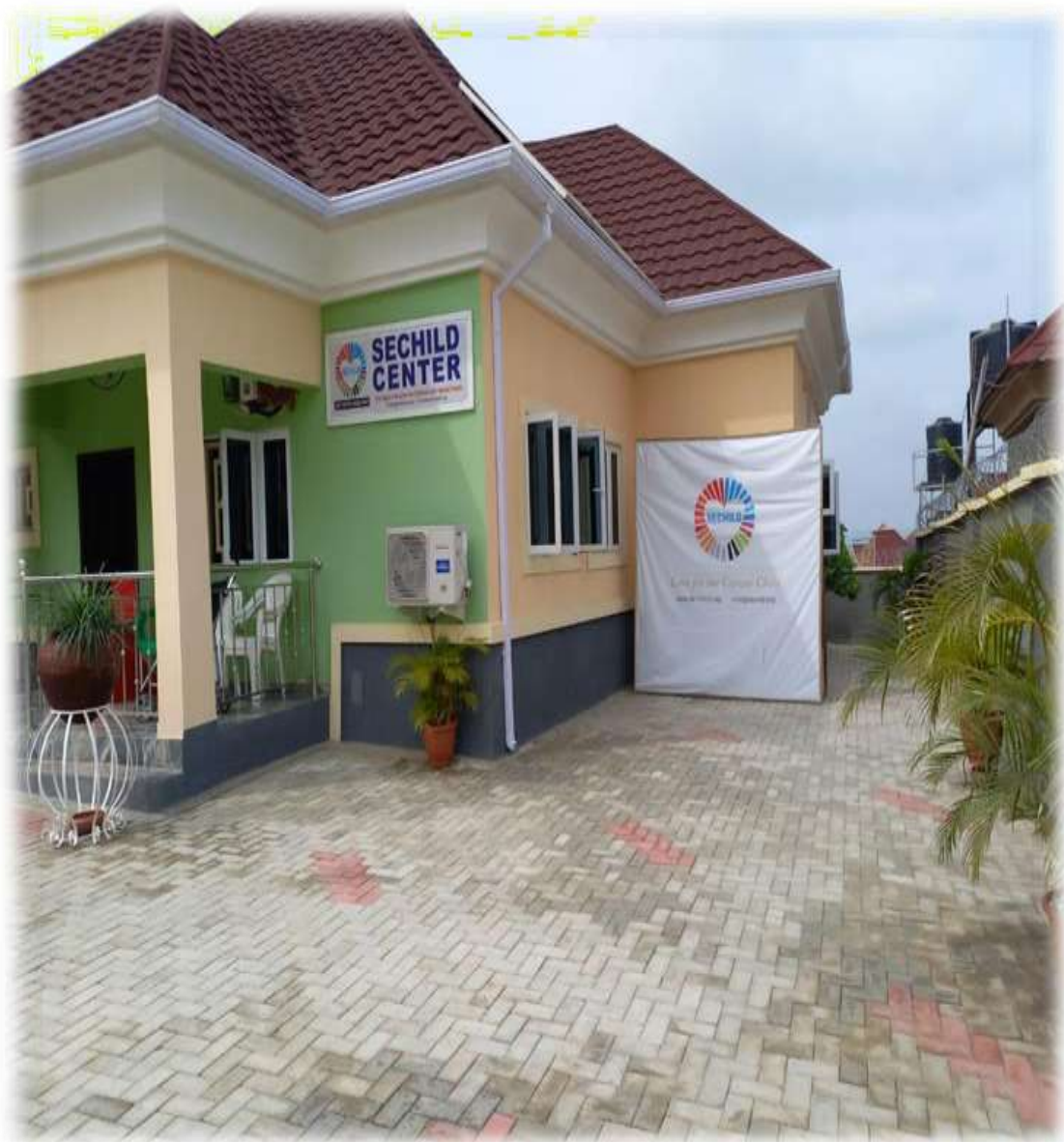




ANNUAL REPORT

THE SEDOO INITIATIVE FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS-SECHILD

2024

Table of Contents

Table of Contents

Table of Contents	2
President's Remarks	4
ABOUT THE SEDOO INITIATIVE FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS - SECHILD.....	5
Acquiring the Wheel of Hope	6
Appeal for Generosity: Transform Lives with Your Donation	6
Cost of Residential Care, Therapy and Education for One Month.....	6
Our success stories.....	6
Bemdoo's Journey: Taking His First Steps	7
Mercy's Progress: Opening Up to the World.....	7
Samuel's Development: Gaining Stability and Strength	7
Tersoo's Milestone: From Rescue to the Classroom	7
ACT Programme's Peer Learning Hub Workshop	8
Celebrating New Beginnings & Strengthening Families	8
First Quarter Parents' Forum.....	9
Building a Culture of Safety: Staff Training on Child Rights Protection	9
SECHILD at the Women2030 Project Launch SECHILD at the Women2030 Project Launch	10
European Union's Recognition: Honoring SECHILD's Impact	10
Strengthening Protection: SECHILD at the Second CSO Forum on GBV Prevention.....	11
Welcoming New Talent: Strengthening Our Team through NYSC.....	11
Empowering Advocates: Refresher Mentorship on Disability Rights	12
Regional Advocacy: SECHILD at ECOWAS Meeting on Assistive Devices	13
Advocating for Inclusive Education: SECHILD's Participation in the Bětá Nigeria Campaign.....	13
Facebook live Event	13
Welcoming Tsua Joseph Ternenge: From Volunteer to Programs Officer at SECHILD.....	14
SECHILD Saloon	14
Translation of The Disability Act into An Indigenous Language (TIV)	14
Welcoming Tse Terver Michael: Our IT/Operations Officer	15
Filing of 2023 Annual Return	15
Tax Compliance and Clearance: Three Years Tax Clearance Certificate	16
Visit by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul	16
NIDO-Europe visit	17
Focus Frontier International Academy Visit: A Step towards Inclusion and Partnership	18
Unique Mothers Association Advocacy for Growth Visit	18

