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Restorative Justice for Africa Initiative

2022 Global Fellow



BIG BOLD IDEA

Close the justice gap for low-income earners, women, and children detained in prison without trial in Nigeria by developing a mobile app that provides free legal representation and drives restorative justice.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Restorative Justice for Africa Initiative (REJA) strengthens the rule of law, provides speedy access to justice for inmates by connecting them with volunteer lawyers, and establishes conflict resolution frameworks for victims. It promotes inclusion for abandoned inmates by ensuring that the institutions that make people go behind bars do so with accountability. Its projects help victims access justice at the click of a button while also rebuilding damaged communities through restorative justice models. REJA's goal is to become the leading platform in Nigeria to make justice accessible and affordable for everyone.

PERSONAL BIO

Osariemen Grace Omoruyi is a leading voice for restorative justice in Nigeria and the founder of Restorative Justice for Africa Initiative (REJA), an organization that was inspired by her lived experiences of gross human rights violations. Her passion for human rights advocacy came early in life when her uncle was unjustly incarcerated on a trumped-up charge of armed robbery that carries the death penalty. Through REJA, she ensures that underserved people have equal access to justice and no one is denied access to justice due to their economic status. Prior to starting REJA, Osariemen served as the youngest female president of her University Christian Association and led her team on the organization's first ever prison outreach. Since then, through local, national, and international platforms like the Nigerian Bar Association and the World Restorative Justice Forum, she has advocated for the protection of inmates' rights, earning an award of recognition by the Nigerian Bar Association. Osariemen firmly believes that without inclusion, there will never be sustainable development across the world.

Organization/Fellow Location

Lagos State, Western Nigeria., Nigeria

Impact Location

Nigeria

Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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