



The Cece Yara

JANUARY - DECEMBER 2021

Annual Report

Act now, to save
our children.



FROM THE FOUNDER TRUSTEE

Welcome to our 2021 Annual Review.

COVID – 19 hit us all at the beginning of the year, and sadly we saw an increasing number of child sexual abuse cases as children had no access to school, away from predators. The proverbial pandemic within the pandemic.

But in spite of all the challenges, we were able to keep the doors of all our facilities open, as we sought to continue to protect our children. For this, I am extremely thankful to the Cece Yara Team for our continued passion and resilience. The high point of the year was the launch of our Child Advocacy Centre in Abuja by HE Dame Pauline Tallen OFR, the Honorable Minister of Women's Affairs and Social Development.

It remains for me to thank each and every one of you for your continued support in protecting our children. Without you, there is no Cece Yara.

Thank you.

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OUR IMPACT SO FAR



62000
CHILDREN
EMPOWERED



1554



6500
COMMUNITY
CHANGE MAKERS



76
CRIMINAL CASES
INSTITUTED



40
SURVIVORS



115
SCHOOLS



832
CALLERS



4316
CLIENTS



2



136
PERPETRATORS



21196
CALLERS



327
CLIENTS



65
CHILDREN



172
CLIENTS

OUR SERVICES

- 1 ADVOCACY
- 2 MEDICAL
- 3 LEGAL
- 4 PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT
- 5 COUNSELLING
- 6 FORENSIC INTERVIEW
- 7 AWARENESS CREATION
- 8 24HR CHILD HELPLINE
- 9 SHELTER





Award as the Best NGO on Sexual Violence by the Lagos State Government

On the 30th September, 2021, the Foundation received the award as the leading NGO on SGBV with a letter of commendation from the Governor Lagos State H.E. Babajide Sanwo-olu at the end of year award and commendation night of the Domestic and Sexual Violence Response Agency of the State Government.

The Foundation was commended for demonstrating absolute commitment in ending SGBV with the provision of its services and further described as having demonstrated dedication to public education in engaging with communities to reduce the incidence of SGBV.



OUR FINGER PRINTS DON'T FADE FROM THE LIVES WE TOUCH

— Some of Our Success Stories

SAVED FROM SEXUAL HARASSMENT/ PHYSICAL ABUSE

Miss A, was a domestic help and abused by her employer's husband and two sons for some years. Unable to take the abuse any longer she opened up to her boss who silenced her and threatened to kill her if she told anyone about it. With the Help of the Security Guard, she was able call our child help line.

The Cece Yara team immediately swung into action to ensure her safety, involved appropriate authorities, and provided counselling, medical help and shelter. During her time at the shelter, she went through a vocational training while healing, with access to the support she needed. With the support of our donors, we were able to accomplish this and much more and now Miss A can reach her potential in life.



**Approval from
FCT Social
Development
Secretariat to
operate as an
NGO in the FCT**

The Cece Yara Child Advocacy Center, FCT got provisional approval from the FCT Social Development Secretariat (SDS) to operate as an NGO in FCT. This serves as an authorization to carry out rescue and provide interventions for survivors of Child Sexual Abuse in FCT.



RESCUE OF A 12 YEAR OLD GIRL

Miss B was just 12 when her world was torn apart after the death of her father. Her relatives chased her and her siblings out of the family house, stripping them of all their belongings. She was forced to live with her uncle who gave her up as a maid to a nursing mother. Soon after she settled into her new employer's house. One night, she woke up to a male figure trying to sexually assault her. Luckily, she managed to escape and sought refuge with neighbors who assisted in reaching out to the Cece Yara foundation.

Help arrived and with the intervention of our team in collaboration with the government authorities, she was relocated to a safe shelter and justice took full course. Three years later, she is healed from the trauma and thriving towards her life's dream, thanks to the generous donations and support received by our sponsors.





Technical Working Group on ENVAC

The Cece Yara Foundation was Inaugurated into the National Technical Working Group on ending violence against children by the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and UNICEF.

