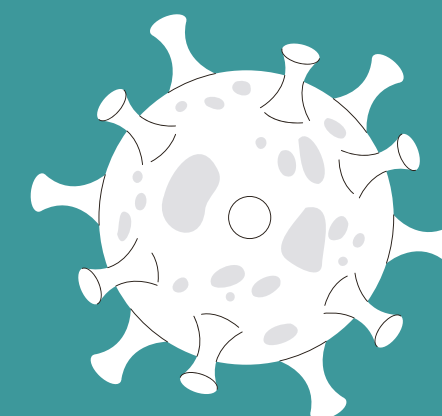


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Relaxation of the COVID-19 Pandemic Measures

After the COVID-19 Lockdown, the Federal Government approved a phased and gradual easing of lockdown measures. On the CYPF Crew Platform, the Senior Coordinator noted such measures were not appropriate given the unreliability of Nigeria's health system, lack of adequate data collection process, and unavailability of a social protection welfare system.

Hence, he recommended the Government declare a total lockdown in all states, increase tests and isolation centres, and called for more efforts to be put towards the improvement of medical personnel's welfare. He also suggested that the government create more palliative programs and engage religious institutions to convert spaces to isolation centres, holding centres, recovery centres, and shelters for domestic violence victims.

Recommendations on the Guiding Note Developed by the ACERWC

The African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) recently published Guidelines for member states to integrate into their COVID 19 responses. Consequently, we convened CYPF Crew members and invited the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs personnel, the Child Rights Implementation Committee, and the International Labor Organization for an active engagement to discuss the guiding note. The meeting saw contributions and suggestions on ways to establish child-friendly information, communication/ quarantine procedure, ensure the protection of children's right to education and ensure responses are tailored to special and vulnerable children.

Following this, we developed and designed detailed recommendations for the government which are available on our website and will help guide effective interventions to protect children.