Advocating for Change: SECHILD at the SGBV and CEFM Evidence Dissemination Meeting	19
Our Volunteer Spotlight: Eunice Atser – Championing Inclusivity.....	20
Strengthening Strategic Partnerships: SECHILD Signs MoU with the Federal Government.....	20
Spreading Awareness, Building Inclusion: SECHILD at NKST Children’s Camp.....	21
Mentor Precious Medical Check up	22
MTN Foundation Support: Nourishing Lives and Powering Hope	22
Enhancing Sustainability: Training for Future Resilience.....	23
Celebrating World Cerebral Palsy Day: Promoting Awareness and Inclusion	23
Empowering Change: SECHILD's Participation in Strategic Fundraising Training	24
Advocating for Change: SECHILD's Impact at the Investigative Hearing on Disability Rights.....	25
Courtesy Visit to the Chief Judge.....	26
Staff Week Celebration: October 28 - November 1, 2024.....	26
Training Program on WASH Budget Tracking Work	27
Advocacy and Representation at the National Assembly for International Day for Persons with Disabilities	27
SECHILD at the Nigerians in Diaspora Europe-NIDO Conference: Pitching for a New Center	28
SECHILD's Participation in TLMN/LF Meeting: Advancing Knowledge and Resource Mobilization	28
SECHILD Team's Training and Development Initiatives: Financial Training Session	29
SECHILD’s 2024 Year-End Celebrations: A Season of Gratitude and Inclusion	29
A Challenging Return: Favor's Story	31
Navigating Challenges, Advancing Hope	32
A Call for Partnership and Support.....	33
How to Support SECHILD.....	33
Chairman, Board of Trustees’ Remarks.....	35

President's Remarks



Dear Members and Supporters of SECHILD,

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the remarkable strides we have made at SECHILD. Our mission to improve the well-being of children with special needs and their families continues to guide our every endeavor. Your unwavering support makes our progress possible, and for that, we are deeply thankful.

This year, we have witnessed extraordinary milestones that underscore our commitment to excellence and care. From receiving our Tax Clearance Certificate, affirming our dedication to transparency and accountability, to successfully filing our Annual Return with the Corporate Affairs Commission, we have demonstrated our steadfast adherence to regulatory compliance and organizational integrity.

We have also commenced the building of our expanded center and revamped our website to better serve our community. Additionally, we have cared for 30 children, sent one child to school, and celebrated as four children gained the ability to walk independently.

We admitted more children, took in three National Youth Service Corps members, and engaged five vibrant volunteers and three caregivers. Moreover, we have expanded and started a branch in Gboko, Benue State, with 10 children and four caregivers. Our dedicated team has worked tirelessly to advocate for robust data protection measures for children with special needs, educate policymakers and caregivers on the importance of data privacy, and expand our influence across Nigeria.

Looking ahead, we are committed to further enhancing our services and outreach. We will continue to develop and disseminate materials highlighting the critical need for data protection and aim to improve healthcare outcomes for individuals with disabilities through enhanced access to disability-friendly healthcare services.

I extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated staff, volunteers, and partners whose unwavering dedication and compassion make SECHILD a beacon of hope for so many. To our donors and supporters, your generosity is the lifeblood of our mission. Together, we are making a profound difference in the lives of children with special needs and their families.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Kawan Aondofa-Anjira (Mrs., FIMC, CLIM)

President, SECHILD

ABOUT THE SEDOO INITIATIVE FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS - SECHILD

Founded in January 2011, SECHILD aims to improve the well-being of vulnerable children and caregivers, especially those with disabilities like Cerebral Palsy. SECHILD offers residential care services, including rehabilitation and therapy, and advocates for children's rights to education, healthcare, and protection from violence. Through partnerships with government bodies, NGOs, and corporate sponsors, SECHILD has positively impacted over 15,000 lives in Nigeria, focusing on advocacy, education, rehabilitation, and support programs.



Love for the Unique Child

An infographic with a dark blue background and a faint circular pattern. It contains two main sections: "Our Mission" and "Our Vision".

- Our Mission** (highlighted in a yellow box): To collaborate with partners in addressing the needs of vulnerable children while promoting their rights.
- Our Vision** (highlighted in a purple box): Improved well-being of vulnerable children and their caregivers in the society.

Acquiring the Wheel of Hope

Thanks to the generous support from **Worship For Change Initiative, (Green Worship)** SECHILD now proudly owns The Wheel of Hope, enhancing our capacity to provide essential transportation services for our children.



Appeal for Generosity: Transform Lives with Your Donation:

Every therapy session at SECHILD is made possible through the generosity of individuals like you. Your contribution sustains our commitment to respite, advocacy, awareness, special education, and life-changing therapies for children with special needs.

Cost of Residential Care, Therapy and Education for One Month

Attached Overleaf

Our success stories

At SECHILD, our mission revolves around creating an environment where every child can flourish. We celebrate the remarkable journeys of Bemdoo, Mercy, and Samuel, whose lives have been transformed through our dedicated efforts.

Bemdoo's Journey: Taking His First Steps



When Bemdoo arrived at SECHILD, he was unable to walk or feed himself. Through consistent therapy and care, he now walks without assistance and has begun feeding himself independently. Although non-verbal, Bemdoo has started to vocalize a few words such as “daddy” and “key.” These are small but powerful breakthroughs that speak to his growing confidence and ability.

Mercy's Progress: Opening Up to the World

Mercy, a non-verbal child, has shown remarkable emotional growth. She now engages more with caregivers and peers, responding to activities with smiles and affectionate gestures. Her journey highlights how a supportive environment can encourage even the quietest children to express joy and connection.

Samuel's Development: Gaining Stability and Strength



Samuel has become more coordinated and focused during activities. Though still non-verbal, his participation in daily routines has improved significantly, showing a growing sense of stability and engagement. His progress is a testament to the quiet, consistent work of our caregivers and therapists.

Tersoo's Milestone: From Rescue to the Classroom

Rescued in 2014 and welcomed into the SECHILD family that same year, Tersoo has been one of our longest-staying children. This year, we are proud to announce that he gained admission into the FCT School for the Deaf in Kuje and has resumed formal education. This marks a major turning point in

his journey—a chance to learn, grow, and connect with others in a setting tailored to his needs. His resilience and growth over the years reflect the impact of long-term, dedicated care and support.

