

Annual Report

CYDPF

CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION FOUNDATION

2025

Laying a good foundation...





CYPF Overview

Our mission is laying the foundation for a good future for children and youth in society and empowering them to be responsible citizens of the Nation. Ensuring that children are not in any way exploited, thereby creating an enabling environment for proper growth and development.

A society which respects the rights of children and youth: a society which promotes positive and enabling environment for children and youth to grow and develop into responsible adults; a sanitized society.



Key Activity Highlights

EMPOWERING GIRLS THROUGH MENSTRUAL HYGIENE MANAGEMENT PROJECT

PAD BANK

STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIP THROUGH ADVOCACY

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CYPF GIRL'S MOVEMENT



EMPOWERING GIRLS THROUGH MENSTRUAL HYGIENE MANAGEMENT PROJECT

In continuation of our menstrual hygiene management initiatives, CYPF, in partnership with Mundo Cooperante a Spanish organization, implemented a series of interactive MHM sessions across selected secondary schools in the Federal Capital Territory. These sessions formed a key component of the Right to Be a Girl project.

The sessions provided girls aged 9–17 with practical knowledge on the menstrual cycle, hygiene practices, and myth-busting, while introducing the Period Diary as a simple tracking tool.

Small-group discussions encouraged open conversation and boosted girls' confidence in managing their periods. Student ambassadors were also selected in each school to support ongoing peer learning. This component of the Right to Be a Girl project continues to strengthen menstrual health awareness and prepares the program for broader engagement in 2026.





INSTALLATION OF PAD BANK

As part of our commitment to supporting girls' sexual and reproductive health rights, CYPF first began the sanitary pad bank initiative to ensure girls have access to free menstrual products in school. We continued this effort by restocking existing pad banks and strengthening our accountability system for proper distribution. Building on this foundation, and now in partnership with Mundo Cooperante, we have expanded the project by installing new pad banks in additional schools and key public offices, including gender units of the Lugbe police division and the FCT Command of the Nigerian security civil defense corps. This expansion ensures that more girls and women can access menstrual products with dignity and without disruption to their daily activities.

S/N	LOCATION INSTALLED
1	GSS AIRPORT
2	GSS LUGBE
3	GSS GOSA
4	LUGBE POLICE STATION
5	FCT NSCDC COMMAND



STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIP THROUGH ADVOCACY

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At the community level, we visited Piwoyi, Lugbe, Kuchigoro in amac area council and Gefere in Kuje Area Council, gaining strong endorsement from local leaders that is essential for sustaining our programs.

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SUPPORTING OUT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

During the year under review, we implemented targeted interventions to support out-of-school and at-risk children through education-focused initiatives. We organized a Book Harvest campaign that mobilized individuals and partners to donate learning materials, expanding access to books for vulnerable children.

To commemorate the World Day Against Child Labour, we hosted a hiking and advocacy event aimed at raising awareness on the importance of education and the dangers of child labour.

In addition, we provided financial support by paying examination fees for selected pupils at LEA Gwarinpa, ensuring they were not excluded from sitting for their exams. These efforts collectively contributed to reducing educational barriers and promoting continued learning for vulnerable children.



CYPF GIRL'S MOVEMENT

The CYPF Girls' Movement sustained active engagement throughout the year, creating a dynamic space for learning, advocacy, and personal development for over 50 members. Activities focused on building members' confidence, leadership, and self-development through structured discussions, shared opportunities, and awareness sessions on child protection, child abuse, and child labour. Members were consistently encouraged to participate actively and contribute to the Movement's growth through dialogue and creative engagement.

The Movement addressed critical issues affecting girls and children, including interpersonal violence, harmful practices that undermine girls' childhood, and social injustice. Key international days were commemorated through focused discussions and webinars, with particular emphasis on reproductive health education, mental well-being, and inclusion. Members were also given opportunities to contribute to advocacy content, including graphic designs for social media, strengthening their skills and visibility.

Capacity building and leadership development remained central to the Girls' Movement's activities. Executive-led learning sessions, mentorship opportunities, and collaborations enabled members to grow as advocates and peer educators. Through partnerships, members became menstrual hygiene mentors and shared practical experiences from community outreach, reinforcing their roles as change agents within their communities.

