

# ANNUAL REPORT

## THE SEDOO INITIATIVE

### FOR CHILDREN WITH

### SPECIAL NEEDS-

### SECHILD

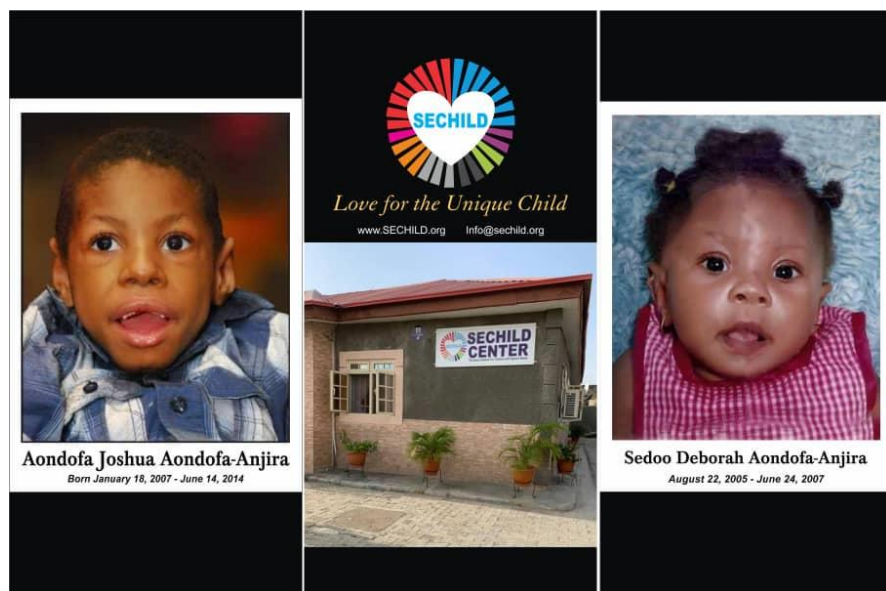
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## SECHILD HER STORY



After ten years of existence, we have operated sometimes under uncertainties, but we weathered through all the challenges. The experience in the past decade called for reflection on the journey so far and inspiration behind The Sedoo Initiative For Children with Special Needs-SECHILD. In raising TWO Children with Cerebral Palsy and the absence of professional assistance and support centers for the specific condition of these children, Founder Kawan Aondofa-Anjira and her

spouse had experience how much parents and caregivers of children with special needs especially Mothers can achieve in partnership with organisations working on issues of children with disabilities and media to prioritize and raise the standards in terms of care for children with Cerebral Palsy. As we move ahead, we recognise that individuals or coopotate organisations cannot sustain cost of providing standardized care for children with Cerebral Palsy. Moving forward, SECHILD will build solidarity with other non-profit organisations to advocate for implementation of National Disability Act, through coalescing voices to demand for allocation of financial and human resources for implementation of the act, hold duty bearers accountable and call on at all levels, policymakers, partners and advocates to make concerted efforts to address the barriers that make it difficult for children and young people with disabilities to actualize their full potentials.

Having experienced first-hand discrimination against children with special needs, lack of adequate policies and legislation to aid them to effectively realize their basic human rights. Kawan believes strongly that every child should have their basic fundamental human rights and children with on-set childhood disabilities such as

Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Epilepsy, Dawn Syndrome and other medical complexities arising from circumstances of birth **should not be denied these rights as guaranteed by law.**

Kawan Aondofa-Anjira realised so much can be achieved for children with special needs in the society if we engage and deliver with passion in one voice. Together, we are passionate about the plight of children with special needs and persons living with disabilities in order to improve their living conditions for the medium and long term. 2011, we have been implementing projects in Nigeria to demystify the beliefs held by communities about children with disabilities using traditional rulers, religious leaders, media and social media. The Sedoo Initiative for Children with Special Needs-SECHILD's slogan "**every child deserves the right to life**" is propagated across various media platforms condemning the practice of killing of children with disabilities and drawing the attention of the public to the issue particularly in communities where the practices of infanticide is prevalent to entrench behavioural change norms and have the most impact: building capacity of parents and caregivers, advocating for inclusion and

promoting fundamental human rights of children with disabilities through sensitization.

SECHILD is living the notion "every child deserves the right to life" - our programmes seek to address the discrimination and harmful practices and abuse of fundamental human rights of children with disabilities and sustain call for drastic action by government to protect such children's rights.

Studies showed that parents of children with disabilities experience tension and struggle especially the Mother who has to be with this child providing care most of the time. Mothers of such children are overwhelmed with the caring responsibilities, some of whom have to leave even their formal employment to stay home with their **children** with disabilities leaving the burden of providing for the families to their husbands. To manage and cope with a child's functional limitation and possible life-**long** dependence presents a multifaceted challenge for parents as well as the entire family.

