Improving Criminal Investigation Processes in Nigeria 2013-2022
The Challenge: Unseizing the Gears
Investigation Skills Building
## Seizing evidence: step-by-step

1. **Step 1**
   - Photograph items of interest in place

2. **Step 2**
   - Ensure evidential items can be handled safely

3. **Step 3**
   - Protect items with forensic value from contamination

4. **Step 4**
   - Label each recovered item with an Evidence Reference Number

5. **Step 5**
   - Write a statement summarizing your actions

6. **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:

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<th>Item</th>
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<td>Identity cards and passports</td>
<td>Cellphones and two-way radios</td>
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<td>Guns, knives, explosives and other weapons</td>
<td>Computers, tablets and digital storage devices</td>
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<td>Documents, photographs, propaganda materials and maps</td>
<td>Any other incriminating items (i.e. bloodstained clothing, illicit drugs, large sums of money)</td>
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Evidence Collection
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.