

IMPROVED SEXUAL HEALTH AND RIGHTS ADVOCACY INITIATIVE (ISHRAI) PARALEGAL

and DIGITAL SECURITY TRAINING 2026

June 2026 | Southwest Nigeria

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Improved Sexual Health and Rights Advocacy Initiative (ISHRAI) is pleased to invite applications for its upcoming intensive **3-Day Training on Grassroots Paralegalism, Digital Safety, and Security**.

This fully-funded training will bring together emerging community leaders, and rightsholders across Southwest (Lagos, Ogun and Oyo), Nigeria to build a secure, decentralized network of *ISHRAI Frontline Responders*. Participants will undergo hands-on capacity building to safely track human rights infractions, mitigate cyber-extortion (*kito*), provide psychological first aid, and act as localized safety anchors.

Applicants are invited to submit their applications under the overarching training framework:

- **Securing the Frontlines: Building Community Resilience Through Grassroots Paralegalism and Digital Safety**

We welcome applicants whose interests or community backgrounds align with one or more of the following core thematic focus areas:

- **Grassroots Paralegalism & Legal First Response:** Navigating local justice systems, managing arbitrary arrests, and understanding bail compliance.
- **Digital Defense & Cyber-Security:** Countering online entrapment, securing personal devices, and mastering secure communication apps.

- **Human Rights Documentation:** Ethical case logging, incident tracking, and data security protocols for survivors of *kito* violations.
- **Psychological First Aid & Collective Care:** Managing trauma, processing secondary stress, and building mental well-being infrastructures.
- **Community Organizing & Step-Down Advocacy:** Translating learned digital and physical defense strategies into community-led peer education.

WHO CAN APPLY

We are looking for passionate, security-conscious individuals based in the Southwest region. Specifically, we welcome applications from:

- **Lawyers in Training:** Law students, paralegal students, and young legal professionals eager to apply human rights mechanisms at the grassroots level.
- **Community Voices & Leaders:** Individuals with a proven heart for community development, social justice, and collective protection.
- **Aspiring Focal Persons:** Those dedicated to stepping up as designated paralegal focal points and digital safety anchors within their specific localities.
- **Experienced Volunteers:** Active or past volunteers within human rights, civil society, or community-led support networks.
- **Youth Changemakers:** Young adults between the **ages of 18 and 30**.
- **Priority Groups:** We strongly encourage applications from **women, Transgender and Non-Binary (TGNC) persons**, and community members who are **completely new to advocacy** and seeking a safe, empowering entry point.

PREFERRED LEARNING FORMATS & EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Selected participants will engage through dynamic, highly participatory formats including:

- Simulated legal mediation and bail-negotiation workshops.
- Live digital footprint audits and mobile device hardening clinics.
- Peer-led storytelling and collective healing circles.
- Interactive panel breakdowns analyzing local safety trends and hotspot tracking.

By the conclusion of this training, participants will be formally commissioned into ISHRAI's regional first-responder network, equipped with tools to protect themselves and their peers.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be rigorously reviewed based on:

- Relevance of the applicant's goals to the training's core safety and paralegal themes.
- A clear statement of Interest
- Commitment to stepping down the acquired digital safety and legal knowledge to their local communities.
- Demonstrated alignment with the target demographics (prioritizing youth, women, TGNC individuals, and emerging advocates).
- Geographic representation across the Southwest states to ensure a balanced regional network.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Confidentiality & Safety Notice:** Due to the sensitive nature of the safety and security components, **the exact dates and venue will not be made public.** This information will be securely disclosed exclusively to shortlisted candidates during the final selection stage.
- **Full Sponsorship:** This training is fully funded by ISHRAI. Accommodation, feeding, and regional round-trip transportation logistics will be completely covered for all selected participants.
- Submission of an application does not automatically guarantee a seat, as participant capacity is strictly limited to ensure an optimal facilitator-to-student learning environment.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Deadline for applications: 10 June 2026

Apply here: <https://forms.gle/X9qgB8VDPOBUCP4m6>

For security inquiries or questions, please contact: Info@ishraing.org