

1960s
Nigerians moved to other West African countries looking for work and there was significant immigration into Nigeria, predominantly from Ghana

1967-1970
Nigerians fled to the UK during the 1967-1970 civil war and, by 1971, there were 27,000 Nigerians residing in the UK

Jan 1983
Nigerian Government expels more than one million foreigners, mostly Ghanaians

1980s / 1990s
Increasing number of Nigerians leave for the US, Saudi Arabia and Europe.
— Period of strong demand for unskilled labour in southern Europe.
— Many highly educated Nigerians migrate to the US and Europe and Nigeria experiences so-called 'brain drain'

1999-2001
86% of Nigerian women returned from Italy came from Edo State and 7% from Delta State

2000
Edo State House of Assembly enacted the Edo State Criminal Code (Amendment Law) 2000

July 2003
The National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) was created on 14 July 2003 by the Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Enforcement and Administration Act 2003.

2003
Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Law Enforcement and Administration Act 2003 – an outcome of a private member Bill sponsored at the National Assembly by NGO called the Women Trafficking and Child Labour Eradication Foundation (WOTCLEF)

2001
Thousands displaced during war in Benue State, Eastern-central Nigeria

1970
Original text – Nigeria marks end of Biafra war

1929
Aba Women's Riot – market women demonstrated about restrictions. Resulted in women being appointed to serve on Native Courts.

1966
Military Coup killing the then Head of State, General Murtalla Mohammed

1973
National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) initiated for national integration to heal the wounds as a result of the civil war

26 Aug 1993
The first Interim Government headed by Ernest Shonekan

1993
The 1993 election won by MKO Abiola considered the free-est elections in Nigeria and a watershed political development that changed the political landscape of Nigeria. An interim National Government under Ernest Shonekan came into power but was overthrown by the late General Sani Abacha. The Government of General Abdulsalam Abubakar which eventually took over initiated Nigeria's transition to democratic rule in 1999

2003
Child Rights Act was domesticated
— Child Rights law is passed in some states in Nigeria, e.g. Ondo State

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1999
COSUDOW established

1999
Constitution enshrines the rule of law and the protection of the rights of citizens

Apr 2003
First civilian-run presidential elections since end of military rule

1901
Nigeria became a British Protectorate, part of the British Empire and was governed through local traditional rulers

1960
Independence

1970s
Period of optimism and economic growth as a consequence of the development of the petroleum industry

Sept 1983
President Shehu Shagari re-elected

1980s
Economy deteriorates and decline in purchasing power

1985
Ibrahim Babangida seizes power in bloodless coup

1986
Under the Structural Adjustment Program (SAP) introduced in 1986 by the World Bank, Nigeria reformed its foreign exchange system, trade policies, and business and agricultural regulations.

1991
Capital moved from Lagos to Abuja

1993
General Ibrahim Babangida annuls the 1993 general election won by Chief Moshood Kashimawo Olawale (MKO) Abiola which is said to be Nigeria's freest and fairest election

Aug 1993
Power transferred to Interim National Government

1993-1998
Last military regime headed by Gen Sani Abacha in power

1995-1998
EU imposes sanctions and Commonwealth suspend membership following execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa and 8 of his Ogoni colleagues

2000
Adoption of Sharia law by 12 northern states

1900

1960

1970

1980

1990

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2005
The Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Law Enforcement and Administration Act 2003 was amended

2006
Nigerian diaspora estimated to be around 15 million

2014
IOMs Migration Health Assessments Centre (MHAC) became operational in Nigeria on 2 January 2014 with its two main operational centres in Abuja and Lagos

2015
Since the beginning of 2015, the North-East of Nigeria witnesses increase in violence conducted by Boko Haram, causing a major humanitarian crisis and triggering waves of forced displacement. Seven million people in need of humanitarian assistance in Nigeria, including 1.9 million displaced.
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Apr 2016
2,155,618 IDPs (in 352,840 households) were identified by IOM across 13 states (Abuja, Adamawa, Bauchi, Benue, Borno, Gombe, Kaduna, Kano, Nasarawa, Plateau, Taraba, Yobe and Zamfara). 91% live in host communities. 1,856,616 (86.16%) of these IDPs have been displaced due to insurgency and counter-insurgency activities.
— IOM started the construction of 200 shelters for the displaced population at Bakassi Camp to support the ongoing voluntary relocations of IDPs sheltered in schools in Maiduguri, Borno State.

Sept 2017
Human Rights Watch alleges that Cameroon has forcibly returned 100,000 Nigerian refugees
— As of 24 September 2017, estimated 1,713,711 IDPs (in 316,331 households) in Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Taraba and Yobe

Oct 2017
Edo State Government discloses plans to enact law against human trafficking

2004-2005
Nigerian government signed MOU with UK government on trafficking in persons
— Network of Civil Society against Child Trafficking, Abuse and Labour (NACTAL) established
— First NAPTIP Act amended

2011
Child Protection Network was inaugurated in Edo State

2015-2016
Violence Against Persons Act promulgated in Nigeria
— Modern Slavery Act in UK brought into law and UK Anti-Slavery Commissioner appointed
— Violence Against Person's Prohibition Act (VAPP)

— The Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Law Enforcement and Administration Act 2003 as amended was repealed and re-enacted as the Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Enforcement and Administration Act 2015
— Network of CSOs Against Human Trafficking and Irregular Migration (NCAHTI) established in Niger Delta

Apr 2017-May 2017
Salvation Army Anti-Human Trafficking Community Awareness and Recovery (CAR) programme funded by UK Home Office
— Pathfinders Justice Initiative (JPI) partners with Edo State government to host First Stakeholder Forum on Human Trafficking in Benin City

Aug 2017
British Secretary of State for International Development visits NAPTIP safehouse

Sep - Nov 2017
United Nations General Assembly holds high level events on trafficking and Call to Action
— 26 female migrants drown in Mediterranean Sea
— CNN report from Libya on sale of African migrants from Libyan detention centres – Libya slave trade became public knowledge and triggered international outcry

Dec 2017
UN Annual Migrants Dialogue, Abuja

18 Dec 2017
International Day for Migrants

Jan 2018
Fulani Herdsmen mayhem (72 Benue indigenes massacred)

7 Jan 2018
The Federal Government Returnees Program started to return all Nigerians stranded abroad

8 Feb 2018
International Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking

30 July 2018
International Day for Human Trafficking commemoration

Jan 2006 onwards
Oil pipeline and oil facilities attacked in Niger Delta and more control over regions oil wealth demanded

Mar 2011
President Goodluck Jonathan wins elections

May 2013
Government declares state of emergency in Yobe, Borno and Adamawa in the Northeast and sends troops

Sept 2008
Niger Delta attacks on oil installations

2005

2010

2015

2018

'VULNERABILITY' TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING: A STUDY OF VIET NAM, ALBANIA, NIGERIA AND THE UK

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Timeline devised during Shared Learning Event – for further detail see: www.beds.ac.uk/trafficking

