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This document provides information and details of organisations which may be useful if you are facing removal or deportation to Nigeria.

While every care is taken to ensure that the information is correct this does not constitute a guarantee that the organisations will provide the services listed.

Your Embassy in the UK

High Commission for the Federal Republic of Nigeria

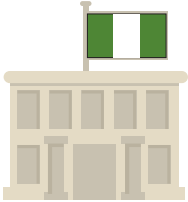
Nigeria House, 9 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2N 5BX

Tel: 020 7839 1244 **Fax:** 020 7839 8746

Monday to Friday, 09.30 to 17.30

Email: chancery@nigeriahc.org, information@nigeriahc.org

www.nigeria.org.uk



Travel documents

A valid Nigerian passport can be used to remove you from the UK to Nigeria. If you do not have a valid Nigerian passport you will need to apply for an Emergency Travel Document (ETD). Applicants will be interviewed either by telephone or face to face by Nigerian officials which the Home Office will arrange.

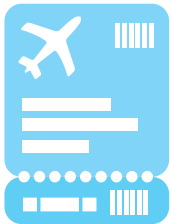
You will need to provide supporting evidence of your identity and nationality. This may include expired passports, national identity card, registration certificate, driving licence or birth certificate.




Return

If you are willing to return and want to ensure that you are returned to Nigeria as soon as possible you can:

- Contact your caseworker at the Home Office to say that you are willing to return;
- Make every effort to find supporting documentation for issuing of travel documents;
- Make contact with the Nigerian High Commission to begin the process of obtaining a travel document.



 **You may find it useful to read the information below to begin preparing for your return:**

Documentation in Nigeria

The National Identity Management Commission is the Federal Government Agency responsible for creating and managing the National Identity Database whereby each citizen is assigned a unique National Identity Number (NIN). Each state capital has a NIN registration centre.

The Commission is also responsible for the creation of National Identity Cards. Citizens over 16 may apply for an identity card. Both NINs and Identity Cards are free.

You can begin the registration process for an NIN or Identity Card online but will need to attend a NIN registration centre to complete the process. For more information and details of how to register visit **www.nimc.gov.ng**.

Accommodation

There is no social housing in Nigeria. When renting a property it is not unusual for the landlord to request two or more years rent in advance. As such, it is important to contact any family or friends you may have in Nigeria to see if they are able to provide you with accommodation.





There are shelters and safe houses for victims of trafficking in at least seven states in Nigeria: Lagos; Abuja; Benin City; Enugu; Sokoto; Kano; Akwa Ibom. They are managed by a government agency, the National Agency for the Prohibition of Traffic in Persons (NAPTIP).

There are also shelters for battered women, for street children, and homes for abandoned babies, which are run by NGOs and State governments.

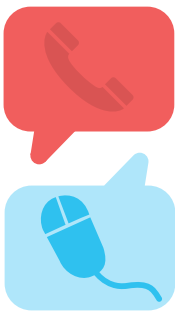
Health



Nigeria has a National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS). Participants are required to register with an NHIS approved health maintenance organisation (HMO), after which they may register with an approved primary healthcare provider (public or private). You will be required to provide personal details and a passport picture of yourself. Upon your registration you will be issued with an identity card which has a personal identification number. The HMO is responsible for paying the healthcare provider for its services.

Under the NHIS money is deducted from an individual's basic salary which will cover their health insurance. Individuals who are unemployed are currently unable to register with the scheme.

Emergency support



There is relatively little social welfare system in Nigeria. While some Federal Government employees and employees of privately owned companies with 5 or more employees may be covered by a public pension scheme, the majority of workers are not covered. There is also some provision for workers injured in a work place incident but again, this is not universal. There are currently no unemployment benefits.

Employment, education and training

Education is free and compulsory for Nigerian children with 9 years of education provision, 6 at primary level and 3 at junior secondary level. However, because school attendance attracts a number of incidental fees for school equipment, examination submission etc., large numbers of Nigerian children never attend school. Higher and further education or vocational courses must be paid for.