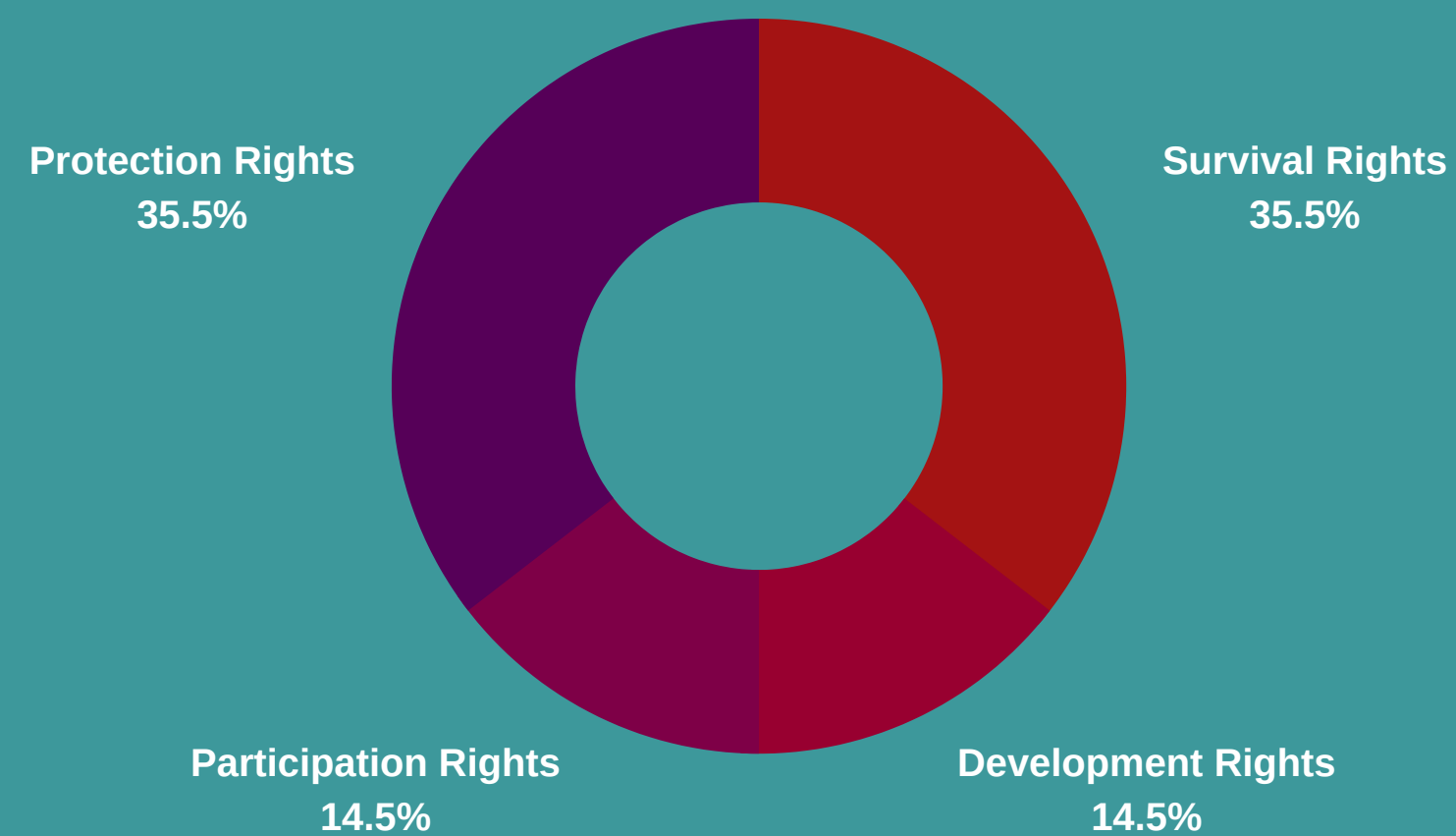


Strengthening Stakeholders to Prevent Child Abuse

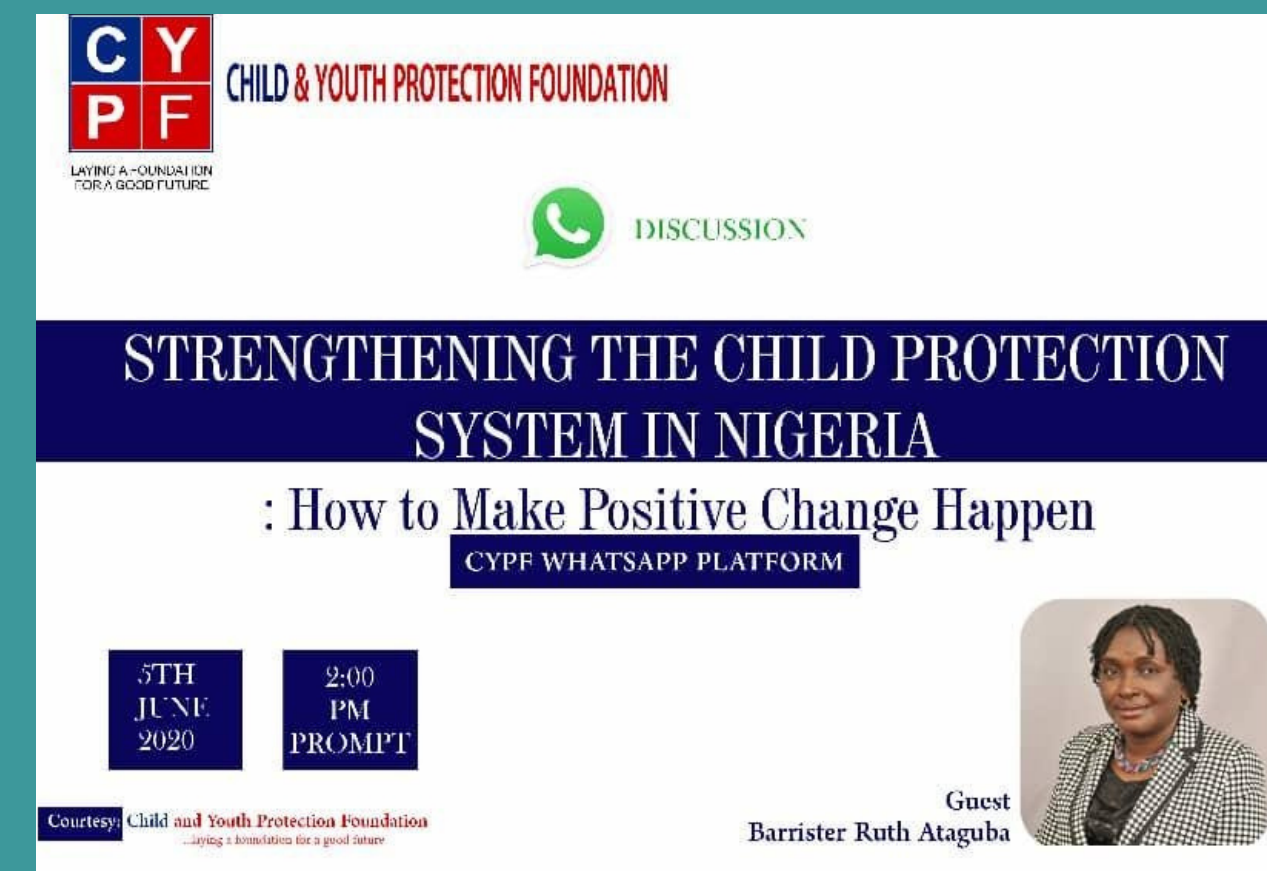
For Child Abuse Prevention Month, we generated discussions on the CYPF Crew on issues that pertain to child abuse. Discussions revolved around topics like the types of abuse, steps to take to prevent or report abuse, and the role of various stakeholders in child abuse prevention among others. We have developed an e-book comprising all presentations and recommendations from members which is available on the website. We appreciate all CYPF Crew members who contributed to the presentations and shared their inputs.

