

SURVIVOR

WARIF
WOMEN AT RISK
INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

PROGRESS REPORT



275
BENEFICIARIES

either called our 24-hours confidential toll-free help line or visited the centre.

REPORTED CASES



VISITORS TO
THE CENTRE

73%



HELPLINE
CALLERS

27%

TREATMENT LANDSCAPE FOR SURVIVORS



MEDICAL
WITH FORENSIC
EXAMINATIONS

27%



LAB TEST

28%



COUNSELLING
ONLY

30%



WELFARE

16%

CASES MANAGED



RAPE

16%



SEXUAL ASSAULT

0%



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

4%



NON-GBV CASES

CATEGORY OF SURVIVORS

MINORS

73%

ADULTS

27%

OUR 24HR CONFIDENTIAL TOLL-FREE HELPLINE - 0800-9210-0009

NO TOLERANCE
THE 7TH ANNUAL
WARIF
"NO TOLERANCE"
MARCH
IS HERE AGAIN!
ARE YOU READY?!!!

SATURDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 2025

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As we conclude the third quarter of 2025, I am proud to reflect on the meaningful progress we have made in our mission to protect, support, and empower survivors of gender-based violence. The WARIF Rape Crisis Centre continues to experience a significant rise in the number of cases reported, underscoring both the growing trust in our services and the ongoing need for our interventions. This quarter, we also reached a remarkable milestone — over 7,000 survivors have now received life-changing care and support through the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre. This achievement is a testament to the unwavering dedication of our team and the resilience of every survivor who has walked through our doors.

Our trained forensic medical examiners remain committed to ensuring justice for survivors, serving as expert witnesses in court and strengthening accountability within the justice system.

We also celebrated a powerful milestone through the advancement of the UN LEAP Project — a bold initiative implemented by WARIF in partnership with UN Women and supported by the Ford Foundation. By equipping traditional and faith leaders with the tools to challenge harmful cultural practices, this transformative project is fostering community-led solutions and reinforcing local structures that protect women and girls from violence.

Our Community Service pillar continued its impactful work with the successful completion of the 5th cycle of the WARIF Gatekeepers Project in Ogun State, implemented in partnership with the ACT Foundation. One hundred Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) were trained as first responders to rape and gender-based violence, deepening our reach and strengthening early interventions within underserved communities.

As we look ahead to the global WARIF No Tolerance March, taking place across 14 cities worldwide, we are reminded of why we tirelessly continue this work. Every survivor's story, every cry for help, and every step taken toward justice fuels our resolve to build a safer world for women and girls.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our partners, donors, volunteers, and the entire WARIF community. Your steadfast commitment makes our progress possible. Thank you for standing with us

KEMI DA SILVA IBRU

MESSAGE
FROM THE
FOUNDER



MAJOR STORY

THE ANNUAL WARIF NO TOLERANCE MARCH IS COMING!

This year, the 7th WARIF No Tolerance March is taking place across 14 cities worldwide, a global movement united by one powerful message: No Tolerance to Gender-Based Violence.

Join us in **Lagos, Abuja, Accra, Nairobi, London, North West UK, Paris, Atlanta, Texas, New York, Philadelphia, Minnesota, Washington DC and Frankfurt.**

Ochanya's Story and many other survivors out there remain a painful reminder of why we MARCH! Justice for Ochanya is not just about one child; it's about every girl who deserves to live, learn, and grow free from fear and violence.

Here's how you can be part of the movement:

- Purchase a No Tolerance T-shirt
- March with us on the day
- Post your pictures and videos
- Add our hashtags and tag us

Let's take a stand and say **#NoTolerance** to Gender-Based Violence.



INITIATIVES AND PARTNERSHIPS

COMMUNITIES UNITED: ADVANCING THE UN LEAP PROJECT TO END GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

WARIF, in partnership with UN Women and with support from the Ford Foundation, continues to advance the UN LEAP Project, a transformative initiative equipping traditional and faith leaders to eliminate harmful practices and end violence against women and girls within their communities. As part of this ongoing effort, sensitization outreaches were recently held in Elenusonso Community, Ibadan (Oyo State) and Akwa Ibom State, bringing together key stakeholders, survivors, and community members in powerful demonstrations of solidarity. Participants took to the streets to raise awareness about rape, sexual violence, and the urgent need to support survivors navigating the trauma of gender-based violence. These collective actions highlight a shared commitment to building safer, more inclusive communities where every woman and girl can live free from fear and violence.

