

# SURVIVOR

**WARIF**  
WOMEN AT RISK  
INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

## PROGRESS REPORT



**386**  
BENEFICIARIES

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

### REPORTED CASES



VISITORS TO  
THE CENTRE

73%



HELPLINE  
CALLERS

27%

### TREATMENT LANDSCAPE FOR SURVIVORS



FORENSIC  
EXAMINATIONS

23%



MEDICAL AND  
COUNSELLING

30%



COUNSELLING  
ONLY

47%



MEDICAL  
ONLY

1%

### CASES MANAGED



RAPE

75%



SEXUAL ASSAULT

12%



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

9%



NON GBV CASES

4%

### CATEGORY OF SURVIVORS

MINORS

68%

ADULTS

32%

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



Our third quarter of 2022 kicks off with Cycle 3 of the Prevention of Campus Sexual Violence in Tertiary Institutions and the Response Team activation workshops in Abuja, Lagos, and Calabar. This ongoing hybrid program with the first ever online classroom on Sexual and Gender-based Violence has already reached 8000 students in over 106 universities. The educational team led by me also participated in a courtesy visit to the Vice-chancellor of our partner, the Lagos State University – Professor Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello who has been a strong member of the EU-UN Spotlight initiative by WARIF for all three cycles.

The WARIF Rape Crisis Centre continues to see and record more cases daily at the facility, with our trained forensic medical examiners also participating in capacity-building training programs in Lagos State with Medicine Vendors. Technical expertise by the WARIF medical personnel was also shared on collaborative courtesy visits made by the team, to the Sexual Assault Referral Centers in Kuduru, Abuja, and the Spring Centre in Ogun state.

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. The first 2022 cohort group of Traditional Birth Attendants were trained as first responders in tackling cases of GBV in Ogun state. In Lagos state, the community service team also participated in a community sensitization program by the Office of the First Lady of Lagos State – Her Excellency Dr. Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu.

At this year's UN General Assembly meetings held in NY, the organization was the proud recipient of the 2022 Future United Lodestar Award. We are very grateful for the recognition from GBCHealth and congratulate all the other amazing awardees. We thank our partners, friends of WARIF, and allies in the cause once again, for another impactful quarter with your continued support. We are stronger together!

MESSAGE  
FROM THE  
FOUNDER



**KEMI DA SILVA IBRU**

## MAJOR STORIES



### WARIF WINS THE 2022 FUTURE UNITED LODESTAR AWARD

On Thursday 22nd September WARIF was announced as the winner of the 2022 Future United Lodestar Award. This announcement was made at an exclusive event in New York by GBCHealth.

WARIF was given this award for its unique survivor-centered approach to combatting gender-based violence in Nigeria, through the provision of essential services, implementation of educational programs, community-based programs, and advocacy for policy and social change in Nigeria and Africa.

This is a proud moment for us at WARIF and we would like to thank the judges and the GBCHealth team for this recognition. Now, more than ever, WARIF is determined to shape the future, ensuring a world free of rape and gender-based violence. [Watch the announcement here.](#)

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### EU-UN SPOTLIGHT INITIATIVE – ACTIVATION WORKSHOPS IN LAGOS, CALABAR, AND ABUJA.

WARIF continues to implement the spotlight initiative – a program of the European Union and United Nations designed to eradicate all forms of violence against women and girls, in communities in 3 states in Nigeria: Lagos, Cross River, and the Federal Capital Territory. In this quarter, activation workshops to set up and retrain response teams for the prevention of School Related Gender-based Violence (SRGBV) were carried out. The training highlighted the response pathway to cases of SRGBV and the role of individual members and the collective team in reacting to cases of SRGBV.

Each response team trained comprised students, academic and non-academic staff of the tertiary institutions engaged. The schools trained are:

- **Lagos** – Yaba College of Technology (YABATECH), Lagos State University of Science and Technology (LASUSTECH), and Lagos State University of Education (LASUED).
- **Cross River** – University of Calabar
- **Abuja** – College of Education FCT and the University of Abuja



## INITIATIVES AND PARTNERSHIP



### WARIF PARTNERS WITH EU-UN SGBV MONITORING TEAM AT LASU

During a monitoring visit by the European Union and United Nations (EU-UN) Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) Monitoring team to evaluate the Spotlight Initiative Project implemented by WARIF at the Lagos State University (LASU), the team and WARIF's Founder Dr. Kemi DaSilva-Ibru paid a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor of LASU, Prof. Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello. Led by the acting director of the Centre for Response and Prevention of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (CRPSGBV) at LASU, Dr. Igot, the EU-UN team explained that the monitoring visit aimed to assess the effectiveness of the Spotlight Initiative, implemented by WARIF, in addressing issues of Gender-based Violence in the campus community.

