



## PROGRESS REPORT



**218**  
BENEFICIARIES

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

## REPORTED CASES



VISITORS TO  
THE CENTRE

47%



HELPLINE  
CALLERS

53%

TREATMENT LANDSCAPE  
FOR SURVIVORS

FORENSIC  
EXAMINATIONS

48%



MEDICAL AND  
COUNSELLING

40%



COUNSELLING  
ONLY

2%



MEDICAL  
ONLY

10%

## CASES MANAGED



RAPE

73%



SEXUAL ASSAULT

13%



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

6%



NON GBV CASES

9%

## CATEGORY OF SURVIVORS

MINORS

81%

ADULTS

22%

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



## We had a good start to 2022 across all our pillars!

The WARIF Rape Crisis Centre has now recorded over 3,000 beneficiaries attended to since its opening in December 2016. In addition, the Centre staff, in collaboration with the Integrated Health Program and the government of Kebbi State also held a 2-week Forensic and Medical Training Program for health practitioners from the Mai Talle Tara SARC in Kebbi State.

Under our Educational pillar, we launched our first petition to ensure that tertiary institutions in Nigeria adopt the School-Related Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SRSGBV) Protocol Document to put an end to sexual harassment on Nigerian campuses. The secondary educational program also continued to expand its reach, with the support of Cummins West Africa, to Port Harcourt and Abuja. Over 450 schoolgirls participated in the WARIF Educational School Program: WESP.

The Community Service pillar under the WARIF Know Your Community initiative, visited Obanliku Local Government Area (LGA) in Cross River State to create awareness against the age-old practice of Money Brides- young girls sold or exchanged in lieu of debt into marriages from birth or childhood. A documentary with survivors of this harmful practice, sharing first-hand their plight, and on our implemented community-based initiative can be viewed using the embedded links in the story.

We continued to provide vocational skills acquisition and basic financial literacy skills to disenfranchised women and girls with the WARIF Empowerment Program, sponsored by the Bank of Industry, in 2 additional LGAs across Lagos State.

The International Women's Day events this year were indeed exciting with the theme #BreakTheBias. This included a protest march held by Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), rejecting a 5-point bill from the National Assembly, not in favour of equal opportunities and rights for women in Nigeria. With set ambitious targets, and building continued and new partnerships with the government, the private sector, and other NGOs we will continue to challenge the status quo and advocate for a society free of rape, sexual and gender-based violence.

Thank you and welcome to all our partners—old and new, allies, and friends of WARIF. We are grateful for your continued support.

MESSAGE  
FROM THE  
FOUNDER



**KEMI DA SILVA IBRU**



## MAJOR STORY

### WARIF LAUNCHES ITS KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY (KYC) INITIATIVE IN OBANLIKU, CROSS RIVER STATE



WARIF visits Obanliku LGA in Cross River to address the age-old custom of “The Money Bride”. Young girls are sold or exchanged in place of debt into marriages from birth or childhood. They often endure horrific acts of sexual abuse and are deprived of education, financial empowerment, and freedom. Our sensitization program brought together community leaders, youth, and money bride survivors to see how the practice can be ended and it empowered the participants to become agents of change in their various communities, speaking up against this practice and other forms of SGBV. Click [here](#) to see how that went.

WARIF spoke to women and girls who were sold at birth and some who have endured being money wives from ages as little as 5 years. Watch their story in this [short video](#).

It is WARIF’s goal to champion a shift in the current narrative in Obanliku, especially with the community boys and young men on the practice of the Money Bride.

For more information on how to support this initiative, contact us at [info@warifng.org](mailto:info@warifng.org) or **+234 (0) 809-210-0008**.

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## INITIATIVES AND PARTNERSHIPS

### WARIF LAUNCHES A PETITION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE ANTI-SEXUAL HARASSMENT PROTOCOL DOCUMENT INTO NIGERIA’S CAMPUS CURRICULUM

In partnership with the EU-UN Spotlight initiative, WARIF developed a School-Related Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SRSGBV) Protocol Document. This document provides an in-depth understanding of the prevalence and various forms of SRSGBV occurring in tertiary institutions in Nigeria, as well as a framework for their prevention and the response mechanisms necessary to address these issues on campuses.


