



## FINAL TECHNICAL REPORT ON HHRRC GRANT, JULY 2022

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### GOAL

The project was originally designed for the capacity building of 40 forensic practitioners from Africa divided into four geographic zones. It aimed at training concerned practitioners on Human Rights within the legal framework in the treatment of detainees across African prisons and detention centers and to provide access to a forensic medical evaluation in line with the Istanbul Protocol, where alleged torture of detainees has occurred.

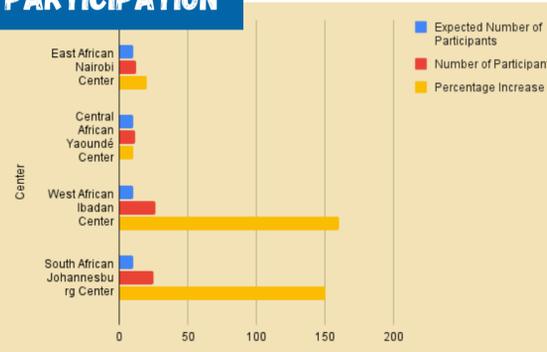
### OBJECTIVE

1. The project specifically sought to train available practitioners (mainly doctors, nurses, dentists and anthropologists) in the forensic examination of victims of torture, digital documentation and archiving of evidentiary material.
2. The training was also to address the expected physical examination of victims of torture, with an emphasis on Human Rights violations through:
  - a. Proper forensic management of victims of Human Rights violations.
  - b. Archiving and documenting the extent and various types of torture noted among detainees.

### TRAINING

- Introduction to Istanbul Protocol and its History
- History of Torture
- Relevant International Legal Standards and Obligations
- Relevant International Legal Standards and the Role of Lawyers
- Relevant Ethical Codes
- Forensic Photography
- Legal Investigation of Torture and Ill-Treatment
- The Role of Lawyers in the Prevention of Torture and Ill-Treatment
- General Consideration for Interviews
- Physical Evidence of Torture
- Physical Evidence of Torture: Falanga
- Psychological Evidence of Evidence

### PARTICIPATION



### IMPACT

- Facilitation of uncommon access to some African practitioners in the African Society of Forensic Medicine (ASFM) to engage with the relevant actors and authorities in correctional centers (prisons) on the subject of appropriate treatment of prisoners and detainees, including the prevention of torture.
- A network of trained medical/forensic and legal practitioners on the Istanbul Protocol in Africa.
- Increased awareness and sensitization on the plight of detainees and prisoners in Africa.

### RESULTS

- Successful recruitment and training of the target groups in the workshop on the physical examination of detainees and victims of detention who have been tortured and on proper documentation and archiving of the examination findings for future reference.
- Extensive KAP assessment of candidates on essential elements of Istanbul protocol.
- The outcome of an aggregate of 139 points assessment scores from pre-and post-tests administered to participants before and immediately after the training, respectively.