In her response, Professor Olatunji-Bello commented saying, '... we have a documented SGBV policy, and we have been ensuring implementation of this policy. We saw the need to create the CRPSGBV and I am happy with what they have been doing. Their efforts are very encouraging, and I am pleased with the feedback that has been coming in. We have given our support to the directorate, and we will continue to do so.'



### WARIF JOINS THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY AT THE 77th UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NEW YORK

Dr. Kemi DaSilva-Ibru joined world leaders and the international development community at the 2022 United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), where they convened to address the most pressing global challenges facing the world today.



## **WARIF IMPLEMENTS THE WARIF GATEKEEPERS PROJECT SPONSORED BY –FORD FOUNDATION IN OGUN STATE**

With funding from the FORD Foundation, WARIF has continued to implement its Gate Keepers Project, this time in 4 Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Ogun State. The program kicked off with the Stakeholders meeting where representatives of the government of the state and heads of Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) of the 4 selected LGA were in attendance. 350 TBAs were trained at the end of this round of implementation. The WARIF Gatekeepers' Project equips TBAs to become primary respondents in the identification, documentation, and reporting of cases of rape and sexual assault using the appropriate referral pathway.



## **WARIF LAYS THE GROUNDWORK FOR IMPLEMENTING THE GATEKEEPERS PROJECT IN LAGOS STATE**

Led by the Program Manager of the Community Pillar, Ms. Adeola Potts-Johnson, the WARIF team embarked on courtesy visits to the Primary Healthcare Board (PHCB) of Ajeromi Ifelodun Local Government Area in Lagos state, in preparation of the implementation of the Gatekeepers project. The team was received by the LGA Coordinator, Medical Officer, and Apex of the PHCB. At the meeting, the WARIF team touched on the prevalence of sexual violence and rape in communities, how it affects households and how the WARIF Gatekeepers Project would address these issues to reduce the prevalence of Sexual and Gender-based Violence. Courtesy visits were also made to the Baale of Ibeju-Lekki, along with the coordinators of Traditional Birth Attendants and Faith-based Birth Attendants Ibeju-Lekki





## WARIF PARTICIPATES IN CAPACITY-BUILDING TRAINING FOR PROPRIETARY MEDICINE VENDORS IN LAGOS STATE

In celebration of the 2022 World Contraception Day, WARIF collaborated with Cece Yara Foundation to build the capacity of 100 Patent Proprietary Medicine Vendors (PPMVs) in Lagos State on how to respond appropriately to those exposed to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV).

Dr. Aniekan Makanjuola, clinical lead at the WARIF Centre facilitated a session on screening to identify survivors, clinical care appropriate to PPMVs, referrals, and linkages with other services at the WARIF Centre like medical care, forensic medical examination, psychosocial support, referrals for shelter, legal support, and economic empowerment.



## LEGIT.NG CHARITY DONATES TO THE CARE OF SURVIVORS AT THE WARIF CENTRE

Legit. ng Charity visited the WARIF Centre to present the proceeds from the fundraising drive embarked on to support survivors of Rape and Sexual Assault. The funds raised would go towards caring for survivors who visit the WARIF Rape Crises Centre. Thank you Legit. ng!

## WARIF RECEIVES RECOGNITION AT THE ACTIVE CITIZENS AWARDS

At the maiden edition of BudgIT's Active Citizen's Awards, WARIF was recognized in the category of Oby Ezekwesili Award for Women Advocacy for its work in advocating for a society free of rape and gender-based violence against women and girls. WARIF was among the four finalists for the award from over 300 nominations.





## WARIF FOUNDER AT THE UN WOMEN ROUNDTABLE DIALOGUE FOR SENIOR FEMALE CEOS & BOARD CHAIRPERSONS

Organized by Women in Business, Management and Public Service (WIMBIZ), the dialogue sought to foster nation-building by promoting Gender Equality and Women Empowerment. In her comment at the event, WARIF's founder Dr. DaSilva-Ibru said, 'women undergoing abuse cannot be empowered', hence, there is a need to address issues around gender-based violence and other forms of abuse against women to foster impactful initiatives in women empowerment.

Also in attendance were Ms. Beatrice Eyong – the UN Women Country Representative, the co-founders and executive director of WIMBIZ Mrs. Ifeyinwa Ighodalo, Mrs. Yewande Zachaeus, and Ms. Hansatu Adegbite; the CEO of ACT Foundation Ms. Osayi Alile, and a host of other female leaders from various sectors.



