterize the rising prices of goods and services. Simply put, it is the rate of increase in prices of goods and services across the economy over a given period of time, consequent upon which it is often difficult for the rate of wage and income growth to keep up with the rate of inflation, this causes the consumers' purchasing power to decline. Looking into the past years, inflation rate was 21.34% as at December 2022. In December 2023, it increased to 28.92% and now 33.95% in May 2024 as disclosed by the National Bureau of Statistics.

### Effects of Inflation

Rising prices referred to as inflation, have an impact on the cost of living, the cost of doing business, borrowing money, mortgages, yields on corporate and government bonds, and any other part of the economy. Inflation is calculated by subtracting an item's original cost from its present cost, divide the result by the original cost and multiply by 100.

At low rates, it keeps the economy healthy. But when the rate rises rapidly, it can result in lower purchasing power, higher interest rates, slower economic growth and other negative economic effects.

Inflation can be both beneficial and in some instances, negative for economic recovery. The negative effects of inflation include an increase in the cost of money keeping opportunities, uncertainty about potential inflation that could deter investment and savings, and if inflation is too rapid, shortages of goods as consumers start hoarding out of fear that future prices will rise. Inflation has positive effects on the economy in the following ways:



## INFLATION IN THE CONTEXT OF NIGERIA ECONOMY, by Michael Arasanmi



1. Higher profits as manufacturers are able to sell at higher rate
2. Better returns on investment provided that investors and entrepreneurs are given incentives to invest in profitable activities output increase.

### How to Curb Inflation



"Excess of everything is bad" this phrase rightly describes the necessity of controlling inflation. When a country faces acute inflation, there is a high-interest rate which incapacitate people from embarking on big projects that can in turn help the economy, thus subjecting the entire populace to untold hardship.

Inflation can be controlled through the monetary policy which primarily involves changing interest rates to control inflation. Government, through the fiscal policy (this has to do with the Government spending, public borrowing and taxes) can assist in fighting inflation.

### The best methods to control inflation in Nigeria are:

1. Review your budget: If you don't have a budget, it is time to create one. A budget is simply a plan for your money. Without a plan, it's easy to let that hard-earned naira slip through your fingers. As the cost of everything goes up, budget can help you to make more informed and inflation friendly decisions.

While there is likely nothing you can do about the cost of rent or your mortgage, you might be able to reduce the size of your subscription or entertainment budget.

2. Batch errands: With the price of fuel, commuting or running multiple errands in a week can get expensive. Rather than driving back and forth to the store whenever you need something, try batching your errands so you can accomplish all of them in one trip. The same goes if you use public transit or a ride-sharing service. The more errands you can do in a single trip, the more you can save.

3. Fiscal measures: These include reduction in unnecessary expenditure, increase in taxes, increase in savings, surplus budgets (it is a situation that occurs when income exceeds expenditure) and public debt (a debt or loan taken by the government from its own people, organizations as well as from foreign countries).

4. Other measures include price control, rational wage policy (these are principles acting as guidelines for determining a wage structure) and increase in production.

#### How to Calculate Inflation Rate

To better understand how inflation is calculated, we can use an example. In this example we calculate inflation for a basket that has two items in it - beans and rice. The formula for calculating inflation for a single item is below:

Inflation =  $\frac{\text{Price (year 2)} - \text{Price (year 1)}}{\text{Price (year 1)}} \times 100$

The price of a congo of beans was N1,500 in 2023 (year 1) and the price increased to N4,000 in 2024 (year 2). The price of a congo of rice was N1,200 in 2023, and this increased to N3,000 in 2024

Items	2023	2024	Inflation Rate
Beans	N1,500	N4,000	166.7%
Rice	N1,200	N3,000	150%





## SPOTLIGHT ON ST. HOMOBONUS SKILL ACQUISITION CENTER: EMPOWERING LIVES THROUGH PRACTICAL TRAINING

A year ago, our Organization embarked on a transformative journey to further our mission of a community where all are fully alive and active through the realization of their full potentials. Taking a bold step beyond our advocacy and community service initiatives, we established a skill acquisition center dedicated to providing practical, hands-on training for everyone armed with a huge reserve of latent capacities, in order to afford them access for expression. Unlike JDPC, this center operates independently, focusing solely on skill development and employment readiness.

The skill acquisition center was born out of the recognition that self-reliance requires more than just inner confidence; it demands equipping individuals with marketable skills that can lead to gainful employment. Over the past year, the center has become a beacon of hope and a hub of activity, offering a wide range of courses designed to meet the needs of various industries.

Our programs include Fashion Designing, Catering & Event Management, Make-up Artistry, Web-Design, Web-Development, Coding, Multimedia, Python, among others. The center is also equipped with a state of the art recording studio, designed to meet the needs of professionals in the media world. Our courses are designed to be intensive and practical, ensuring that participants are job-ready upon completion.

The impact of the skill acquisition center has been profound. Numerous individuals have already completed their training, with an assurance of securing stable employment or even starting their own small businesses. Testimonials from our graduates highlight the life-changing opportunities provided by the center.

A 55-year-old public servant, Funmilayo, stated that she can do a lot of things she could not do with fashion now, after learning fashion designing at St. Homobonus. (Credit: [@sthomobonus\\_ibadan](https://www.instagram.com/sthomobonus_ibadan)).



The success of the skill acquisition center is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff, trainers, and partners. We are registered under the umbrella of the National Business and Technical Examinations Board (NABTEB) to ensure that our training programs are properly accredited to meet current market demands. This has not only enhanced the quality of our training but also created a leverage of competence for our graduates to attract potential employers and as well establish their own businesses.

As we celebrate the first anniversary of the skill acquisition center, we look forward to expanding our programs and reaching even more individuals craving for self-development. Our goal is to continue to provide high-quality training and support, helping to build a more inclusive and skilled workforce.

We invite you to learn more about St. Homobonus skill acquisition center and explore ways to get involved. Whether through volunteering, donating, or partnering with us, your support can make a significant difference in the lives of the aspiring professional.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.sthomobonusacademy.com](http://www.sthomobonusacademy.com) or contact us at St. Homobonus Skill Acquisition Center, Inside St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Bashorun, Ibadan, or call: 08121151013.

You can also follow our activities via our social media platforms:

Facebook: St Homobonus Skill Acquisition Center

Instagram: sthomobonus\_i

Together, we can continue to transform lives and strengthen our community, one skill at a time.



## Our Partners

This is to give a special recognition to our partners for the unflinching support you show all the time. The ride would have been so rough without you, thank you for all you do.

