

# REPORT ON THE CHILD PROTECTION/ RIGHTS CONSULTATIVE WEBINAR



## THE CHILD PROTECTION/RIGHTS CONSULTATIVE WEBINAR

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## INTRODUCTION

**Child and Youth Protection Foundation (CYPF)** in Partnership with **Freehearts Africa Reach Out Foundation (FAROF)** organized an online session to discuss the Child Protection Acts. The session had three main speakers that spoke extensively on the Child Right Acts (CRA) and its implementation. The Child Right Act was passed in 2003. The aim of the CRA is to ensure that the best interest of a Child is a paramount consideration in all actions. There were three speakers doing the session and they each had different topic areas they discussed.

**ATTENDANCE:** 47 participants

## KEY OBJECTIVES

The objective of the session is to:

1. The importance of implementation of the Child Right Acts.
2. Explore structures put in place for the implementation of the Law.
3. The role of CSOs, challenges and solutions in the implementation of the CRA.

## PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSIONS

The first speaker was **Mr Elekwachi Chimezie Lekwas**, He spoke on understanding the structures that are put in place for the implementation of the Child Right Acts. During his session, he dwelt on;

- Structures set up for Child Right Acts implementation committee in the federal level. This structure is set up to organize, collate, coordinate the implementation of the Right of the Child which is to be overseen by the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs supposed to be in charge of monitoring this committee. The major challenge the committee have is proper funding of this committee at both the Federal and state levels. Some states have not set up the child rights implementation committee after the Act was passed into law in the states and this has affected the implementation of the law
- Local Government CRA implementation committees are technically not existing in most of the Local government councils in Nigeria and the Area council in the Federal capital territory.
- General outlook on the CRA implementation: most stakeholders still find it difficult understanding the provisions of the CRA/CRLs.
- Family Court and its importance: Most states do not have the family courts established and few states that have the family courts established are not funding them appropriately.
- Setting up a specialized children unit in the Nigeria Police Force. which is according to section 207 of the CRA has not fully carried out by the Nigeria Police force

He concluded by pointing to areas that can be looked into which include; The situation of the passage of the Rights, Controversial issues in each State concerning

the implementation of the Acts, Areas of advocacy to be able to improve the implementation of the rights of the child because there has not been a national collation in the understanding of each state needs.

The second speaker was **Mr. Femi Oyedeji**. He spoke on the role of civil society, challenges and solutions in the implementation of the CRA. He points out specific roles of the CSOs in implementing the CRA. Some of the roles includes;

- Advocacy and Awareness.
- Building capacity of different structures.
- Community engagement.
- Promoting child participation.
- Monitoring the implementation of the Act/Laws

The third speaker was **Mr. Kolawole**. He spoke on the importance of implementation of the CRA and the role of all stakeholders in achieving this. He said despite the passing of the law in all the states, there are still some setbacks on full implementation of the Laws.

Participants at the webinar all agreed that there is a need for government and other stakeholders to work harder in the implementation of the CRA/RCLs. It was also agreed that there needs to be budget lines for child protection at all the Federal and states Level.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- CSOs and community ought to take full responsibility of ensuring the implementation of the child rights laws
- The implementation of the child rights laws shouldn't be seen as a project but a process
- The implementation of the child rights laws should be in contextual to each state social cultural norms.
- Budget allocation for each state child rights laws
- Community awareness on the child rights laws

## WEBINAR VIDEO LINK

To get more details on the Discussions and recommendation, kindly revert on the video link below. Watch the full recorded webinar through the link **below:**

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