



**SAFEGUARDING  
CHILDREN  
INITIATIVE**

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securing the future

**Organizational  
Profile**

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## Introduction

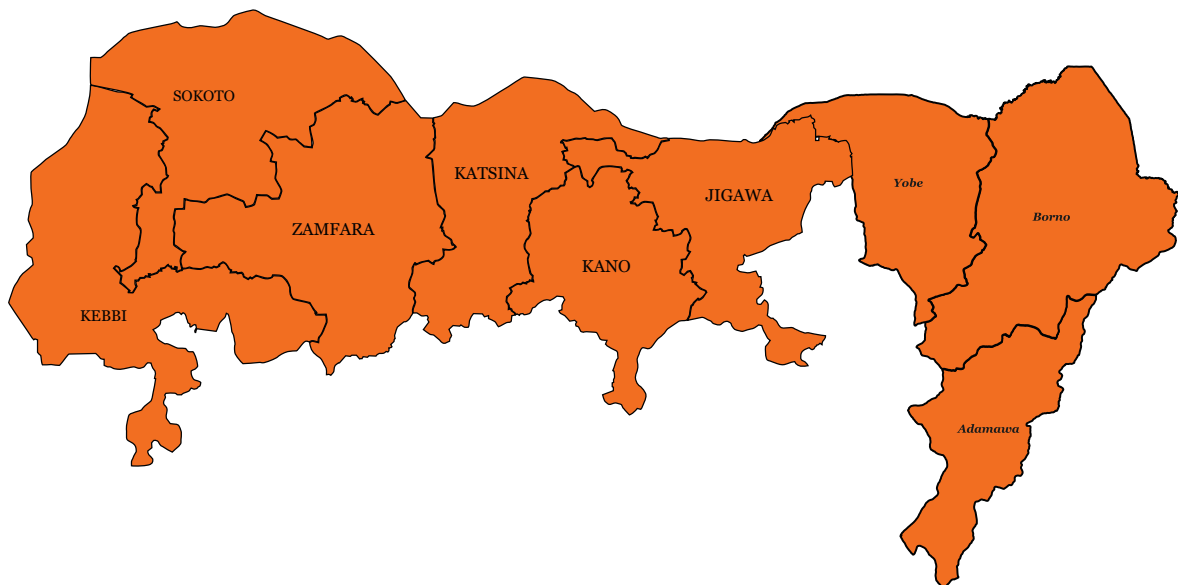
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The Safeguarding Children Initiative (SCII) is a non-governmental organization (NGO) with a dedicated commitment to enhancing the welfare and safety of children within our community. Our primary objective is to establish a secure and nurturing environment for children by deploying comprehensive safeguarding strategies. We also strive to empower various stakeholders to proactively combat child abuse and exploitation.

It's important to note that SCII was officially founded on January 23, 2022, and subsequently incorporated as an organization on February 27, 2023. We have been actively operating in the challenging, hard-to-reach regions of Northeast and Northwest Nigeria. In these areas, our core focus lies in five key areas: Child Protection, Nutrition, Education, WASH and GBV. Through our dedicated work in these domains and our presence in Northeast and Northwest Nigeria, we aim to make a meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of children, ensuring they grow up in a safer, healthier, and more secure environment.

### Northwest Nigeria

### Northeast Nigeria





### **VISION**

SCII envisions a world where children can grow up in a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment, free from all forms of abuse, neglect, and exploitation.



### **MISSION**

Our mission is to protect children from harm and ensure their well-being by promoting awareness, implementing effective safeguarding measures, and collaborating with stakeholders to foster a culture of child protection.





