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FOUNDER'S STATEMENT

After the birth of my first child in 2017, I became worried and scared about his safety. My motherhood experience ignited the curiosity about sexual safety for kids and age appropriate sex education. This was against the backdrop of several unpleasant stories of molestation and Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) in traditional and social media. Unfortunately, I observed that people hardly talk about sexual abuse related topics as any discussion having to do with sex and sex related matters are seen as obscene or taboo, especially in Africa. The sad reality is that child sexual abuse thrives where there is ignorance, silence, and secrecy.

My quest and passion for protection of children against the menace of CSA gave rise to the organization; Protect The Child Foundation (PTCF) in 2017. I realized that as a legal practitioner, I could also pursue my passion in promoting the wellbeing and safety of children, particularly against CSA. I started the advocacy against CSA on social media platforms until PTCF was formally incorporated as a Non-Governmental and Non-profit organization with head office in Abuja, Nigeria.

PTCF is currently registered with National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPITIP) as one of the service providers on sexual assault related matters in Nigeria. PCTF believes the fight against CSA involves using both conventional and unconventional methods, so as to reach people in the language they would understand. This has led to PTCF creating body safety notebooks and charts that contains graphics and appealing contents for children, PTCF TV (an online TV) which feature various topical and relevant issues through her "vox pop" "let's talk about it" and more.

It is also noteworthy to state that PTCF has published a "The Trainers manual: A handbook on how to prevent, report and respond to cases of child sexual abuse" for teachers, caregivers and schools, security agencies and child focused organizations with a 2-day pilot training held in April, 2022 in Abuja FCT, Nigeria.



**BARR. MRS ELIZABETH
EBULEJONU ACHIMUGU**
Executive Director

PTCF has also officially established clubs in both Primary and Junior Secondary Schools with the goal of equipping students on speaking out, body safety, puberty, self-esteem and leadership skills.

PTCF is able to achieve these and would do much more with the help of God, support of our team members, volunteers and donors. With your support, PTCF is looking at expanding her reach and activities to more children, schools and families in innovative ways and in the language they would

Say NO to child sexual abuse.

WHO WE ARE

Protect the child foundation is a non-governmental organization currently based in Nigeria established in 2017. With the focus on



Preventing, responding
and reporting child
sexual abuse.



Breaking the culture of
silence



Ending ignorance and
victim shaming of
survivors of child sexual
abuse by encouraging
speaking out



Sharing relevant
information on age
appropriate sex
education, body safety



Encouraging conversation
around puberty,



Distribution of sanitary
pads



Empowering the future of children
through the provisions of
scholarships, notebooks and basic
school materials, advocacies and
more.

towards the eradication of child sexual abuse through the provision of relevant information, emergency, legal services that empower, prevent and protect the African child.

OUR FOCUS

- To break the cycle of abuse.
- To end the silence around child sexual abuse and victims.
- To improve the health and hygiene for all children.



OUR VISION

To create a safe childhood free from child sexual abuse for the African child.

OUR MISSION

To work towards the eradication of child sexual abuse through the provision of relevant information, emergency, legal, medical and other services that empowers.



WHAT DO WE DO?



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Advocacy campaigns and sensitization of children in schools against child sexual abuse, how to prevent, respond and report it. PTCF has reached about 20, 000 students in schools from its inception till date. PTCF has conducted sensitization Programmes at LEA Nyanya I, LEA Dutse Sagwari, De-Mejus Academy, Perez Anointing Touch school, Junior Secondary School Lower Usman Dam, Junior Secondary School Dutse Alhaji amongst other schools, all within FCT, Abuja

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Organize sensitization, workshops and programmes for parents, guardians, teachers and caregivers in schools, places of worship, media and among others towards curbing the menace of child sexual abuse.

3

Promotion of age appropriate sex education and body safety conversations. This is aimed at breaking the culture of silence by encouraging people to speak out about/against child sexual abuse, ending ignorance and shaming of survivors and or victims of child sexual abuse.

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Promotion of education through her offer of scholarships, production and distribution of notebooks and basic school essentials because we believe every child deserves access to good and quality education regardless of the economic status of the parents.

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PTCF clubs in both Primary and Junior Secondary Schools with the goal of equipping students on speaking out, body safety, puberty, self-esteem and leadership skills.



WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO?



According to UNICEF, 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 10 boys are likely to face sexual violence in Nigeria before the age of 18 years and unfortunately, less than 5 out of 100 get any help. Sadly, 80% of abused children know who the abusers are. PTCF understands that these are not just figures but humans.

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WHAT ARE OUR GOALS?

To protect and defend the innocence of the African child.



WHO HAVE WE REACHED?

