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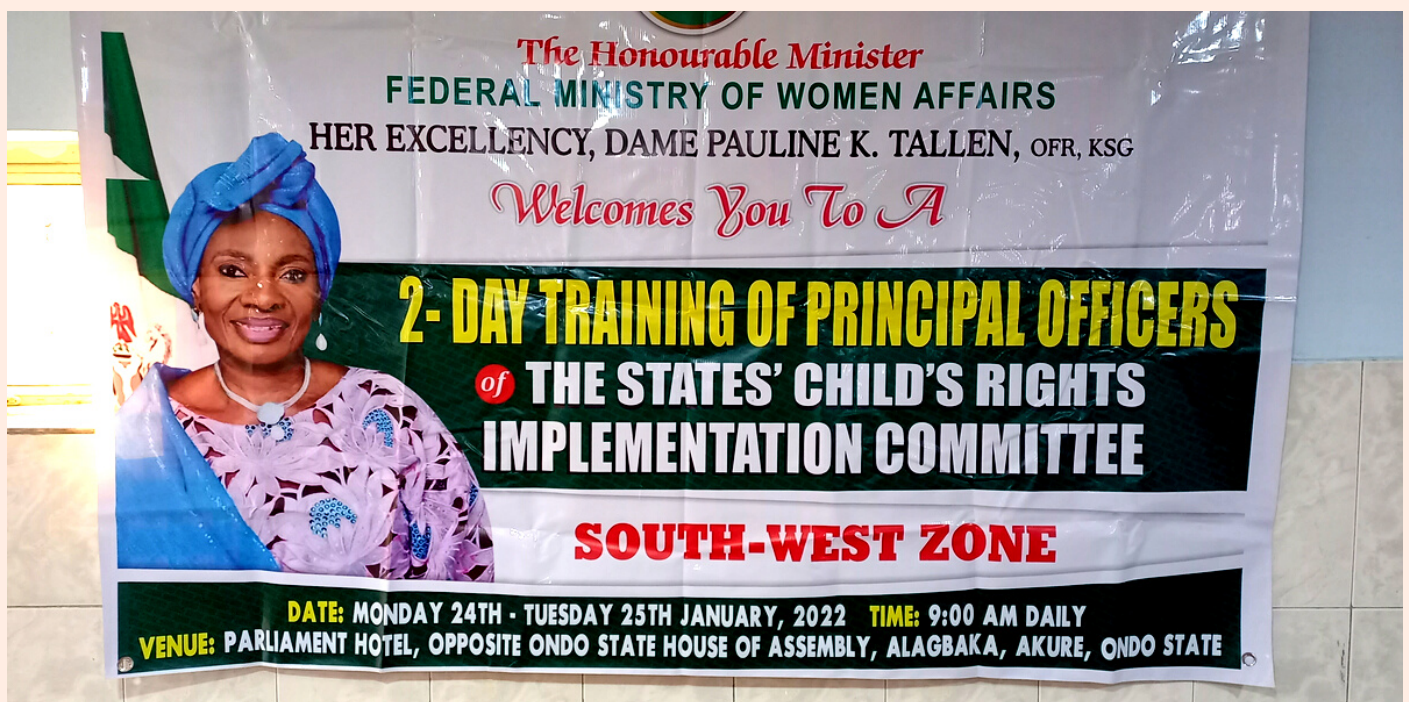


Capacity Building of SCRICs in the South-west

In January, CYPF was part of a 2-day capacity building workshop of principal States Child Rights Implementation Committees (SCRIC) in the Southwest zone in Akure, Ondo state. The workshop had in attendance the Permanent secretary of the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs, the Ondo State Commissioner of Women Affairs, the Permanent Secretary Ondo State Ministry of Women Affairs, the Special Adviser to the Ondo State Governor and all the SCRICs except for Ogun state.

During the workshop, four paper presentations were made. The first paper centred on the current situation of the Nigerian child, overview of the CRA provisions and the challenges of the states to implement. The second paper was on the role of SCRICs in creating an enabling environment for child promotion, protection, survival and participation, the third paper focused on the strategic partnership and resource mobilization for child protection issues, while the final document was on effective reporting and data collection on child rights in Nigeria.

Breakout group sessions also looked at the trending child protection issues in the states, recent interventions by the government, civil society organizations and the judiciary while also identifying key partners for the SCRIC.





Core Stakeholder Meeting on Ending Child Marriage



The recently created Girl Child Development Division of the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs called for a core stakeholder meeting on ending child marriage, and CYPF was invited. Other invitees included line ministries, United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF), PLAN International, Save the Children, ActionAid and other Civil Society Organizations.

