The ISHR’s presence on the African continent includes the West African Committee of the ISHR, including groups in Togo, Cameroon, Mali, and Benin, who report on human rights violations occurring in their countries. ISHR Kenya in eastern Africa focuses on caring for and educating underprivileged children and orphans, and a new group is also forming in Uganda. The ISHR headquarters in Germany also has ongoing projects supporting the education of girls in Nigeria, as well as spreading awareness of human rights violations committed by the terrorist group Boko Haram. To learn more about specific issue areas and our work in Africa, see the updates below.

**UPDATES**

**Ex-Muslim arrested for blasphemy**

Frankfurt am Main/Abuja, 29 April 2020 - Mubarak Bala, President of the Humanist Association of Nigeria, was arrested by the police in Kaduna on
charges of blasphemy. The arrest of the former Muslim followed a petition by Muslim lawyers to the police commissioner in Kano state, reports the ISHR.

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Christian activists in the United States are urging the US government to implement a “Plan Nigeria”, based on its military/economic Plan Colombia.

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**Victims of Xenophobia Abroad, Culprits of Xenophobia at Home**

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