

SURVIVOR

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Survivors

WARIF
WOMEN AT RISK
INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

PROGRESS REPORT



217
BENEFICIARIES

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

REPORTED CASES



VISITORS TO
THE CENTRE

35%



HELPLINE
CALLERS

65%

TREATMENT LANDSCAPE FOR SURVIVORS



FORENSIC
EXAMINATIONS

29%



MEDICAL AND
COUNSELLING

28%



COUNSELLING
ONLY

40%



MEDICAL
ONLY

4%

CASES MANAGED



RAPE

60%



SEXUAL ASSAULT

26%



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

5%



NON GBV CASES

8%

CATEGORY OF SURVIVORS

MINORS

80%

ADULTS

20%

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



All 3 pillars have had an impactful second quarter with April marking the annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month #SAAM.

Some of the initiatives implemented include:

The WARIF Rape Crisis Centre continues to see and record more cases daily at the facility and our trained forensic medical examiners have served as expert witnesses in on-going court cases, ensuring all women and girls receive the justice they rightly deserve. This important service is now further enhanced with the launch of the WARIF Legal Clinic in partnership with our in-house counsel and partners Templars Law firm –who will provide additional legal workshops in expert witness services in the judicial system, to the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre medical personnel.

Under our *Educational pillar*, the girls secondary educational program continues to expand its reach, with the support of Cummins West Africa, to Port Harcourt and Abuja with 450 selected girls participating in the school program and almost 200 parents in the parents forum organized by WARIF in each location.

The *Community Service pillar* commenced with the second cycle of the Ford Foundation Gatekeepers project in the southwestern region of the county-Lagos, Oyo and Ogun states with 700 traditional Birth attendants to be trained this year as first responders in tackling cases of GBV in their respective states. We thank our partners, friends of WARIF and allies in the cause, both old and new for the continued support. We are stronger together!

MESSAGE
FROM THE
FOUNDER



KEMI DA SILVA IBRU

Signature

MAJOR STORY



WARIF PARTNERS WITH CUMMINS ON THE WARIF EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL PROGRAM IN 3 STATES

The WARIF Educational School Program (WESP) has continued to impact positively on the lives of school-age girls both directly and indirectly. This impact was felt at the just concluded WESP, sponsored by Cummins, in three senior secondary schools across three states in Nigeria – Rivers, Abuja, and Lagos states.

Over 600 girls were equipped with the knowledge and tools to prevent gender-based violence and act in the event of an encounter with a survivor of rape and other forms of abuse. Parents of these girls were not left out, as the Parent's Forum at each training highlighted the role that parents should play in the prevention of and breaking the silence around rape and sexual assault. Other impactful highlights of the WESP training involved Cummins award of a scholarship to one of the participants at Ogidigba Secondary School in Port Harcourt and the adoption of the school by Cummins for other CSR projects which would include the construction of classroom blocks and securing the school property.

INITIATIVES AND PARTNERSHIP



WARIF LAYS THE GROUNDWORK FOR IMPLEMENTING THE GATEKEEPERS PROJECT IN OGUN AND OYO STATES

The Gatekeepers' Project is going to scale! Impressed by the success and impact of the Gatekeepers Project in Lagos, the Ford Foundation is backing WARIF to implement the Gatekeepers' project in Ogun and Oyo states. Led by the Program Manager of the Community Pillar, Ms. Adeola Potts-Johnson, the WARIF team embarked on a courtesy visit to both states to introduce WARIF and the Gatekeepers project and to solicit the support of the state in implementing the project. During its conversation with the Alternative Medicine Board in Ogun and Oyo states, the WARIF team touched on the prevalence of sexual violence and rape in communities and how it affects households; success stories from the previous Gatekeepers' Project carried out in Lagos; and the powerful role the Traditional Birth Attendants, who will be trained, play as first responders in reporting cases of rape and sexual violence in their various communities. The team also visited a Sexual Assault Referral Centre located in Laderin, Abeokuta, and another, the Spring Centre Abeokuta Ogun state, where the team met with Mrs. Seun Olapite the center manager. She explained the modus operandi of the center, was enthusiastic after learning about the Gatekeepers' Project and is willing to work with WARIF.