These success stories are more than individual achievements, they represent SECHILD's mission in action: to create a safe, inclusive, and empowering environment where every child, regardless of their challenges, has the opportunity to thrive.

We remain inspired by the children's progress and deeply grateful to our supporters, partners, and caregivers who help make these life-changing stories possible.

ACT Programme's Peer Learning Hub Workshop



Following the capacity-strengthening training received in the previous year through the European Union and British Council-funded Agents for Citizen-Driven Transformation (ACT) Programme, SECHILD was selected to participate in a Peer Learning Hub Workshop in 2024. This workshop

brought together civil society organizations (CSOs) to exchange knowledge, share best practices, and explore innovative strategies for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The focus of the workshop was on deepening collaboration within the CSO community, strengthening internal systems, and promoting a culture of continuous learning and accountability. SECHILD's participation underscored its commitment to organizational development and effective service delivery in the disability and child advocacy space. Through this platform, SECHILD not only contributed its insights but also gained valuable tools to enhance programming, governance, and impact measurement. The experience reaffirmed our dedication to excellence, transparency, and collective progress within Nigeria's development landscape. We remain grateful to the European Union, British Council, and the ACT Programme for their continued investment in our growth and capacity.

Celebrating New Beginnings & Strengthening Families

In the first half of 2024, SECHILD welcomed five new children into our care—each child arriving with a unique and touching story that reflects the diverse realities families face. One was referred through the Social Welfare Secretariat, another was rescued and brought to us by a reverend priest.

One joined with the full support of loving and committed parents. Another came to us after being abandoned by their mother but is now being raised by a dedicated father. The fifth child, abandoned by their father, was embraced and brought in by their mother. These stories remind us that every child deserves dignity, care, and a supportive community—and at SECHILD, they find just that.

To further support these families, SECHILD hosted its First Quarter Parents' Forum, providing a vital platform for caregivers to connect, share experiences, and receive guidance. The forum focused on building stronger support systems and addressing the emotional, social, and practical challenges of raising children with cerebral palsy. It was also an opportunity to foster trust and open communication between SECHILD staff and families, reinforcing our shared commitment to the well-being and development of every child.

Together, these milestones reflect the heart of SECHILD's mission—creating a safe, inclusive space where children are valued and families are empowered.

First Quarter Parents' Forum

SECHILD convened a First Quarter Parents' Forum to foster collaboration and enhance support systems for our children, providing a platform for open dialogue and shared insights.



Building a Culture of Safety: Staff Training on Child Rights Protection

In line with our commitment to creating a safe and nurturing environment for every child, SECHILD organized a comprehensive staff training on Child Rights Protection Policy. The session focused on deepening understanding of child protection principles, responsibilities, and appropriate responses to safeguarding concerns. At the end of the training, all team members formally

pledged to uphold SECHILD's Child Rights Protection Policy. This initiative reinforces our organization's dedication to the highest standards of care, ensuring that the rights and well-being of children with special needs remain central to all we do.

SECHILD at the Women2030 Project Launch

SECHILD proudly participated in the launch of the Women2030 Project, an initiative that aligns with our commitment to supporting children with disabilities and their caregivers. Our involvement underscores SECHILD's dedication to advancing gender equality and contributing to broader goals of sustainable development within our communities.

European Union's Recognition: Honoring SECHILD's Impact

SECHILD was honored with a certificate of recognition by the European Union at the closing ceremony of the ACT Program. This acknowledgment celebrates our active participation and meaningful contributions to the initiative.

The recognition highlights SECHILD's unwavering commitment to community-driven transformation and our ongoing advocacy for the rights and well-being of children with special needs. We are proud to stand alongside other change makers working toward a more inclusive and empowered society.



Strengthening Protection: SECHILD at the Second CSO Forum on GBV Prevention



In 2024, SECHILD participated in the Second Civil Society Organization (CSO) Forum Discussion on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Prevention, organized by Widows and Orphans Empowerment Organization (WEWE). The forum convened a diverse range of CSOs to share insights, strategies, and collaborative approaches to addressing GBV in communities. SECHILD

actively contributed to the discussions, with a special focus on the intersection of disability and GBV. Our participation underscored the urgent need to protect children with disabilities, who often face heightened vulnerability and are frequently excluded from mainstream protection systems. Through this engagement, SECHILD reaffirmed its commitment to advocacy, inclusion, and community-based solutions that safeguard the rights and dignity of all children. The knowledge and partnerships gained from this forum will strengthen our ongoing efforts to prevent violence and ensure safe, supportive environments for the children and families we serve.

Second CSO Forum Discussion on GBV Prevention

Welcoming New Talent: Strengthening Our Team through NYSC



In 2024, SECHILD had the privilege of welcoming two National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) members to join our dedicated team. Their arrival brought a wave of fresh energy, professional skills, and a deep sense of commitment to our mission of serving children with disabilities. These young professionals actively contributed to improving our

day-to-day operations, expanding our outreach, and enhancing the overall quality of care delivered at the center.

The NYSC program continues to be an invaluable pipeline for engaging passionate youth in nation-building. SECHILD is proud to be a nurturing environment where corps members not only serve but also grow, gaining real-world experience in advocacy, service delivery, and inclusive development.

Notably, the foundation of SECHILD itself is deeply rooted in this spirit of service. Our founder is a proud NYSC award recipient, recognized for outstanding humanitarian service during her deployment in the Federal Capital Territory. This legacy of service continues to shape our values and inspire our ongoing work.

We remain grateful for the contributions of our NYSC members and look forward to continuing to partner with the scheme in building a stronger, more inclusive future for all children.

Empowering Advocates: Refresher Mentorship on Disability Rights

In 2024, SECHILD deepened its investment in community advocacy by conducting a Refresher Mentorship Program for previously inaugurated peer educators. While the initial training equipped them to support children with disabilities in accessing healthcare, this year's refresher focused on strengthening their understanding of the Disability Act and the rights of children with disabilities as enshrined in the Nigerian Constitution.

