

# SURVIVOR

**WARIF**  
WOMEN AT RISK

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

## PROGRESS REPORT



**230**  
BENEFICIARIES

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

### REPORTED CASES



VISITORS TO THE CENTRE

33%



HELPLINE CALLERS

67%

### TREATMENT LANDSCAPE FOR SURVIVORS



MEDICAL WITH FORENSIC EXAMINATIONS

27%



LAB TEST

28%



COUNSELLING ONLY

31%



WELFARE

15%

### CASES MANAGED



DEFILEMENT

63%



RAPE

21%



SEXUAL ASSAULT

4%



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

7%

### CATEGORY OF SURVIVORS

MINORS

60%

ADULTS

40%



Social Media

f 160,069

22,992

557,180

TV/Radio

25,400

48,500

As we reflect on this last quarter in 2025, I am inspired by the collective commitment and collaboration displayed by all our partners, friends and beneficiaries of WARIF that continue to drive our mission forward toward a world where every woman and girl can live free from violence, fear, and abuse.

This year's Global WARIF No Tolerance March once more was a tremendous success; held across 13 cities worldwide, it once more served as a powerful reminder that ending sexual and gender-based violence is not the responsibility of a few but a shared global duty. For the seventh consecutive year, thousands of advocates, partners, leaders, and survivors stood united to say no tolerance to violence against women and children, reaffirming the belief that change is possible when voices rise together in purpose.

The Educational Pillar continues to lead in the appropriate response and prevention of GBV against adolescent school girls with the implementation of the WARIF Educational School Program; WESP empowering girls with knowledge, confidence and a voice. To date, we have reached over 27,000 girls across Nigeria.

Our work continued in the community service pillar with a focus on prevention and systemic change with the launch of a new program under the WARIF Know Your Community Initiative known as the Men as Allies program – empowering young male adults between 18-35 yrs old on redefining masculinity and engaging them in building respectful, non-violent communities.

Through strategic partnerships with organizations such as SONY Music, TRACE Nigeria, the World Bank, government institutions, and civil society, we continue to expand our reach and deepen our impact.

As the year comes to an end, we are reminded that at the heart of all we do are survivors. Every woman and girl who walks through the doors of the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre reminds us why this work matters. Healing begins when survivors are met with dignity, compassion, and belief, and we remain unwavering in providing holistic medical, psychosocial, legal, and advocacy support to every survivor who seeks our care.

Thank YOU to our partners, supporters, staff, volunteers, and allies who continue to stand with us. Together, we are challenging harmful norms and building a brighter future where every woman and girl has access to equality, justice, and hope.

Wishing you all a great start to the year!!!

**KEMI DA SILVA IBRU**

MESSAGE  
FROM THE  
FOUNDER





## WARIF RAISES AWARENESS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE WITH THE 7TH ANNUAL NO TOLERANCE MARCH 2025

The 7th Global WARIF Annual No Tolerance March took place on Saturday, 6 December 2025, as part of activities marking the UN's 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. The march was held simultaneously in 13 cities worldwide: **Lagos, Abuja, Ibadan, Accra, Nairobi, London, the Northwest UK, Frankfurt, Paris, Atlanta, New York, Houston, and Minnesota**. It convened thought leaders, civil society organizations, and advocates who united in a collective call for zero tolerance for all forms of violence against women and children. For six consecutive years, **Women at Risk International Foundation** (WARIF) has led a campaign to advocate for zero tolerance for rape and sexual and gender-based violence. The **No Tolerance Campaign** is a global movement that aims to raise awareness of gender based violence across the world, bringing together individuals, organizations, and public figures from both the public and private sectors to lend their voices in the fight against sexual and gender-based violence.

In Lagos, the No Tolerance March (NTM) was held at the Lekki/Ikoyi link bridge **NTM 2025 - LAGOS** and was kicked off with a welcome address from the **British Deputy High Commissioner, Mr Jonny Baxter**, recognising the need for men to get involved in awareness campaigns such as the No Tolerance March, emphasising how important it is for men to do things stating the, not always but often, issues around gender based violence are caused bymen. Also in attendance were the First Lady of Lagos State, Her Excellency, Dr Mrs. Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu, First Lady of Ogun State, Her Excellency, Mrs Bamidele Abiodun, as well as committed residents of Lagos State and friends and families of WARIF.



