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## Introduction

Documenting the stories of missing persons in Nigeria comes with a heavy heart and a deep sense of responsibility, as it is an issue of utmost importance and urgency. The journey embarked upon to uncover the truth behind these disappearances has been a labourious one, fraught with emotions and filled with tales of heartache and despair.

In the year 2022 alone, our nation witnessed a disheartening surge in cases involving missing individuals, with each story more haunting than the last. Tragically, the Nigerian government has yet to take the necessary steps to protect its citizens or establish a comprehensive Missing Persons Register. It is this very absence of official recognition that has prompted us to delve deeper into the details, transforming what may seem like cold, impersonal statistics into a human narrative.

The implications of these disappearances extend far beyond mere numbers on a page. As we continue to document the faces and names of these individuals, we are compelled to confront the depth of our compassion and acknowledge the profound impact such occurrences have on society as a whole, as well as the lives of the missing persons' loved ones.

The MissingInNG project represents a vital step forward in our collective endeavor to raise awareness, demand accountability, and extend a helping hand to those in distress. Together, let us harness the power of information and empathy to bring solace to the hearts of families and friends of the missing, as we strive for a brighter, safer Nigeria.

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## About EiE

**Enough is Enough Nigeria (EiE)** is a non-partisan network of individuals and organisations committed to instituting a culture of good governance and public accountability in Nigeria through active citizenship.

EiE was set up as the next step from two citizens' protests in 2010 on our missing President, killings in Jos and fuel scarcity.

We focus on Nigerians of voting age, **especially 18 - 35 year olds**, because they are the largest voting demographic. We leverage the power of technology - mobile phones, internet, radio and television - to reach as many as we can.

#### **Our Thematic Areas**



#### **Elections**

EiE's flagship campaign is **#RSVP** – **Register** | **Select** | **Vote** | **Protect**. This explains the role citizens must play before, during and after elections – **Register** to vote; **Select** credible candidates; **Vote** not fight (in partnership with the **2Baba Foundation**) and **Protect** your vote on election day and during the 4-year election cycle.



#### #OfficeOfTheCitizen

Political stability and development in Nigeria is a function of the awareness and positive involvement of the citizens in civic and political matters. It is therefore imperative to educate citizens about their rights and responsibilities that makeup the "Office of the Citizen" to ensure an accountable society. We believe that the "Office of the Citizen is the highest office in the land".

 ${\bf Missing In NG} \ is \ one \ of \ the \ expressions \ of \ our \ \#OOTC \ programs.$ 



#### **Legislative Advocacy & Engagement**

An open, strong and accessible legislature is critical to any democracy. Through our **ShineYourEye** and **#OpenNASS** projects facilitate productive engagement between citizens and their representatives at the federal and state levels while promoting transparency and accountability.

## **How It Started**

# What Inspired Us?

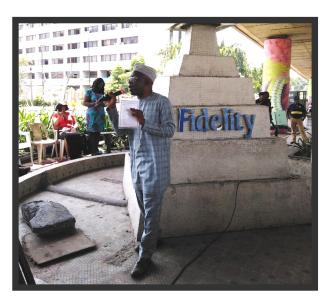


After the Chibok Girls were kidnapped in 2014, the Bring Back Our Girls movement created a framework for tracking and reuniting missing people. Despite being presented to the government that same year, the framework was not implemented until 2018. Some efforts were made, and in 2019, a national framework was created.

Unfortunately, this framework has remained unused because of a lack of political will.

On May 18, 2019, during the Bring Back Our Girls Lagos Sit-out to commemorate Leah Sharibu's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, Femi Falana (SAN) attended as a guest and challenged EiE to create a Missing Persons Register for citizens. EiE accepted the challenge and initiated the process in June 2019.

With the absence of a population census since 2006, the ability to track individuals who may be missing and obtain an accurate population count is non-existent.