The TWG has the mandate to end violence against children in Nigeria.

The establishment and operationalization of the child protection case management task force (CMTF) will also ensure the strengthening of the case management in child protection service delivery.

The CMTF within the National Technical Working Group on Violence Against Children, aims to improve the knowledge, capacity and skills of field-level child protection responders who are planning, implementing or supporting case management processes across the country by developing standardised tools and guidance, contributing to field-level learning and research, and providing technical guidance and support taking into account existing national policy, guidelines and tools on case management.

National Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Coordination Meeting and Unveiling of National GBV Accountability Framework

The Cece Yara Foundation was inaugurated as a member of the National GBV Accountability forum, at the meeting held on the 2nd of December 2021 establishing a functional GBV Coordination mechanism, and unveiling the National GBV Accountability Framework with detailed responsibility of the key actors working in the GBV.

The National Accountability Framework is a friendly tool to offer drivers of GBV specific responsibilities to adequately support survivors of GBV and ensure efficient and timely prosecution of the offenders.

Collaboration approval from Ministry of Education Federal Capital Territory

The Cece Yara Child Advocacy Center, FCT got approval from the Federal Capital Territory Administration Education Secretariat to collaborate with the Gender Unit of FCT Education Secretariat to carry out its sensitization program across all government primary and secondary schools in the FCT - Safe Kids Awareness and Prevention Program (SKAP) in FCT public schools.

With the FCT approval, we have been able to empower over 10,000 public school children (between 5-18 years old) on how to stay safe from abuse and set boundaries assertively in a child-friendly and appropriate manner.



Cece Yara participated as the only NGO on the panel of the National Policy Dialogue on ending violence against children in Nigeria

At the National Policy Dialogue held on the 17th July 2021, the Federal Government of Nigeria signed a commitment to end all forms of violence and harmful practices against Children in Nigeria decrying the increasing cases of violence meted on children and reiterating its commitment to protecting children from abuse, exploitation, trafficking and violence as stated under Goal 16.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Cece Yara Foundation was the only NGO invited to the Dialogue with the Founder/Trustee Mrs Bola Tinubu as a facilitator to enlighten the country on creating safe communities for children in all settings through prevention and response to cases of violence against children.



Training of Oyo State Law enforcement agents on Comprehensive Investigation and Response to SGBV

The United Nations Population Fund in partnership with the Oyo State Ministry of Justice and Centre for Population and Reproductive Health organized a three-day capacity building workshop for law enforcement agents on a comprehensive investigation of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) and protection of survivors in the State.

The Foundation's Executive Director, Bisi Ajayi-Kayode facilitated a 3day workshop on Guiding principles of responding to SGBV, Survivor-Centered and Multi-Sectoral Response, the role of the Gender Desk Units of the Police, best practices of preventing and responding to child sexual abuse, Communication skills and Psychological First Aid in SGBV response and child forensic interviewing.

Official Inauguration of Cece Yara as a partner of SGBV Multisectoral Coordination Forum

The Cece Yara Foundation was officially inaugurated as a partner on the USAID Nigeria Strengthening Civic Advocacy and Local Engagement (SCALE) project implemented by Palladium supports the efforts of CSOs and BMOs to influence the development and implementation of key democratic reforms at local, state, and national levels across any of the SCALE key sectors, paying attention to issues affecting marginalized populations, including women, youth, people with disabilities, and other minority groups.



Approval for the Implementation of the Cece Yara's Safe Kids Training Programme in Lagos State Public Schools

The Foundation paid a collaboration visit to the Permanent Secretary of Lagos State Ministry of Education, Mrs Abosede Adelaja for approval to implement the Foundation's Safe Kids Awareness Training Programme in the Lagos State Public schools on resumption of the new school session to train children and educators on the dynamics of child sexual abuse, to which approval was given.