## AIM AND OBJECTIVES

### The aims and objectives of the Organization are:

- Raise awareness about child protection and safeguarding issues within the community.
- Develop and implement effective safeguarding policies, procedures, and guidelines to protect children in various settings, such as schools, communities, and online platforms.
- To foster and develop increased learning and development opportunities for children and young people by encouraging and supporting them to contribute, steer initiatives and lead their own Children-led projects.
- To protect marginalized children and caregivers from the harmful effect of abuse and discrimination.
- To build strong relationships with organizations that share our aims, thereby further increasing the capacity of young people to build on their skills and aptitudes for their own personal growth and their community's long-term success and development.
- To generate in Children, young people, and project participants a sense of responsibility and ownership for the actions they undertake and to develop their citizenship and involvement in their communities.
- To advocate for a society whereby children and youth with disabilities have equal rights and opportunities for growth and development.
- Improved access to education and psycho-social well-being of marginalized children and youth.
- Offer training programs and workshops for teachers, parents, caregivers, and other stakeholders to equip them with the knowledge and skills needed to recognize signs of abuse and respond appropriately.
- Advocate for child protection policies and legislation at the local, national, and international levels.
- Establish partnerships with other NGOs, governmental bodies, and child protection agencies to create a coordinated approach to safeguarding children.
- Provide support and assistance to child victims of abuse, ensuring their access to necessary services and resources.
- Conduct research and gather data on child protection issues to inform evidence-based approaches.





## ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES

### **Child-Centric Approach**

Placing the best interests of the child at the core of all our activities and decision-making processes.

### **Integrity**

We aspire to live to the highest standards of personal honesty and behaviour; we never compromise our reputation and always act in the best interests of children.

### **Collaboration**

Promoting collaborations and cooperation with stakeholders to unite in the protection of children, and valuing and cherishing each individual, embracing diversity, and partnership in making a positive impact on children's lives.'

### **Respect**

Respecting the rights, dignity, and diversity of every child and individual we work with.

### **Innovation**

We are open to new ideas, embrace change, and take disciplined risks to develop sustainable solutions for and with children.

### **Accountability**

We embrace personal accountability by effectively using our resources, achieving measurable outcomes, and being accountable to supporters, stakeholders, partners and, most of all, the children we work for.

### **Ambition**

We hold ourselves and each other to high standards, set ambitious goals, and are devoted to enhancing the quality of everything we do for children.

## GOVERNANCE AND TEAM

Safeguarding Children Initiatives (SCII) is governed by a dedicated board of directors, comprised of individuals with diverse expertise in child protection, Health, Education, law, and other relevant fields. The organization is led by an executive director who oversees day-to-day operations and strategy implementation.

Our team consists of experienced professionals, including child protection specialists, social workers, educators, researchers, and communication experts, all of whom are passionate about protecting children and creating a safer world for them.

## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN INITIATIVE SWOT ANALYSIS

### STRENGTH:

- 12 Technical staff  
Over 8 community volunteers.
- Ability to mobilize local community volunteer.  
Presence across the BAY states
- Have strong social media presence for advocacy.
- Have capacity to receive fund from any denomination.
- Responsive and available to diversify to serve the interest of vulnerable children and women.
- Staff with versatile experience on Child protection in Emergency programming, EIE, WASH, GBV, and Nutrition