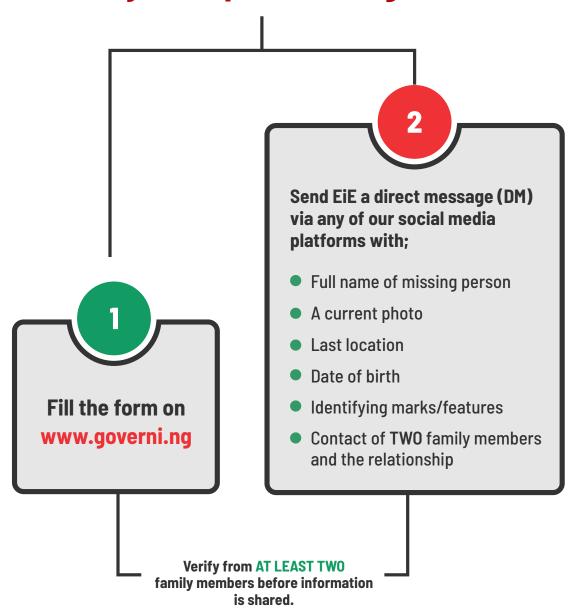
The National Population Commission had planned for a Census activity earlier in 2023, but it has been postponed indefinitely, further exacerbating the challenge of obtaining up-to-date population data. We will continue to maintain this register of missing persons in Nigeria until the government owns its responsibility.

#### What We Do With #MissingInNG

- 1. Accurately document data on missing persons reported in the public;
- 2. Put a name and face to the statistics of missing persons so it is not just numbers;
- **3.** Document the found and dead:
- 4. Encourage people to report missing persons to the police; and
- **5.** Serve as a source of data for organisations and security agencies gathering intelligence to improve security.

## Our Methodology

#### Two Ways to Report a Missing Person







The Logo

## **Old Logo**



When we started #MissingInNG, we designed a red circled silhouette of a missing person with a question mark on its face, and the Nigerian map as its background.

We added the #MissingInNG hashtag written in red which denotes danger and urgency when we started taking records and making flyers for missing persons.

It became the logo.



### #MissingInNG



#### **Silhouette**

Unknown missing person



#### **Ouestion Mark**

Seeks answers to the location of the missing person



#### Nigeria Map

Focuses on missing persons in Nigeria



#### **Red Circle**

Stands for danger



#### **Colour Black**

Stands for sadness

## New Logo

Two years later, we decided to invest in branding that would ensure more visibility for our work and clarity at a glance.

The new logo is now represented as follows: "MissingIn" written in red, "NG" in green & the two letter "i"s replaced with a symbol of the male and female gender. We also added a search icon.

We officially started using the new logo on September 1, 2021.





#### Hashtag

Connects easily to online use



#### Male & Female

Represents missing people of both genders



#### Search Icon

Person/people are being searched for



#### **Colour Red**

Stands for danger.
The missing person(s)
are believed to be in
unknown danger



#### **Colour Black**

Stands for sadness that arises as a result of having a person missing



#### **Colour Green**

Nigeria for geographical context

#### Some Individual Kidnapping Incidents

#### January

There were four notable reports of kidnapping and ritual killing.

- Ikorodu, Lagos State (January 10<sup>th</sup>): Master Olalere was killed by his older brother Afeez Olalere in connivance with his mother.
- Jos, Plateau State (January 13<sup>th</sup>): Jennifer Anthony was killed by Moses Okoh.
- Abeokuta, Ogun State (January 29<sup>th</sup>): 20 year old Sofiat Kehinde was killed by 4 teenagers.
- Ondo State (January 30<sup>th</sup>): Timothy Odeniyi was arrested for the possession of human body parts.

#### February 26

Bamise Ayanwole, a young lady, was kidnapped by a Lagos State Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) driver, Andrew Ominikoron, while on her way to Oshodi from Chevron Bus Stop in the Ajah area around 7 p.m. on February 26<sup>th</sup>. During the journey, she had messaged her concerns to a friend about the driver's unusual behaviour of not picking up other passengers. Bamise went missing after this communication. Tragically, her lifeless body was discovered nine (9) days later on Carter Bridge.

The BRT driver was arrested and charged on March 11<sup>th</sup> with conspiracy, rape, and murder of the deceased. In May 2023, a police inspector testified in court that a Dr Victoria Anuke opened up about being raped by the BRT driver in December 2021. The case was adjourned to June 5, 2023.



There has been no media reported update on the case since then.

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#### May 29

Less than 72 hours after the body of Bamise Ayanwole was found, 28 year old Ifeanyi Anigbo was declared missing by his brother and friends on social media. According to family and friends, his last known location was at Abraham Adesanya Estate in Lekki, Lagos. Ifeanyi was reportedly found in Enugu State - a 10-hour road journey from Lagos, Nigeria on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May.