Distinguished guests at the events in Oyo included Mr. Ogunjimi Olatoye Diya (Director of the Women's Program, Oyo State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Inclusion), Bishop Oriola Salaam, Oloye Adebayo Babajide, Adetokun

Fatai Ademola (Aare of Elenusonso), and Mrs. Hassan O.T., representing the Chairman of Ido Local Government. In Uyo, we had Pastor Mfon Umoh (PFN Uyo Chapter Secretary, represented by Barrister Ruth Mfon), Rev. Patrick Eyo (CAN Chairman, Uyo Chapter), Ms. Nkechi Udoh (GBV Desk Officer, UN LEAP Project, Ministry of Women Affairs), as well as representatives from NSCDC, community leaders, and well-wishers.

AMPLIFYING VOICES, EMPOWERING CHANGE: WARIF PARTNERS WITH SONY MUSIC FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

As official partners of SONY Music, WARIF was invited to the Sony Music Social Justice Fund event. This gathering brought together changemakers committed to amplifying the voices of women and girls across the region. From inspiring conversations to powerful connections, it was a warm and purposeful space to celebrate the work being done by incredible organizations like Lagos Food Bank. In attendance were Michael A. Sunbola – Executive Director, Lagos Food Bank, Afolabi Aiyela – Executive Director, TIERs, and Dr. Funmi Johnson – Founder/CEO, Whitefield Foundation. WARIF is proud to be a pioneering partner in West Africa, supported by the Sony Music Justice Fund. Together, we're driving the change for all.



LAGOS STATE HOSTS LANDMARK SYMPOSIUM ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND WORKPLACE PRODUCTIVITY

The **Lagos State Government**, through the **Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency (DSVA)**, recently convened a landmark symposium on “**The Impact of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) on Labour and Organisational Productivity in the Workplace.**”

Held at the **Civic Centre, Victoria Island**, the event brought together over **130 professionals** from key sectors, including banking, oil and gas, hospitality, FMCG, and trade unions – fostering critical dialogue on the intersection between workplace safety, gender equality, and economic performance. Our Founder, **Dr. Kemi DaSilva-Ibru**, delivered the **Keynote Address** at the symposium. Drawing on her extensive expertise as a **consultant specialist in obstetrics, gynecology, and public health**, with over **30 years of experience** across three continents, Dr. Kemi shared transformative insights on building safer, more inclusive work environments.

WALKING THE TALK: WARIF JOINS UNILAG LAW LADIES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

WARIF showed up and showed out at the 11th edition of Law Ladies Day (LLD) Walk Against Gender-Based Violence with the law students of the University of Lagos.

On Friday, July 11th, 2025, the UNILAG Akoka Campus came alive as we marched with purpose, raising awareness about sexual abuse: how to spot it, stop it, and support survivors every step of the way. Big love to the next-gen legal warriors leading the charge to end GBV. We are proud to walk this journey with YOU.



AWARDS AND EVENTS

WARIF AT THE 80TH UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY: ADVANCING GLOBAL ACTION FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

The 80th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) was an inspiring convergence of global leaders, governments, the private sector, and philanthropic organizations — including Women at Risk International Foundation (WARIF) — united in dialogue on the pressing issues shaping our shared future. Representing WARIF, our Founder and CEO, Dr. Kemi Dasilva-Ibru, participated in high-level discussions focused on gender equality, the intersection of health, climate, and gender, and the critical role of non-profit organizations in driving sustainable change.

Throughout the week, WARIF engaged in several impactful sessions, including the Goalkeepers Champion Lunch 2025, Global Citizens NOW Impact Sessions, the United Nations Spotlight Event, the Gates Foundation Session, and the Women's Health Roundtable Forum. Additional highlights included the Women's Leadership for Peace Forum, the Global Africa Business Initiative (GABI), and the launch of Her Story: Taking Root, Sparking Change by Stephanie Busari, where Dr. Dasilva-Ibru contributed a chapter on building a movement for change, the resilience of survivors, and the urgent need for systemic reform. The week reinforced WARIF's unwavering commitment to the 2030 Agenda and SDG 5: Gender Equality, emphasizing the collective responsibility to create a safer, more equitable world for women and girls. As we reflect on this milestone moment, WARIF remains dedicated to advancing meaningful partnerships, sharing knowledge, and championing initiatives that drive progress toward gender equality — with purpose, compassion, and resolve.