ABUJA, NIGERIA



IBADAN, NIGERIA



NAIROBI, KENYA



ACCRA , GHANA



LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM



NORTHWEST UK





NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



TEXAS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



MINNESOTA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



FRANKFURT, GERMANY



PARIS, FRANCE

## INITIATIVES AND PARTNERSHIPS

### WARIF ADVANCES POSITIVE MASCULINITY WITH THE LAUNCH OF THE WARIF MEN AS ALLIES INITIATIVE

The WARIF Men as Allies initiative engaged young men aged 18–35 to redefine masculinity, challenge harmful gender norms, and take an active stand against violence towards women and girls. At critical life stages, relationships, marriage, and fatherhood, these men are empowered to model respect, equality, and non-violent behaviours. As part of the activities during the 16 Days of Activism, WARIF trained 43 young men in Lagos Island, equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to promote positive masculinity, build healthy relationships, and serve as allies in their communities. Ending violence against women and girls requires more than awareness; it demands action, accountability, and partnership.





## WARIF, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SONY MUSIC WEST AFRICA, EXPANDS IMPACT OF WESP



In partnership with SONY Music, WARIF continues to raise the bar in protecting and empowering young girls. Through the **WARIF Educational School Program (WESP)**, WARIF is building awareness, knowledge, and strength among adolescent girls, empowering them to stand against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV). To date, over 27,000 girls across 60 schools in five geopolitical zones have been reached. With SONY Music support, this year's program spans 4 schools, reaching 360 girls, with 304 teachers and parents, participating in impactful Parent-Teacher Forums held in Oyo and Ogun States. We addressed key issues such as: Early detection & intervention, Safe reporting channels, Emotional and psychological support,

Parent-child communication, Breaking the silence, and Challenging harmful norms. At WARIF, we believe every girl deserves to learn, live, and thrive in a safe environment free from fear and harm.

## WARIF ATTENDS TRACE ON THE IMPACTFUL #NOTONMYCAMPUS ACTIVATION AT YABATECH LAGOS

In partnership with TRACE Nigeria, WARIF successfully delivered the #NotOnMyCampus activation at Yaba College of Technology (YABATECH), marking a significant step toward building safer and more inclusive learning environments for young people across Nigeria. #NotOnMyCampus, a bold social impact initiative by TRACE implemented in collaboration with WARIF, represented by **Counsellor Adebisi Nosiru-Akanni** and Programs Officer **Ms Veronica Abue**, aims to confront and reduce violence against women and girls (VAWG) on Nigerian university campuses. The activation was part of TRACE In the City, a high-impact, multi-city campus tour held in October 2025 that blended entertainment, education, and advocacy for social change. Through this collaboration, WARIF and TRACE engaged over 5,000 students aged 18–30 in critical conversations around consent, boundaries, healthy relationships, and accountability, reaffirming their shared commitment to ending violence against women and girls, one campus at a time.





## DR. KEMI DASILVA-IBRU APPOINTED TO PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL

We are proud to announce that our founder, Dr. Kemi DaSilva-Ibru, has been appointed as a Council Member on the Presidential High-Level Advisory Council (P-HLAC) on the Support of Women and Girls in Nigeria, a significant milestone in the national movement toward gender equality and empowerment. The P-HLAC, established under the Renewed Hope Agenda, serves as the highest-level decision-making and multi-stakeholder platform dedicated to providing strategic oversight, policy advocacy, and coordination in advancing women's economic empowerment, child development, and family strengthening across Nigeria. Through this appointment, WARIF continues to amplify its mission of creating a safer, more inclusive society for women and girls, ensuring that survivors' voices are heard at the highest levels of governance and that policies reflect the urgent realities of gender-based violence, access to healthcare, and empowerment opportunities. As we take this next step, we remain committed to our core vision: a world where every woman and girl can live free from rape, sexual violence, and abuse, and where systems of power work to protect, not silence, them.



## WARIF CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD



In celebration of the #InternationalDayoftheGirlChild2025, team WARIF organized an inspiring one-day awareness program with the senior schoolgirls of Birel Avenue Senior Secondary School, focusing on the impact of Gender-Based Violence and the power of girls to lead change. Ms. Adeola Potts Johnson, WARIF's Programs Lead, addressed the students, reflecting on this year's theme - ***"The Girl I Am; The Change I Lead."*** She encouraged the girls to recognize their voices, embrace their strength, and stand as leaders in the fight against gender-based violence.

