

CHILDREN TALKING ABOUT THEIR MENTAL WELLBEING

Children advocating, mobilizing, raising awareness, informing and communicating.

Sub-Saharan Africa: Nigeria

Between 27th July - 5th August (2020), HIYA Nigeria collaborated with the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and the National Association of Proprietors in Nigeria on a virtual national program across the 36 states in Nigeria. This is to ensure that children who are the most vulnerable recipient of COVID-19 due to the closure of schools for over five months are able to express how they feel (mental wellbeing), increase participation in raising awareness of their needs and expectations from the government in this unprecedented time.

"During and after the program, we discovered that the most vulnerable during this period are children and people in low-income communities and rural environments suffer more. While there is access to online education and programs for those in urban areas, its continuously difficult for children in rural communities to access any of these benefits which may be due to lack of electricity, internet services, and local government complacency."

