



LEAH LEADERSHIP
EMPOWERMENT
ADVOCACY
HUMANITARIAN
FOUNDATION



THE BEGINNING

- On February 19, 2018, the **LEAH Foundation** began with the kidnapping of **Leah Sharibu**, 14, by Boko Haram.
- Working with Leah's parents – Rebecca and Nathan - we are advocating for her release, while helping other girls and young women.

Leadership
Empowerment
Advocacy and
Humanitarian





CREATED OUT OF CRISIS

- Terrorism has ravaged Nigeria.
- Failure to combat terrorism.
- Persecuted women and girls need help.



THE NEED FOR LEAH FOUNDATION

UNICEF reports:

- Over **370 million girls** worldwide have faced sexual violence before the age of 18.
- Over **79 million girls** in sub-Saharan Africa raped, sexually assaulted – that is one in five – before turning 18.
 - **Majority** are in countries with conflict and insecurity.



Nigeria has:

- Over **18.5 million children** out of school
 - Over **10 million** are girls.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/10/10/over-79-million-girls-in-sub-saharan-africa-raped-sexually-assaulted-u>

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LEAH FOUNDATION

VISION: Bring Freedom to Women and Girls living in all forms of captivity in Africa.

MISSION: Dedicated through three “Ps”:

- 1. Promote** advocacy through pressure for rescue of women and girls from all forms of captivity.
- 2. Provide** for women and girls who have been affected by attacks or are rescued from any form of captivity.
- 3. Petition** prayers for women and girls who are in any form of captivity.



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PROJECTS

- Skills
- Safety
- Education
- Advocacy



- **Animal Husbandry (aka, Sandy's Helpers):**
 - Goats, Sheep and Cows)
 - Poultry and Rabbitry
 - Fishery
 - Piggery
- **Agricultural:**
 - Partnering with the organization CME, we train agricultural practices, technologies, and the business of farming.



- **Hairdressing/Cosmetology:**
 - Hair styling, cutting, coloring, weaving, braiding and other services related to hair care.
- **Tailoring:**
 - Creating or stitching various items such as dressmaking, bags or other fabric goods
- **Computers:**
 - Fundamental training in computer skills and admin tasks.



- **Improved Cook Stoves**
 - Partnering with 2 other organizations, we provide sustainable and environmental solutions, to improved cook stoves.
 - Uses charcoal briquettes or small amounts of kindling firewood thereby:
 - Reduce deforestation
 - Reduce carbon emissions – Carbon Credits
 - Decrease blindness, lung disease
 - Reduce inflated price of firewood
 - Reduce attacks / kidnappings to women searching for firewood.
 - Literacy and life-skills training.



- **Hedges of Mercy**
 - 3-month residential, non-pharmacological recovery program for substance abusers.
- **Hope & Freedom Center**
 - 6–9-month residential program, providing:
 - Vocational training,
 - Trauma healing, and
 - Discipleship.
 - Skills acquisition: tailoring, hairdressing, computers, etc.
 - Health and medical care.
- **Masada House**
 - 2 year program: mentorship, fellowship, skills acquisition, rehabilitation, recovery, and help to reintegrate into community.

PROJECTS: EDUCATION



- **Donald:** Leah's brother graduated from Secondary School and now in University
- **Provided** education assistance to 20 young girls
- **Helped** 4 of Leah's classmates from her village of Dapchi to graduate Secondary School and enter University.

PROJECTS: ADVOCACY



- **Leah Sharibu:** Taken into slavery by Boko Haram Islamic terrorists on February 19, 2018, as a 14-year-old Christian girl.
 - May 14, 2025, Leah Sharibu will be 22 years old.
 - Leah has been held has a slave for nearly 7 years.
- **Media:** Social media, Press Conferences, Press releases, etc.
- **Days of Remembrance:** Captivity, birthday, women/girls, etc.)
- **Politicians:** US Congress, local, UK, EU, etc.
- **Awareness:** summits & petitions



TRIUMPHS

- We hosted an International Religious Freedom (IRF) summit gathering Muslim and Christian leaders in Nigeria.
- We drilled two deep boreholes for water and installed solar heating water systems at each center - H&F and Masada.
- We have distributed over 8,000 Improved Cooking Stoves.
- Over 130 young women have benefitted from Hope & Freedom's programs.
- Masada currently has 10 residents, graduating 2 ladies last month.
- Since it started in 2022, Sandy's Helpers Animal Husbandry program has helped 770 women with training and chicks, piglets, calves and sheep.
- Advocated for the declaration of Leah Sharibu as USCIRF's Religious Prisoner of Conscience.

<https://www.uscifr.gov/religious-prisoners-conscience/forb-victims-database/leah-sharibu>



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FAITH, HOPE & LOVE

Because Leah refused to be forcefully converted, thousands of women and Girls have received support, education, empowerment, discipleship, trauma healing, counselling, leadership training, and hope.

Leah's faith is being expressed as love to empower and encourage women and girls to stand strong and remain free.



Leah Sharibu is the Face of What is Wrong in Nigeria

- Persecution of minority groups in Nigeria
- Lack of religious freedom
- Inadequate girl-child education
- Her story has inspired many to be courageous
- Lack of religious freedom
- Human rights concerns
- Women rights



Leah and the Nigerian Crisis

- Leah's captivity and the overall crisis in Nigeria has inspired hope and a drive to proclaim the truth.
- Leah's crisis and the worsening situation in Nigeria can give the right people power for change and bring hope.



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