The need for this protocol document was made evident with the launch of the WARIF online classroom; Prevention of Campus Sexual Violence in Tertiary Institutions Program in Nigeria, which has been implemented in over 106 tertiary institutions across Nigeria to date.

Join us to make this happen [sign here](#)



#### Adopt Anti-Sexual Harassment Protocol Document into Nigeria's Campus Curriculum

115 have signed. Let's get to 200!

 At 200 signatures, this petition is more likely to be featured in recommendations!

 Women at Risk International Foundation started this petition to National Universities Commission and 6 others

[Sign this petition](#)



## **WARIF FORENSIC & MEDICAL EXAMINATION TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE MAI TALLE TARA SEXUAL ASSAULT REFERRAL CENTRE IN KEBBI STATE**



WARIF in collaboration with the Integrated Health Program and the government of Kebbi State held a 2 week Forensic and Medical Training Program for health practitioners from the Mai Talle Tara SARC in Kebbi State. The program highlighted the role of healthcare practitioners in the provision of medical and legal assistance to survivors of rape and sexual assault.

## **WARIF PARTNERS WITH CUSO INTERNATIONAL UNDER THE WARIF KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY (KYC) SENSITIZATION INITIATIVE**



Makoko in Lagos state was the target area for this sensitization outreach. Over 100 women and girls were educated on the effects of gender-based violence as well as the services available to survivors at the WARIF rape crisis centre.

## **CUMMINS SPONSORS THE FIRST EDITION OF THE WARIF EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL PROGRAM IN RIVERS STATE**



WARIF in partnership with Cummins conducted the first WARIF Educational School Program (WESP) classroom session for 100 girls at Oginigba Comprehensive Secondary School in Rivers State Nigeria. The WESP program implements a specifically designed curriculum that educates adolescent girls between the ages of 13 and 15 on the signs and prevention of sexual abuse and violence. The project implementation also took place in Lagos and Abuja.

## **BANK OF INDUSTRY (BOI) IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WARIF FACILITATED ANOTHER CYCLE OF THE WARIF EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM (WEP)**



Another cycle of WEP was facilitated in 2 local government areas Alimosho and Ifako-Ojokoro in Lagos State. 150 participants were trained in a 2-day financial literacy and vocational acquisition skills workshop with experienced entrepreneurs serving as facilitators. They were also sensitized to understand the prevalence of sexual and gender-based violence, including the harmful physical, psychological, and societal effects that this menace poses to women and girls in their different communities.



## WARIF CELEBRATES

### WARIF CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The annual International Women's Day was held on March 08. This year the theme was "Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow" #BreakTheBias. At WARIF we celebrated International Women's Day by advocating for breaking biases against all forms of gender-based violence and the equality of all women and girls. Below are highlights of a series of WARIF's activities and events in commemoration of the day.



### DR. KEMI DASILVA IBRU SPEAKS ON BUILDING A SOCIETY FREE OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



In the second season of the 'Unfettered' podcast, Dr. Kemi DaSilva-Ibru was invited to discuss the prevalence of gender-based violence globally and in communities across Nigeria. In the episode, she also highlights the important role we all hold as individuals and a community, in ensuring our society is safe for all, particularly for women and girls.

### INSPIRATIONAL TALK ORGANIZED BY THE BRITISH WOMEN'S GROUP



As part of the activities celebrating International Women's Day 2022, WARIF Communications Lead, Ms. Boluwatito Awe, gave an inspirational talk at an event organized by the British Women Group (BWG) in Lagos. She spoke about the different ways to break the bias against all forms of gender-based violence and gender inequality. She also talked about the need to change the negative mindset associated with rape culture, and the services provided by WARIF to help survivors of rape and sexual assault.

### WARIF TEAM SPEAKS AT THE "GUDU MORNING SHOW"



WARIF's Communications Lead Boluwatito Awe, and Programs Officer Lanre Oke, were invited to the 'Gudu Morning Show' hosted by Precious Enyi and Edewor on WAZOBIA Max TV to speak about 'Wetin WARIF dey do for Women and Girls'. They had discussions about the effects of gender-based violence, breaking gender stereotypes, how to respond to and report cases of rape and sexual assault, and the services provided at the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre.