The program aimed to empower peer educators with accurate legal knowledge and practical advocacy tools to engage their communities, raise awareness, and protect the rights of children with disabilities. By reinforcing these core principles, SECHILD continues to build a network of informed, passionate advocates who champion inclusion, dignity, and equal opportunity for all children.

https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2024/05/01/weve-supported-5000-children-with-disabilities-in-fct-says-ngogallery_1



Regional Advocacy: SECHILD at ECOWAS Meeting on Assistive Devices

In 2024, SECHILD participated in a pivotal ECOWAS meeting centered on the urgent need for assistive devices for children with disabilities across West Africa. Representing the voices of underserved children, SECHILD actively advocated for inclusive policies, equitable access to assistive technologies, and stronger cross-border partnerships to support children with disabilities. Our participation reinforced SECHILD's commitment to regional collaboration and policy influence, ensuring that the needs of children with disabilities remain a priority on the West African development agenda.

Advocating for Inclusive Education: SECHILD's Participation in the Bëta Nigeria Campaign

SECHILD proudly joined the Bëta Nigeria Campaign, a national movement aimed at driving inclusive education reforms across the country. Through our participation, we amplified the voices of children with disabilities, advocating for equitable access to quality education and the removal of systemic barriers that hinder their learning. By aligning with this campaign, SECHILD reinforced its commitment to ensuring that no child is left behind, and that inclusive, accessible education becomes a reality for every child in Nigeria.

Facebook live Event

On May 27th, 2024 SECHILD hosted a Facebook Live event to celebrate Children's Day and raise awareness about inclusion for children with special needs. This event highlighted the importance of advocacy and community support in creating an inclusive environment where every child can thrive. It served as a platform to engage with our community, share our mission, and reaffirm our commitment to empowering children with disabilities.

<https://facebook.com/events/s/celebrating-abilities-every-ch/1430121947869727/>

Welcoming Tsua Joseph Ternenge: From Volunteer to Programs Officer at SECHILD



SECHILD is proud to have Tsua Joseph Ternenge, who serves both as a volunteer and Programs Officer. His passion and expertise have strengthened our programs and community engagement. Tsua leads key initiatives aligned with our mission, demonstrating the vital impact of volunteers in leadership roles within SECHILD.

SECHILD Saloon

As part of our sustainability strategy, SECHILD launched a salon with the generous support of Liliane Fonds through The Leprosy Mission Nigeria. This initiative is designed to generate supplementary income, reduce operational costs, and strengthen our financial resilience. The SECHILD Salon not only contributes to our long-term sustainability but also enhances our capacity to deliver consistent, high-quality care and support to children with special needs. This marks a significant step forward in building a self-sustaining model that empowers our mission and broadens our impact



Translation of The Disability Act into An Indigenous Language (TIV)



In a major step toward inclusive advocacy, SECHILD translated the Nigerian Disability Act into Tiv—one of the predominant indigenous languages in our region. This initiative significantly enhances awareness of disability rights within Tiv-speaking communities. Through the distribution of printed booklets and an accessible audio

version, we have made vital legal information available to a broader audience. These resources are empowering individuals with disabilities and their families with knowledge of their rights, while also fostering understanding and acceptance within the wider community. This translation project reflects SECHILD's deep commitment to accessibility, education, and the promotion of inclusive practices across all levels of society.

Welcoming Tse Terver Michael: Our IT/Operations Officer



We are delighted to welcome Tse Terver Michael as a volunteer at our organization. Driven by a passion for humanitarian work, Tse joined us with a vision to make a meaningful community impact. His enthusiasm for technology and commitment to service have quickly set him apart. Since joining, he has significantly contributed to our IT Unit, using his expertise and innovative ideas to enhance our digital presence and operational efficiency. Recognizing his leadership potential, we are proud to announce that Tse has taken on the role of IT Officer, where he will oversee our IT initiatives to better serve our mission and the communities we support. We are excited to have Tse on board and look forward to the positive changes he will bring to our organization. Welcome to the team, Tse.

Filing of 2023 Annual Return



In compliance with regulatory requirements, SECHILD successfully filed its 2023 annual return with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) on February 5, 2024. The submission was completed with payment receipt No. 290988948195 and has been officially accepted by the CAC.

This timely filing reflects SECHILD's commitment to maintaining transparency and accountability in its operations. The organization acknowledges the importance of aligning future annual returns with its financial year-end to ensure continuous compliance with statutory obligations. This achievement reinforces SECHILD's dedication to sound governance and regulatory adherence as it continues to advance its mission.

Tax Compliance and Clearance: Three Years Tax Clearance Certificate



In line with its commitment to transparency and regulatory compliance, The Sedoo Initiative for Children with Special Needs- SECHILD has maintained full adherence to all applicable tax obligations for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023. As a registered non-governmental organization, SECHILD is exempt from corporate income tax but complies diligently with other tax requirements such as Withholding Tax (WHT), VAT, Information Technology Development Levy, and Education Tax where relevant.

For the year 2023, SECHILD reported a total revenue of NGN 47,006,864.36, with no profit or tax liabilities incurred. The organization successfully filed its tax returns, resulting in the issuance of a Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC) by the MSTO Wuse III office on July 4, 2024. This certificate, valid until December 31, 2024, confirms SECHILD's compliance with the Nigerian tax authorities.

This achievement reflects SECHILD's ongoing dedication to financial accountability and supports our mission to deliver impactful services to children with special needs across the communities we serve.

Visit by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul



On July 21st, SECHILD was honored to receive members of the Society of Saint Vincent De Paul, led by Udechukwu Peter, at our center. The visit was facilitated through an introduction by the Saint John Mary Vianney Catholic Church, which had shared our mission and work with the society.

The purpose of the visit was to better understand SECHILD's initiatives and to express solidarity with our efforts to support families of children living with cerebral palsy. In addition to offering encouraging words, the Society made generous donations, which will contribute meaningfully to the provision of essential care and services for our beneficiaries.

