

SURVIVOR

WARIF
WOMEN AT RISK
INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

PROGRESS REPORT



234
BENEFICIARIES

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

REPORTED CASES



VISITORS TO
THE CENTRE

28%



HELPLINE
CALLERS

75%

TREATMENT LANDSCAPE FOR SURVIVORS



FORENSIC
EXAMINATIONS

34%



MEDICAL AND
COUNSELLING

38%



COUNSELLING
ONLY

6%



MEDICAL
ONLY

0%

CASES MANAGED



RAPE

68%



SEXUAL ASSAULT

16%



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

0%



NON GBV CASES

8%

CATEGORY OF SURVIVORS

MINORS

78%

ADULTS

22%

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



All 3 pillars of the organization have had an impactful second quarter in 2023. A media parley hosted by WARIF with a select group of key media professionals from various publication houses and TV stations was held where the urgent issues of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) in Nigeria and the impact of many of these programs were discussed. Re-commitments were made by the media to highlight these issues responsibly and raise further awareness across the country.

The WARIF Rape Crisis Centre continues to see and record more cases daily at the facility and our trained forensic medical examiners serve as expert witnesses in ongoing court cases, ensuring all women and girls receive the justice they rightly deserve. The Centre has also continued in partnership with the Centre for Integrated Health Program to provide essential services to survivors at the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre with survivors receiving transformative support.

Under our *Educational pillar*, the WARIF Girls Educational School Program (WESP) continues to expand its reach. With the support of SONY Music, 600 girls in Lagos and Ogun State recently participated in the program. We are thrilled to report the remarkable success of this program and our new partnership. Also noteworthy is the landmark achievement of the passage of the "Mandatory Inclusion of Preventive Measures on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence into the Curriculum of all levels of Secondary Schools in Nigeria Bill on the 7th of June 2023 strongly advocated for WARIF and other civil society organizations.

The *Community Service pillar* concluded with the first cycle of the Ford Foundation Gatekeepers project in the southwestern region of the country in Lagos, Oyo, and Ogun states with 700 traditional birth attendants trained this year as first responders in tackling cases of GBV in their respective states. In addition, we are excited that ACT Foundation has also commenced with a 3rd cycle of the Gate Keepers project with WARIF in Ogun state, ensuring further expansion of this highly impactful project in the southwestern region of Nigeria.

Once again, I would like to thank our partners, friends of WARIF, and allies in the cause, both old and new for their continued support. We are indeed stronger together!

KEMI DA SILVA IBRU

MESSAGE
FROM THE
FOUNDER



MAJOR STORY

WARIF MEDIA PARLEY: REAFFIRMING OUR UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING SURVIVORS OF RAPE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN NIGERIA



With a continued pursuit of advocacy for violence against women and girls and the support of all survivors, WARIF recently hosted a media parley to address the urgent issues of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) in Nigeria. A select group of key media professionals from various publication houses and TV stations were invited to dialogue, exchange knowledge, and updated information on the organization's road map and impact on the journey to recovery for many survivors across the country under our 3 pillars unique framework in successfully tackling the issue of SGBV.

The importance of utilizing both traditional and new media platforms and building significant partnerships with various media organizations to expand the reach of noteworthy information was also highlighted. Through strategic training and technical support, our goal is to empower media professionals to effectively disseminate information and raise awareness about SGBV. Media organizations such as Punch, Vanguard, Daily Independent, Leadership, WAZOBIA, Megalectrics, Daily Sun, and Business Day were all present at the Parley.

INITIATIVES AND PARTNERSHIPS

WARIF AND C.I.H.P JOIN FORCES TO EXPAND SUPPORT TO A GREATER NUMBER OF SURVIVORS

The Centre for Integrated Health Program (CIHP) and WARIF partnership to date has had a significant impact in providing essential services to survivors at the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre. In the first quarter alone, the joint efforts have resulted in transformative support for 49 survivors. This collaboration with CIHP and our shared commitment to supporting survivors and combatting sexual violence across Nigeria has had a lasting difference in the lives of survivors, offering essential services, care, and support when they need it the most. We remain dedicated to our mission and look forward to further strengthening this impactful partnership.



SONY MUSIC COLLABORATES WITH WARIF TO TRAIN ADOLESCENT GIRLS ON RAPE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

WARIF is proud to announce the impactful partnership with SONY Music with the implementation of the WARIF Educational School Program (WESP) –WESP to 600 girls in Lagos and Ogun State. We are thrilled to report the remarkable success of this program, a specifically designed curriculum developed to empower young adolescent schoolgirls between the ages of 13 and 15 years of age. This transformative program provides these girls with essential knowledge and practical tools to identify signs of sexual assault and rape, equipping them to protect themselves and prevent such incidents from occurring. To date, well over 4000 secondary school girls throughout Nigeria have had the opportunity of participating in this life-changing initiative.



