



# Improving Criminal Investigation Processes in Nigeria 2013-2022



The Challenge: Unseizing the Gears



Nigeria Training Module on  
Gender Dimensions of Criminal  
Justice Responses  
to Terrorism

2019



Nigeria Handbook on  
Counter-Terrorism  
Investigations

2019



User's Guide to the Terrorism  
(Prevention) Act, 2011 (TPA)  
as amended by  
the Terrorism (Prevention)  
(Amendment) Act, 2013 (TPAA)

2021



Nigeria Training Module on  
Investigative Interviewing,  
the Right to Remain Silent and  
the Prohibition of Torture

2022



# Investigation Skills Building

## Seizing evidence: step-by-step



### Step 1

Photograph items of interest in place



### Step 2

Ensure evidential items can be handled safely



### Step 3

Protect items with forensic value from contamination



### Step 4

Label each recovered item with an Evidence Reference Number



### Step 5

Write a statement summarizing your actions



### Step 6

Deliver items to your nearest Military Police or Intelligence Unit

## Conducting searches

When searching suspects, suspect premises or crime scenes, look for the following items:



Identity cards and passports



Cellphones and two-way radios



Guns, knives, explosives and other weapons



Computers, tablets and digital storage devices



Documents, photographs, propaganda materials and maps



Any other incriminating items (i.e. bloodstained clothing, illicit drugs, large sums of money)

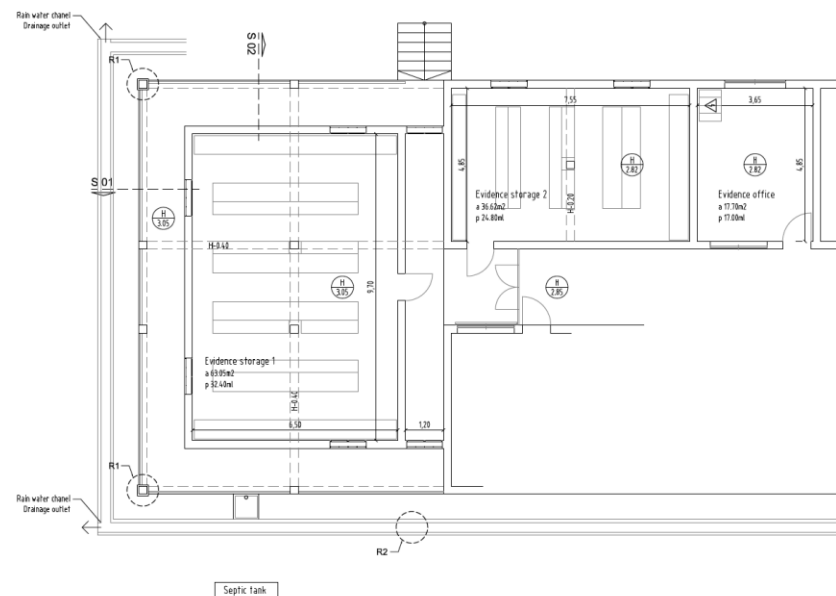


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# Evidence Collection

CID Facilities improvement  
RENOVATION OF  
EVIDENCE STORAGE ROOMS

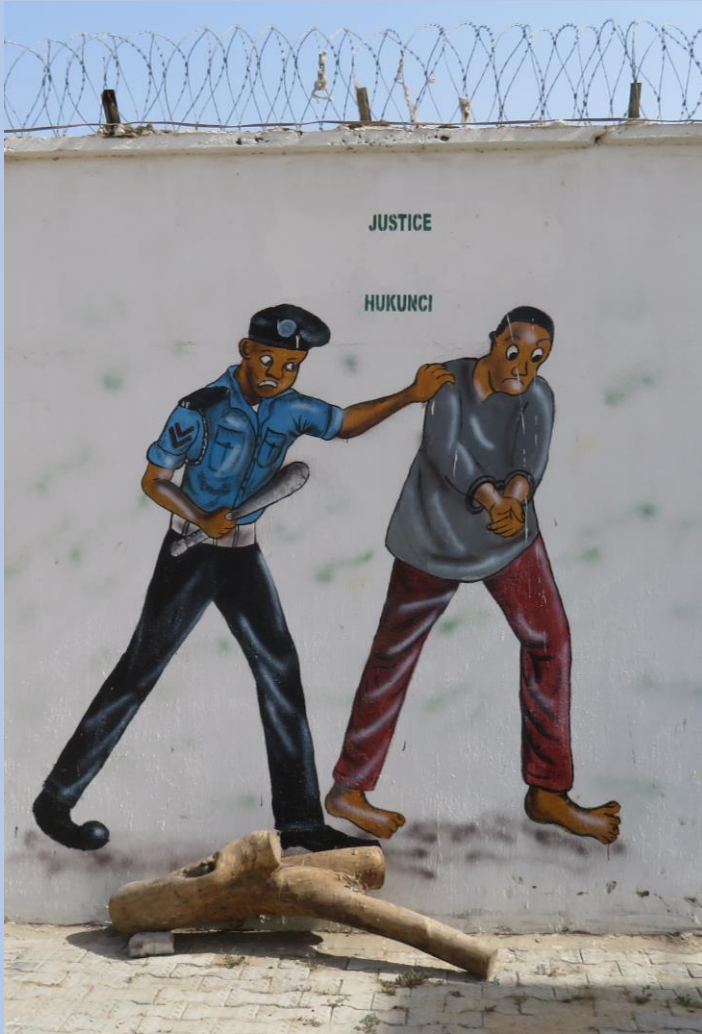


# Evidence Storage Upgrades



# Enhanced Evidence Exploitation

# Key Project Outputs



- UNODC delivered 323 capacity-building and technical assistance activities and trained 7,765 criminal justice officials.
- With UNODC support Nigerian officials have processed more than 3,000 terrorism cases since 2018, resulting in over 650 terrorism convictions, the release of 1,800 adults and 580 minors from federal custody, and the referral of 230 new cases for trial.
- SGBV has recently been prosecuted as a terrorist crime for the first time in Nigeria.