



Post Colonial Reform of Nigeria Prison: Issues and Challenges

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STRUCTURE

Preamble

Objectives

Overview

Prison Reform

Issues

Challenges



PREAMBLE

The penal system today in some African countries (i.e. Nigeria Ghana, Kenya etc) dates back to the colonial era and modelled on the British system. It is a secretive system with emphasis on punishment and deterrence.



OBJECTIVES

To review African prison system using selected countries

Analyse the post colonial reform of Nigeria prison highlighting key issues, problems and challenges



OVERVIEW OF AFRICAN PRISON

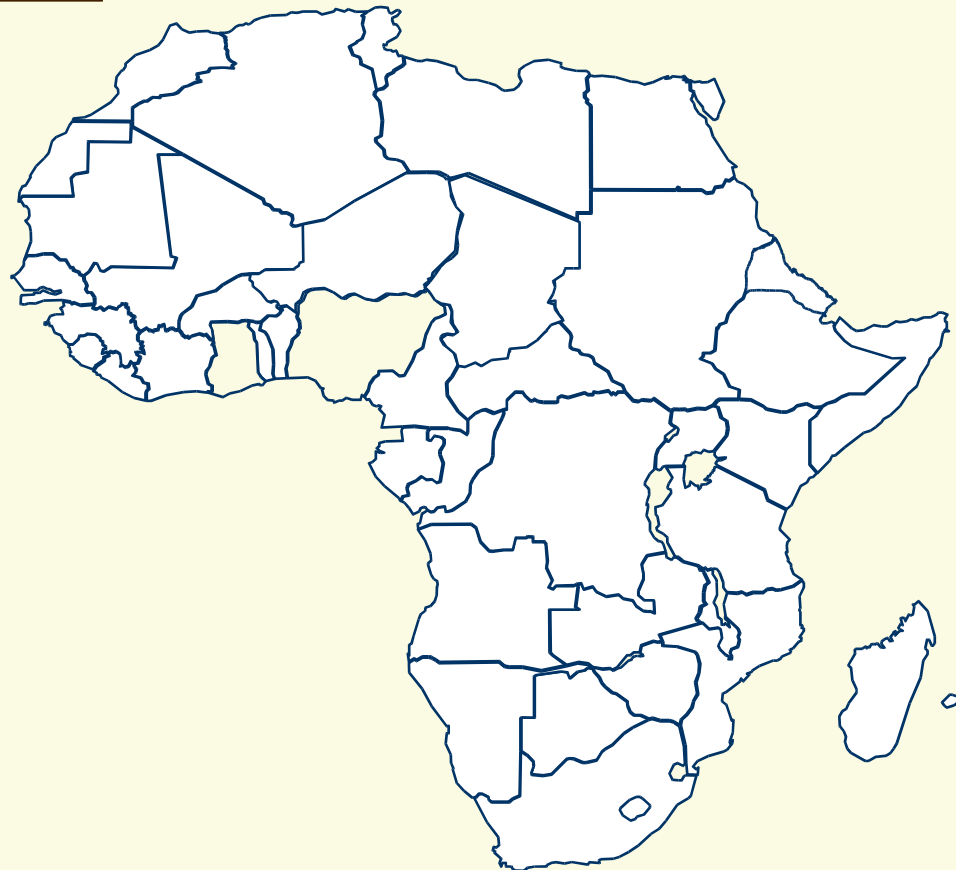
Selected Countries

Kenya

Rwanda

Ghana

Nigeria





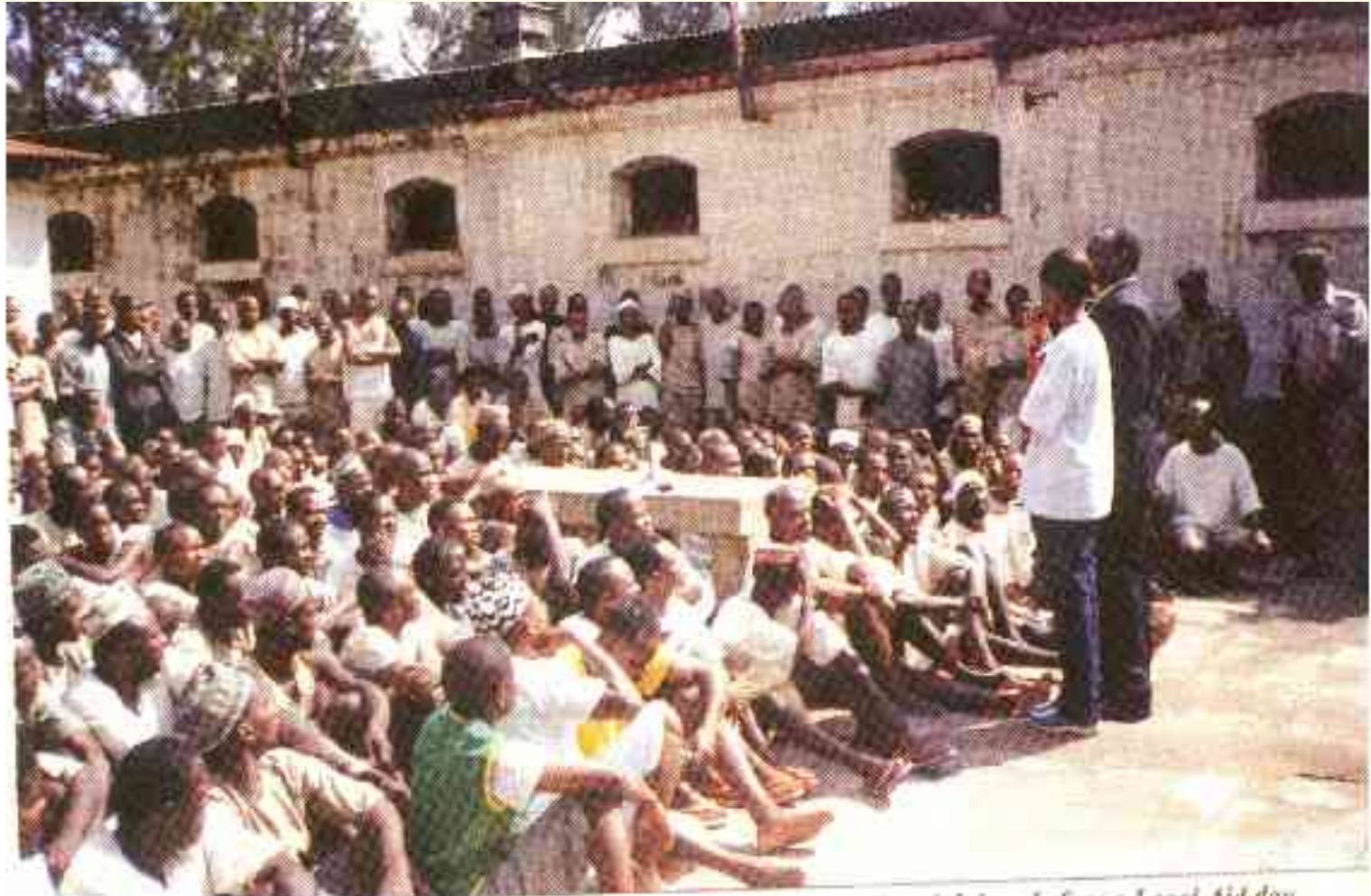


INMATES IN LANGATA FEMALE PRISON KENYA





REMAND PRISONERS IN KENYA





PRISON ESTABLISHMENT IN KENYA

The Prison System was introduced in Kenya by the British East African Protectorate with the enactment of East Africa Prisons regulation in April 1902.

The prison policy applied was pure law and order policy, oppressive, punitive and racial

Prison Capacity – 14000

Prison Population – 50000



GHANA PRISON SERVICE





GHANAIAN PRISON OFFICERS





JUVENILE INMATES IN GHANA PRISON





JUVENILE INMATES IN GHANA PRISONS SLEEPING IN BALE FLOOR





IDLE INMATE IN GHANAIN PRISON





AN INMATE IN GHANIAN PRISON DISPLAYING MEAL

Cost of
Meal/Day
Ghana
< Aus (\$)1

Nigeria
Aus (\$)1.5





PRISON ESTABLISHMENT IN GHANA

47 Prisons

7000 Capacity

12,119 Prisoners

8220 – Convicted

3160 - Remand

4,368 Staff

Half way home

Maintenance culture

Staff welfare

A spiral-bound notebook with a light beige, textured cover. The spiral binding is on the left side. The text "RWANDAN PRISON" is printed in a dark brown, serif font in the center of the cover.

RWANDAN PRISON



INMATES IN RAMERA PRISON KIGALI RWANDA





INMATES IN RAMERA PRISON KIGALI

Ramera prison is formerly a Motor park converted to Prison.

Houses over 5000 Inmates Mostly

Genocide cases





RAMERA INMATES LIVING IN TENTS





PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED INMATE IN RAMERA PRISON





TUBERCULOSIS PATIENTS IN RAMERA PRISON





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PRISON ESTABLISHMENT IN RWANDA

Population of Rwanda – 8Million People

Prison Capacity – 46700

Inmate Population – 80,000 to Date

(2 times inmate population in Nigeria and 7 times Ghana)

At least one person in every Rwandese family is a prisoner

Majority of the inmates in Rwandan prison are genocide cases

Jailbreak does not occur in Rwanda because of stigmatization



Nigerian Prison Officers





MENTALLY ILL PRISONERS IN ENUGU PRISON , NIGERIA





LIMITED RESOURCES FOR OVERCROWDED INMATES





CONVICTED INMATES IN NIGERIA PRISON





INMATES IN NIGERIA PRISON





PRISON ESTABLISHMENT IN NIGERIA

Total Capacity - 38,563

Inmate population – 39,763

Remand – 25,648

Convicted – 14, 115

Jailbreaks

Awaiting Trial

Vulnerable Prisoners



FUNCTION OF NIGERIA PRISON

To keep in safe custody of persons legally interred

To identify the causes of their inherent anti-social behaviour, treat and reform them to become law abiding citizens of a free society

To train them towards their rehabilitation on discharge

To generate revenue for government through prison farms and industries



NIGERIA PRISON REFORM

High powered prison working group

Prison working group

Open door policy

Study visits

Awaiting trial

Training



STUDY TOUR OF NIGERIA PRISON OFFICERS TO GHANA





NIGERIAN FEMALE PRISON OFFICER UNDERGOING TRAINING





CRITICAL ISSUES

Colonial prison system

Prison Act

Awaiting Trials

Jail break

Ex-prisoners

Welfare

Vulnerable prisoners

Prison officers



CHALLENGES

ASSESSMENT OF NIGERIA PRISON

Security - Failed

Reformation - Failed

Rehabilitation - Failed

Re-integration - Failed

Revenue Generation - Failed



CHALLENGES

Correctional Associations for West Africa
Penal Institution (i.e. CESCO)

Alternative to imprisonment

Data Management System

Establishment of an effective inspectorate
function for the prison system

HIV/AIDS in prison

Management training for prison officers

Rehabilitation and reintegration