The Safe Kids Awareness programme (SKAP) is child-friendly, developmentally appropriate, provides clear and positive messages about setting boundaries assertively, and is designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse.

Cece Yara Foundation was elected as State Treasurer of FCT of the Child Protection Network.

Child Protection Network (CPN) FCT Chapter, is a consortium of Child-Focused Organizations, Ministries, Departments and Agencies with a vision of a Nigerian society where children are free from all forms of abuse, exploitation, neglect and violence.

The Network's mission is to prevent and respond to abuse, exploitation, violence and other issues affecting children, thus ensuring the rights of children are protected. A major objective of the network is to act as a means of assessing the strength(s) of members and as a platform for providing support and capacity building for members to effectively engage in the pursuit of improved child protection response in Nigeria.



The British Council partnered with Cece Yara to pay a courtesy visit to the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Panti

On the 13th of April, 2021, the Cece Yara Foundation (CYF) represented by Mrs Bisi Ajayi- Kayode, the Assistant Director, Ayorinde Oluwalolade, Communications Coordinator and the legal team in the company of the representative of Rule of Law and AntiCorruption (RoLAC) British Council, Iyiola Gbadamosi, paid a courtesy visit to Mr Fayode Adegoke Mustapha, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Panti.

The meeting was geared towards the adoption of Forensic interviews as the best practice for investigation and prosecution of child sexual abuse cases, and the need to review the police training curriculum to include the dynamics of child sexual abuse and forensic interview.

The DCP expressed his warmest regards to the Organization and pledge to sustain the support Cece Yara has been receiving from them over the years.

Liberia's National Colloquium on SGBV Advocacy in Partnership with UN Spotlight Initiative

The Cece Yara Foundation was represented by the Executive Director, Mrs Bisi Ajayi-Kayode as an international presenter on "Sharing the best international practices of response to SGBV".

The Colloquium was organized by Women Empowerment for Self-Employment (WESE) in collaboration with the Ministries of Gender, Children and Social Protection, Internal Affairs, and Ministry of Justice and other stakeholders in the administration of the criminal justice system in Liberia.



To Commemorate the World Breast Feeding week Cece Yara Foundation featured a presentation of gifts

In celebrating the 2021 World breastfeeding week the Cece Yara Foundation featured a presentation of gifts by the Honourable Minister, Federal Ministry of Women Affairs (FMWA), Dame Pauline K. Tallen to the first babies of the Year.

Parents of the first babies of the year testified of the great benefits of exclusive breastfeeding based on their experiences as the parents.

The Director of Child Development, FMWA also shared the many benefits of exclusive breastfeeding and the need to imbibe positive nutritional and hygiene practices as well as health-seeking practices to enhance the well-being of their children.



CYF Collaborates with the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) Abuja Branch

The Nigeria Bar Association (NBA), Abuja Branch held its monthly meeting on the 2nd of July 2021 and the Foundation was allowed to sensitise the association on the best practices of a one-stop child-friendly response based on the Foundation's Child Advocacy Center model.

Based on the request by the foundation for partnership, a positive response was received and a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was forwarded and signed by both organizations to consolidate the partnership.



16 Days of Activism: Outreach Program at Gbagada and Ile Epo Market in Lagos State

To mark 16 Days of Activism 2021, The Cece Yara Foundation reached over 5,000 people through our outreach programs both at Gbagada and Ile-Epo Market in Lagos State on November 30th 2021 and December 2nd respectively.

The foundation reached out to Gbagada residents and the people of Ile Epo Market with the Child Helpline Information

Leaflet to educate them about child sexual abuse and other forms of gender-based violence. Awareness was also created about the Foundation and its free services.

The Cece Yara team enlightened the market community on CSA and how to report it through the foundation's free Child Helpline Line (0800 800 8001) at no cost to them.



16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is global campaign. Every year, the Campaign either introduces a new theme, or continues an old theme. The theme focuses on one particular area of gender inequality and works to bring attention to these issues and make changes that will have an impact.