WARIF STANDS WITH SURVIVORS AT THE UNVEILING OF THE WORLD'S FIRST GLOBAL MEMORIAL FOR SURVIVORS OF CONFLICT-RELATED SEXUAL VIOLENCE

In collaboration with over 20 organisations and survivors from more than 30 countries, #PetrifiedSurvivors is the world's first global memorial #ForSurvivorsBySurvivors – a powerful sculpture honouring the voices and resilience of survivors of conflict-related sexual violence. Our Founder, Dr. Kemi DaSilva Ibru, was honoured to attend the unveiling of this extraordinary piece at the British Ambassador's Residence in The Hague – a city known as the heart of international peace and justice. The sculpture features 28 symbolic elements, each co-created through deep consultation with survivor communities. From the Nissan flower for Yazidi survivors to the silhouette of women with coffee beans representing Nigerian survivors, each symbol speaks to the strength and lived experience of those it represents.



WARIF is proud to be one of 23 global organisations shaping this memorial, standing in solidarity with survivors whose truths are etched into every detail of this work. Distinguished guests at the unveiling included Former UK Foreign Secretary Mr. Jack Straw, British Ambassador to the Netherlands H.E. Joanna Roper CMG, and lead artist Ms. Rebecca Hawkins, whose vision brought

this memorial to life. This unveiling marks not just the end of a remarkable artistic journey, but the beginning of a global movement centred on truth, healing, and justice. We extend our deepest gratitude to the survivors who courageously shared their stories – your voices are the soul of this memorial.



WARIF AT THE GENDER AND INCLUSION SUMMIT 2025: REIMAGINING EQUITY AND INCLUSION

The Gender and Inclusion Summit 2025 (GS-25), organized by the Policy Centre Nigeria, was held on September 03-04, 2025. This year, our founder, Dr. Kemi DaSilva-Ibru, served as a member of the technical advisory committee. The theme, "New Voices and New Approaches for Accelerating an Inclusive Society," challenges us all to reimagine equity and to act. By bringing health experts, policymakers, and community gatekeepers together, the Summit underscored the importance of leaving no girl behind in the advancement of an equal and inclusive society.

DR. DASILVA IBRU JOINS LEADERS TO ADVANCE SRHR FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS ACROSS NIGERIA

At the 2025 Insight Learning Forum, WARIF was represented by our founder, Dr. Kemi Dasilva Ibru, on a powerful panel discussion focused on Advancing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) for girls and women across Nigeria. The conversation emphasized a crucial truth: we must meet survivors, women, and girls where they are — by embracing innovation, honouring cultural nuances, and centering the voices of our youth, especially the Gen Zs. From exploring digital health solutions to inclusive financing models, we were reminded that real progress demands courage, collaboration, and creativity.

Dr. DaSilva also highlighted the importance of safe spaces — both physical and digital — where young people can access accurate information, ask questions, and seek care without fear or stigma.

Also on the panel were partners in this shared mission: Rhoda Robinson — Hacey Nigeria, Dr. Jonathan Dangana — Babcock University, and Charles Usie — Plan Nigeria.

Together, we continue to work towards a future where every girl and woman in Nigeria can live free from violence and make empowered choices about her body and future.



7,000 STORIES OF STRENGTH: WARIF CONTINUES THE JOURNEY OF HEALING AND JUSTICE

Over 7,000 survivors have found hope and healing through the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre — receiving life-changing, free-of-charge services that restore dignity, provide justice, and empower recovery. This achievement underscores our unwavering commitment to end sexual violence and ensure that no survivor walks alone. Every story matters. Every voice counts. Together, we are building a safer, more just world for women and girls.



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

1. 2025 WARIF No Tolerance March
2. Group Therapy Session
3. WARIF Men as Allies

SPECIAL THANKS

TO OUR NEW DONORS



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₦92,000

With **140,500 NGN**, a survivor can get access to treatment and 2 follow-up visits over 6 months. In-kind and financial support can be donated as a one-off, monthly, quarterly, or annually. Any donation you make is greatly appreciated.

Donate to the **WESP Initiative**. It costs **NGN 55,000** to educate each student being introduced to the WARIF Education School Program

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