WARIF PARTNERS WITH LEGIT.NG TO RAISE FUNDS FOR SURVIVORS OF RAPE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

We are excited to announce our partnership with the charity arm of Legit.ng. WARIF is at the Centre of Legit. Ng's support focus for this quarter and their target is to raise funds that will enable 100 survivors of rape and sexual violence to get the adequate medical/psychosocial care they need to lead normal lives at the WARIF Rape Crises Centre. Your little can do a lot. [Make your donations here.](#)

THE WARIF LEGAL CLINIC IS LAUNCHED! - POWERED BY TEMPLARS

We are happy to announce that WARIF launched its Legal Clinic in May 2022! In partnership with TEMPLARS Law firm, the WARIF Legal Clinic seeks to bridge the gap in the basic legal orientation of the general populace and to help survivors of rape who seek justice to take steps in the right direction towards getting justice. The monthly Legal Clinic would enlighten survivors on their rights and the proper legal steps to take in reporting and handling matters about rape and other forms of sexual violence.



EU-UN SPOTLIGHT INITIATIVE – PREVENTION OF CAMPUS SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS CYCLE 3

Ahead of the implementation of the Prevention of Campus Sexual Violence Program at the University of Calabar under the auspices of the EU-UN Spotlight Initiative; WARIF met with the Vice-Chancellor and some members of staff of the University to lay the groundwork for a smooth implementation. Conversations were held around how to have an inclusive program, not leaving behind persons living with disabilities, and other aspects of engaging the school community. In attendance were, Vice-Chancellor: Professor Florence Banku Obi, Dean of Students Affairs, School Counsellor, 6 student representatives, UN Women Representatives Ms. Tosin Akibu & Ekaette, WARIF staff: Adeyemi Asaba, Folashade Adebajo & Damilola Adenusi.



WARIF PRESENT AT REGIONAL PARTNER GLOBAL CITIZEN'S "END EXTREME POVERTY NOW" CAMPAIGN

Global Citizens launched the "End Extreme Poverty Now" campaign identifying three transformative areas towards achieving this goal. These are advocacy and awareness, investment, and policy change. As regional partners with Global Citizen and a key player in eradicating all forms of gender-based violence through advocacy and awareness creation, WARIF is creating one of the biggest impacts in eradicating extreme poverty in Nigeria and was recognized by Global Citizen as one of the key stakeholders to achieving the campaign's goal.

WARIF ATTENDS A CONSULTATIVE MEETING ORGANIZED BY PARTNER GLOBAL CITIZENS

In the spirit of collaboration to end extreme poverty, Global Citizen (GC) in Nigeria invited WARIF to a consultative meeting to present its country strategy and to identify areas of collaborative actions with CSOs like WARIF. Discussions were held on how to align actions locally and support local actors to achieve improved health outcomes for women and girls amongst her global goals. WARIF was represented at the consultative meeting by its Head of General Services and Communications Lead.



WARIF PARTICIPATES IN ROLAC WORKSHOP TO ESTABLISH A LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS

The British Council through its Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Programme (RoLAC) organized a consultative workshop on the development and implementation of a legal framework for child abuse investigations and interview protocol. The Forensic Interview process was proposed as a best practice in the investigation of child sexual abuse cases, WARIF's Clinical Head, Dr. Annie Mekanjuola presented WARIF's Medical Forensic Examination process at the consultation, showing how it impacts on administration of the criminal justice system.



WARIF CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD

As part of our activities to celebrate the Day of the African Child 2022, WARIF, facilitated a sensitization program organized by the Centre for Response and Prevention of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (CRPSGBV) and the Lagos State University (LASU). Using interactive games, WARIF educated the pupils of the LASU staff school and students of LASU International Secondary School on the harmful practice of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and steps to take in reporting and speaking up against the practice. In pictures – Cross-section of pupils and staff of the Lagos State University Staff School and International School LASU.