Are Children's Rights being Neglected during the Pandemic?

This quarter, we conducted a simple survey on the CYPF Crew platform to understand the rights being neglected by the government during this Pandemic.



From the statistics, respondents believed that survival and protection rights were the most violated. Their results were influenced by the recent treatment of the Almajiri children and spike in sexual and physical violence. Consequently, it is vital that the government utilises high tech, low tech and pre-tech materials to continue education for children, provide economic assistance to low-income families, move Almajiri children in safe conditions, and expand services for children at risk of violence.



Strengthening Child Protection Systems

To mark the International Day of Innocence, Victim of Aggression, Barrister Ruth Atugba facilitated a WhatsApp discussion on Strengthening the Child Protection Systems. The session aimed to provide support to child protection experts, activists' responses to the current dynamics and protection challenges, especially with the emergency presented by the COVID-19 Pandemic. The discussion revolved around The Actors and Components of a Child Protection System and the ECOWAS Strategic Framework for Strengthening National Child Protection Systems and its guidelines for implementation to prevent and respond to violence, abuse, and exploitation.

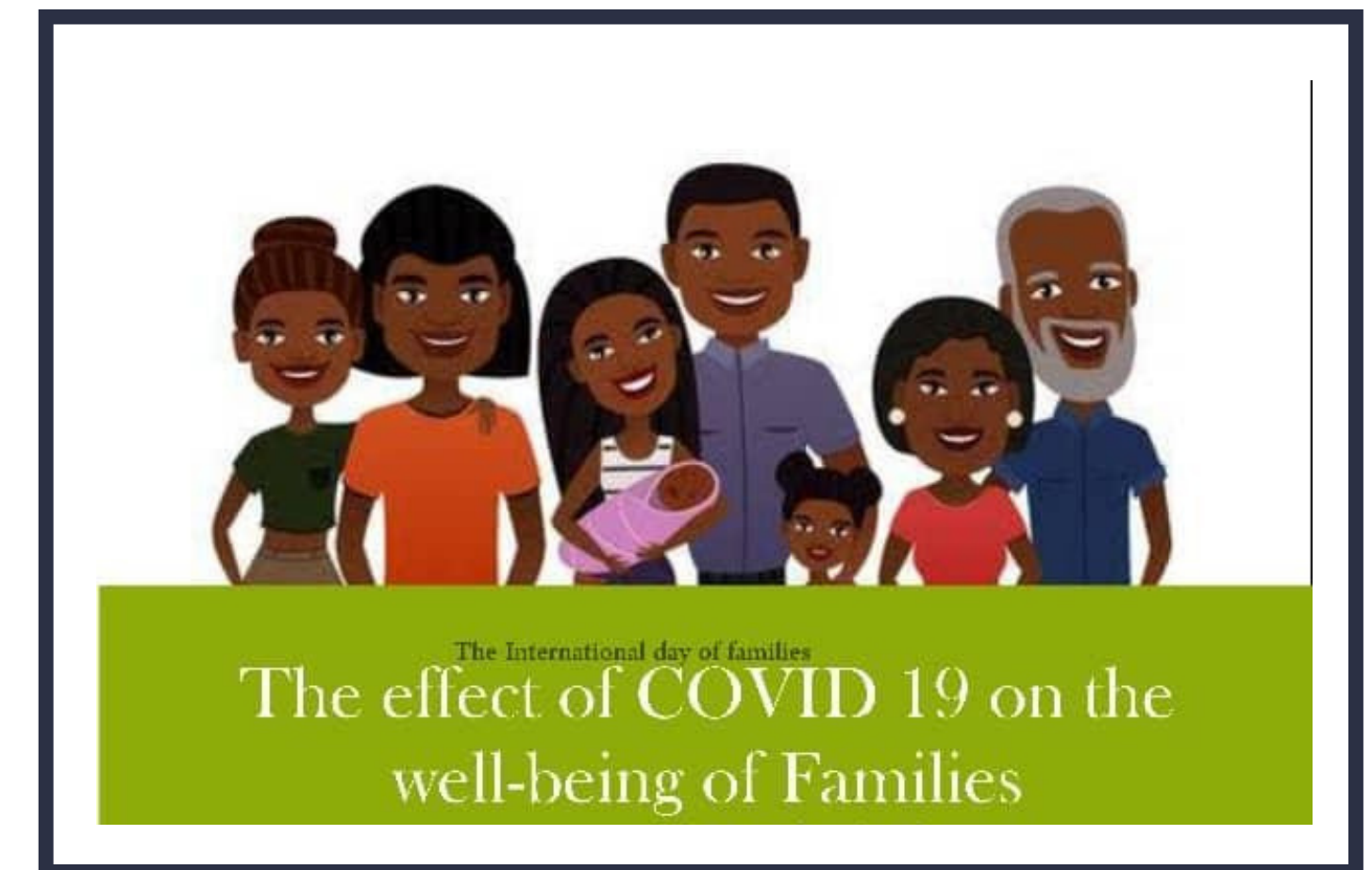
Poverty and Child Labour

In the spirit of celebrating world day against child labor, CYPF had the twitter dialogue that focused on the impact of crisis on child labour. Discussants noted the role education plays in poverty reduction and economic growth and observed that for the Nigerian educational system to be able to do this, children have to be able to access quality education.

Discussants thereafter recommended that individuals and communities come together to help families in need. They also stated that CSOs and governments develop strategies to address barriers to education and in violent prone areas, put appropriate measures to ensure schools are safe for learning. They further suggested that stakeholders provide support services for working children, properly implement social safety nets and invest more in scholarships to provide financial support for children who cannot afford to go to school.

International Day of Families

To mark this day, we had an interactive session with CYPF Crew on 'Family Stability and National development'.



During the discussion, the facilitator recommended that the government revives the census as an effective identity management system and come up with laws and policies that will promote proper family formation and stability, are gender-responsive, family-friendly, and ensure that families are places of equality and justice. Additionally, he stated that religious and traditional leaders should play an active role in the promotion of family values.

Supporting the Stand Against Rape

With the Lockdown restrictions, in place, there has been an increase in sexual violence of children and women with many reported cases of rape, incest, defilement of minors, and sodomy among others. We created a picture collage raising our voices against Rape which was shared on all of CYPF's social media platforms and was featured in the Monthly Moment for Women e-magazines.