This visit not only affirmed the impact of our work but also strengthened community ties and demonstrated the value of faith-based and civil society collaboration in advancing inclusive care. SECHILD deeply appreciates the

support and looks forward to building a sustained partnership with the Society of Saint Vincent De Paul in the future.

NIDO-Europe visit

On July 22nd, SECHILD was honored to once again welcome members of the Nigerians in Diaspora Organization (NIDO) Europe to our center, following , our mission and the children we serve.

The NIDO-Europe delegation expressed heartfelt encouragement and appreciation for our ongoing work with children living with cerebral palsy. In a remarkable act of generosity, they sponsored one-year health insurance coverage for all children in our care as well as for our dedicated volunteers—ensuring access to essential healthcare services and reinforcing the value they place on both our beneficiaries and our team.

Beyond the insurance support, NIDO-Europe made additional donations and pledged their continued time, resources, and partnership to advance our shared goals. Their visit significantly boosted SECHILD's visibility and highlighted the importance of collective efforts in promoting inclusive care and safeguarding the rights of children with special needs.

We are sincerely grateful for their sustained support and look forward to deepening this impactful collaboration in the years ahead.



Focus Frontier International Academy Visit: A Step towards Inclusion and Partnership



On July 23rd, SECHILD had the pleasure of welcoming students and staff from Focus Frontier International Academy to our center. The visit, part of the school's outreach initiative, was both enlightening and impactful for the students and the SECHILD community. The children engaged in an interactive session where they asked heartfelt and thoughtful questions, showing a genuine interest in understanding the experiences of children living with cerebral palsy. As part of the visit, they learned simple greetings in sign language, taught by two of our dedicated volunteers one deaf and the other hearing introducing them to more inclusive ways of communication.

One of the highlights of the visit was a demonstration of assistive devices, led by SECHILD's founder. The students observed how calipers, walkers, and other mobility aids are used to support the children's independence, mobility, and daily routines. These demonstrations opened their eyes to the importance of dignity-centered care and adaptive support.

By the end of the visit, the students and staff left with a deeper understanding and a renewed mindset. They made a heartfelt commitment to befriend children with disabilities, advocate for their rights, and serve as champions of inclusion within their school and beyond. Their visit was not only educational—it was transformational. They left more informed, more empathetic, and ready to help shape a more inclusive society.

We are thankful for their engagement, their generosity, and their desire to partner with us. It is through such encounters that bridges are built, awareness spreads, and the foundation for lasting change is laid. We look forward to future collaboration with Focus Frontier International Academy as we continue to grow a community where every child is valued and included.

Unique Mothers Association Advocacy for Growth Visit



On July 27th, The Unique Mothers Association Advocacy for Growth visited SECHILD and were truly impressed by our work. The purpose of their visit was to show love and support for our children, as well as to express their appreciation for the management and the effective way in which the center has been run.

Advocating for Change: SECHILD at the SGBV and CEFM Evidence Dissemination Meeting

In our continued commitment to protecting the rights of vulnerable populations, SECHILD represented by Tsua Joseph Ternenge participated in an important Evidence Dissemination Meeting on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) and Child, Early, and Forced Marriage (CEFM), facilitated by USAID-SCALE.

The meeting convened key stakeholders to share research findings, discuss intervention strategies, and exchange best practices. Tsua's active engagement provided valuable insights that will help enhance SECHILD's programs and advocacy efforts. His participation reflects our dedication to creating a safer, more equitable environment for children and families affected by these issues.



Participation in the 5th National Summit on Mass Atrocities

SECHILD was represented by Tse Terver Michael, at the 5th National Summit on Mass Atrocities, held under the theme "A Standing Responsibility to Protect." The two-day summit convened human rights advocates, policymakers, and civil society actors to address the prevention of mass atrocities and explore strategies for safeguarding vulnerable populations. Tse's attendance reflects SECHILD's commitment to engaging with broader humanitarian dialogues and staying informed on critical national issues that intersect with our advocacy work. His participation provided valuable insights into leveraging technology for awareness, protection, and community mobilization.

The knowledge and connections gained from this summit will be instrumental in strengthening SECHILD's advocacy initiatives and reinforcing our commitment to inclusive protection for children with special needs and other at-risk groups.



Our Volunteer Spotlight: Eunice Atser – Championing Inclusivity



At SECHILD, inclusivity is at the heart of all we do and Eunice Atser lives out this value every day. As a hearing-impaired volunteer caregiver, Eunice brings empathy, connection, and strength to her role, especially in her support of Tersoo, a child who also has a hearing impairment. By assisting him in class, she helps create a nurturing and

inclusive learning environment that fosters his confidence and development. Eunice's impact extends to all our children, as she encourages them to embrace their unique abilities and grow in self-belief. Her resilience and unwavering dedication are a powerful example to our entire community. We are deeply grateful for Eunice's contributions, which continue to strengthen SECHILD's mission of inclusion, empowerment, and care for every child.

Strengthening Strategic Partnerships: SECHILD Signs MoU with the Federal Government

On July 30th, SECHILD, under the leadership of our Founder and President, Kawan Aondofa-Anjira, signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Nigeria through the Federal Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning. This partnership marks a major milestone in SECHILD's growth and national recognition. The MoU paves the way for greater alignment with Nigeria's development goals, enhanced organizational credibility, and active participation in relevant policy discussions. It also opens doors to capacity-building opportunities, collaborative relationships with key stakeholders, and long-term sustainability for our work with children with special needs.



Spreading Awareness, Building Inclusion: SECHILD at NKST Children's Camp

In 2024, SECHILD had the special opportunity to engage with the children of NKST Church Abuja during their annual Children's Camp. Themed "Say Not I Am A Child," the camp brought together young hearts eager to learn, grow, and connect and SECHILD was proud to be part of this meaningful gathering. As part of our advocacy and awareness efforts, SECHILD facilitated a session on cerebral palsy (CP). We shared with the children how CP affects movement and muscle control, and what kind of support children with CP may need. Most importantly, we emphasized that children with cerebral palsy love to learn, laugh, and make friends just like everyone else and deserve to be treated with love, dignity, and equal opportunity.