The Cece Yara Foundation Collaborates With International Visitor Leadership Program U.S. Department Of State

Visit to Ejigbo and Shomolu Community (Ejigbo and Shomolu Local Council Development)

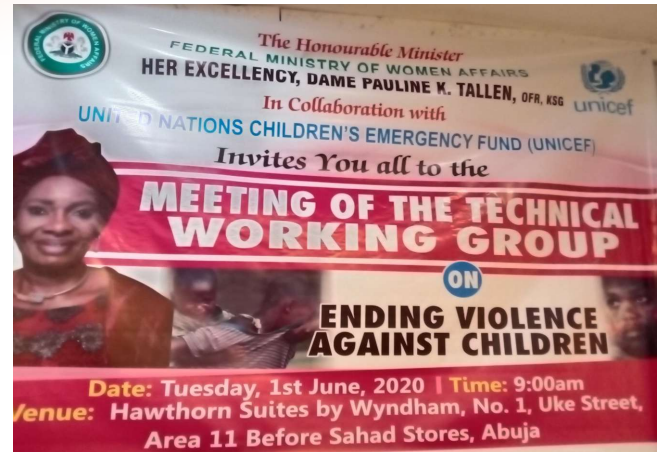
On the 26th of March 2021, the Cece Yara Foundation co-facilitated a sensitization programme with International Visitor Leadership Programme (IVLP) in Ejigbo Community themed: "Maintaining A Rape, Child Molestation and Domestic Violence Free Community" Present and leading the Cece Yara team at the programme was the Executive Director of Cece Yara Foundation, Ms Grace Ketefe and Assistant Director Ms Bisi Ajayi-Kayode.

Mrs Bisi Ajayi-Kayode spoke at length about the causes of abuse, COVID-19 IMPACT on Child Sexual Abuse, child rights, how children can be protected from abuse in the micro and macro environment, five steps to protecting children and she further encouraged the audience to speak up for children.

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Out of The Shadow Campaign

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Behavioural Insight

We participated in a Behavioural Insight Workshop Organized by The Policy Innovation Centre (PIC); an initiative within the National Economic Summit Group (NESG) sponsored by Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, with the support of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The Workshop seeks to deepen the impact of Nigeria's Medium-Term National Development Plan implemented by the Ministry of Budget and National Planning, supported by Nigeria Economic Summit Group (NESG) to aid policymakers and program implementers with the design of more effective solutions for development using Behavioural Insight.



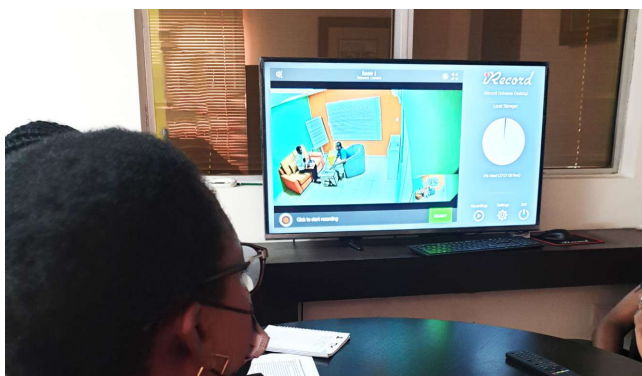


Lagos State Launches Sexual Assault Referral Center in Alimosho

On the 1st of April 2021, the First Lady of Lagos State launched a new SARC Centre in Alimosho Local Government named Idera.

The Centre was established in collaboration with the European Union and the Rule of Law and AntiCorruption Project of the British Council.

The Cece Yara Foundation was represented by the Assistant Director of Cece Yara Foundation - Mrs Bisi Ajayi Kayode and CYF Social worker- Opeoluwa Oyedeki. The Foundation was highly profiled and recognised for its impact in fighting child abuse.



CYF Trains Forensic Experts

On the 1st of March 2021, The Cece Yara Foundation sponsored a 5 Day Child Forensic Interview training for its Abuja Staff and representatives from the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs.