The Division's Deputy Director gave an overview of the new Unit and emphasised its importance to the Ministry and the commitment of the Minister to ensure the Unit achieved its mandate. He solicited the collaborative support of all stakeholders and partners to ensure the Unit fulfils its mandate and the full development of the girl child in Nigeria.

The meeting participants discussed ways to enhance better collaboration among stakeholders and identified gaps that hindered the implementation of the National strategic document on ending child marriage. They further discussed the functions and Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Technical Working Group on Ending Child Marriage with UNICEF promising to get a consultant to address the TOR and review the Strategic Document on Ending Child Marriage.

At the end of the meeting, participants promised to work towards protecting the girl child and supporting the Girl Child Development Division of the Ministry.





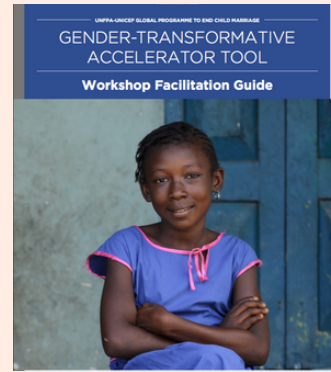
Capacity Building on Budgeting for the Reduction of Gender-Based Violence

This quarter, CYPF was part of a two-day capacity building on budgeting to reduce gender-based violence (GBV) organized by the Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) Foundation. At the training, the facilitator gave a vivid introduction to budgeting for the reduction of GBV, legal and policy frameworks on GBV, the role of budgeting in reducing GBV, and the budget cycle. He also gave practical strategies for civil society intervention that can be used for effective civil society participation in budgeting.

At the end of the program, toll-free numbers for GBV-related matters were shared, which are below:

- National Human rights commission- 08006472428
- NAPTIP- 07030000203
- NACTAL- 08000622825

The Two-day program was informative as participants got more insights into the issues of GBV and budgeting. Consequently, there is the need for CSOs to do more work on this to minimize cases of GBV successfully.



Promoting Gender Transformative CSO Capacity in Africa

With recent studies showing that 43% of women aged 20-24 are married by the age of 18, it is vital that programmes and initiatives equip marginalized adolescent girls and promote autonomy and control over their bodies, sexuality, and life choices while also engaging them as change-makers. In view of this, CYPF is partnering with Girls Not Brides (GNB) and United Nations Children Emergency Fund (UNICEF) to promote gender-transformative CSOs capacity in Africa for collective action to address child marriage.

The CYPF and GNB team had an initial zoom meeting to discuss the project, and its outputs and also introduce the Gender Transformative Accelerator tool by UNICEF, which seeks to support the evolution of program interventions from gender-sensitive to gender-responsive and transformative and to assess opportunities to influence gender norms. Team members from both organizations also discussed the work plan with the intent to have a more robust discussion at the inception meeting.

We are proud of this collaboration and look forward to the inception meeting. We commit to give our best to this project as we work together to end child marriage in Nigeria.



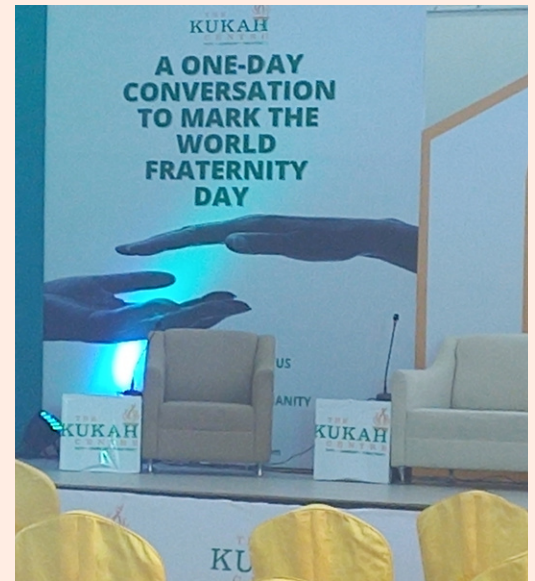


Kukah Centre Marks World Fraternity Day to Promote World Peace

To commemorate World Fraternity Day, Kukah Centre organized a one-day conference on Fratell Tuitii, a document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together. The Emeritus Archbishop of Abuja spoke on the context of Human Fraternity for World peace and explained the meaning of fraternity, the situation in Nigeria regarding religious and tribal intolerance and the importance of human fraternity to national development.

He concluded by saying that as a nation, we must treat each other as equals and work together to eliminate all forms of violence in our nation.

A panel discussion also took place, and the panellist spoke on how culture can build friendship and human fraternity, Civil Society and human fraternity and Human fraternity in times of global terrorism. The Chief Imam of Apo Mosque also spoke at the event, and he emphasized collective efforts in building peace and tolerance in our communities.