## WARIF VISITS THE ONE-STOP SEXUAL ASSAULT REFERRAL CENTER IN KUDURU, AND KODESH HOSPITAL ABUJA

WARIF's implementation of the Spotlight Initiative in Abuja would increase the demand for post-incident Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) services. Thus, to enable proper linkage of survivors to required services, WARIF Centre's clinical lead, and center manager, Dr. Aniekan Makanjuola visited the Ministry of Women Affairs' One-Stop Center for Post Incident GBV Services managed by NEEM Foundation.

During the visit, Dr. Makanjuola highlighted best practices in attending to survivors of SGBV. Ms. Evelyn Terunde Ugbe, center manager at the One-Stop Centre informed the WARIF team that the safe space, which has been in existence since 2009, is equipped with a hostel, and modern facilities for skill acquisition in ICT, Hair Dressing & Tailoring. She also highlighted their partnership with the Kodesh Hospital in attending to cases of rape, child molestation, and wife battering.





## **WARIF ATTENDS AN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP ORGANIZED BY PARTNER TIKTOK**

The WARIF Communications team attended an interactive workshop on TikTok's approach to online safety organized for CSOs and NGOs in Nigeria. The workshop highlighted in-app safety features that could aid NGOs in flagging harmful content within the space they work to TikTok. Components of this online safety feature by TikTok covered areas like mental health, medical, climate change, misinformation, suicide/self-harm prevention, minor safety, digital literacy, media literacy, prevention of gender-based violence, media monitoring, and eating disorders.

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## **WARIF ATTENDS THE COMMUNITY SENSITIZATION AND EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME ORGANIZED BY THE OFFICE OF THE FIRST LADY OF LAGOS STATE**

WARIF participated in the annual event organized by the office First Lady of Lagos State Her Excellency Dr. Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu to discuss issues that are relevant to the welfare and wellbeing of citizens in the state, especially around Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) and Drug Abuse among Youths.

*WARIF Team with Titilola Vivour-Adeniyi – Executive Secretary Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency (DSVA)*




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## **VISITS TO THE WARIF RAPE CRISIS CENTRE**



### **UN RESIDENT & HUMANITARIAN COORDINATOR VISITS THE WARIF RAPE CRISIS CENTRE**

The UN Resident & Humanitarian Coordinator; Matthias Schmale paid a courtesy visit to the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre. He was shown around the center and intimated on WARIF's impactful initiatives in tackling the issues of sexual and gender-based Violence in Nigeria.

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## **WARIF HOSTS THE CEO OF WFM 91.7 AT THE WARIF RAPE CRISIS CENTRE**

WARIF recently hosted Mrs. Toun Okewale Sonaiya the CEO of WFM 91.7 – a Nigerian gender-sensitive and specialized radio station for women and their families at the WARIF Rape Crisis Center. We were glad to take her on a tour of the center. We recognize the importance of media collaborations in changing the narrative and ending the violence against women in our communities.



## **CENTRE FOR INTEGRATED HEALTH PROGRAM (CIHP) AND TEAM PARTNERS WITH WARIF TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO SURVIVORS**

The CEO of the Centre for Integrated Health Program (CIHP), Dr. Bolanle Oyeledun, and her team who have partnered with WARIF on the provision of essential services to survivors at the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre, visited with a team of public health physicians from the University of Southern Carolina. The team was received by Dr. Kemi DaSilva-Ibru and taken through the process of care given to survivors who visit the WARIF Centre



## **MINISTRY OF WOMAN AFFAIRS VISITS THE WARIF CENTRE ON A DATA QUALITY ASSESSMENT EXERCISE**

As an Implementing Partner with the EU-UN Spotlight Initiative, WARIF reports data on service provisions on the National GBV Dashboard. The National GBV Dashboard is managed by Foundation for Resilience Empowerment and Development (FRED) on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs (FMoWA).

WARIF was among the CSOs selected during this quarter, for the quarter 3 data quality assessment visit to validate data entered into the National GBV dashboard.





## WARIF PODCAST SERIES: JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER

For the months of July, August, and September, WARIF spoke to the Executive Director of Junior Achievement Nigeria (JAN) – Ms. Foluso Gbadamosi, the Clinical Lead, and Centre Manager of the WARIF Rape Crisis Center – Dr. Aniekan Makanjuola, and Ms. Oluwaseunfunmi Arasi – a Psychologist and Public Health expert. The WARIF Podcast is an educative and interactive platform to highlight the issues of gender-based violence, the rights of women and girls, and advances in addressing issues relating to the rights of women and girls. Listen to the full episodes [here](#).

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## 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 Exchange.
4. WARIF Gatekeepers Project Training in Lagos State
5. WARIF Girls Project Sponsored by PUMA
6. The WARIF Dialogue
7. The WARIF No Tolerance March

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With **NGN 92,000** a survivor can get access to treatment and 2 follow-up visits over 6 months. Financial and other forms of support can be made as one-off, monthly, quarterly, or annual donation. Any contribution 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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