The training was facilitated by the Principal Consultant, PAT Consulting Nigeria, Mrs Elizabeth Pam.



Voice of Nigeria Visitation to the Centre

On the 30th of July, 2021, the Foundation was hosted by the Voice of Nigeria radio station with media coverage of over 400,000 listeners in a radio programme on identifying and responding to child sexual abuse and its correlation to SGBV cases.

The broadcast was able to win and sustain the attention of listeners worldwide particularly Nigerians and Africans within and in diaspora on the Foundation's professional service response to child sexual abuse to enhance case reporting, identifying signs of abuse in children and responding responsibly to harness community resources.

CYF Facilitates an Online Training for Invictus Africa

On the 27th of March, The Cece Yara Foundation's Executive Director and Assistant Director - Mrs Grace Ketefe and Mrs Bisi Ajayi- Kayode facilitated a program for parents with children under the age of 18 tagged "A-Z of Sexual Abuse".

The participants were equipped with the knowledge of child sexual abuse, prevention, where and how to get support if abuse takes place.

From the feedback gathered, the program was quite enlightening and educating.





WODDI Talk That Talk (TTT) Show - Mental Health Conversation - A Personal Hack to Productivity

The Cece Yara Child Advocacy Center was honoured to be among the Woddi's panellist discussion on Mental Health conversation- A Hack to Productivity at their monthly Talk That Talk Show.

The panellists were representatives from Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Founder of Mindshaven, CYF Child Therapist and Mental Health First Aider, Grief Support Counselor & Author. There were conversations about identifying one's addiction and accepting that one needs help, which also relates to other mental illnesses.

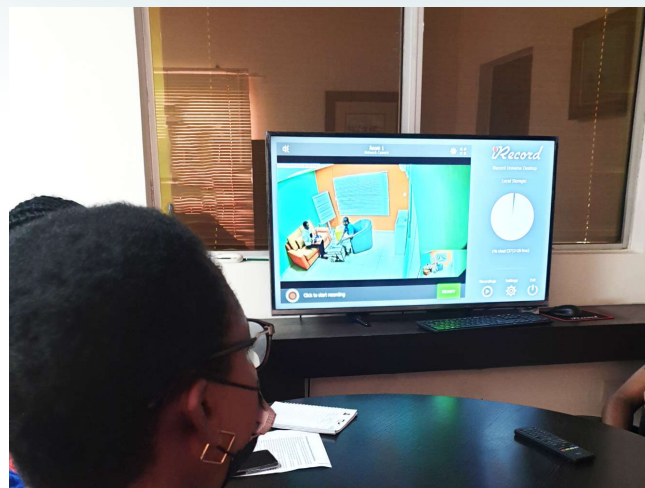
There was further talk about workplace productivity, the importance of being aware of mental health, and how employers should avoid stressors through giving extra work to their employees.

Religious Organizations Pledge to End Violence against Women and Girls

On the 20th of April 2021, the Cece Yara team also facilitated training for two prominent religious organizations in Nigeria: The Nasrul-lahi-li Fathi Society of Nigeria also known as NASFAT and The Christian Council of Nigeria, CCN.

The training sessions spotlighted equipping the participants to understand their roles in Ending Violence against Women & Girls (VAWG).

After the training, the groups pledged to strengthen structures within their organisations to End violence against women and girls in Nigeria.



