



The Safe Kids
The Safe Kids is the Official Newsletter of The Cece Yara Foundation.

Annual Review



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FROM THE FOUNDER TRUSTEE

What a year! Our first year has been a landmark year as we launched the first free child helpline and opened the first full service Child Advocacy Centre in Nigeria, complete with a forensic interview suite. Children now have direct access to free help and support, many families have been helped with recovery from sexual abuse, and our education & outreach teams teach adults and children how to keep children safe. We have strengthened our relationships with our partner agencies across Nigeria, and we are incredibly proud to have launched the first online child protection directory in Nigeria.



BOLA TINUBU

Your support of the Cece Yara advocacy Centre has made all of this possible. Thanks to generous individuals like you, we can continue improving our services and expanding our reach to someday achieve our vision of a childhood free from sexual abuse. We are proud of our Centre and would be delighted to host you for a tour. Please don't hesitate to reach out at any time - We'd love to hear from you!

We are very proud of the work outlined below. We congratulate and thank our staff, partners, donors and other stakeholders who made this all possible.

REPORT AT A GLANCE	FORENSIC INTERVIEW EXPERTS 10 TRAINED STAFF	CASE REPORT 147 CASES TREATED:
ONLINE COUNSELLING 667 SESSIONS	SKAP 4,924 CHILDREN TRAINED IN 6 MONTHS	ONGOING COUNSELLING & PSYCHOTHERAPY 45 FAMILIES
LEGAL SUPPORT 25 CASES	HELPLINE: 4,626 CALLS RECEIVED	

- ## OUR SERVICES
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THE CAC LAUNCHED



The Cece Yara Child Advocacy Centre was launched and commissioned in the presence of Key Stakeholders in the Child Protection Sector in Lagos state. It is a One-Stop purposed-built child-friendly, safe and welcoming facility with a coordinated approach to the investigation, treatment and prosecution services for children who have been or likely to be sexually abused. All services are provided from a central location, and legal, medical and psychosocial support services are provided for FREE.

COUNSELLING AND PSYCHOTHERAPY



We have provided online counselling and referral services for **703** callers, and over **88** clients and their families are currently receiving in-house and at-home psychotherapy and rehabilitation services. We provide individual, group, and play therapy for our children and their non-offending family members.

Our professional counsellors and child psychotherapists help our clients move from "just getting by" to flourishing and thriving, which simply makes our day, every day.

REPORT ABUSE



We provided services to **147** cases of abuse, and the children and their families accessed some or all of our services. We provided comprehensive emergency intervention, investigative, legal, medical and psychosocial services in respect of **56** serious cases of abuse.

We support callers and children in various types of ways, and our aim is always to ensure that children who experience sexual abuse are provided with every single support services available. This is not always possible for a variety of reason – children and other callers are still afraid, they do not provide us with enough information to follow up on reports, they refuse intervention in order not to damage family relationships, they just want to know their rights and what they can do, and sometimes they just want to be listened to, or counselled on the telephone. Fortunately, we are receiving increased cooperation from families and continue to provide them with support to withstand societal pressures.

FREE CHILDHELPLINE



We launched the first free 24-hour child helpline in Nigeria for children experiencing sexual abuse or who are at risk, or have suffered abuse with a listening ear, counseling or referral services.

It is also a significant resource for families, friends, organizations and members of the community requesting help or information on child sexual abuse.

A total of **4,642** calls from across the country been attended to by our trained child helpline counselors who receive continuous training.

4927 CHILDREN EMPOWERED!



We unveiled our Safe Kids Awareness Program (SKAP) across Lagos State to enable children to recognise and report sexual abuse, and to teach them how to stay safe from sexual abuse. The program provides age-targeted training for children aged 5-7, 8-11, and 12-15 and includes teaching the children about power assertiveness to counteract attempted abuse (very popular with the children!).

We have trained 4924 children in our first year by going to schools, religious bodies, community and child-centered organizations, and many of the calls to our child helpline come from children at these schools. The children trained show a 79% increase in knowledge of staying safe from sexual abuse.

Please contact us if you would like us to visit your children's school.

THE CECE YARA FOUNDATION AT THE FORE FRONT OF A GLOBAL MOVEMENT THAT ADDRESSES ISSUES RELATED TO CHILD PROTECTION!



