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❖ **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report outlines my internship experience at the Custodial Center in Oke-Kura, Ilorin, Kwara State. During the period of my internship/practicum, I engaged myself in various units of the Custodial center to understand the operations of the correctional system, contributing to rehabilitation programs, and also tend myself to develop necessary and also the essential skills used in operating in the custodial center. With my period of stay at the custodial center, my experience has outstandingly shaped knowledge about the custodial environment and has given me the mind of pursuing a career in CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

❖ INTRODUCTION

A report has to do with the documentations of the experience gained during an internship/practicum. A report can also be seen as a document or statement that presents information in an organized format for a specific audience and purpose. So, the purpose of my report on the Custodial Center at Oke-Kura, Ilorin, Kwara State, is to document my initial expectations in gaining insight into the Correctional system, understanding the 3 R's {REFORMATION, REHABILITATION, REINTEGRATION} of the correctional system and also contributing positively to the facility's programs.

❖ INSTITUTION OVERVIEW

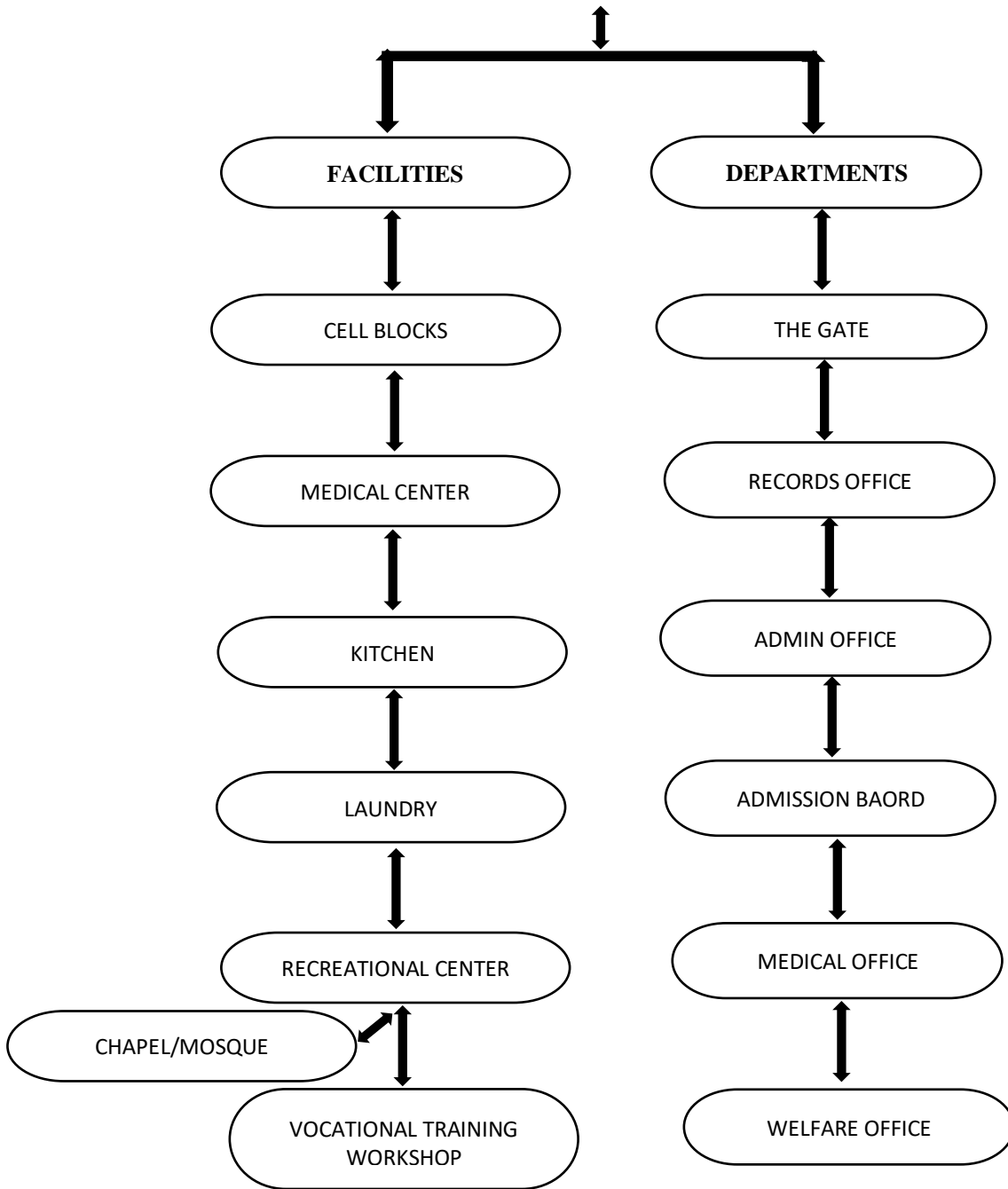
Custodial Center at Oke-Kura

The Custodial Center at Oke-Kura, is a state managed institution, responsible for the reformation, rehabilitation and also the reintegration of offenders in Kwara State. It was established in 1963 as ilorin prison but was renamed in 2019 as ilorin correctional center. It is a North central zone held by the Deputy Controller of Corrections. Designed with the capacity of 131. It is established to uphold justice and facilitate the reintegration of inmates back into the society and the center also focuses on correctional education, vocational training's and also psychological support. The facility operates under the Nigerian Correctional Service, which aims to reform them, rehabilitate them and reintegrate them rather than merely punish the offenders.

Custodial Center Structure(ORGANOGRAM)

