

Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

**STRENGTHENING THE JUDICIAL RESPONSES TO SEXUAL
VIOLENCE IN THE CONTEXT OF TERRORISM: TURNING
THE TIDE IN NIGERIA**

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Dear colleagues,

The Security Council has repeatedly called for terrorists to be brought to justice.

The Council has also recognized the way in which sexual and gender-based violence can be used by terrorist groups in a manner that is deliberate and integrally linked to their ideology and strategic objectives.

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accountability for these crimes.**

With the generous support of Switzerland, we published a dedicated report on this topic in November 2023.

It draws attention to the different links between sexual and gender-based violence and terrorism and shows that Member States have various legal frameworks at their disposal through which individual criminal accountability for these acts may be achieved.

The report also calls for survivor-centered approaches, which are holistic, human security-focused and gender-responsive.

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We inquire into the challenges that Member States encounter in ensuring accountability, identify good practices, and recommend areas where technical assistance and capacity building are needed.

When CTED visited Nigeria in October 2022, we discussed with the authorities their efforts in