#### **Mass Kidnappings**

#### March 26 and 28

The Kaduna Airport was attacked on March 26<sup>th</sup>, and a security guard was killed. Two days later, an Abuja-Kaduna train was attacked in Katari, Kaduna State with over 900 passengers on board. This attack involved an explosion that forced the train to a halt, after which the terrorist group attacked with gunfire. Over 8 people were reported killed during the attack with about 62 persons abducted. Between April 6<sup>th</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup>, all abducted passengers were released. The train did not have an accurate manifest and the government has been unable to provide accurate information on all passengers.

#### 2. March 27

44 parishioners along with their priest from St. Mary's Catholic Church were abducted on the Sarkin - Pawa Road in Niger State. The reverend father, Leo Raphael Ozigi, was reported to have been released on April 8<sup>th</sup>. There was no information on the other abductees earlier reported.

#### **3.** June 12

Unknown gunmen are reported to have abducted 50 wedding guests travelling along the Sokoto-Gusau Road. Eyewitnesses shared that these guests were on their way to Zamfara from Sokoto State. While some of the abducted guests escaped unharmed, others sustained injuries from gunshots, and some remain missing. There are no media or police reports on the full list of the yet to be found guests.

4. Northern Nigeria has seen a rise in the abduction of school children which has seriously impeded early childhood education in that region infringing on the right of these children to basic education. As of December 31, 2022, Amnesty International released a report stating that over 61 school students were still missing from an undisclosed school; 98 of the Chibok girls abducted were also still in captivity - some of whom were rescued in the first half of 2023 leaving 88 of the 276 girls abducted still missing.









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#### **Partnerships and Collaborations**

We have maintained our partnership with **SBM Intelligence**, which commenced in 2021 to gather data on missing persons, incidents of mass kidnappings and violent killings throughout Nigeria (*Appendix 4*).

We engaged the **National Human Rights Commission** (NHRC) on formalising the reporting of the missing through the Commission. We hope to deepen the conversation and implementation in 2023.

We also began preliminary discussions with **HumAngle**, who are documenting the missing in the northeastern part of Nigeria, to harmonize our data and develop one central database. We will revisit the conversation when **governi.ng** is redesigned.

We are open to additional collaborations that will enhance the accessibility of our work to citizens and further our mission.







# #MissingInNG in Summary

#### **Missing Persons**

Month	State	Missing Person(s)	Number Found	Number Dead
January	Plateau	4	3	0
	Kebbi	1	0	0
	Delta	1	0	1
	Kogi	1	0	1
	Bayelsa	2	2	0
	Niger	1	0	0
February	Kaduna	23	1	0
	Edo	1	0	0
	Anambra	1	0	0
	Abia	1	1	0
	Ogun	1	1	0
	Lagos	4	2	1
March	Kaduna	2	0	0
	Enugu	1	0	0
	Abuja	1	0	0
	Ogun	1	1	0
	Delta	1	1	0
	Lagos	1	1	0

Month	State	Missing Person(s)	Number Found	Number Dead
April	Kaduna	2	0	1
	Katsina	1	1	0
	Kwara	3	1	0
	Enugu	2	1	0
	Ogun	1	1	0
	Abuja	2	1	0
	Delta	1	1	0
	Lagos	2	1	0
Мау	Abia	2	0	0
	Akwa Ibom	1	1	0
	Niger	1	1	0
	Anambra	1	1	1
	Kogi	1	1	0
	Kano	1	0	0
	Lagos	7	2	0
June	Abia	1	0	0
	Ebonyi	1	0	0
	Bauchi	2	0	0

Month	State	Missing Person(s)	Number Found	Number Dead
	Oyo	1	0	0
	Nasarawa	1	0	0
	Abuja	12	8	0
	Bayelsa	1	0	0
	Kogi	6	2	0
	Zamfara	1	0	0
July	Ondo	1	0	0
	Edo	1	0	0
	Plateau	1	0	0
	Benue	1	1	0
	Bauchi	3	1	0
	Abuja	6	2	0
August	Kaduna	1	0	0
	Cross river	1	0	0
	Delta	1	1	0
	Ekiti	1	0	0
	lmo	4	2	0
	Taraba	1	1	0

Month	State	Missing Person(s)	Number Found	Number Dead
	Nasarawa	2	0	0
	Abuja	5	2	0
	Anambra	2	0	0
	Lagos	1	0	0
September	Kaduna	10	8	0
	Plateau	4	2	0
	lmo	1	1	0
	Kogi	1	1	0
October	Kaduna	8	0	0
	Ogun	1	0	0
	Anambra	1	0	0
	Zamfara	1	0	0
	Enugu	1	0	0
	Plateau	1	0	0
	Оуо	2	1	0
	Katsina	2	0	0
November	Kaduna	1	0	0
	Bauchi	1	0	0

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Month	State	Missing Person(s)	Number Found	Number Dead
December	Cross river	1	0	0
	Abia	1	0	0
	Benue	1	0	0
GRAND 1	TOTAL	174	58	6

#### **Names of Missing People**

The following list of unaccounted people for January through December is based on our data as of the time of this report. Please be aware that their status may have changed - some people might have been located, while others might still be missing or, sadly, be deceased.