### WEAKNESS

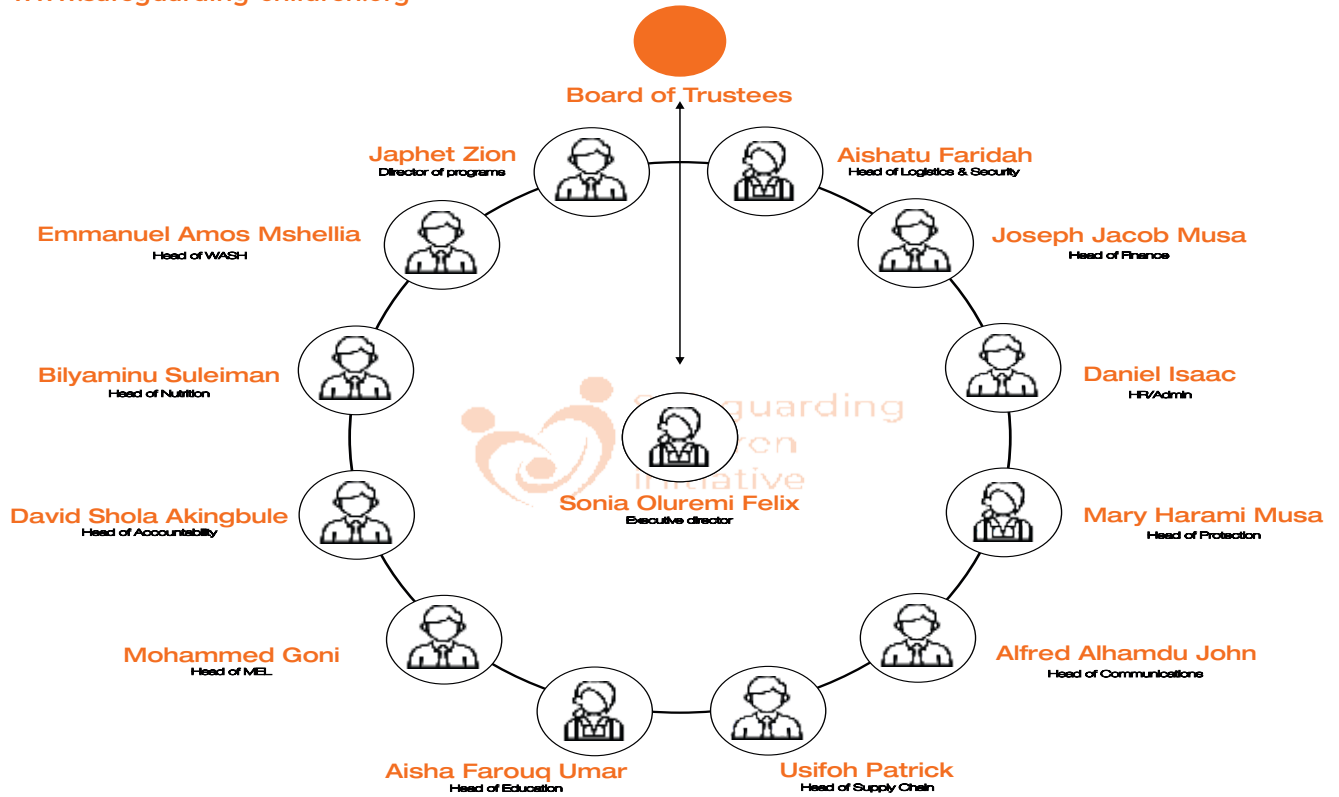
- Have low capacity to engage at least one expatriates at once Yet to secure unrestricted funding yet.
- Due to lack of fund, no organization funded capacity building for staff.