Win a bid to strengthen and be a part of a global movement that addresses issues relating to child protection, The Cece Yara Foundation in May, 2017 acquired a license from CHILDLINE India to adapt a child sexual abuse prevention cartoon video to suit Nigerian children. Our Safekids Awareness Programs (SKAP) uses the cartoon to improve children's comprehension of safe touch, unsafe touch and body boundaries, in a way that the children can easily relate to.

STATE OF THE ART FORENSIC INTERVIEW SUITE



We celebrated the graduation and certification ceremony of 10 Trained Forensic Interview Experts during the year. We also trained representatives of the Child Protection Department of Lagos State, and the Nigerian Police Force, and we are now able to obtain high quality evidence from children in a developmentally sensitive manner, taking their cognitive abilities into consideration.

The Forensic Interview Suite is in the forefront of technology-based investigations of child sexual abuse cases, and will be transformational in assisting the police to the carry out more thorough investigations.

PROVIDING LEGAL SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN



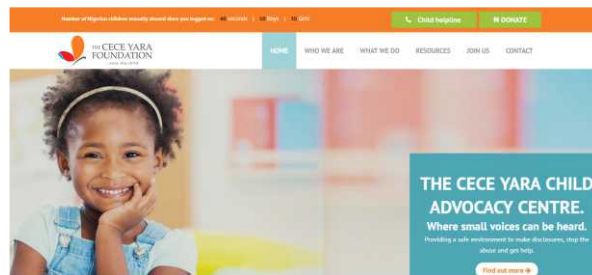
Our 5 in-house lawyers provided **128** Clients with legal advocacy services during the year and we filed **25** new cases of child sexual abuse in court. We were overjoyed when we secured our first conviction within 4 months of filing the case! The perpetrator received a sentence of 7 years with no option of fine.

We were delighted to publish our pamphlet – “Obtaining Justice” which provides adults and children with a simplified what to expect during a police investigation and the court process. These are distributed free to Police Stations and the Sexual Offences Courts, and are available on our website.

EMERGENCY RESCUES

We rescued **12** children and removed them from their abusive home environments. These are really unfortunate cases where there is no caregiver, or the child is in the care of the offender. Once removed from the offending environment, we work with the State Child Protection Unit, the Ministry of Education and the Police to ensure a thorough investigation, a hospitable temporary environment and that the child's education is not disrupted. We always work towards uniting the child with a caring family member.

CECE YARA'S NEW WEBSITE GOES LIVE!



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To be a part of awesome work, please visit our website on www.ceceyara.org to donate or volunteer.

First in Nigeria – ONLINE CHILD PROTECTIONS SERVICES PORTAL LAUNCHED

The Child Protection Directory gives you access to child protection services in Nigeria and provides you with verified contact information of service providers in Nigeria who provide support to children suffering from sexual abuse, and their families. You can search for medical services, legal services, police, government agencies as well as other partner NGOs, by local government areas. Talk about vital information at your fingertips!

FALZ AT THE CECE YARA FOUNDATION CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER



When we launched our child helpline, we hoped that a well-known celebrity would help us to create awareness. Mr. Folarin Falana popularly known as Falz was heaven sent! Falz has over 5 million followers on Instagram, and his endorsement of our work has gone a long way in creating awareness of child sexual abuse.

We are grateful for this free and invaluable support from Falz. **What a GOOD guy!**

SOCIAL & HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT FOR OUR CLIENTS



As part of our 8 core services, we provide advocacy support in terms of economic empowerment to our clients and their families who are in dire need of support. These donations include payment of educational fees for our clients in order to ensure access to education which is one of the fundamental rights of a child as well as provision of basic materials. We provide education support for X clients.

We also provided support to partner shelters (homes and orphanages) by donating food items, and providing counselling for their children.

CERTIFIED DARKNESS TO LIGHT (D2L) FACILITATORS



As part of CYF core values to build capacity of her workforce, 4 members of staff were sponsored by CYF to attend Training in The United States. The training-workshop took place the Bivona Child Advocacy Centre in New York. The workshop was organised by Darkness to Light (D2L) a US non- governmental organisation whose mission is to empower people to prevent child sexual abuse.