The year concluded with notable achievements and strengthened engagement, including national and regional representation by members, active involvement in CYPF's communications and awards work, and the successful planning and implementation of a flagship bonding and empowerment activity for girls. Despite challenges with consistent member responsiveness, the Girls' Movement made significant progress in building a supportive, informed, and impactful network of young female advocates.



HEALTHY MASCULINITY



In celebration of International Boys Day, we facilitated an inclusive and interactive session on healthy masculinity with boys with hearing impairment at GSS Kuje. The session emphasized positive self-identity, respect, emotional expression, non-violence, and inclusivity, ensuring that every participant was meaningfully engaged through accessible communication methods.

It provided a safe and supportive space for the boys to share experiences and build confidence. As part of our commitment to inclusion beyond dialogue, we organized and participated in a friendly football match with the students, promoting teamwork, belonging, and social integration. This initiative reinforced positive role modeling while affirming that boys with disabilities are active stakeholders in conversations on healthy masculinity.

END CHILD MARRIAGE

As the National Secretariat for the Coalition of CSOs on ending marriage in Nigeria, we supported the workshop on the coalition members across Nigeria in their advocacy to communities and government stakeholders.

- The Igwe-in-Council in Umuatugbuoma will deliberate on child marriage reforms on January 26, 2025.
- Paid an advocacy visit to the Hon. Commissioner, Enugu State Ministry of Children, Gender Affairs, and Social Development.

Community Sensitization & Awareness

- In Akwuke, at least five churches now actively advocate against child marriage.
- Additional sensitization efforts will engage traditional and religious leaders.

Capacity Building Initiatives

- As Co-Chair of the National Coalition of Civil Society to End Child Marriage in Nigeria, two major training sessions were held:
 - 2-day workshop in Calabar for NGOs and stakeholders.
 - 3-day training in Ilorin to equip state actors with advocacy skills.



ZAMFARA/UNICEF ENFORCE IMPLEMENTATION OF CHILD PROTECTION

UNICEF PRESENTS PROTECTION HANDOVER PROTOCOL TO NIGERIAN MILITARY

STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE ELIMINATION OF CHILD LABOUR LAUNCHES CHILD LABOUR WEBSITE AT THE UN ABUJA

UNICEF HAS SUPPORTED CHILD-CENTRIC PUBLIC FINANCING IN NIGERIA THROUGH A MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIP AND ADVOCACY APPROACH

MORE THAN ONE IN THREE CHILDREN IN NIGERIA DO NOT HAVE THEIR BIRTH REGISTERED, RESTRICTING ACCESS TO VITAL SERVICES FROM THEIR FIRST BREATH

NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT URGED TO REVIEW CHILD PROTECTION LEGISLATION

THE NIGERIAN MINISTER OF WOMEN AND SOCIAL JUSTICE, ADEOLA ADEGOYE, CALLS FOR IMPROVED PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN OYO STATE

STAKEHOLDERS CHART COURSE FOR IMPROVED PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN OYO STATE

LAGOS STATE GOVT, UN AGENCY SIGN THREE-YEAR PACT ON HEALTH, CHILD PROTECTION

UNICEF URGES AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS TO PRIORITISE DOMESTIC FUNDING FOR CHILD WELFARE AND EDUCATION

LAGOS STATE ASSEMBLY PASSES BILL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FREE SANITARY TOILETS IN SCHOOLS, CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

JIGAWA EARMARKS FUNDING FOR SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMMES, STRENGTHENS UNICEF PARTNERSHIP

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UNODC DEBUTS 'CHAMPS' IN NIGERIA TO STRENGTHEN CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEMS

COMMUNICATION CONSOLIDATION AT FEDERAL CHILD WELFARE AGENCY

UNICEF WORRIED OVER 336,743 UNREGISTERED BENEUE CHILDREN



KEBBI GOV VOWS TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING AS NAPTIP REUNITES NINE RESCUED CHILDREN WITH PARENTS.