In addition to advocacy, The Sedoo Initiative for Children with Special Needs offers residence care/rehabilitation for 20, 30 outpatient children with Cerebral Palsy, special

education, therapy, counselling and support to Parents and Caregivers with children with special needs particularly Cerebral Palsy to help build up their lives.

Four years after working to uphold the fundamental human rights of children with special needs, a boy was rescued from being drowned. It quickly became clear that the concept of the initiative was successful and the society will prioritize the slogan that **“Every child deserves the right to life”** and bring to a stop or at least minimize to barest the abandonment or outright killing of children with special needs.

Founder Kawan has devoted her life to ensuring the well-being of children with special needs and their parents and caregivers, team SECHILD continues to grow steadily. In order to be able to successfully implement our projects, we are dependent on a passionate and committed team, project work on how much can be achieved in the communities, we work with only a few resources but we get engaged and deliver with passion.

As a Mother, she empathises with families in similar situation, in their pains, frustrations and hopelessness. She has a burning passion for ‘Children with special needs’. We are providing care through SECHILD, creating a

community of support and opportunities for these children, re-orientating those who see them as gifts from the devil; that their indiscriminate killing could be minimized.

In 2021, The Sedoo Initiative for Children with Special Needs sheltered over 20 children from being abandoned as a result of their disability and offer outpatient therapy to more 30 children with Cerebral Palsy. SECHILD is home to many children (Resident and Outpatient) with Cerebral Palsy where psychosocial therapies and care are administered.



### **Our Mission**

To collaborate with partners in addressing the needs of vulnerable children while promoting their rights.

### **Our Vision**

Improved well-being of vulnerable children and their caregivers in the society.



## Who We Are and Where We Operate

The Sedoo Initiative for Children with Special Needs- SECHILD is a not-for-profit Organisation established in January, 2011 with the vision of improved well-being of vulnerable children and their caregivers in the society. Our organisation is committed to addressing the needs of vulnerable children while promoting their rights through strategic collaboration.

SECHILD advocates for the rights to life and dignity for children living with Cerebral Palsy, access to Disabilities Education, Medical and Mental Health Care and protection against Gender Based Violence. We provide residence care services such as rehabilitation, physio/occupational therapy, intervention and information on case management.

The Sedoo Initiative for Children with Disabilities is registered with Federal Ministries of Health, Education, Women Affairs, and National Planning, agencies such as Social Development Secretariat and National Human **Rights Commission. Networks like NACRAN, NACTAL** and WASH. SECHILD is a recipient of many awards namely; Inner wheel Club, Woman on Fire Makurdi, Rotaract Club, Red Cross, Ontiv Professionals Association,

Woman on Fire Abuja and has received commendations from Federal Ministries of Health, Education, Women Affairs, Associations, Prominent individuals, NGOs and Ambassador of Argentina.

Since establishment, SECHILD has impacted directly and indirectly over 10,000 lives positively across Nigeria through her interventions in Advocacy for children with disabilities/Persons, Special Educational Needs, Rehabilitation, Intervention Support Programmes, Disability and Mental Health Support, Disability and Gender Based Violence





## PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

### 1. Advocacy And Research for Children With Disabilities/Persons



Cross section of parents and givers @ the Dialogue in Social Acceptance of CP

#### (i) Dialogue on social acceptance of Cerebral Palsy

In Nigeria, there are more than 100,00 cases of cerebral palsy. According to World Health Organisation (WHO) globally over one billion people live with some form of disability globally, with prevalence in developing countries like Nigeria.

Children with Cerebral Palsy are stigmatized due to their medical condition, in churches and schools and other children are reluctant to associate with these children and they are treated like outcasts. SECHILD held a dialogue with children on social acceptance of Cerebral Palsy. The dialogue targeted the 50 younger children. The dialogue changed the narrative and fostered acceptance among children and parents.

According to one of the parents, *“If we teach children/adult how to treat people with disabilities **without discrimination**, they will understand that they are human beings and their fundamental human rights respected.”*



## ***(2) Religious Leaders, Persons Living with Cerebral Palsy, Parents and Caregivers Led Advocacy/ Awareness Creation at Mabushi-Abuja***



A Parent of a child with Cerebral Palsy leading the advocacy



Co-Founder SECHILD at leading the advocacy



Founders of SECHILD leading the awareness creation



Man Living with Cerebral Palsy leading the awareness creation



Resident Pastor Rev. Basil Orkpe leading the voice of change

## 2. Counselling, Rehabilitation, Intervention Support Programmes

### (ii). Aquatherapy for Children with Cerebral Palsy



Therapist supporting our hero @ Aquatic therapy session

Aquatherapy was organised for 30 children with Cerebral Palsy, under the supervision of trained and certified professional therapists. The therapy provides

deep, intense exercise as well as physical functioning with the aid of water's restorative and detoxifying properties. water therapy is beneficial to hydrating, oxygenating and revitalizing the body's musculoskeletal system. Gravitational pull is released, and weightlessness qualities are achieved. Range of movement increases and repetition, stretching and balancing is more sustainable. Additionally, the viscosity of the water provides an excellent source of resistance, which can be incorporated into an aquatic therapy program.