At WARIF, we remain committed to educating, empowering, and supporting every girl child to thrive and build a world free from sexual and gender-based violence.



## DR. KEMI DASILVA-IBRU SPEAKS AT WORLD BANK ENTERTAINMENT MEDIA CONTENT DAY

On October 27, our Founder, Dr. Kemi DaSilva-Ibru, represented WARIF at the World Bank Entertainment Media Content Day themed “Creative Economics, Inclusive Futures,” held at the Transcorp Hilton, Abuja, where thought leaders across development, policy, the creative industries, and behavioural science gathered to explore how storytelling and media innovation can drive meaningful social transformation—an agenda closely aligned with WARIF’s mission.



During the sessions, Dr. Dasilva-Ibru highlighted two of WARIF’s pioneering initiatives: the WARIF Boys Conversation Café (BCC), presented under the topic “Boys! What’s Hidden Behind the Screen,” which creates a safe space for adolescent boys to examine consent, empathy, healthy masculinity, online sexual exploitation, and harmful gender norms; and “How Storytelling and EdTech Are Transforming Lives in Northern Nigeria,” showcasing the WARIF Educational School Program (WESP), which leverages culturally relevant storytelling and digital tools to educate young girls on gender equality and sexual violence prevention, having reached over 27,000 adolescent girls nationwide. The event reaffirmed the power of storytelling as a catalyst for behavioural change and demonstrated that when creativity meets purpose, lasting transformation is possible advancing a future where every girl and boy can live, learn, and thrive free from violence and fear.

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## WARIF PARTICIPATES AS REGIONAL PARTNER AT THE 25TH NATIONAL COUNCIL ON WOMEN'S AFFAIRS



At the 25th Regular National Council on Women Affairs and Child Development, hosted by the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs in collaboration with the Edo State Government in Benin City, WARIF participated as a regional partner, with our Founder and Executive Director, Dr. Kemi DaSilva-Ibru, delivering a powerful presentation titled “Empowering Women, Transforming Nations: Building Safe Spaces for Growth and Leadership.” She emphasized that “a woman living in fear is not living but surviving. She cannot lead or thrive until she feels safe,” underscoring that true empowerment begins with safe spaces where women and girls are protected, respected, and supported to heal and rebuild their confidence.

Through WARIF’s comprehensive medical, psychosocial, shelter, and legal services, many women and girls have found such spaces to rediscover their strength and voice, while our partnership with the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs, under the leadership of Hon. Minister Imaan Sulaiman-Ibrahim, continues to expand this impact through the revitalization of national women’s shelters and sexual assault referral centres across Nigeria, reinforcing Dr. DaSilva-Ibru’s closing words: “we are not just building shelters, we are building futures. We are transforming compassion into policy, and policy into lasting change. When you empower a woman, you empower a nation.

## ADVANCING GENDER EQUITY: WARIF AT THE WISCAR ANNUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

As part of the activities for the 16 Days of Activism, our Founder, Dr Kemi Dasilva-Ibru, was invited to speak at the WISCAR Annual Leadership & Mentoring Conference. The event brought together an exceptional group of leaders dedicated to advancing gender equity, empowering women, and transforming policy across Nigeria. In her powerful remarks, she reminded us that “my goal is to bring about a world in which all women and girls can live free from violence.” A message that continues to inspire our work and fuel our collective call for action. WARIF remains committed to ensuring that every woman and girl can live, thrive, and lead in a world free from sexual and gender-based violence.



### #StopHPVForHer: Dr Oluwatosin Babalola on the Hidden Links Between Sexual Violence & Cervical Cancer

Dr Oluwatosin Babalola of WARIF connects sexual violence prevention with cervical cancer care, discussing policy gaps and the need for community-based HPV vaccination programmes.

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## BELLANAIJA FEATURES WARIF FOR THE HPV AWARENESS MONTH

In October 2025, WARIF partnered with BellaNaija to lead an HPV Awareness and Cervical Cancer Prevention campaign across Lagos State, spotlighting the urgent need for early vaccination and prevention. Represented by Dr. Oluwatosin Babalola, WARIF drove community conversations highlighting that cervical cancer—despite being largely preventable—claims over 8,000 Nigerian women annually, while promoting free HPV vaccination for girls aged 9–14 at government health facilities to protect the health and futures of women and girls.