The children listened with open hearts and responded with warmth and curiosity. They asked sincere questions and showed a genuine eagerness to understand. With the help of one of our volunteers who is hearing the children also learned simple sign language greetings like "good morning," taking a beautiful step toward inclusion.

Rev. Atile, the pastor in charge of the camp, was visibly moved by the session. He personally learned some signs and expressed how enlightening the experience was for him and the entire camp. His openness and leadership created an atmosphere of respect and acceptance.

A particularly powerful moment came when the children made personal commitments to show kindness, respect, and friendship to children with disabilities. Many shared that although they had seen children with disabilities before, they hadn't understood how to relate to them or why they should be treated equally. After the session, they spoke openly about how their mindset had changed and how they now know better.

We were especially proud to have Tersoo, our hearing-impaired "Star Boy" who has been with SECHILD since his rescue in 2014, participate in the camp. Although it primarily caters to hearing children, his presence was a strong reminder that every child belongs, regardless of ability.

In the spirit of partnership, SECHILD also supported the camp by donating essential items to contribute to its success and comfort. This act of solidarity reflected our commitment not only to advocacy but to practical support and community-building.

This experience reminded us once again that early education, honest conversation, and shared experiences can lead to powerful transformation. We extend our heartfelt thanks to NKST Church and Rev. Atile for welcoming us, and to every child who left the camp with a fuller heart and a new perspective.



Together, we are shaping a future where every child is seen, heard, and embraced.

Mentor Precious Medical Check up



At SECHILD, the health and well-being of our children remain a top priority. Recently, we took Mentor Precious to Baze University Hospital for a thorough medical check-up. During this visit, the medical team conducted a comprehensive assessment, including vital signs and growth measurements,

ensuring a detailed understanding of her current health status. The healthcare professionals provided excellent care, patiently answering our questions and making sure Mentor Precious felt comfortable throughout the process. This routine examination is part of our ongoing commitment to monitor the children's health closely, enabling early detection and management of any potential issues. We left the hospital reassured and grateful for the dedicated support from the medical staff. We look forward to continuing these regular health check-ups to support Mentor Precious's growth and well-being.

MTN Foundation Support: Nourishing Lives and Powering Hope



In 2024, SECHILD was honored to be a beneficiary of the MTN Foundation Orphanage Support Initiative, a generous program dedicated to improving the well-being of orphans and vulnerable children across Nigeria. Earlier in the year, we received the first batch of food supplies, which played a vital role in meeting the nutritional

needs of the children in our care. These essential provisions helped ensure that our children remained healthy and well-nourished throughout the year. Later, we were delighted to welcome the MTN Foundation team to SECHILD for the delivery of the second batch of food items. Their continued support reaffirms their deep commitment to the welfare of children with disabilities and those in vulnerable situations. In addition to the food supplies, the MTN Foundation also donated a generator, providing a reliable power source to support daily operations at our center. This thoughtful gift has greatly enhanced our ability to deliver consistent care, therapy, and educational support, even during power outages. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the MTN Foundation for their unwavering partnership. Their impactful contributions are not just meeting immediate needs—they are powering our mission and enabling a brighter, more stable future for the children we serve.

Enhancing Sustainability: Training for Future Resilience

As valued partner of Liliane Fonds and The Leprosy Mission Nigeria for over two years, SECHILD gratefully acknowledges the great support we have received from Liliane Fonds throughout our journey. Recently, our team participated in an important sustainability training organized by Liliane Fonds and The Leprosy Mission Nigeria. This workshop covered Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA), financial management, budgeting, and safeguarding practices.

With funding from Liliane Fonds approaching its conclusion, this training was crucial in equipping our team with the knowledge and tools needed to identify alternative strategies and ensure the continued growth and sustainability of our programs. We remain committed to building a resilient future for the children and communities we serve.



Celebrating World Cerebral Palsy Day: Promoting Awareness and Inclusion

On October 5th, SECHILD commemorated World Cerebral Palsy Day with a vibrant celebration at Jabi Lake Park, centered around the theme "Uniquely CP." The event served as a powerful platform for advocacy, inclusion, and community engagement.

The day began with an inspiring advocacy walk aimed at raising public awareness about the rights and experiences of individuals living with cerebral palsy. This was followed by informative sessions that shed light on the daily challenges faced by those with CP, while also celebrating their strength, resilience, and potential.

To reinforce the message of inclusion, the event featured a range of interactive and accessible games and activities—including horse rides, bike rides, badminton, and table tennis—encouraging participation from children with CP and the broader community. SECHILD's continued commitment to advancing equal opportunities in education, employment, healthcare, and social integration was at the heart of this celebration. The event not only raised visibility for cerebral palsy but also united caregivers, advocates, supporters, and individuals in a shared vision of a more inclusive society where everyone can thrive.



Empowering Change: SECHILD's Participation in Strategic Fundraising Training

As part of our ongoing commitment to institutional growth and sustainability, SECHILD participated in a four-day Strategic Fundraising Training organized by Liliane Fonds in collaboration with The Leprosy Mission Nigeria. Held in Abuja, this training brought together implementing partners to strengthen their capacity in strategic communication, project development, and donor compliance.

SECHILD was represented by Tse Terver Michael, who gained practical knowledge in designing fundable projects, aligning with donor priorities, and building long-term partnerships. The training emphasized effective storytelling, proposal writing, and the importance of aligning organizational strategies with donor expectations.

This capacity-building effort is a vital step in reinforcing SECHILD's sustainability goals and enhancing our ability to mobilize resources for the children and families we serve. We appreciate this collaborative investment in our development and remain committed to applying the skills gained to strengthen our fundraising and impact.



Advocating for Change: SECHILD's Impact at the Investigative Hearing on Disability Rights



SECHILD made a powerful statement at the flag-off of the Investigative Hearing on Compliance with the Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Act 2018, organized by the committee on disability matters. This event was pivotal in addressing enforcement

gaps in the law. SECHILD passionately advocated for vital amendments to enhance protections for children with disabilities, highlighting the urgent need for inclusive opportunities and equal rights. Additionally, SECHILD unveiled the Disability Act translated into Tiv, breaking language barriers and fostering awareness about cerebral palsy. This move empowers families, promotes understanding of disability rights, and drives progress for children with disabilities.