242 MILLION CHILDREN'S SCHOOLING DISRUPTED BY CLIMATE SHOCKS IN 2024 — UNICEF

CYPF WEEKLY NEWS

At CYPF, we are dedicated to keeping stakeholders informed about key developments affecting children. Through our weekly news updates, we highlight important policies, initiatives, and actions that promote child rights and well-being.

This year, significant progress has been made in child protection, birth registration, and the fight against child labor. Stakeholders, including UNICEF and government agencies, have intensified efforts to improve child welfare, strengthen policies, and address issues like malnutrition and legal identity. Discussions on child rights laws and increased commitments from policymakers have also been notable.

We remain committed to providing timely updates that inform and inspire action, ensuring that children's rights stay at the forefront of advocacy and policy discussions.

CAPACITY BUILDING

The Child and Youth Protection Foundation (CYPF) participated in several trainings, coordination meetings, and policy engagements focused on capacity building, coordination, advocacy, and service delivery. CYPF also hosted an in-house capacity-building training in collaboration with AYWIN, which focused on community engagement approaches, grassroots mobilization, and effective community-led programming.

Other trainings included sessions on program execution, advocacy strategies, impact measurement, and data-driven storytelling, as well as strategic planning and feminist leadership sessions organized by BAOBAB and WACSI. CYPF participated in the National Policy Validation on Menstrual Health and Hygiene organized by the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs.

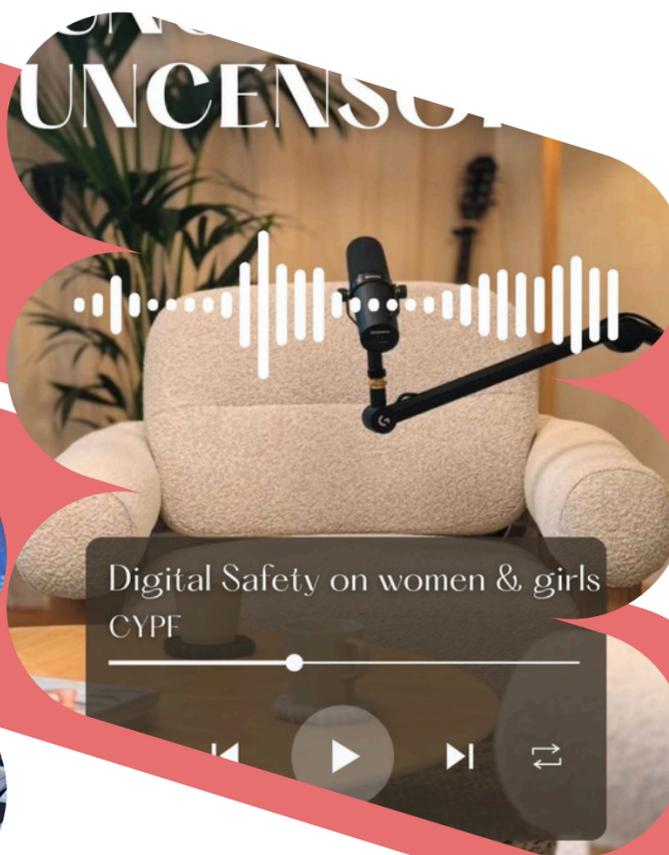
As a GBV coordination partner in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), CYPF took part in a five-day GBV coordination training and a five-day service mapping and desk review exercise across the Area Councils in the FCT, organized by the Women Affairs Secretariat in partnership with UNFPA. CYPF was also represented in a three-day GBV dashboard upgrade training organized by GIZ and the Ministry of Women Affairs, and a three-day capacity-building training on addressing sexual assaults in the FCT, including counsellor training, organized by SARC in partnership with UNICEF. CYPF further participated in the National Dialogue on Decent Work in Nigeria and other regional learning platforms.

Overall, these engagements strengthened CYPF's teams capacity, coordination role, and advocacy efforts, and reinforced its commitment to protecting the rights, dignity, and wellbeing of children and young people.



**PERIOD
TIME**

UNCENSORED



MEDIA AND DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT

As part of our efforts to expand advocacy through digital and mainstream media platforms, CYPF launched an audio podcast titled *Unscripted, Uncensored*, creating a space for honest and thought-provoking conversations on issues affecting children, young people, and gender justice. The first episode set the tone for open dialogue, amplifying lived experiences and expert perspectives in an accessible format.