PTCF has reached over **20,000** students in both Primary and Secondary schools directly, Over three million people (3,000,000) both online and offline through her sensitization programmes in schools for children, training of parents, teachers, caregivers and school administrators, conferences, webinars and her active social media channels and more.

HOW DO WE ACHIEVE OUR GOALS?

PTCF has created programmes under these following intervention headings



I AM THE FUTURE

Boys and girls, regardless of their age, race or class are vulnerable to the child sexual abuse.

Children are the future and that future must be protected. This is the motivation for our advocacies in schools and reaching out to children. We believe children too can be equipped with the necessary tools such as body safety tips, vigilance and proper reporting mechanisms. Available statistics indicate that age appropriate sex education goes a long way in curbing the menace of child sexual abuse.



I PROTECT THE FUTURE

Curbing the menace of child sexual abuse involves the support of parents, guardians, teachers and schools. These stakeholders are equipped to engage their children and ward on the proper body safety conversations, age appropriate sex education and the proper reporting channel. Conversation around these topics are seen as a taboo that "should not" be talked about.

PTCF has organised series of both online and offline trainings for parents, teachers, advocates and caregivers.



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

Conversation around puberty should not be seen as taboos and a no-go area. Let's Talk About It equip parents, schools and students on the facts that puberty is natural, normal and nothing to be ashamed of. Changes that come along with puberty and how it can be managed for both boys and girls.

PTCF has also launched PTCF TV vox pop series called "Let's talk about it" where all topics on age appropriate sex education are talked about by Nigerians on the street.



JUSTICE FOR ALL

One major reason why several crimes, including child sexual abuse continue unabated is the fact that perpetrators are hardly given deserved punishments. PTCF through her external Solicitors, Adelante Castle Attorneys and a team of volunteers collaborate with relevant government and non-governmental organizations to seek justice for survivors of child sexual abuse. We therefore believe that adequate sanctions for perpetrators will help reduce drastically the menace of child sexual abuse.



END PERIOD POVERTY

We observe that some girls in suburb and rural areas miss out of schools during their monthly menstrual cycle due to poverty and inability to afford sanitary pads. "End period poverty" involves free distribution of sanitary pads to students and schools in order to protect the dignity of the girl child and to ensure no girl miss out from school due to menstruation. So far, we have distributed thousands of pads to female students in several schools in suburb of Abuja FCT and environs.

MEDICAL AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS

According to statistics, fewer than five out of 100 survivors of child sexual abuse/ violence cases are likely to get any form of support. Thus, we believe that survivors need medical support and counselling in order to overcome/recover from the trauma that comes with sexual abuse/violence.

This would help them attain full recovery and live a normal and healthy lives. As an organization, PTCF is passionately committed to working with both government and Non-governmental organization in seeking timely help for survivors of child sexual abuse.



PARTNERSHIPS

PTCF acknowledges that the fight against child sexual abuse is not a one-man show, hence the need for collaborations with relevant stakeholders in order to ensure the prevention, response and reportage of child sexual abuse. Currently, PTCF has strong working relationships with various schools (public and private), Nigeria Police, Universal Basic Education Board, Hospital, FCT Sexual and Gender Violence Response Team, National Agency for The Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPITIP), Nigeria Bar Association, Adelante Castle Attorneys and a host of others.



TRAININGS

The fight against Child sexual abuse requires training and retraining of relevant stakeholders on how to prevent, respond and report child sexual abuse. This also equips schools and parents on how to conduct effective sex education. Protect The Child Foundation has hosted series of training programmes for various stakeholders at her own expense. The most prominent was the "Train –the – Trainers Workshop on creating sexual safety policies for schools, prevention, response and reportage of child sexual abuse in schools" conducted in April 2022 with the support of Facebook Community Accelerator and other bespoke training programmes in schools, and other agencies.



Here are some testimonials from participants



MRS. ELUGBE JOY
JSS Area 2

"The training was indeed educating particularly the topic on sexual grooming. It threw great light on how predators penetrate their victims. These we see often within the school environment without most teachers knowing what is actually going on. With this training, I've been better informed thereby knowing what to do when I see such within my work place, home and environment. Thanks to PTCF. God bless you".



MRS. ADIGO PATRICIA
Perez Anointing Touch
School

"I have been attending trainings, but have not actually been exposed to the predators grooming the way it came in this training. I have been tutored to know every inch of what to look out for in and around my home, school and everywhere to help people around me. All thanks to PTCF All thanks to PTCF and I have now been able to create a gender assembly in my school. Our students are now better informed about their bodies and age appropriate sex education"



MR YAKUBU ABUBAKAR
Pilot Science, Karshi

"With the recent training concluded yesterday, I am armed with techniques of detecting and ambushing the perpetrator of CSA. Also my hope is reawakened about getting justice for victim of CSA"



COMR. GODFREY ILIYA
JSS Kurud

"Most rewarding of all is knowing what, when and how to respond, prevent & report any case of Child sexual abuse in schools or homes. With these knowledge, I'm now patron of PTCF Club in my school. Unreserved



EBENEHI MERCY MICHAEL

LEA Kubwa 2

"The two-day workshop organized by the PTCF taught me a lot as a teacher. I got to learn that in preventing child sexual abuse a proactive environment should be created such as ensuring children are not left without supervision, creating school based programs on child sexual abuse. I am now a pioneer of PTCF Club in my school after this training."



