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CYPF Nigeria Calls for Unified Action to End Human Trafficking

Abuja, Nigeria—July 30, 2025— In recognition of **World Day Against Trafficking in Persons**, the **Child and Youth Protection Foundation (CYPF)** joins the global call to action against the growing crisis of human trafficking. This year's theme, "*Human Trafficking is Organized Crime—End the Exploitation*," underscores the urgent need to confront the networks that thrive on the abuse and commodification of human lives.

Human trafficking remains one of the gravest forms of organized crime, with millions of women, children, and young people trapped in cycles of forced labor, sexual exploitation, domestic servitude, and modern-day slavery. It is a coordinated system fueled by deception, poverty, and impunity.

In Nigeria, trafficking continues to rob vulnerable communities of safety and dignity. With girls and young women often at the center of this crisis, there is an urgent need to strengthen prevention, prosecution, and protection efforts at all levels.

CYPF emphasizes that addressing human trafficking requires a multi-pronged approach that includes:

- **Enforcing existing anti-trafficking laws** and strengthening the justice system to dismantle trafficking networks.
- **Providing survivor-centered support services**, including rehabilitation, psychosocial care, and reintegration.

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- **Investing in education, economic opportunities, and awareness campaigns** to reduce vulnerability among youth and rural communities.
- **Building strong community surveillance systems** to detect and report trafficking activity early.

As part of its commitment, CYPF continues to work with schools, communities, civil society, and government agencies to:

- Raise awareness on trafficking risks
- Equip young people with life skills and protective knowledge
- Promote safe migration and reporting channels
- Advocate for stronger policies and survivor protection systems

The fight against human trafficking cannot be left to a few institutions. It requires coordinated action across borders, sectors, and communities. On this day, CYPF reaffirms its resolve to protect children and young people from all forms of exploitation and calls on all Nigerians to do the same.

Together, we must end human trafficking and restore freedom, safety, and dignity to every life.

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