Post Colonial Reform of Nigeria Prison: Issues and Challenges

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Preamble
Objectives
Overview
Prison Reform
Issues
Challenges
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
FUNCTION OF THE PRISON
INMATES IN LANGATA
FEMALE PRISON KENYA
REMAND PRISONERS 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

DISCIPLINE AND HARDWORK
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 $< 1
Nigeria $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
RWANDAN PRISON
INMATES IN RAMERA PRISON

KIGALI RWANDA
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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IN RAMERA PRISON
PRISON ESTABLISHMENT IN RWANDA

Population of Rwanda – 8 Million 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
PRISONESTABLISHMENTIN
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
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. CESCA)
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