## WARIF ON THE MORNING SHOW ON COOL FM



WARIF doctor, Dr. Yejide Okungbaye, spoke on the Morning show at Cool FM on the causes and effects of SGBV and how survivors can get help free of charge at the WARIF rape crisis centre. She also spoke on the different ways to help survivors and what to look out for if a survivor has been sexually abused. She highlighted the 72-hour window period for cross-examination of a survivor to get forensic medical examination and DNA testing.

## WARIF JOINS OTHER CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS IN THE 'OCCUPY NASS' RALLY



On IWD, the 'Nigerian Women Occupy NASS' rally held in Lagos at the State House, Alausa Ikeja. The rally brought together Civil Society Organisations like WARIF and women from various public and private sectors who all came with one voice in protest, to reject the Constitutional Amendment Bill on Equality, passed on the 1st of March 2022. This reflected a 5-point bill from the National Assembly stating that women are not important in the decision-making process of the country. The House of Representatives met later in the day and rescinded 3 (Citizenship, Indigene ship, and 35% affirmation action) out of the 5 Gender Bills.



## WARIF MEN BREAK THE BIAS AS THEY DISCUSS ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

The male members of staff at WARIF led the charge on three radio stations to speak on, 'Ending violence against women and girls. WARIF M&E Lead, Damilola Adenusi spoke on "The Morning Rush" at The Beat FM, WARIF Program Manager, Adeyemi Asaba spoke on the "Oga Madam Office" at WAZOBIA FM and WARIF Program Officer Olanrewaju Oke spoke on Table Talk with Wemimo Adewuni at Nigeria Info FM. They highlighted the dangers of rape, and the role boys and men can play in breaking the bias and ending all forms of sexual and gender-based violence.







## INAUGURAL INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY GALA AWARDS

In commemoration of IWD and demonstration of sisterhood and togetherness, our founder Dr. Kemi DaSilva-Ibru attended the inaugural International Women's Day Gala alongside the British Deputy High Commissioner to Nigeria, Ms. Catrioria Laing, the supervising editor of CNN Africa - Stephanie Busari, Chairman of the board of Ecobank - Ms. Bola Adesola, Nigerian Movie Director - Ms. Bolanle Susan Peters, the President of Wellbeing Foundation Africa - Ms. Toyin Saraki, German Ambassador to Nigeria - Ambassador Birgitt Ory amongst others.

## COURTESY VISITS TO THE WARIF RAPE CRISIS CENTRE:



### DEPUTY BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER VISITS THE WARIF RAPE CRISIS CENTRE

The Deputy British High Commissioner: Mr. Ben Llewellyn-Jones paid a courtesy visit to the WARIF Centre where we discussed our unique "WARIF Approach" and the impactful initiatives implemented to tackle the issues of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in Nigeria. Our partnership with the United Kingdom will play a key role in changing the narrative of ending the violence in our communities.

### AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL NIGERIA'S COUNTRY DIRECTOR VISITS THE WARIF RAPE CRISIS CENTRE

The Country Director, Amnesty International Nigeria, Ms. Osai Ojigbo paid a courtesy visit to the WARIF Centre to discuss future partnership opportunities with WARIF and the impactful initiatives created in tackling the issues of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence amongst different communities in Nigeria. Ideas were shared on new ways to create awareness and advocacy programs to reach more survivors in both rural and urban communities in Nigeria.







## BRITISH WOMEN GROUP PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO THE WARIF RAPE CRISIS CENTRE

The British Women Group visited the WARIF rape crisis centre to have a clear understanding of the services provided and the best way to help in the fight against sexual and gender-based violence. Also discussed was our unique “WARIF Approach” and the impactful initiatives implemented to tackle the issues of sexual and gender-based violence in Nigeria.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS



### WARIF ON BREAKING THE BIAS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN NIGERIA

Dr. Kemi DaSilva Ibru was featured in a March issue of the Guardian Life Magazine. She spoke on breaking the bias that leads to Gender-based Violence, her experiences in working with rape survivors, tackling the issues surrounding sexual violence, and how we can collectively come together to break the bias against gender stereotypes.