Courtesy Visit to the Chief Judge

SECHILD had the honor of meeting with Hon. Justice John Terhemba Tsoho, Chief Judge of the Federal High Court, reinforcing our commitment to advancing the rights of children with disabilities, particularly those with cerebral palsy. Our discussion focused on three key objectives: raising awareness of the challenges faced by these children and their families; improving accessibility by presenting a Tiv translation of the Disability Act; and advocating for support by seeking guidance on addressing barriers affecting children with disabilities. Together, we can build a society that respects and fulfills every child's rights, regardless of ability.



Staff Week Celebration: October 28 - November 1, 2024

We celebrated our annual Staff Week from October 28 to November 1, 2024. This week was filled with camaraderie, creativity, and fun as we engaged in various activities and themed dress codes to foster team spirit. Each day had its unique theme:

- **Monday** kicked off with a professional flair as we donned our corporate attire, showcasing our commitment to excellence in our work.
- **Tuesday** embraced our cultural heritage with traditional attire, celebrating the diversity within our team.
- **Wednesday** had us sporting jerseys, bringing a sporty vibe to the office and promoting a sense of teamwork and unity.
- **Thursday** was dedicated to our SECHILD T-shirts, reinforcing our identity and mission as advocates for children with special needs.
- **Friday** saw us in casual jeans paired with any top, allowing for a relaxed atmosphere as we wrapped up the week.

The culmination of our Staff Week was on **Saturday**, when we dressed nicely to celebrate our president's birthday, honoring the leadership and vision that

guides our organization. Throughout the week, we captured memories with daily photographs and enjoyed a variety of fun activities that strengthened our bonds as a team. This celebration not only highlighted our collective spirit but also reinforced our commitment to supporting children with disabilities in our community.



Training Program on WASH Budget Tracking Work

SECHILD, represented by Tsua Joseph T, participated in a significant training program organized by WaterAid Nigeria alongside various civil society organizations (CSOs). This two-day training in Abuja focused on prioritizing financing for the underfunded Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) sector, crucial for all, especially children with special needs. Participants learned to analyze budget trends, assess resource allocation, and identify investment gaps to support effective advocacy. This initiative aims to bridge funding gaps and promote universal access to WASH, ensuring that sanitation and hygiene are prioritized in national development for vulnerable populations. SECHILD remains committed to advocating for these essential services.



Advocacy and Representation at the National Assembly for International Day for Persons with Disabilities

SECHILD participated in the National Assembly's celebration of the International Day for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), including a national

convention themed “Amplifying the Leadership of PWDs for Inclusion and a Sustainable Future.” Representatives Tsua Joseph and Oluwaseyi Fumi attended the event, which featured welcome remarks from the Chairman of the Committee on Disability Matters and goodwill messages from various dignitaries. A keynote address was delivered by the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives. Panel discussions focused on securing governance representation and empowering PWD leadership. The event concluded with a communiqué and a vote of thanks from Lois Auta, President/CEO of the Network of Women with Disabilities (NWD), underscoring our commitment to advocating for the rights of persons with disabilities.



SECHILD at the Nigerians in Diaspora Europe-NIDO Conference: Pitching for a New Center

In a major step toward expanding our impact, Tse Terver Micheal represented SECHILD at the prestigious NIDO conference held at the Presidential Villa. He delivered a powerful pitch presentation focused on raising funds for the construction of a new center dedicated to children with special needs. The presentation highlighted SECHILD’s mission, achievements, and the urgent need for a facility to better serve our programs and community. This strategic engagement marks a significant milestone in our fundraising journey and our commitment to improving care and support for children with special needs.

SECHILD's Participation in TLMN/LF Meeting: Advancing Knowledge and Resource Mobilization



As part of our ongoing commitment to organizational growth and sustainability, SECHILD was proudly represented at the TLMN/LF meeting by Tse Terver Micheal and our Founder and President, Kawan Aondofa-Anjira. This significant gathering marked the conclusion of the resource mobilization component

and provided a valuable platform for country-level learning and exchange.

Our participation allowed us to engage in meaningful dialogue with peer organizations, focusing on best practices, innovative strategies, and collaborative approaches to securing sustainable funding. The insights gained from this meeting are instrumental in strengthening our capacity to serve children with special needs more effectively. By taking part in the TLMN/LF meeting, SECHILD reaffirmed its commitment to continuous learning, collaboration, and excellence in advocacy. We remain dedicated to leveraging every opportunity to enhance our impact and uphold the rights and well-being of children with special needs.

SECHILD Team's Training and Development Initiatives: Financial Training Session

As part of SECHILD's commitment to strengthening institutional capacity and promoting transparency, a full-day financial training session was held for team members in 2024. This initiative aimed to enhance understanding of critical financial management principles and ensure alignment with both internal policies and statutory requirements.

The training covered key areas including Internal Controls, Statutory Compliance, Procurement Best Practices, and Financial Reporting and Documentation. Team members engaged in interactive sessions that deepened their appreciation for accountability, efficiency, and the ethical handling of organizational resources.

By investing in the professional development of our team, SECHILD is ensuring that staff are well-equipped to uphold the financial integrity of the organization while advancing our mission of improving the lives of children with special needs. This training marks another step in building a transparent, efficient, and mission-driven organization.

SECHILD's 2024 Year-End Celebrations: A Season of Gratitude and Inclusion

The end of the year at SECHILD was marked by meaningful celebration, reflection, and community engagement—highlighting the warmth and unity that define our mission.

One of the most memorable highlights was a heartwarming Christmas party hosted by Indigo Plus Consult for the children under SECHILD's care. This generous gesture brought joy and festive cheer to children with cerebral palsy, their families, caregivers, and staff. The event was filled with music, dance, performances, and fun activities that created lasting memories. More

than just a festive occasion, the party served as a powerful expression of solidarity and inclusion, affirming the value and potential of every child.

SECHILD is deeply grateful to Indigo Plus Consult for their continued generosity and for reinforcing our commitment to nurturing an inclusive, joyful environment.