We are open to receiving additional information regarding these individuals from verified sources, as it will help us maintain the accuracy and relevance of our records.

January - December					
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	Abdul-Hayatu Ilu Abdulkarim A. Barde Abdullahi T. Barde Abdulrahman Danmalam Abubakar Adamu Adamu Derwan Aisha Auta AkinsolaTomilola Alhaji Mohammed Jamiu Alhaji Mu'awiya Gambo Turaki Aminat Folorunsho–Balogun Babawo T. Barde Benson Nwawulu	19 20 21 22 23 24 25	Boniface David Charles Choko Chris Oghojafor Christian Philemon Christiana David Chuks Onuoha CSP Haruna Adulmalik Da Gwom Rwei Balak Daniel David Derrick Obadiah Dora Effiom Dr Mansur Muhammad Dr. Uwadinachi Iweha		

27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 67 68 66 67	Elizabeth Abioye Evangelist Peter Adigidzi Eze Jewel Ndenkwo Farida Ayuba Fatima Adamu Fatima Hassan Favour Daniel Frank Esiwo Funke Ayodele Garba Iliya Gidion Tsehemba Hafsat Adamu Hajia Laure Mai Kunu Hajiya Asma'u Alhaji Adamu Hauwa Ayuba Hauwa Nasiru Helen Aminu His Highness Nanleng Yusuf Gotus Hon. Ahmed Sani Toro Husai Abdullahi Hyginius Ugo Ejike Ibrahim Dakwoi Bukpe Ifeanyi Pracious odichimma Ismaila A. Barde Istifanus Peter Jamilu Umar Janet Odoma Ojarume, Jesse Charles Jinkai Musa John Dakwoi Bukpe Joshua Victor Arumbus Juliana Uzor Justina Joseph Malam Isiaka Dauda Malama Hanatu Washna Marafa Danbaba Margaret Yakubu	68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108	Mirabel Aminu Miracle Matthew Monica Ibrahim Mr Simon Musa Malili Musa Omeza Mustapha A. Barde Nasiru A. Barde Nelson Philemon Nengak Ropshak Nura Nura D. Barde Olayemi Adejare Oluwadarasimi Omojola Oluwatobi Orekoya Pastor Mike Baba Pastor Sunday Abah Paul David Philips Nnate Chigozie Precious Philemon Rabi Usman Rejoice Joseph Rev James Kantoma Rev. Fr. Abraham Kunat Rev. Fr. Christopher Ogide Rev. Fr. Christopher Onotu Rev. Fr. Joseph Igweagu Reverend Fr. Joseph Akeke Rose Bassey Rt Rev Oluwaseun Aderogba Salisu Maki Sam Tefue Samson Ladan Sanusi A. Barde Sefi Jimoh Shamwilu Abdullahi Stephen Clement	
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109 Sunday Adebayo
110 Sunday Odoma Ojarume
111 Sunusi Bashari
112 Tony Udemezue
113 Umaru Dutse
114 Umma Nasiru
115 Usman Mai Unguwa
117 Uzozie Chukwujekwu
118 Yabuku Dakwoi Bukpe
119 Yahaya Saleh
120 Yosi Gabriel
114 Umma Nasiru

These are media reported missing people with verified identities. There are a lot more Nigerians that were missing during this period.

## **What Lies Ahead?**

## Governi.ng website

**Governi.ng** is a website dedicated to enabling Nigerians to report and gather information on missing persons. We have struggled with developing the website as the features we want require paid plugins. We hope to raise the required funding in 2023.

The redesigned website will have the following key features:

#### Searchable Database

A comprehensive database of missing individuals in Nigeria that can be easily searched and filtered using specific criteria.

#### Visual Map and Display

A visual representation and display of the number of people who are reported missing in Nigeria, allowing for a better understanding of our security challenge.