The custodial center structure contains of the facilities in the center and also the departments involved inside of the facilities. Below is an organogram that illustrate the structure of the custodial center Oke-Kura, Ilorin, Kwara State.

**CUSTODIAL CENTER OKE-KURA, ILORIN, KWARA STATE.
INSTITUTION ORGANOGRAM**



Organogram1.1

❖ **INTERNSHIP OBJECTIVES**

The primary and sole aim or objectives of internship carried out as a criminology student is;

1. To gain practical knowledge about the custodial center operations.
2. To understand the reformation, rehabilitation and the reintegration processes for inmates in the custodial center.
3. To develop interpersonal and professional skills relevant to criminal justice.
4. To have a real experience of how the custodial center is been operated.

❖ **RESPONSIBILITIES AND TASKS DURING INTERNSHIP/PRACTICUM**

1. Observation and Documentation:

Observation is the practice of actively watching, while documentation is the ability to pen down what it is you've observed that is what you have actively seen. During my internship/practicum, I spent time observing daily routines, including how the inmates interacted with both the warders and their fellow inmates, their rehabilitation programs that is their workshops that they are been appointed to and after observing I got to pen them down.

2. Engagement with inmate:

During my internship/practicum, I was given the opportunity to have a one on one discussion which is referred to as an interview with inmates in the custodial center, not only interviewing them but also to serve as a psychological factor in understanding their pains, challenges and also giving them the support they need at that point in time.

❖ CASES PROFILED DURING MY INTERNSHIP/PRACTICUM

CASE 1

RAPE

On the 6th of September, 2024. 3 new inmates who were case-mates were brought into the correctional center on the case of **RAPE, ACT OF GROSS INDICENCY AND UNLAWFUL SEXUAL INTERCOURSE.** Adeleke Oke 80yrs old, Moshood Suleiman 37yrs old, Sikiru Lawal 35yrs old we accused of the act of raping a 15 yrs old girl.

On getting to the admission board they were all brought in for profiling, during the profiling, and they were questioned one after the other asking what really was the issues that transpired among the little girl and themselves but they kept on saying nothing really happened between them and the girl and they never raped any girl.

