



DUE DILIGENCE ON DATA COLLECTION AND METHODOLOGY FOR INMATE’S CHILDREN EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

MOCAFON JUSTIFICATION: Educational Scholarship Support for Children of Inmates in Nigeria

In Nigeria, children of incarcerated parents are among the most vulnerable and marginalized groups in society. When a parent is imprisoned, families often face sudden financial hardship, emotional trauma, social stigma, and disruption in children's education. Many of these children are forced out of school due to inability to pay school fees, purchase learning materials, or meet basic educational needs.

The **Mordecai Care Foundation of Nigeria (MOCAFON)** recognizes that these children are innocent victims of circumstances beyond their control and require urgent educational intervention to prevent long-term social and economic consequences.

Children of inmates in Nigeria, especially in Osun State should be given **educational scholarship support** because they are among the most vulnerable and overlooked groups in society. Supporting their education helps break cycles of poverty, crime, and social exclusion while promoting national development.

To Prevent School Dropout: When a breadwinner is incarcerated, families often struggle financially. This leads to:

- Inability to pay school fees
- Lack of school materials
- Child labour
- Early marriage (especially for girls)

MOCAFON Educational scholarships help keep these children in school and prevent them from dropping out.

Innocent Victims: Children of incarcerated parents did not commit any crime, yet they often suffer the consequences. Many lose financial support, parental care, and emotional stability when a parent is imprisoned. Scholarships help ensure they are not punished for circumstances beyond their control.

Ending the Cycle of Poverty: Education provides opportunities for better employment and improved livelihoods. Without support, children of inmates are at higher risk of:

- Street life



- Child labour
- Criminal influence
- Drug abuse

Scholarships help redirect them toward productive and positive futures. MOCAFON scholarship intervention helps keep children in school and protects them from harmful coping mechanisms. By supporting education, MOCAFON reduces the vulnerability of these children to negative influences and promotes responsible citizenship.

Promotes Equality and Socia Inclusion: Children of inmates often face stigma, discrimination, and isolation in communities and schools. MOCAFON Educational support the followings:

- Restores dignity
- Builds confidence
- Encourages equal opportunity
- Promotes inclusion in society

Rates of Future Crime will be Reduced in Nigeria: Research and experience show that education reduces the likelihood of criminal behavior. When children of inmates are educated:

- They develop life skills
- They gain employment opportunities
- They become responsible citizens

This contributes to safer communities and national security.

Supports National Development: Every child educated contributes to Nigeria's development. Supporting inmates' children: MOCAFON Scholarship initiatives helps

- Builds human capital
- Reduces dependency
- Promotes economic growth
- Strengthens communities

Mordecai Care Foundation of Nigeria (MOCAFON) and a Philanthropist in UK embarked on this initiative that propel us to reached out to the children of the incarcerated inmates in Osun State of Nigeria, with the approval of the Control General of Nigerian Correctional Service (NCS) in the **MEDIUM SECURITY CUSTODIAL CENTRE, ILESA** and **MEDIUM SECURITY CUSTODIAL CENTRE, ILE-IFE** Osun State, after writing an application letter to render humanitarian support to inmates children in Osun State, Nigeria.



However, after using the **Kobottolbox App** to collect the data of the inmates in Osun State of Nigeria, at the two medium security custodial center respectively, we were able to discovered that, 90 inmates' children are on public secondary schools while 73 inmates' children are on private school, making a total of children mapping exercise to be 163.

MOCAFON Providing educational scholarships to children of inmates in Nigeria is not just charity — it is an **investment in justice, equality, and national development**. These children deserve the opportunity to learn, grow, and become responsible citizens who contribute positively to society.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION: MOCAFON educational scholarship support will covers the following items:

School Level, Notes Books, Text Books, School Uniform and School Bags which will be deliver to the beneficiaries individually with exception of the school level that will be paid directly to the school account.

MOCAFON is making a clarion call to the entire people of the world to come our rescue as we together give educational support to the group of vulnerable children in our society in Nigeria