In addition to this celebration, SECHILD held its annual year-end closing a time of reflection and appreciation. Each team member presented personal reports detailing their contributions and growth throughout the year, fostering a spirit of accountability and shared achievement. During these sessions, the President expressed heartfelt gratitude to the team for their dedication and resilience, while team members, in turn, recognized the President's leadership and the steadfast support of the Care Council. Special recognition was extended to SECHILD caregivers, whose daily commitment continues to transform lives.

The festivities concluded with a joyful Christmas and end-of-year party at the center. Staff and children dressed in white SECHILD shirts and red Santa hats, enjoying food, drinks, music, and games in a celebration of unity and gratitude. Christmas packages were distributed to children and staff, ending the year on a note of warmth, togetherness, and hope for the future.

These celebrations underscored SECHILD's unwavering mission to create a loving, inclusive, and empowered space for children with special needs—and the people who care for them.



A Challenging Return: Favor's Story



In December 2024, during SECHILD Center's holiday closure, we were unexpectedly reunited with Favor—a child previously discharged to her mother's care earlier in the year. Under the pretense

of stepping out briefly, her mother left Favor at the Center and never returned. The abandonment, though heartbreaking, was met with swift and compassionate response from our available staff.

"When we realized she wasn't coming back, there was a silence we all felt. But then we moved quickly—Favor needed us," shared one caregiver.

Favor's story is a sober reminder of the complex family realities many of our children face. It also highlights SECHILD's unwavering role as a place of stability, refuge, and second chances. Her return renewed our commitment to vigilant care, deeper advocacy, and stronger partnerships for every vulnerable child who walks through our doors.

SECHILD remains more than a center—we are a home of healing and hope.

Navigating Challenges, Advancing Hope

In 2024, SECHILD continued to make significant progress in supporting children with special needs and their families. However, we faced several challenges that impacted our operations and growth:

1. Limited Funding and Resource Constraints

Despite ongoing fundraising efforts and strategic partnerships, financial constraints limited the scale and reach of our programs. Rising costs of essential supplies, therapy services, and operations placed pressure on our budget, affecting our ability to serve more families.

2. Inadequate Access to Assistive Devices

Many of the children we support require assistive devices such as wheelchairs, walkers, and communication tools. Unfortunately, these remain largely unaffordable or unavailable, hindering the independence and quality of life of those we serve.

3. Stigma and Low Awareness

Misconceptions and social stigma surrounding disability remain widespread. This discourages many families from seeking help and perpetuates exclusion from community life, education, and healthcare.

4. Staffing and Volunteer Retention

As a growing organization, we rely heavily on volunteers and a small but dedicated team. Attracting and retaining skilled personnel in fields like therapy and special education remains a challenge due to limited funding and competition from better-resourced institutions.

5. Policy Implementation Gaps

While disability rights are enshrined in Nigerian law, enforcement at the grassroots level remains weak. This gap hinders the full realization of protections and services for children with disabilities.

6. Infrastructure Limitations

Our current facility is insufficient for the growing number of children and the specialized care they require. The absence of a fully equipped, accessible center limits the comfort and effectiveness of our programs.

A Call for Partnership and Support

Overcoming these challenges is not something we can do alone. We invite individuals, institutions, donors, and governments to join us in building a more inclusive and just society. Your support—whether through funding, equipment, expertise, or advocacy—can make a life-changing difference.

Together, we can break barriers, expand opportunities, and bring hope to children with special needs and their families.

SECHILD remains committed, hopeful, and ready to collaborate for a more inclusive future.

How to Support SECHILD

The Sedoo Initiative for Children with Special Needs-SECHILD is a registered non-profit organization dedicated to improving the well-being of children with cerebral palsy, their parents and caregivers. Our work is made possible through the generous support of individuals, partners, and organizations who share in our vision of an inclusive society.

Here's how you can support our cause:

Make a Donation

You can contribute directly to our programs by donating to:

Account Name:

The Sedoo Initiative for Children with Special Needs

Bank: Fidelity Bank Plc.

Account Number: 5601004308

Visit or Contact Us

We welcome visits and inquiries from supporters, partners, and well-wishers.

SECHILD Center

Light Gold Estate, Phase 4

After Trademore Estate, Airport Road

Abuja, Federal Capital Territory, Nigeria

Phone: +234 703 773 4576

Email: info@sechild.org

Website: www.sechild.org

Engage With Us Online

Stay connected and support our advocacy by following us on social media:

- Facebook: SECHILD Center
- Twitter/X: @sechildcenter
- Instagram: @sechildcenter

Celebrate With Us

You can also show support by celebrating your special moments with us at the SECHILD Center or by inviting our talented SECHILD Cultural Dancers to perform at your events.

Chairman, Board of Trustees' Remarks



As Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Sedoo Initiative for Children with Special Needs- SECHILD, it is my honor and privilege to reflect on a year marked by growth, resilience, and unwavering dedication to our mission.

In 2024, SECHILD continued to stand as a beacon of hope for children with disabilities and their families. Through the combined efforts of our passionate staff, committed volunteers, generous partners, and tireless advocates, we have deepened our impact and extended our reach within the communities we serve.

This year, we witnessed encouraging milestones—from enhanced program delivery and strategic collaborations to increased community engagement and advocacy efforts. Despite resource limitations and structural challenges, SECHILD remained steadfast in its commitment to inclusivity, empowerment, and the full realization of the rights of children with special needs.

I want to commend the leadership team and our dedicated staff who continue to operate with integrity and compassion. I also extend heartfelt appreciation to our partners, donors, and stakeholders whose support has sustained our mission. Your belief in the potential of every child fuels our determination to do more and reach farther.

As we look ahead, the Board remains committed to strengthening our governance structures, expanding our sustainability strategies, and championing policies that protect and promote the rights of children with disabilities.

Together, we will continue to build a society where every child, regardless of ability, is seen, supported, and given the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you for standing with us.

Barr. Aver Gavar

Chairman

Board

of

Trustees

CONTACT US



The Sedoo Initiative For Children With
Special Needs



Sechildcenter



SECHILD



thesedooinitiative6992



+2347037734576