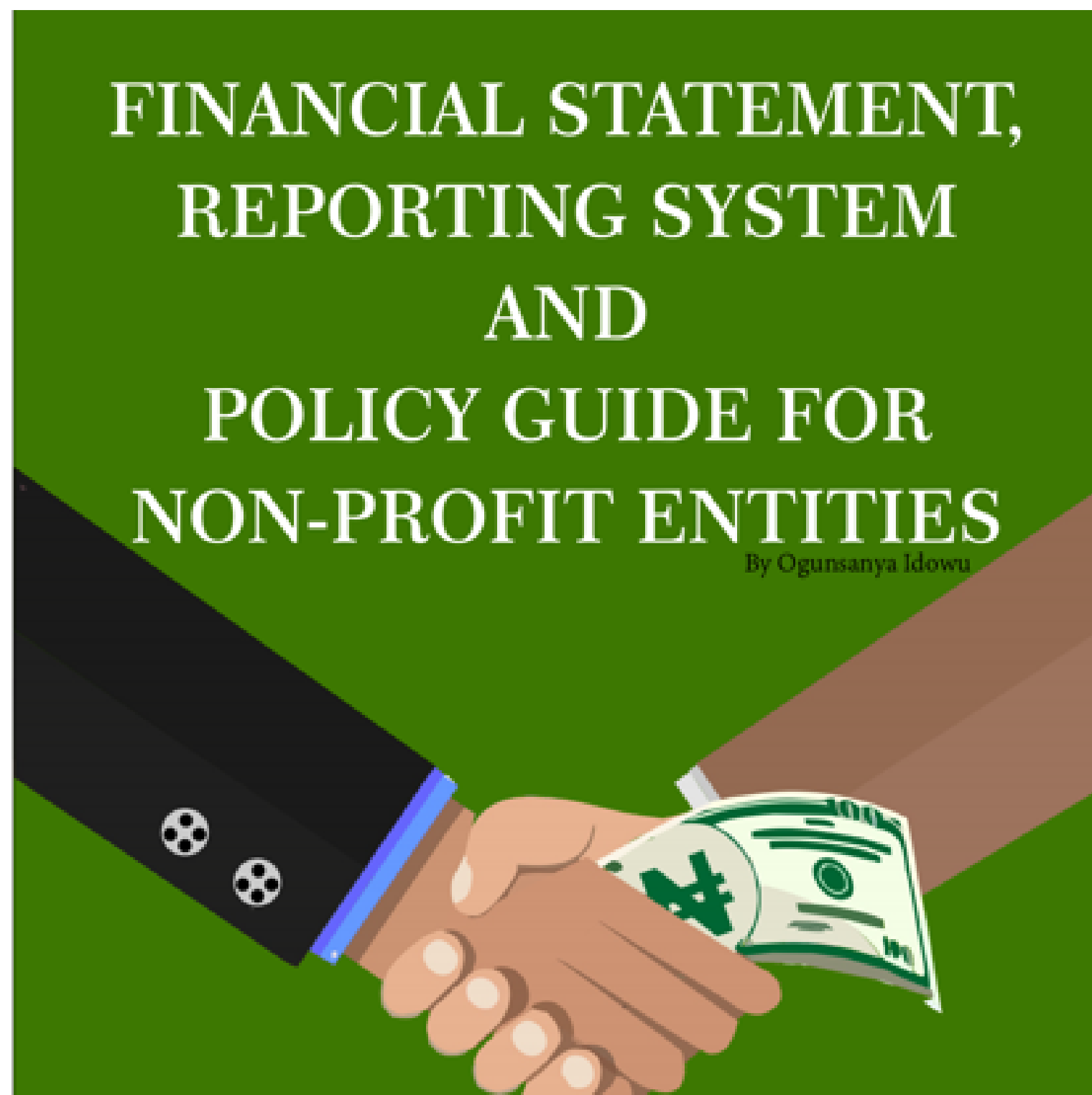
Picture Collage of Team Members

CYPF also conducted a Twitter poll to determine the relevance of special courts for sexual offences in Nigeria. The result showed that out of all respondents, 70% agreed it was very relevant, 13% agreed it was not relevant, and 17% had no idea.

Enhancing Access to a Child Friendly Justice System in Africa

To mark the Day of the African Child, team members on the CYPF Crew identified all ten aspirations of the UN Agenda for Children to sensitize on its provisions, bring to light the level of implementation in Nigeria and inquire about the possibility of Nigeria achieving those aspirations by 2040.

We also had a Twitter discussion that revolved around Nigeria's children/juvenile criminal justice system, its effectiveness in the rehabilitation of juvenile offenders, and its ability to provide access to education, health, and recreational facilities for children. Discussants recommended the public enlightenment of children and the general public on the CRA provisions and suggested the creation of a single court to hear issues relating to children. They also noted that Judges be adequately trained, and courts have assessors specialized in child-related issues. Finally, they advised continuous capacity building for all child justice administrators including the police, judges, and remand home staff.



Improving Accounting Literacy for Non Profit Organizations

This quarter we released an e-book titled 'Non-Profit Financial Statements' written by Mr. Ogunsanya Idowu our Account/Administrative Officer. The e-book focuses on the suitable accounting methods to be adopted for organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, and the preparation of financial statements among others. Please send an email to our official mail (cypfoffice@gmail.com) to receive the full e-book free or download it from our official website.



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