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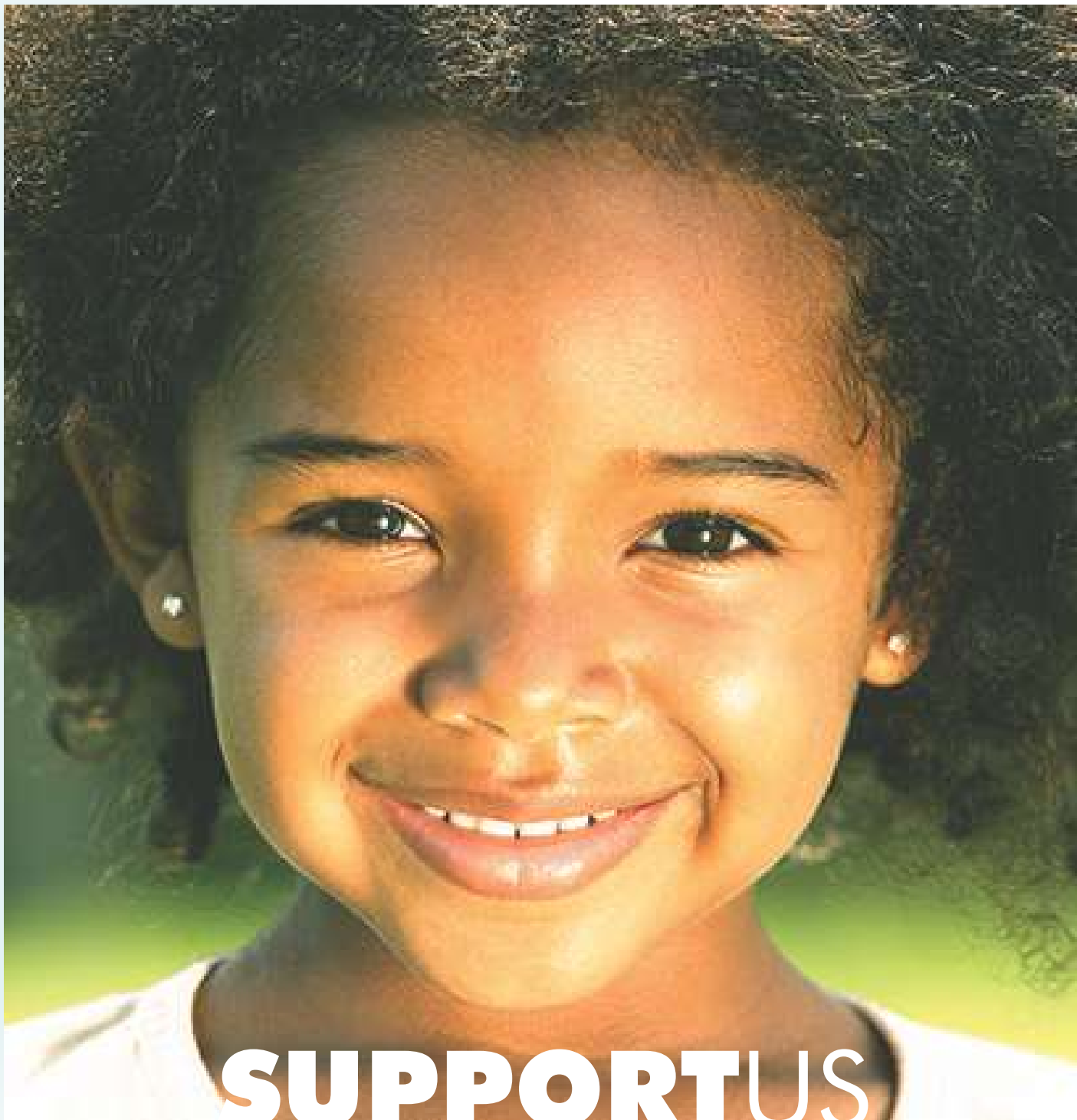
This training was an eye-opener for all participants especially in the concept of Interviewer's Bias and Expectancy Effect, where participant explored the possibility of negatively influencing the outcome of a forensic interview if the emotions and expectations of the interviewer is not properly guided.

Cece Yara Celebrates Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Month of April gives every child-focused organisation around the world including Cece Yara the opportunity to again highlight in specific terms, the importance of protecting children from abuse and neglect, raise public awareness that it is preventable.

The Foundation throughout the month shared information about child abuse, empowered adults as trusted adults to know the fact, signs and respond appropriately to the abuse.





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Every Little Bit Helps!**



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