

## **Unlocking Government Transparency**

**Embrace the Power of the Freedom of Information Act!** 



Enacted after 11 years of debate on May 28, 2011 by President Goodluck Jonathan.



**Empowering** citizens and organizations to demand the truth and challenge wrongdoings.

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) gives you the right to access recorded information held by public sector organisations.

Section 1 (1)

Notwithstanding, anything contained in any other Act, law or regulation, the right of any person to access or request information, whether or not contained in any written form, which is in the custody or possession of any public official, agency or institution howsoever described, is established.

## RECENT COURT ORDERS AND INITIATIVES THAT SHAKE UP THE SYSTEM

Organisation	FOI Requested/Initiated	Outcome	Date/Location
Media Rights Agenda (MRA)	Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN): Details of CBN's data protection policies issued in conformity with the Nigeria Data Protection Regulation (NDPR), 2019, among other things.	CBN ordered to pay MRA N1 million in damages for wrongfully denying access to information.	July 2023, Federal High Court, Abuja
The Centre for Reform and Public Advocacy (CRPA)	Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN): Documents showing revenue and yearly remittances from toll gates and parking lots at Nigerian airports from 2015.	Justice Akintayo Aluko granted an order of mandamus compelling FAAN to disclose the requested information.	July 2023, Lagos
SERAP Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project	Ministry of Finance: Details of the Abacha Loot	Justice James Omotosho, ordered the federal government to provide a detailed account of the funds looted by the late former military Head of State, General Sani Abacha.	July 2023, Federal High Court, Abuja
International Center for Investigative Reporting	Federal Ministry of Information & Culture: Details of capital and constituency projects sponsored by federal lawmakers.	The ministry violated the FOIA by refusing to release the details requested.	July 2023, Abuja
Connected Development	Ministry of Aviation: Details of the *\frac{1}{2}86 billion budgeted for establishing Nigerian Air, the procurement process, amongst others.	The ministry promised to comply when "all the information requested are compiled."	July 2023, Abuja



Active Citizens, the power lies in your hands!



Embrace the initiatives and tools available under the **FOI Act** to demand accountability, question misdeeds, and drive positive change.



Government authorities must honor existing court orders and comply with the FOI Act, ensuring the release of critical information.



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