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NSPCC'S PANTS RULES IN YORUBA



The UK's National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to children licensed its PANTS awareness program to us, and we are able to use their prevention awareness materials and brand to teach

Nigerian children about sexual abuse. It forms the core of our SKAP program, and we have translated the PANTS rules to Yoruba in an effort to reach more children. We intend to translate it to as many Nigerian languages as possible.

OUR OUTDOOR MEDIA CAMPAIGN



As part of our effort to encourage people start breaking the silence by talking and reporting cases of child sexual abuse, our outdoor media campaign was launched. The image of a child with a sealed mouth was used to drive home our message. The image was big, bold, firm and direct. We chose locations with heavy traffic – Lekki Phase 1 Toll Gate and Ikoyi Toll Gate. We received reports of sightings and look forward to our next campaign. Our sincere appreciation goes to Loatsad Global Services, for rendering the service to us pro bono.

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WE DID THE SYMBOLIC WALK WITH THE LAGOS STATE GOVERNOR - (13TH OF MARCH, 2018)



As child advocates, we at The Cece Yara Foundation participated in the symbolic walk with the Lagos State Governor –Mr. Akinwumi Ambode who emphasized the need for child advocates to provide an enabling environment in preventing child sexual abuse and ensuring effective child protection measures.

At the Cece Yara Foundation, we are committed creating a safe and happy childhood for each Nigerian child, free from sexual abuse, with easy access to care, information, protection and emergency intervention.

THE LAGOS STATE SEXUAL OFFENCES COURT



We laud the establishment of the Lagos State Sexual Offences Court to facilitate the swift hearing and trial of sexual offences in Lagos State. The Sexual Offences Courts has child friendly facilities and decorum which has given courage to Survivors of child sexual abuse to obtain justice. We are developing a viable working relationship with the court to ensure that every child survivor received adequate support in accessing and obtaining justice. We are working on ensuring that our "Obtaining Justice" leaflet is available to every family who attends these courts.

PRODUCTION OF CYF ADULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAMME VIDEO



The Cece Yara Foundation Adult Awareness Programme is an enlightenment programme that helps adults learn how to protect children from sexual abuse. We believe that adults are responsible for taking care of children and protecting them from sexual abuse.

We are developing an adult awareness video documentary to teach adults about the devastating impact of child sexual

CELEBRATING "WORLD NGO DAY" IN GRAND STYLE!



ANDRÉS PIÉRALC, FORMER EUROPEAN COMMISSIONER FOR DEVELOPMENT, EUROPEAN COMMISSION
"It's only right that, on just one of these days, the world should celebrate NGOs and thank them for the tremendous work that they do".

#WorldNGODay
#YourNGODay
#NGODay

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS



On the 27th of February, 2018, we acknowledged the impact and contributions of over 46,000 civil society in Nigeria and millions across the globe. We joined various communities, international leaders, diplomats, and many organisations around the world to celebrate "World NGO day", and We say a BIG THANK YOU to you all.

abuse and teach them how to react responsibly to it. The video is projected to give an insight to what Survivors have gone through, encourage and empower others to react responsibly to child sexual abuse and advance the conversation on the importance of this matter.

COURT LOGISTICS & TRANSPORTATION

Most of our clients do not have the means to travel to attend court, to attend therapy, and sometimes school. We ensure that the court cases advance by providing transportation and logistical support for the police investigations to be carried out, for suspects to be arrested, for suspects to be taken to the Police station, for suspects to be transported between the police station/ prison and court for court dates, for our client to attend court, attend therapy and go to school. We currently have 25 clients cases that we provide all transportation logistics for.

2018 BOYS UNDER PROTECTION CONFERENCE



We joined other panelists in a panel discussion tagged “Boy Sexual Abuse - Balancing the Conversation” organized by Boys Under Protection (BoyUp)- a non-profit project geared towards raising awareness on male Child Sexual Abuse (CSA). Boyup Project is the brainchild of 5 young Nigerian Leaders who were selected as 2017 Civil Liberties Fellows of the Carrington Youth Fellowship Initiative (CYFI, a dynamic youth-based initiative launched by the U.S. Consulate General, Lagos. Well done BoyUp stakeholders!

CROSSING THE RIVER TO SAVE CHILDREN



In December 2017, we journeyed across the waters to save children on the Snake Island (Igbolugun, Lagos) by supporting the PadTheGirl campaign. The campaign was aimed at enlightening females between the ages of 15 –18 years within the community on the importance of hygiene during their menstrual cycle; education on sex as well as child sexual abuse; and ills of teenage pregnancy in order to uplift and promote the dignity of a thousand girls.