Care givers at the aquatic therapy

## (ii). Residence Care

We continued to provide residence and therapy for 30 children. Therapy often includes instructions for exercises, stretches, posturing, and balance to be performed outside the therapy sessions, at SECHILD CENTER. physio therapy has several benefits especially for children with cerebral palsy. The primary benefits include helping children overcome **physical limitations that significantly interfere with their daily lives.**



Care givers at the acquatic therapy



Care givers at the acquatic therapy

### (3). Disability and Mental Health Support



The Presidnet, Kawan Aondofa-Anjira @ training of parents on Cerebral Palsy Case Management

#### (i) Case Plan Development For Children With Cerebral Palsy:

SECHILD provides support to parents of children with Cerebral Palsy to enable them manage the condition. In the year under review, we supported 10 parents develop a care management plans, Since every child's condition and circumstances are unique, their needs will be as well. The types of services a family can afford also varies. Parents were supported with management plan and list and types of services providers as well as opportunities for free support. following is a list of some of the types of providers that may be of assistance. parents may deploy for assistance in managing their child's condition during the child's life span.

According to Mrs. Adanu " Gaining knowledge of available resources is a powerful tool towards providing the care the family needs and the child deserves'

## FINANCIAL REPORT 2021

### INCOME STATEMENT

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Donations From Private Individuals	25,578,949
Donations From Institutions	--
Income From Donors	--
Total Income	25,578,949
Direct Cost	19,187,600
<b>Gross Earnings</b>	<b>6,391,348</b>
Administrative Expenses	6,500,900
Financial Charges	38,593
Depreciation Charges	202,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>6,741,493</b>
Profit Before Tax	-350,144
Tax Provision	---
<b>Net Earnings From Continuing Business</b>	<b>-350,144</b>



## BALANCE SHEET SECHILD NIGERIA 31 DEC 2021

<b>Non-Current Assets</b>	
Property Plant & Equipment	3,856,020
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>3,856,020</b>
<b>Current Assets:</b>	
Inventories	54,700
Cash and Bank Balance	52,300
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>107,000</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>3,963,020</b>
<b>Equity &amp; liabilities</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
Directors Account	9,534,345
Accumulated Reserve	-6,071,326
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>3,463,020</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accrued Expenses	500,000
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>500,000</b>
<b>Total Equities &amp; Liabilities</b>	<b>3,963,020</b>





## CASHFLOW STATEMENT SECHILD NIGERIA JAN. 01 2021-31 DEC. 2021

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<b>CASHFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>	
Income Received	25,578,949
Expenditures	25,929,093
Net Earnings For The Period	-350,144
Depreciation	202,000
	<b>-148,144</b>
<b>Changes In Working Capital</b>	
Inventories	---
Receivables	---
Creditors And Accruals	200,000
	<b>200,000</b>
<b>Net Changes From Operating Activities</b>	<b>51,856</b>
<b>CASHFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>	
Purchase Of PPE	0
<b>Net Cashflow From Investing Activiies</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>CASHFLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>	
Prior Year Adjustment	0
Directors Loans	0
<b>Net Cashflow From Financing Activities</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Cashflow From All The Activities</b>	<b>51,856</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT</b>	
Opening Cash Balance	444
Closing Cash Balance	<b>52,300</b>
<b>Represented By:</b>	
Current Bank Balance	<b>52,300</b>

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## COST OF RESIDENCE CARE, THERAPY AND EDUCATION FOR ONE CHILD AT SECHILD

S/N	ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	COST	
		<del>₦</del>	\$ @ <del>₦</del> 450
1	Cost of Physio therapy for One Child three times a week	₦ 6,000	\$13
2	Cost of Speech therapy for One Child three times a week	₦ 7,500	\$17
3	Cost of Sign Language teacher for One Child five times a week	₦ 12,500	\$30
4	Cost of Aquatic therapy for One Child for once a month	₦ 10,000	\$22
5	Cost of 3 square meals for One Child a day	₦5000	\$11
6	Cost of Diapers for One Child 1 month	₦10,000	\$22
7	Cost of Medication and Supplements for One Child	N 3,000	\$7
8	Monthly Toiletries other essentials per child	₦10,000	\$22

# PARTNER IN FINANCES

**ACCOUNT NAME:**

**The SEDOO Initiative for  
children with Special Needs**



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