**MRS. OLUWAKEMI
ADEMU**

"My most outstanding and never to forget from PTCF train the trainers workshop is that as opposed to Nollywood movies, when a rape victim is stabbed, we shouldn't touch the knife so that the blood vessels won't start to bleed and fasten the person's death. We should instead, gently convey the victim to the hospital like that from doctor."



DR. ALLIH ANOBUI
Nyanya General Hospital

"The training refreshed and consolidated my knowledge and skills in the aspects of managing a child survivor. I am so glad that the PTCF foundation has established networks with both the public and the private organizations.



**BARR. FELICITY
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"First the awareness and exposure to other government agencies involved in child protection and their hotlines from different organisations like NAPITIP, FCT Sexual & Gender Based Violence Abuja. I was also informed of the sex offenders register for the first time. Also learnt the first response to give an abused child medically from experts. I also networked with other stakeholders in all it was fun and educative"



BENJAMIN
Portharcourt

"I had the golden opportunity of attending a training Workshop organized by Protect the Child Foundation (PTCF) on prevention, response and reportage of cases of Child Sexual Abuse at Abuja in April 2022. The training modules were handled by various professionals and I learnt so much during the training which was conducted for 2 days free of charge. On 29th October, 2022 I was engaged in an official assignment with National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons(NAPTIP) where we went to burst some brothels in Rivers State where victims of child sexual abuse/trafficked girls were camped for prostitution. I had the responsibility of investigating, profiling and counselling of the victims. I was able to get the victims confide in me and offered useful information that assisted in the success of the assignment. Looking back, I am so grateful to PTCF for the training opportunity which I did not pay a dime for. Courtesy of the training, I am now a committed an ambassador of PTCF and I carry the message of NO TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE everywhere I go".



JUDITH TIETIE Esq
Nigerian Bar Association

"I consolidated my idea on age appropriate sex education. Sex education I believe should grow with the child, as the child gets older, the caregiver in his/her life should add to the child's knowledge. Saying everything at once is not misinformation but information overload I believe isn't good either"

PROTECT THE CHILD FOUNDATION ONLINE COMMUNITY

Protect the child Foundation has a strong thriving online community with over 25,000 members and Millions of reach. The online community offers members and followers daily guide and tips on parenting and age appropriate sex education. It has also transformed the way people think.

A testimonial of an online community member



MR AUDU

"Greetings to the people of great minds...I have been learning a lot from here free of charge. Sincerely, the education I have received from here is very crucial that I can't forget in a hurry. Before, I used to think that it is only the ladies that can be raped not knowing that it can happen to the almighty alpha male too.

I used to blame the rape victims for exposing themselves to the rapists not knowing that sometimes it is not really the fault of the victims. Regards"



PROTECT THE CHILD FOUNDATION CLUB

With the support of Facebook Community Accelerator 2021, PTCF has established clubs in 5 Primary and Secondary Schools in the FCT. The essence of the club is to equip students both boys and girls on how to prevent, respond and report child sexual abuse and basic leadership life skills and character building programmes.



PTCF TEAM

PTCF has been blessed with a team of professionals, volunteers and staff from all works of life. We have doctors, counsellors, journalists, lawyers, trained educators and more who invest their time and energy to ensure the PTCF vision is achieved.



PTCF AND UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (SDG) GOALS

PTCF goals are in line with these following UN SDG goals



A CALL TO ACTION

Currently the task to expand and reach more people has become enormous, PTCF desires to expand her work to involve people living with disability as they are twice more vulnerable to abuse, to continue with the clubs so the maximum impact achieved will not just die. PTCF wants to reach more people in more states so more children who are survivors of child sexual abuse will get the required help they need.

Sadly, lots of victims/survivors of child sexual abuse really have nowhere to go to or a safe space, PTCF intends to establish a shelter for survivors of child sexual abuse by 2024 and a toll free line by 2023 so more survivors can freely call and get the help they need. We intend to produce re-usable sanitary pads, expand our clubs to more schools, get our trainings to more schools and individuals within and outside the FCT.

We call on you for your support towards the achievement of this feat.



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Together we say NO to child sexual abuse today.

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