LANDMARK ACHIEVEMENT: SENATE PASSES BILL REQUIRING SCHOOLS TO EDUCATE AGAINST SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



Senate chambers. [PHOTO CREDIT: @NgrSenate on Facebook]

Senate passes bill to mandate teaching against sexual, gender-based violence in schools

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On the 7th of June, the National Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria passed the bill to mandate teaching against sexual, gender-based violence in schools. At a plenary session presided over by Deputy Senate President Ovie Omo-Agege, the Senate approved a bill titled "Mandatory Inclusion of Preventive Measures on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence into the Curriculum of all levels of Secondary Schools in Nigeria Bill, 2023". The legislation, sponsored by Senate Leader Ibrahim Gobir, seeks to require secondary school authorities to incorporate lessons on preventing sexual and gender-based violence into their curriculum for students. Mr. Gobir said compulsory inclusion of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) in the school curriculum will expose secondary students to the dangers involved in committing the act.

We are proud of the role Civil Society Organizations such as WARIF and Women Advocates Research and Documentation Centre (WARDC) working in tertiary institutions, have played in advocating for this bill and look forward to the positive impact this will bring to universities and institutions of higher learning across the country.

SCHOOL- RELATED GENDER BASED VIOLENCE TEAMS IN TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS LAUNCHED THE #WETINBEYOUROWN CAMPAIGN

The selected tertiary institutions in Lagos, Abuja, and Calabar states, under the *WARIF Prevention of Campus Sexual Violence in tertiary institutions in Nigeria*, organized a campaign tagged #Wetinbeyourown to highlight the issues of gender-based violence and the different reporting systems available to survivors in their various schools. The #Wetinbeyourown campaign is an online campaign, aimed at raising awareness around the issues of sexual harassment on campuses and advocating for a change in behavior towards sexual harassment. Sexual harassment on campus negatively impacts the personal dignity and safety of students in tertiary institutions and disrupts their educational experience, interfering with their ability to reach their full potential academically and in life. A total number of 6 tertiary institutions participated in this online campaign, reaching over 10 million people across different social media platforms.



NGX JOINS FORCES WITH WARIF TO RAISE AWARENESS AMONG WOMEN IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

In the month of April, the Know Your Community Program by WARIF, in partnership with the Nigerian Exchange Group, conducted a sensitization campaign for women and girls residing in the Mushin Local Government Area of Lagos. The focus was on raising awareness about the effects of rape and sexual assault and the participants were educated on appropriate responses following incidents of abuse, including seeking medical services at facilities like the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre and reporting cases of rape and sexual abuse to law enforcement agencies. The WARIF team was accompanied by Mr. Dayo Adenubi, the Corporate Sustainability and Responsibility Consultant, and Ms. Ugochi Obi, the Head of X-Academy at Nigeria Exchange Group.



Both speakers emphasized the significance of financial independence and shared strategies for cultivating the habit of saving, regardless of the amount. They highlighted that many instances of violence against women and girls occur due to survivors' financial dependence on their abusers.

WARIF x FORD FOUNDATION PARTNER TO COMBAT GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN OGUN, OYO, AND LAGOS STATES



WARIF has partnered with Ford Foundation on the expansion of the Gatekeepers Project with its implementation in 3 Southwestern states – Lagos, Oyo, and Ogun states, to tackle the pervasive issue of GBV. The project focuses on empowering community stakeholders to effectively respond to cases of rape and sexual violence, with particular emphasis on young girls and women in rural areas. This successful initiative was carried out in 5 Local Government Areas in Lagos state, 4 Local Government Areas in Ogun, and 5 Local Government Areas in Oyo state. A total, of 1,050 gatekeepers – primary traditional birth attendants – were trained as first responders to cases of GBV within their communities, Interpersonal and professional relationships between the various community leaders and stakeholders are also strengthened through the Gatekeepers Program ensuring a broader community engagement and reach and the safety of women and girls.

ACT FOUNDATION, IN COLLABORATION WITH WARIF, EMBARKS ON A NEW PHASE OF THE WARIF GATE KEEPER'S PROJECT IN LAGOS AND OGUN STATE

With the support of ACT Foundation, WARIF has successfully trained 1,300 Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) in 18 Local Government Areas (LGAs) within Lagos. This training equips TBAs to act as first responders at the community level to cases of Gender-Based Violence (GBV). The TBAs utilize a comprehensive toolkit to identify GBV cases among girls and women in their communities, accurately record and document incidents of rape and sexual violence and provide initial support and counseling to survivors



Through this initiative, 684 survivors have already benefited from medical services at the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre, thanks to referrals made by TBAs from rural communities in the previous ACT Foundation x WARIF Gatekeepers project.

Building on the success of the project, the ACT Foundation x WARIF partnership is now entering a 4th cycle with the expansion of the Gatekeepers Project to an additional 200 TBAs from Ogun State. These TBAs will receive the comprehensive training and resources to raise awareness, support survivors of rape and other forms of GBV, and continue providing essential first responder care and services to survivors in their respective rural communities. With the continued support of ACT Foundation, this project will make a tangible and positive difference in the lives of GBV survivors across the Southwestern region of Nigeria and contribute to the prevention and eradication of GBV in the region.