## AWARDS, EVENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

### CELEBRATING COLLECTIVE ACTION: WARIF HONOURED AT THE 9TH VOW CONFERENCE AND AWARDS

At the 9th Voices of Women (VOW) Conference and Awards 2025, held recently at the NAF Conference Centre, Abuja, and themed “Nigerian Women & the Power of Collective Action,” the Women at Risk International Foundation (WARIF) was honoured with the VOW Award for CSO/CBO/NGO Supporting Women and Their Families. This prestigious award celebrates civil society, community-based, and non-governmental organizations that champion the causes of disadvantaged women and girls in Nigeria. Mr. Ibrahim Adebayo, representing WARIF, accepted the award on behalf of the organization and expressed gratitude to the organizers for recognizing WARIF’s dedication to supporting survivors of rape and sexual violence across the country. This award reinforces WARIF’s unwavering commitment to creating safer communities, empowering women and girls, and advancing the fight to end gender-based violence in Nigeria.





## INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CORPORATION AND FEDERAL MINISTRY OF WOMEN'S AFFAIRS HOST 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM CLOSE-OUT EVENT



The private arm of the World Bank Group – the International Financial Corporation, in partnership with the Federal Ministry of Women's Affairs, held a close-out event for the 16 Days of Activism on Dec 10, International Human Rights Day. This was a powerful convening of both public and private sectors with a focus on data-based evidence in integrating appropriate GBV prevention and response into Nigeria's development agenda in boosting the country's economy. Joining leaders from both sectors, as well as UN agencies and

civil society groups. Dr Dasilva-Ibru was an invited panellist asked to share her insights on strengthening Nigeria's GBV response systems and reflect on the impact of Nigeria's gender responsive mechanisms on the economy. Her parting words highlighted that "GBV is preventable" as she emphasised that protecting women and girls is not only a moral imperative but a national development priority.

With more than 830 million women globally experiencing violence, and GBV costing economies up to 3% of GDP, the message was clear: Nigeria cannot unlock its full economic and human capital potential without addressing GBV systemically.

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## VISITS TO THE WARIF RAPE CRISIS CENTRE

### EMPOWERING VOICES: WARIF HOSTS ESE BRUME AND ABI DARÉ AT THE WARIF CENTRE



We were delighted to welcome Ms. Ese Brume, Founder of the Ovie Brume Foundation, and Ms. Abi Daré, author of the international bestselling novel *The Girl with the Louding Voice*, to the WARIF Centre earlier this week, where our Founder, Dr. Kemi Dasilva-Ibru, led a tour and shared insights into the WARIF Approach and our work supporting survivors of gender-based violence across Nigeria; the visit fostered meaningful conversations around potential collaboration, united by a shared commitment to empowering women and girls through advocacy, education, and powerful storytelling that inspires change.



## WARIF MARKS INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN WITH THE BRITISH DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER'S VISIT

On the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women—the first day of the UN's 16 Days of Activism—we were honoured to welcome the Deputy British High Commissioner, Mr. Jonny Baxter, to the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre to discuss our lifesaving support for survivors of violence from infancy to old age, as we launched our 2025 No Tolerance March in Lagos and joined the global call to end digital violence against women and girls.

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## ALBRIGHT STONEBRIDGE GROUP ASSOCIATE PARTNER VISITS WARIF RAPE CRISIS CENTRE

WARIF was honoured to host Mr. Jonathan Eigege, Associate Partner at **Albright Stonebridge Group**, during a courtesy visit to the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre.

Mr. Eigege was warmly received by WARIF's Founder and Executive Director, **Dr. Kemi DaSilva-Ibru**, who led him on a tour of the Centre and provided insights into the **WARIF Approach** our holistic, survivor-centred model for preventing and responding to Gender-Based Violence in Nigeria. The visit provided an opportunity to highlight WARIF's lifesaving work and its continued commitment to supporting survivors through integrated medical, psychosocial, legal, and advocacy services.





## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

1. Forensic Medical Examination Training – F. M. E. T – Aig Imuokhuede Foundation
2. WARIF Education School Program – Girls Opportunity Alliance
3. WARIF Education School Program – Benevity
4. WARIF Boys Conversation Café – Microsoft
5. International Women's Day (Women's History Month)
6. WARIF Quarterly Strategy Meeting.

## SPECIAL THANKS

TO OUR NEW DONORS



SUPPORT US

DONATE  
**₦92,000**

With **102,000 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 50,000** to educate each student being introduced to the WARIF Education School Program

Our account details:

**Women at Risk International Foundation**

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