We say Every Girl Deserves Dignity, Period!!!

LAGOS MUMS



The Lagos Mums Conference for the year 2017 addressed parenting with keynote experts talking about raising children, strategies for work – life balance. The CYF team extensively enlightened Conference attendees on the prevalence of child sexual abuse (revealing the statistics), introduced our child helpline, the need for providing a healing environment.

CREATING AWARENESS ABOUT CSA AT THE ACCESS BANK LAGOS CITY MARATHON



Yes! we fully participated in the 10km Access Bank Lagos City Marathon 2017 edition held on the 10th of February, 2018 #FamilyFunRace. It did not matter how long it took, it was fulfilling that our staff made it to the finish line. As our Founder Trustee, Mrs. Bola Tinubu, said *“Participating is an achievement in itself and I am happy you found it fun.”*

WORKING TOGETHER TO RESOLVE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE CRIME

The Cece Yara Foundation is excited that the Lagos State Government has blazed the trail by establishing the first high powered DNA Forensic Laboratory in Nigeria. The Laboratory which has the technology and expertise to deliver high quality DNA test results is a huge resource to the judiciary and the police in resolving the challenges faced in the investigations and prosecution of child sexual abuse cases.



The Centre hosted the Cece Yara Team in its wonderful state of the art Centre on a collaboration visit, and we will be working with the Laboratory to ensure that no Perpetrator of child sexual abuse escapes the machinery of Justice.

TAIWO OSINDERO RAISED FUND FOR THE CYF AT THE 44TH 2017 BMW BERLIN MARATHON



WE MARKED THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (MARCH 8)



Women's rights are human rights. We at the Cece Yara Foundation agree with Antonio Guterres (UN Secretary General) who declares that empowering women and girls is the only way to protect their rights and make sure they can realize their full potentials. We believe in the strengths of a woman!

Mr. Taiwo Osindero (aka Castro), a long distance runner, participated in the 2017 BMW Berlin Marathon with the sole purpose of raising funds for the Foundation. The 2017 edition of the Berlin Marathon was the 44th and participants from over 107 countries of the world comprising of both professional and non-professional runners who jointly participated in the event. The Fund raising Campaign raised almost four times the initial projection. It was indeed a great and thrilling success for us. Thank you Mr. Taiwo Osindero for this kind heartedness towards children!

THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE

Our Founder Trustee, Mrs. Bola Tinubu was appointed by The Federal Ministry of Education to a Ministerial Committee established to re-investigate allegations of sexual molestation and to recommend steps towards preventing sexual harassment or molestation of students in Queen's College and other Federal Government Schools.

Following the extensive investigative and fact finding work interacting with relevant stakeholders, conducting physical visitations and inspections, the Committee recommended practical steps towards preventing sexual molestation of students in all the Federal Government Colleges and provided recommendations on sanctions against anyone found culpable.

WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE



In agreement with Fundamental Human Rights as well as the Child Rights Acts, the Cece Yara Foundation reiterates that the protection of children from sexual and other forms of violence is a fundamental human right. Our State and Federal Governments must uphold this right for all children at all times for all children.

We all must continue to seek and promote social justice to the extent that we change the cultural and societal factors that permit sexual violence against children in Nigeria.

CELEBRATING OUR KIDS ON THE INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY IN GRAND STYLE



The Cece Yara Foundation collaborated and participated in The Children's Day Celebration organized by LTV8, City FM and Metro FM on the 24th and 27th of May, 2017.

The objectives of this collaboration was to teach children how to stay safe, create body boundaries and report unsafe touches. The children really had fun as they had the opportunity to participate a number of activities such as drawing, painting and in a competition themed "The Pants Rules". The best painting got a prize!

Donate Now



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OUR HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

A sad case was referred to us where a little child had been sexually abused by 3 of her male relatives in the family house where she lives with her mother and siblings. The mother, who had no means of livelihood, and children had nowhere to go. CYF therefore supported the mother of the client by paying for her house rent and also helped the mother of the child to secure a sustainable means of livelihood.

We always do our utmost to ensure a safe environment for our client - free from the offending environment.

We strive to act in the best interest of our client - the child ALWAYS!



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