## WARIF ATTENDED A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION MEETING, ORGANIZED BY THE LAGOS STATE DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGENCY

WARIF Clinical Lead, Dr. Aniekan Makanjuola attended a round table discussion organized by the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency in partnership with the Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption (ROLAC) with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) in a bid to strengthen the existing synergy and collaboration between DSVA and the NGOs. The meeting took place on the 26th of January 2022 and was held at Pearlwort Hotel & Suites, Alausa, Ikeja. In attendance were the Executive Secretary of DSVA, a representative from ROLAC, and thirty representatives of the NGOs whose thematic areas are sexual violence in Lagos State.

In her opening remarks, the Executive Secretary of DSVA, Mrs. Titilola Vivour –Adeniyi, stated that for transparency and accountability purposes, it was important to brief partner NGOs on the yearly report of activities of the agency. At the round table discussion, other NGOs present also shared their successes and challenges encountered in the past year.





## "AN INTIMATE EVENING WITH ZAIN ASHER"



Dr. Kemi DaSilva Ibru attended "An Intimate Evening with Zain Asher", hosted by Stephanie Busari in partnership with Most Influential 100 and Quramo Publishing. Also in attendance were Ms. Chimamanda Adichie, Zain Asher - anchor of CNN One World, and Ms. Gbemi Shasore.

## EKO 100 AWARDS RECOGNISE DR. KEMI DASILVA IBRU



Eko 100 awards recognized our founder, Dr. Kemi DaSilva Ibru for her outstanding role in making and helping survivors of rape and sexual abuse, as well as sensitizing other individuals in the community on the issues of sexual violence, its negative impact, and how to we all can actively participate in curbing this menace.

## DR. KEMI DASILVA-IBRU ATTENDS THE GAIA PARITY PODCAST LAUNCH



At the Launch of the GAIA Parity Podcast Launch, our founder Dr. Kemi DaSilva Ibru was invited to the 5-part podcast series based on the McKinsey 2019 power of parity report. The event was organized by pinnacle oil and hosted by Adesuwa and supported by Tw magazine.

## DR. KEMI DASILVA IBRU IS FEATURED ON BUSINESSDAY NIGERIA



WARIF Founder, Dr. Kemi DaSilva Ibru was featured as one of the 50 Inspiring Nigerian Women driving change in the NGO space. Thank you BusinessDay Nigeria and Kemi Ajumobi for the recognition.



## BMGA FOUNDATION RECOGNISES DR. KEMI DASILVA IBRU



BMGA Foundation recognized our founder, Dr. Kemi DaSilva Ibru for her role in #breakingthebias and helping survivors of rape and sexual abuse on getting all the help they need and equipping and inspiring young women and girls alike.

## FAREWELL TO THE UN WOMEN COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE, MS. COMFORT LAMPTEY



The entire staff and founder of the Women at Risk International Foundation says a special thank you to Ms. Comfort Lamptey - UN Women's Country Representative to Nigeria and ECOWAS for her support and to UN women for partnering with WARIF in ending gender-based violence against women and girls in Nigeria.



## THE GENDER EQUALITY BILL – ASSESSING, DISCUSSING, AND ASCERTAINING COLLECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL PASSING

Our founder, Dr. Kemi Dasilva Ibru was invited as a panelist to speak on "The Gender Equality Bill- Assessing, Discussing and Ascertaining Collective Strategies for a Successful Passing". The Gender and Equal Opportunities Bill has suffered yet another setback (the third so far) in the Senate after its first introduction in March 2016. The Bill seeks to guarantee equal rights and opportunities for women. The sponsor of the Bill, Senator Biodun Olujimi, was forced to step down the Bill citing "socio-cultural and religious concerns."





## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

1. WARIF Education School Program in partnership with Cummins
2. WARIF Prevention of Campus sexual violence in partnership with EU-UN Spotlight Initiative.
3. WARIF Launches the Money Bride Documentary.
4. WARIF partners with Legit NG.
5. Brown University's Nigerian Students Association embarks on a fundraising campaign for WARIF

### SPECIAL THANKS

TO OUR NEW DONORS



### SUPPORT US

DONATE  
**₦66,000**

With **66,000 NGN** a survivor can get access to treatment and 2 follow-up visits over a 6 month period. 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

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