Nigerian employers may not recognise UK qualifications. If this is the case qualifications may be accredited through the British Council who have offices in Lagos, Abuja, Port Harcourt and Kano. You will need to provide the original certificate.

British Council

Tel: +234-1-4603090 – 99

Email: info.nigeria@ng.britishcouncil.org

There are a number of large international companies with offices in Nigeria along with an increasing number of smaller start up companies. Jobs are advertised both online and in newspapers. The following websites may be useful:

www.job.naij.com

www.ngcareers.com

www.hotnigerianjobs.com

Directory

African Refugees Foundation – AREF

Lagos State Old Secretariat, Off Oba Akinjobi Street
G.R.A Ikeja, P.O. Box 5051K, Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria.

Tel: +234-12 88 02 46

Email: aref@skannet.com

The African Refugees Foundation provides humanitarian support for refugees, returnees and internally displaced persons.



Afrihealth Optonet Association

Suite 216, Block G, FHA Cornershop, Lugbe, Airport Road, Abuja, Nigeria

Postal Address: P.O. Box 8880, Wuse Abuja, Nigeria

Outreach Address: 72 Christ Church Road, P.O. Box 1484, Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria

Tel: +234 92914297, +234 803 4725905

Email: afrihealthoptonet2@gmail.com

www.afrihealthoptonet.org

Organisation providing health services in particular around HIV/AIDS and TB including support and treatment for those living with HIV/AIDS.

Caritas Nigeria

Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria, Plot 459 Cadastral Zone B2, Durumi 1, P.O.Box 11253, Garki, Abuja, FCT, Nigeria

Tel: +234-8072887367, +234-8113942132

Email: info@ccfng.org

www.caritasnigeria.org

Catholic agency providing HIV/AIDS care and treatment, education support, microfinance, provision of temporary accommodation and support to victims of trafficking, counselling and support to victims of gender based violence.

Centre for Youth's Integrated Development

Suite 2, Princess Shopping Plaza Osifekun avenue Morogbo, klm 32 Lagos Badagry (Exp-way by Agbara bus stop), Morogbo Lagos State Nigeria.

No 4 Mancini street Zone 4 Abuja.

Tel: +224-(0)704-118-8216, +234-805-527-9919

www.cyid.org

Provides reintegration assistance to Nigerian nationals who are deported from a foreign country either for illegal entry, over staying visas or any other offences. Programmes include Enterprise Based Vocational Training (EBVT), counselling and reintegration services. The organisation also provides case management services and assistance finding temporary housing and medical treatment for those in need.

Humanitarian Care for Displaced Persons

17 /19, 5th Floor Oshoppey Plaza, Allen Avenue, Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria

Tel: +234 18 93 99 37

Not for profit organisation providing assistance for displaced persons and other forced migrants.

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

No. 11 Haile-Selassie Street , Asokoro District, Abuja, Nigeria

Tel: +234-8140671127 **Fax:** +234-8072093133

Email: iomnigeria@iom.int

Society for Woman and AIDS in Africa (SWAA)

12 Apena Street, 2nd Floor, off Cole Street, Ojuelegba, Surulere, Lagos, Nigeria

Tel: +234 8033311474, +234 8023109083

Email: swaanigeria29@yahoo.com

www.swaa-nigeria.org

Non-governmental organisation providing care and support for women and children living with HIV/AIDS.



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Hibiscus Initiatives works with men and women in the UK who are in prison, immigration detention, requiring support in the community after leaving prison or detention to those who have been victims of trafficking. Their work includes welfare and advocacy in prisons, international resettlement, combating trafficking and volunteering and community resettlement. If you would like to know more about Hibiscus Initiatives you can contact them on the details below:

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Praxis Community Projects works with vulnerable migrants including foreign national offenders providing advice, advocacy and casework on immigration, housing, welfare benefits.

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