PANEL DISCUSSION FOR “CHAT ROOM” – A MOVIE AND A MOVEMENT, RAISING AWARENESS ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Our founder, Dr. Kemi DaSilva-Ibru was on the panel discussion at the premiere to launch the virtual chat room, a movie that sheds light on the silent culture of survivors and the need to raise more awareness of the issues of sexual violence and abuse. She emphasized the importance and need for safe platforms where survivors can speak out and encouraged all to lend their voices against all forms of gender-based violence.



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND TECHHER HOLD SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE RESPONSE WORKSHOP IN ABUJA

In a bid to strengthen the response mechanisms for sexual and gender-based violence in Nigeria, sector partners Amnesty International and TechHer invited WARIF and other key stakeholders in the SGBV space to brainstorm ways to foster exchange and practical solutions to addressing survivor services in Nigeria. In pictures are Osai Ojigbo, Director, Global Amnesty International Nigeria, and Chioma Agwuegbo, CEO/Founder TechHer.



CREATIVE INDUSTRY RECEPTION HOSTED BY BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION

Our founder Dr. Kemi DaSilva-Ibru with Ms. Helen Gramp the Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Girls' Education, at the Creative Industry reception hosted by the Deputy British High Commissioner, Mr. Ben Llewellyn-Jones. In the pictures are, the Deputy High Commissioner, Ben Llewellyn-Jones, CEO of Ebony Life Placand e, Ms. Mo Abudu.

COURTESY VISIT TO THE WARIF RAPE CRISIS CENTRE



CUMMINS VISITS THE WARIF RAPE CRISIS CENTRE

In commemoration of the Global Giving Week, members of staff from Cummins paid a visit to the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre. They took a tour of the center and discussed ways to take the existing partnership with WARIF to the next level through initiatives in supporting not only women and girls, but also in raising awareness of SGBV among men and boys. In pictures are the Corporate Social Responsibility Manager Cummins - Ms. Ifeyinwa Alex Anene, Service Writer, and Professional Networker, Ms. Sheila Adetona, WARIF Founder, Dr. Kemi Dasilva Ibru, Staff, and Members of Cummins and WARIF organization.

THE CENTRE FOR INTEGRATED HEALTH PROGRAM (CIHP) PARTNERS WITH WARIF TO PROVIDE STIPEND FUNDS FOR SURVIVORS

The founder of the Centre for Integrated Health Program Dr. Bolanle Oyeledun and its members of staff paid a familiarization visit to the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre to get a clearer understanding of the services provided and the best way to support 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.





SOUTH AFRICA-BASED TRAUMA COUNSELLORS VISIT THE WARIF RAPE CRISIS CENTRE

Trauma counselors at the Universal Church of the Kingdom of God (UCKG) South Africa Ms. Mpho Shirley Mzimba, and Samantha Etim visited the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre on a courtesy visit in June. They expressed their delight in the work carried out at the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre and in all the innovative initiatives by WARIF targeted toward supporting survivors of rape and sexual violence.

WARIF PODCAST SERIES: MEDIA AS A TOOL IN COMBATING SEXUAL ASSAULT AND RAPE

In the May edition of the WARIF Podcast WARIF spoke with Global Citizen's Country Director, Ms. Maimuna Maibe. In this episode, she discussed "Media as a tool in combating sexual assault and rape". Some questions answered during the discussion were: How does media promote rape culture? What can the media do to end sexual and gender-based violence? Listen to the full episode here.



HELP FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE – WARIF HOLD ITS FIRST GROUP THERAPY SESSION IN 2022

At WARIF, we stay committed to providing help for female survivors of sexual and gender-based violence and will explore every available avenue to achieve this. The WARIF group therapy session which was held in the month of June is one such avenue where survivors came in to bear their minds and learn techniques for coping. Announcements of future sessions would be made on all WARIF media platforms.



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

1. WARIF Prevention of Campus sexual violence in partnership with EU-UN Spotlight Initiative.
2. WARIF Educational School Program Sponsored by US Consulate.
3. WARIF Know Your Community in partnership with Nigerian Stock.
4. WARIF Gatekeepers Project (Stakeholders Engagement) in partnership with Ford Foundation.

SPECIAL THANKS

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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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