



## **SECURING JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN -** **The Cece Yara Foundation Obtains a 30-Year Jail Sentence for Child Sexual Abuse in Lagos State.**

Friday, December 21, 2018.

On Wednesday December 19th 2018, the Sexual Offences Special Court 4, presided by Justice A. Nwaka, returned a guilty verdict on Bayo Lekan, aged 32, who was found guilty of defiling a minor and was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment.

At the trial the Lagos State Prosecutor presented enough evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that in 2017, Bayo defiled an eight-year-old girl and thereby committed an offence punishable under section 137 of the Criminal Laws of Lagos State 2011.

The Cece Yara Foundation commends the Lagos State judiciary and the Directorate of Public Prosecutions over the conviction of Bayo Lekan, and described the verdict as a demonstration of government's commitment to eliminating all forms of sexual violence against children.

According to the Founder Trustee, Mrs. Bola Tinubu, "The judgement delivered in Bayo's case will go a long way to sound a note of warning to perpetrators of child sexual abuse and will restore public confidence in the judicial system. The Sexual Offences Special Courts are efficiently dispensing cases, and we were able to secure this conviction in less than a year". She also noted that by supporting children and their families and assisting to uncover valuable evidence, the Foundation has been able to ensure that they gain trust and confidence in the judicial system, in order to hold molesters accountable.



The Foundation provides the ideal response to children through a 24-hour free child telephone helpline (08008008001) and its child-friendly Child Advocacy Centre based in Lagos, which provides professional counselling, medical, legal and psycho-social support, as well as referral services. The Foundation also conducts prevention programs for adults to raise the awareness of sexual abuse, and to educate adults on how to protect children from sexual abuse. For further information about, please visit our website [www.ceceyara.org](http://www.ceceyara.org) or contact us on 0818 761 4045