In addition, we produced a social media content series titled *Period Time*, focused on menstrual health education, myth-busting, and normalizing conversations around menstruation.

To further amplify our advocacy reach, CYPF was also featured on Raypower FM's *NOI Polls* radio programme, where we contributed to public discourse on child rights, gender issues, and social development.

These engagements strengthened CYPF's visibility, extended our reach to diverse audiences, and reinforced our commitment to driving awareness and action through multiple communication channels.

COMMEMORATING INTERNATIONAL DAYS



Throughout the year, we commemorated key international days through a mix of advocacy, learning, and community engagement activities.

We hosted a series of webinars to mark World Day of Social Justice, International Women’s Day, International Day of the Girl Child, International Literacy Day, and World Menstrual Hygiene Day, creating spaces for dialogue, awareness, and collective action.

These virtual engagements amplified critical conversations on equality, education, and health while reaching diverse audiences. In addition, we organized a hiking and advocacy activity to commemorate the World Day Against Child Labour, drawing attention to the need to protect children from exploitation.

To celebrate Children’s Day, we engaged directly with children in Lugbe community, spending time with them, celebrating their worth, and reaffirming our commitment to child-centered development.

During the 16 Days of Activism, we intensified our advocacy through a road walk, the creation and dissemination of impactful online content, and the hosting of two webinars focused on ending gender-based and digital violence.

We also had the opportunity of being a panelist at the Cultural hangout to commemorate the International Migrant Day Celebration which was held this year

CASES MANAGEMENT

Following the commencement of our partnership with the Lugbe Divisional Police Headquarters in the second quarter of the year, we strengthened our response to child protection and rights-related cases.

Through this collaboration, we successfully handled approximately five reported cases, working closely with the Police to ensure timely and appropriate interventions. Our approach prioritized the safety, dignity, and best interests of the children involved.

The partnership also improved referral pathways and coordination between civil society and law enforcement. These efforts reflect our commitment to accountability, protection, and access to justice for vulnerable children.



WEBINARS

16 days of activism

WEBINAR

Sextortion & Online Safety: Protecting Our Digital Dignity

GLADYS OCHE
PROGRAMS OFFICER

VARSHA VAISHALI
FOUNDER & PRESIDENT, CYBER HARASSMENT SUPPORT (CHS)

5PM WAT 12PM EST
6 DECEMBER, 2025

JOIN US

...on Cyber Silence.
...ect.

Raising Digital Gentlemen: Promoting Healthy Masculinities for a Safer Online World.

ZOOM
1PM

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Samuel Oluwafika Osoba
Communications
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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WEBINAR SESSION

The power of collective actions towards gender equality

March 8, 2025 | at 01.00 pm | Zoom

Samuel Oluwafika Osoba
MODERATOR

Kareem Oluwafika Osoba
Reproductive Health Specialist
SPEAKER

Dr. Toyinayo Bawa
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CONCLUSION

The year under review reflects CYPF's strong commitment to advancing the rights, dignity, and wellbeing of children and young people through integrated programming, strategic partnerships, and community-centered approaches.

Across menstrual hygiene management, education support, child protection, healthy masculinity, and the fight against child marriage, our interventions addressed both immediate needs and long-term systemic challenges.

Through advocacy, capacity building, case management, and the commemoration of key international days, we amplified critical conversations while delivering practical, life-improving support to children, girls, boys, and communities.

Our growing collaborations with government institutions, security agencies, community leaders, civil society organizations, and development partners further strengthened coordination, accountability, and impact.

As we look ahead, CYPF remains committed to building on these gains, scaling inclusive and rights-based interventions, and deepening partnerships to ensure a safer, more equitable future for every child.

DATA

ENTRY	FREQUENCY
Children Reached	2500
Facilitation Participants	550
Reported Cases Handled	5
Partnership Programs	9
Workshops Attended	15

CYPF has reached out to children, communities, facilitated workshops, managed reported cases of abuse and empowered so many people. A summary can be seen on the data below

PARTNERS



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