I asked the 80 yrs old man what really happened and he explained saying he was the only one at home, he does all his stuffs himself, all his children are not staying but said to have issues with the friend some time ago because he worked for him but the friend had refused to pay and he forgot about the money.

On wanting to get something but could not leave the house he had to call the girl to help as his children wasn't around to help but the mother brought of the girl came and started shouting the man wants to rape her daughter and the woman reported the case to the civil service and when the woman saw the civil service was not doing anything she moved him to the police station from the police they went to court and they were told be remanded at the custodial center.

CASE 2

ALLEDGED MURDER AND POSSESSION OF FIRE ARM

On the 12th of August, 2024. New inmate was brought to the custodial center. Hussein Gafar a farmer and a vigilante. He complained to the Town head that people have been trespassing on his farm land and stealing his crops and was told to be on watch out.

Unfortunately for the trespasser, the farm owner saw them and shot his gun, it hit one of them and the farm owner quickly went to the town header to report this issue and he was told they should head immediately to the police station to report the case, on getting to the station, the family of the individual who was hit with the bullet of the gun that was shot has already been there to file a complaint that his son was shot, the

farm owner was taken to the court and was put on the warrant of remanding him at the custodial center. He claimed to be part of the vigilante group and I also ask him if the gun he used was licensed and he said yes but the paper was yet to be given to him but it's available and the town header knows about it.

✧ LOG BOOK SUMMARY

WEEK1

On the 5th of August, 2024. I was accepted to the custodial center, submitted my letter of acceptance which was given to me as my pass to the custodial center from the Nigerian correctional Service headquarter Ilorin, Kwara state.

Getting to the custodial center I submitted my pass which was the acceptance letter to Mr Abdulgafar who was the head of the welfare office, I was welcomed and was told to resume duty the next day..

On the 6th of August, 2024. I resumed at the Custodial Center has told to do. Passing through the **GATE**, I had to submit my phones and also to drop my bags because it's not allowed due to the rule and regulations of the institution.

I was given a brief introduction about the Custodial Center and about what I'll learn before my completion of my practicum.

On the 7th of August, 2024. I and my fellow interns were told to be present at the **MAGISTRATE COURT**, to see how court proceeds looks like and how it's been carried out or been held.

On the 8th of August, 2024. I was at the admission board where inmates are been profiled. During profiling, the Superintendent in charge of the custodial center must be present, the medical officer, the welfare officer, the record officer, the chief warder, and the yard master.

On the 9th of August, 2024. I was posted to the Medical Unit to see how inmates were been treated and how they were been attended to in the custodial center.

WEEK2-5

Basically all what happened was a repetiton Inmates going to court, admission of inmates into the custodial center, discharge of inmates from the custodial center back into the society.

Only for on Wednesday's we go to court for court proceedings at the **MAGISTRATE COURT**, to witness the adjournment, sentencing of cases in the court.

WEEK 6

On the 9th of September, 2024. I interviewed an inmate named TAIYE ALABI 41 yrs of age, convicted since 2019 till date.

He said to me by causing his own imprisonment by walking with friends who taught him how to steal. He had to tell the bike man who carried him to teach him how to ride the bike and in the process he zoomed of with the bike because he learnt the skill from his friends and on a fateful day he was caught, causing him to spend his life in jail.

On the 10th of September, 2024. I interviewed an inmate named IYANU DANIEL 28yrs of age (ATM).

He was involed in a fraudulent business with a loader, after the work has been fully processed and the money was available, he lied that the client did not give any money to him which was a lie. Unfortunately for him he was caught and taken to court and was charged with Breach of trust.

On the 11th of September, 2024. I interviewed an inmate named SANNNI AHMAD 27 yrs of age (ATM).

He was arrested for the case of theft because his friend had issues with him, and with that he mentioned his name so as to get him arrested also. He was at Bidah and the crime happened at ilorin.

On the 12th of September, 2024. I interviewed an inmate named YEMI OLUTIMI 36yrs of age(ATM).

