

Evaluation of Child Rights Act Implementation in Nigeria

An Abstract of the Project by

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This research was conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of the Child Rights Act of 2003 implementation across ethnic lines considering the differences in religious and cultural beliefs in Nigeria. This involved the application of a qualitative method of research with data retrieved from the discussion in focus groups with professionals and experts associated with law, social work, and cultural values. The findings of the research showed that there are variations in the implementation of the Child Rights Act in the country and this is mostly discovered to be along the ethnic lines. Religions and cultural beliefs, poverty, low level of education and illiteracy, toxic practices, weak legal systems, ignorance of the law, and the lack of political will are observed to be hindering the effectiveness of this Act. Several recommendations were also made in line with the theories used in the thesis final conclusion to improve its implementation and effectiveness throughout the country.