#### Missing Persons Request Form

A user-friendly form to facilitate the submission and logging of missing persons' requests, streamlining the process for concerned individuals.

Additionally, we are committed to expanding the scope of the **Governi.ng** website to include data collection on victims of violent killings. **By doing so, we aim to honor and preserve the identities of these victims, ensuring their remembrance for future generations.** 

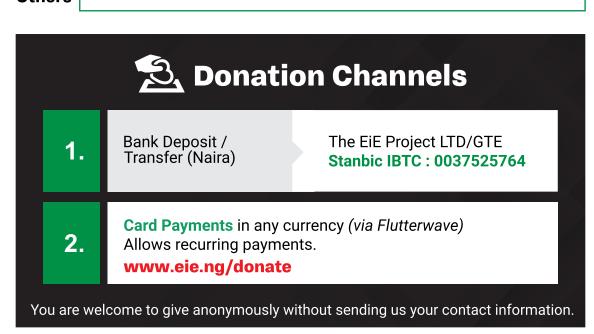


We invite you to influence Nigeria's trajectory by supporting our work to ensure that Nigerians are engaged and aware of how to make governance work for the benefit of all.

Would you like to donate N5,000; N10,000; N50,000 or any amount on a regular basis to support our work?

If yes, please email donations@eienigeria.org with the following information:

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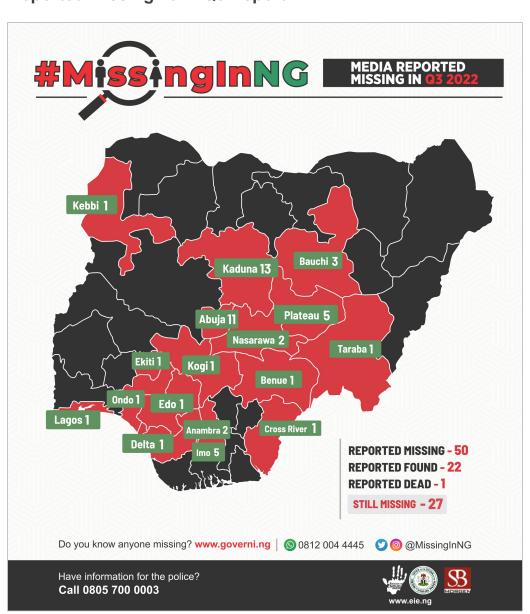
Media Reported Missing 2022 Half-Year Report



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#### **Appendix 2:**

Media Reported Missing 2022 Q3 Report



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#### **Appendix 3:**



Nigeria, Africa's most populous black nation has not had a national census since 2006!

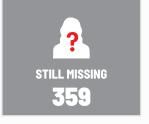
The spate of missing persons has been on the increase for over a decade. Yet, nothing substantive has been done by various administrations to create a missing persons database and open investigations where required, to bring the missing home - alive or dead.

Missing people are not mere statistics. They are real people with real lives.









Missing persons data verified by EiE Nigeria in the period under review (July 2019 - December 2022). This includes the mass kidnappings of 936 students from schools and 63 train abductees during this

In partnership with SB Morgen, we have published the maiden edition of the MissingInNG report.

To download, visit

bit.ly/MissingInNGMaidenReport

Source: EiE Nigeria, SBM Intelligence

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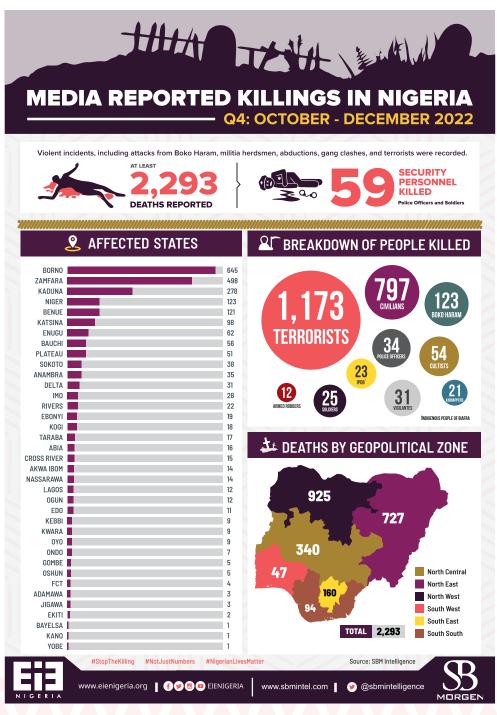






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#### **Appendix 4:**





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