### OPPORTUNITY

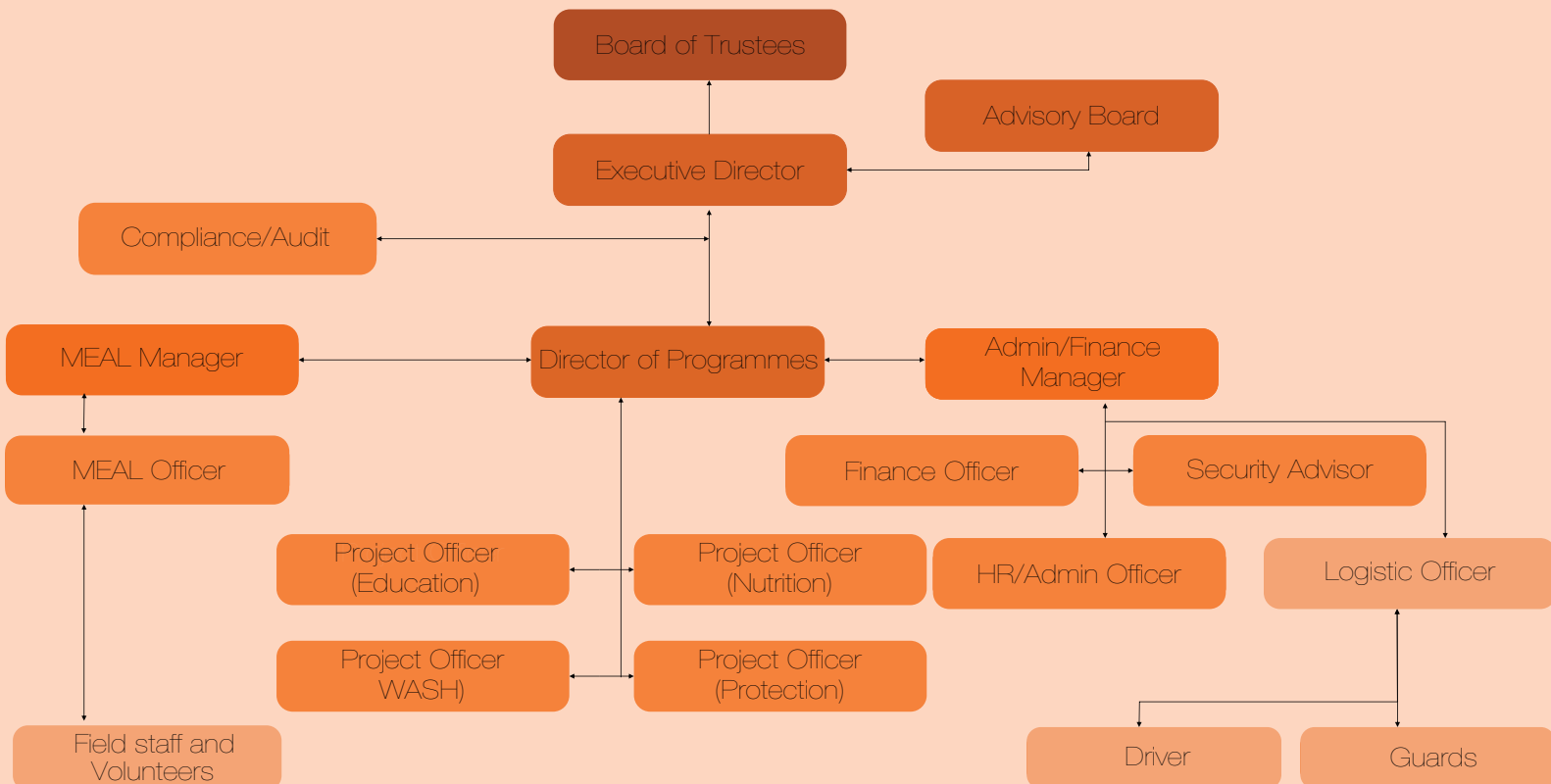
- Opportunity to engage with partners and donors with interest in Child Protection sector, and other Sectors for partnership for humanitarian response, across sectors.
- Opportunity to mobilize local labour force and work through community-based mechanisms.
- Opportunity to participate in Open call for proposal within national and Global level.
- Positioned to respond to emergencies within a very short period of notification.
- Opportunity to engage with UN agencies, and donor community to access fund. Opportunity to utilize available capacity building opportunity at sector level to improve on the best practices.
- Opportunity to participate in sector coordination and engage with potential donor.

### THREAT

- Insecurity
- Government policy
- Insurgent activities.
- Dynamic nature of the conflict in the state



# ORGANIZATION CHART



## FUNDING

Safeguarding Children Initiative relies on funding from various sources, including individual donors, corporate sponsorships, grants, and fundraising events. We are committed to financial transparency and ensure that all funds are utilized efficiently to achieve our mission.

## PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES OVERVIEW

### 1. Child Protection Services

Case Management and Referral Systems:

- \* Establish and maintain robust case management systems to identify, assess, and provide services to vulnerable children.
- \* Create a centralized referral network to link children to specialized services, such as medical care, psychosocial support, legal assistance, and education.

Protection and Reintegration of Separated and Unaccompanied Children:

- \* Conduct family tracing and reunification activities.
- \* Provide temporary care and long-term reintegration support for separated and unaccompanied children.

Community-Based Child Protection Committees (CBCPCs)

- \* Strengthen and expand existing CBCPCs to monitor, report, and respond to child protection issues within communities.
- \* Conduct training sessions for CBCPC members on child rights, protection policies, and effective monitoring strategies.

