PROJECT
Advancing the Rights and Welfare of IDPs through Media Monitoring, Investigative Journalism, and Media-Driven Advocacy

In a Nutshell
The project equipped journalists to raise public awareness and spur policy action through person-centered coverage about internally displaced people (IDPs).

The media professionals learned about issues IDPs face through first-hand accounts. After receiving training in experience-based and solutions-driven reporting, journalists wrote stories highlighting the hopes, aspirations, and struggles of IDPs. Summaries of the stories are included in “Silent Cries,” a tool for advocacy to advance the rights of IDPs.

“The story of Zara as reported by Mohammed Ali of Hot Pen is novel in that it is a changed narrative in the reportage on IDPs.”
—Project summary about a participant’s story that portrays a young IDP woman as an entrepreneur

Project Facts & Figures

| 2 | media consultations with a total of 71 participants |
| 2 | newly established networks of IDP-supportive journalists in Abuja and Lagos |
| 25 | participants in webinar on in-depth, person-centered reporting |
| 19 | stories highlighted in “Silent Cries” |
| 8 | recommendations for action to advance IDP rights through the media |

Partner: Journalists for Christ
Country: Nigeria
Who: Media professionals

Left: Child living in an IDP camp in Abuja, Nigeria, after being forced from his home by the Boko Haram insurgency.
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Building a Network and a Movement for Social Justice