The TOSTAN Training Model: Promoting Community Wellbeing in Nigeria

The Senior Program Officer of CYPF was one of the advanced training team members that trained 16 participants from Nigerian Networks and religious leaders' platforms at the Tostan training centres in Thies, Senegal. This seminar aimed to build the capacity of civil society organizations and religious platforms on the TOSTAN training models for addressing the issue of violence against women and girls.

The seminars included sessions on facilitation skills, social norms, village visits, Human rights instruments and principles of human rights. After the training, the certified trainees will be carrying out step down seminars in Nigeria, and we look forward to being a part of it.





Meeting of the FCT State Steering Committee on Child Labour



At the Federal Ministry of Labour and employment, the Steering Committee on child labour met and being a member of the Committee, CYPF was also present. In attendance were also the FCT Controller of Labour, Desk Officers from 5 Area Councils (Kuje, AMAC, Abaji, Kwali, Bwari and Gwagwalada,) Social Development Secretariat, FCT Police Command Gender Office, Road Safety, NAPTIP, NLC, and the Ministry of Labour and Employment.

During the meeting, members resolved to be more active and carry out capacity building for committee members so they are aware of their roles and the committee's mandate. Members also identified data collation as a significant challenge and encouraged all to collate relevant data on child labour issues and related matters and share it with the committee secretariat.

The committee agreed to carry out programs at the area councils specifically to mark the World day against child labour (June 12), and copies of the National policy were distributed so members could come up with relevant interventions for the FCT.

Review of Training Manual on Care-Gender Based Violence (GBV) Project

In March, CYPF partook in a two-Day review meeting facilitated by SOAR Initiative on the training manuals developed on Trauma counselling, promoting resilience of child survivors of sexual violence and also mental health & self-care practices for Sexual- Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) responders.



After the opening prayer and welcome remark by the Executive Director of SOAR INITIATIVE, a representative of NEEM gave an overview of the manual to be validated. Participants were shared into groups to review each chapter of the manual, and group representatives afterwards gave their presentations.

It was concluded that staff need to have the need to ensure their wellbeing and that the manual will be very useful for practitioners as they work with victims. SOAR will continue to work with NEEM to have a practicable document.

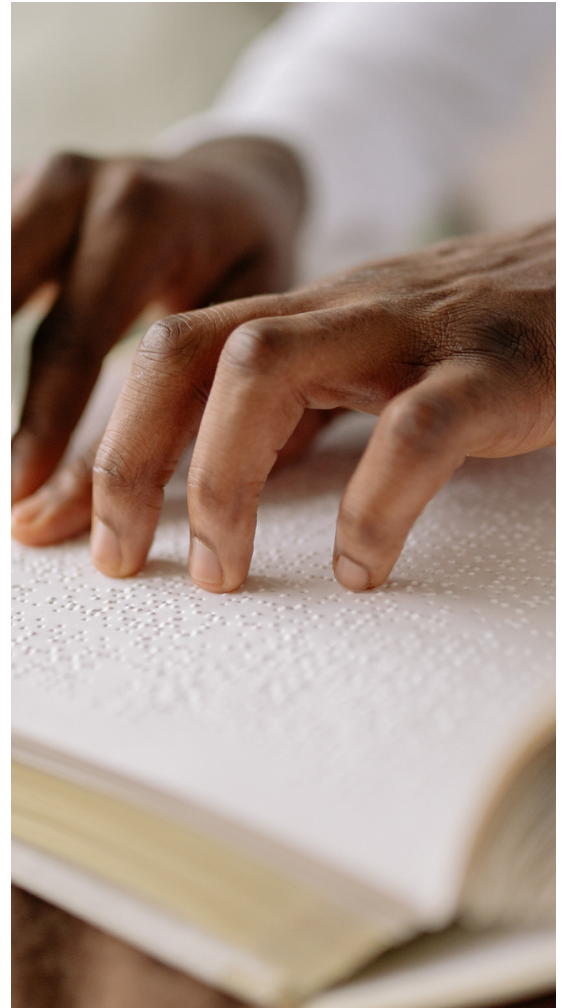


Promoting Inclusive Education in FCT

Disability Rights Advocacy Centre (DRAC) organised a roundtable discussion on inclusive education with relevant stakeholders like the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Education Secretariat, the Secondary Education Board, CSOs, and school teachers.

The facilitator stated that disability is a continuum which evolves and isn't always visible. He went further to state the dimensions and models of disabilities, the definition of inclusion education, conditions for inclusive education and also covered child protection.

It was established that schools within the FCT were ready for inclusive education, but stakeholders were unprepared to act. CYPF also mentioned the importance of building the capacity of stakeholders on child protection to ensure the safety of children in schools and reduce their vulnerability to any form of harm.



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