### 2. Education and Capacity Building

Safe Learning Environments:

- \* Establish Temporary Learning Spaces (TLS) in conflict-affected areas to ensure continuous education for children.
- \* Implement school-based protection mechanisms to create safe and inclusive learning environments.

Teacher and Community Training

- \* Provide capacity-building workshops for teachers on child-centered pedagogies and psychosocial support.
- \* Organize community awareness programs to promote the importance of education and child protection.

Youth Empowerment Programs

- \* Implement skill-building programs for out-of-school youth, including vocational training and life skills education.
- \* Facilitate youth-led initiatives that promote peacebuilding, advocacy, and community development.

### 3. Psychosocial Support and Mental Health

Child-Friendly Spaces (CFS):

- \* Establish and operate CFS in IDP camps and host communities to provide safe spaces for recreational and psychosocial activities.
- \* Train local facilitators in delivering structured psychosocial support programs for children.

Psychosocial First Aid (PFA):

- \* Provide PFA training to frontline workers, community volunteers, and teachers to support children in distress.
  - \* Develop and disseminate PFA materials adapted to the local context.
- Regularly review and adapt programs based on feedback and lessons learned.



## PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES OVERVIEW

### 4. Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Prevention and Response

#### GBV Case Management

- Provide confidential case management services for children and adolescents affected by GBV. Establish safe referral pathways to ensure survivors receive appropriate care and support.

#### Community Outreach and Advocacy

- Conduct community sensitization campaigns to raise awareness of GBV risks and prevention strategies. Engage traditional and religious leaders in advocacy efforts to challenge harmful gender norms and practices.

#### Support Groups for Survivors

- Facilitate support groups for survivors of GBV, offering a safe space for sharing experiences and accessing peer support.

### 5. WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene)

#### Safe Water Access

- Rehabilitate and construct boreholes, wells, and other water points in IDP camps and host communities. Distribute water purification tablets and educate communities on safe water storage practices.
- Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion
- Construct gender-segregated latrines and handwashing stations in schools, CFS, and public areas. Conduct hygiene promotion campaigns focusing on handwashing, menstrual hygiene management, and safe waste disposal.

#### WASH in Schools

- Integrate WASH activities into school programs, including the establishment of school WASH clubs. Provide training for teachers and students on hygiene practices and maintenance of WASH facilities.

### 6. Nutrition

#### Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF)

- Promote and support breastfeeding and appropriate complementary feeding practices through counseling and community sessions. Establish mother-to-mother support groups to enhance nutrition education and peer support.

#### Screening and Treatment of Malnutrition

- Conduct regular screenings for acute malnutrition in children under five and pregnant and lactating women.
- Provide therapeutic feeding programs, including the distribution of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) and micronutrient supplements.

#### Community-Based Nutrition Programs

- Implement community-led activities to improve household food security and dietary diversity. Conduct cooking demonstrations and nutrition education sessions to promote the use of locally available nutritious foods.

### 7. Livelihoods and Economic Empowerment

#### Cash-Based Interventions

- Implement cash-based interventions for vulnerable families, including cash transfers and voucher programs.
- Conduct post-distribution monitoring to assess the impact of cash assistance on child well-being.

#### Women's Economic Empowerment

- Provide vocational training and micro-enterprise support for women caregivers to enhance their economic resilience.
- Develop and promote income-generating activities that align with local market demands.

**COORDINATING WORKING  
Groups & Association**

- Northwest and Northeast Child protection AoR
- Northwest and Northeast GBVIE sub-sector AoR
- Education in Emergency Working Group
- Northwest and Northeast WASH in Emergencies Sector
- Northwest and Northeast Nutrition Sector
- Northwest and Northeast Health Sector
- Borno State Network of Civil Society Organization



**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN INITIATIVE**

PARTICULARS	DETAILS
<b>NAME OF ORGANIZATION</b>	SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN INITIATIVE
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**BANK DETAILS**

BANK	ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESIGNATION
FEDELITY BANK	SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN INITIATIVE	5601061952	NAIRA ACCOUNT
FEDELITY BANK	SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN INITIATIVE	5250398191	DOLLAR ACCOUNT

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