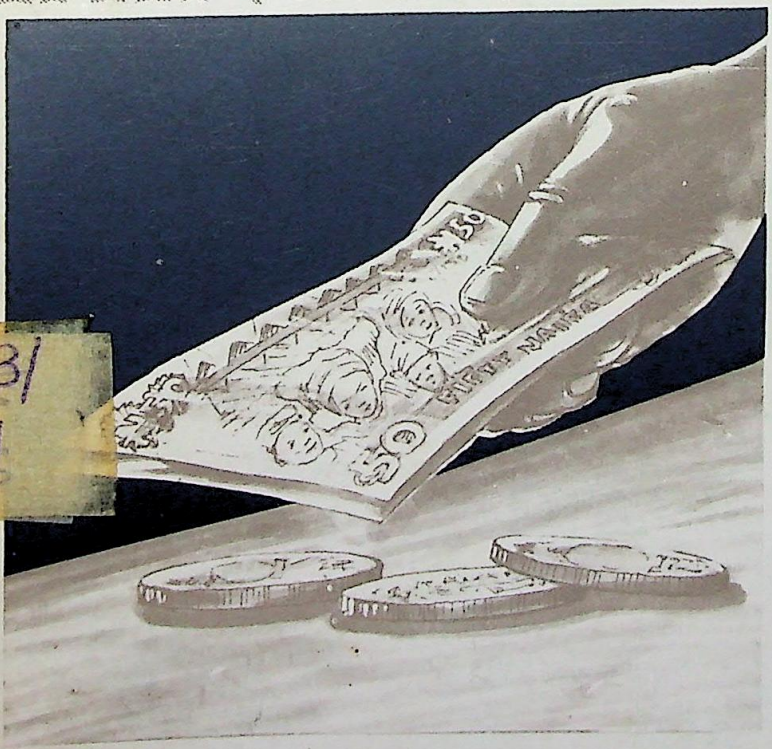
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# PREFACE

The Worldwide effort in creating Human Rights Awareness through education, both formal and informal, requires constant and diverse approaches towards the attainment of the ultimate goal - the knowledge and appreciation of fundamental human rights as declared by the United Nations, the African Charter for Human and People's Rights and various constitutional provisions of African States.

Our Centre, is fully committed to the promotion of Human Rights through Education. This led to the preparation of these pamphlets in the Human Rights Education Series, as our contribution towards the realisation of the main objectives of the Decade for Human Rights Education, as well as the various provisions in Human Rights declarations.

It is our hope that through this medium we will help increase the level of awareness of the human rights provisions which exist for the benefit of all people without discrimination.

We hope in the nearest future to translate these pamphlets into the major Nigerian languages, so as to reach a vast number of the population who are not versed in the English language.

**Titles in the SERIES include:**

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This effort should not be seen as an end in itself. At best,they are merely part of a continuing process for creating awareness of Human Rights Principle.

We will be grateful for your comments on the format, the language and the general substance of the text which will be useful in the publicaton of the series in the future.

If you are in need of any form of advice or assistance in relation to the issues covered by the pamphlet, please contact us at our Centre.
I wish you a very happy reading

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# MAINTENANCE?

## WHAT IS MAINTENANCE?

Maintenance is money given by either a husband or a wife to the other and to their children for their upkeep.

Any person to whom money is given is a dependant.

The money for the dependant is for his support and to provide him with the basic needs of life.

## WHY DO WE NEED MAINTENANCE

Payment of maintenance is for the support of the dependant and to provide him with the necessities of life. The necessities of life are the basic needs of life for the dependant. It helps with paying school fees, feeding, clothing and transportation.

A single parent may not be able to provide all the basic needs of life for the children and without money life will be very difficult.

## WHO CAN CLAIM MAINTENANCE

* A husband can claim maintenance from the wife.
* A wife can claim maintenance from the husband.
* A child under the age of 21 can claim maintenance from his/her parents.
* A child over the age of 21 can claim maintenance if the court thinks there are special reasons for doing so.
* If a woman is married she can claim maintenance for herself and the children they had from the marriage, from