He introduced a business to his friend and his friend got interested funded him with his own part of the money with conditions stated and they both agreed to it.

Unfortunately, the business they both did has not yield and that made the friend to be curious and started asking for his money back but could not pay up and that led to his arrest and has been awaiting his trial since he has been remanded in the Custodial Center.

On the 13th of September, 2024. I interviewed an inmate named ISMAIL RAHEEM 34 yrs of age (ATM).

He was a Lagos based person, only comes back to his home which is ilorin only for Christmas, New year or any special occasion in the family. Unfortunately he came for the wedding of the sister and everywhere was filled and could not sleep around the house.

He wanted to go get an hotel to pass the night and the next morning to move back to Lagos but his brother told him he has a friend he could pass the night with so as not to waste money for a hotel room. Unfortunately for him where he stayed got raided by the police, they were carried to the station and was told that the neighbourhood called that they were cultist and the lied on them possessing fire arm which was not even founded during the raid. He was taken to court and was remanded by the court and still awaits trial.

WEEK 7-10

From week 7-10 was practically the same thing as from above, There was admission of inmates which is basically carried out everyday in the Custodial Center. The rate of recidivism is getting out of hand, were inmates released commits another crime outside in the society just to come back into the Custodial Center because he or she enjoys it.

Admission of inmates is a everyday task in the Custodial Center. We admit and we discharge everyday.

I was able to interview these inmates based on the communication skill I had learned from my internship period and I made sure to reward the inmates after every interview I had with them and also encouraged them.

❖ SKILLS DEVELOPED DURING INTERNSHIP/PRACTICUM

1. Communication Skills:

During my internship/practicum, I developed the ability to convey information effectively, because me engaging with inmates and staffs enhanced my ability to communicate effectively and empathetically.

2. Organizational Skills:

During my internship/practicum, I developed the skill and also the ability of organizational management. Assisting in planning and executing workshops in the custodial center improved my organizational capabilities.

3. Crisis Management Skills:

During my internship/practicum, the ability to be able to identify and respond to situations that disrupts and threatens the custodial environment has made me to understand valuable crisis management skill.

✧ CHALLENGES FACED

1. Emotional Complexity:

During my internship, I faced the one significant challenges which was that of an emotional complexities of working in the custodial setting. Hearing the stories of most inmates during the session of Admission in the custodial center draws out the emotional part of me which was not meant to be so. It took a while before I could adapt on how to put away my feelings when an inmate is been profiled at the Admission Board. Showing a sympathetic emotional side gives inmates to keep lying because they feel you believe them and with one will never get to know the truth about his crime because of the emotions you put out. During the period of my practicum I was taught how to concentrate and also to put off the sympathetic side of me. In addition I was told not to believe any side story an inmate is spilling because they might be lying and me believing brings out the emotional part to sympathize with the inmate without me knowing he's lying and with emotional complexity shown inmates will keep lying and never say the truth. This was the challenge I face during my internship at the custodial center, Oke-Kura, ilorin, Kwara state.

✧ CONCLUSION

My internship/practicum at the Custodial Center in Oke-Kura was a well spent practicum that gave me a re-constitutive experience that exceeds my own very expectations, it provided me with a deeper understanding of how the Nigeria Correctional Service Is been operated and also gave a deep understanding of the

criminal justice system in general and also gave me the reinforced dedication to supporting rehabilitation efforts in the custodial center. I'll love to tell the world that the kind of custodial center they see in movies are not real because it does not bring out it's full meaning and with only a practical experience can someone really know what a custodial center looks like and how it's been operated.

✧ **RECOMMENDATIONS**

To the future interns I'll urge and recommend them to:

1. Engage actively with all aspects of the custodial center to maximize your learning capacity and capability.
2. Take advantage of tutoring opportunities with experienced staff.

To the custodial center;

1. Consider expanding outreach programs to include community involvement, enhancing the support network for inmates post release.