AXA MANSARD PARTNERS WITH WARIF FOR THE AXA WEEK FOR GOOD PROGRAM

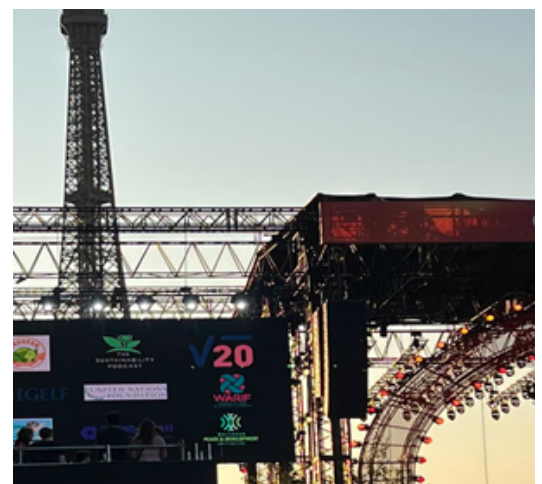


During the AXA Week for Good, AXA Mansard and WARIF joined forces to organize a series of impactful initiatives aimed at combating sexual and gender-based violence. Under the theme "Rescue HER", activities such as a session on Employee Sensitization on Women's Conditions and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence, the AXA Mansard Rescue HER/WARIF Girls' Project were implemented, as well as a radio talk show addressing Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and the AXA Mansard Rescue HER x WARIF SGBV Awareness Walk. These collaborative endeavors demonstrate the unwavering commitment of both organizations to address the issue of sexual and gender-based violence, raise awareness, and empower individuals to become catalysts for change.

WARIF SHINES AT THE #POWEROURPLANET CONCERT LIVE IN PARIS

At the highly anticipated #Powertheplanet concert in Paris on June 22, WARIF was invited to this prestigious event as a Global Citizen's partner. As part of ways in strengthening its partnership, WARIF is a recognized partner by Global Citizens acknowledging the organization's contribution to the fight against gender-based violence and its steadfast commitment to building a secure society for women and girls. The event, Power Our Planet: took place at the foot of the iconic Eiffel Tower on the Champ de Mars, featuring an exceptional lineup of world-renowned musicians including Lenny Kravitz, Billie Eilish, H.E.R., Jon Batiste, and our very own Arya Starr, amongst others. Special guests such as Ben Harper, FINNEAS, and Mosimann added to the excitement of the evening.

Global Citizen launched the #PowerOur Planet, a year-round campaign designed to empower impoverished and vulnerable nations by providing them with a stronger financial foundation and access to vital financing solutions. This initiative seeks to accelerate investments in critical education and healthcare systems while promoting the transition toward sustainable and clean energy sources. The Power Our Planet campaign is aimed at world leaders to make substantial and meaningful commitments at the upcoming Summit for a New Global Financial Pact. Hosted by the esteemed French President Emmanuel Macron in Paris on June 22-23, this summit serves as a platform for influential decision-makers to enact policies that will transform the lives of individuals in need.



THE LAUNCH OF A PRIVATE SECTOR-LED GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE FUND IN LAGOS

Dr. Kemi DaSilva Ibru attended the launch of a private sector-led Gender-Based Violence Fund Program. An event convened by Women in Successful Careers in partnership with UN Women and the European Union brought together key stakeholders from the private sector, civil society organizations, and intergovernmental agencies, marking the beginning of a collaborative and promising effort. We are immensely proud to actively support this crucial initiative and extend a strong appeal to other organizations to join us in lending their support. Together, we can make a profound impact and work towards creating a society where women and girls are free from violence and discrimination.



AWARDS, VISITS & EVENTS:

WARIF FOUNDER, DR. KEMI DASILVA IBRU RECEIVES THE WOMEN CHANGING THE WORLD AWARDS

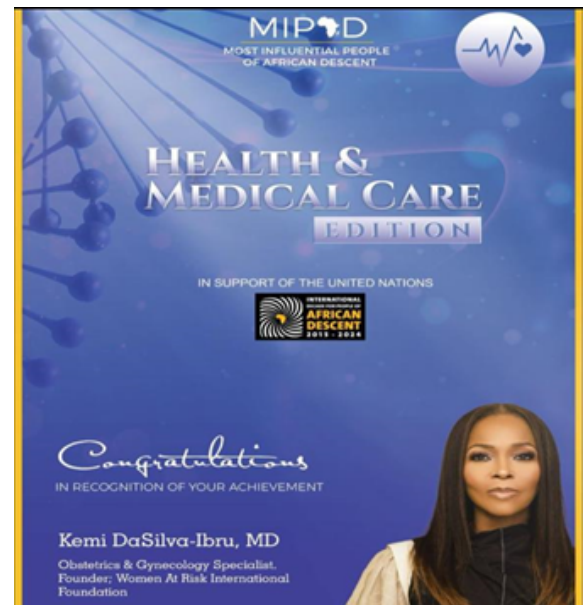
We are delighted to share the exciting news that our founder, Dr. Kemi Dasilva-Ibru, received two prestigious awards at the Women Changing the World Awards ceremony. Dr. Kemi was honored as the Gold Award recipient in the Thought Leader of the Year category and received the Silver Award in the Women Changing the World category. The ceremony was graced by special guest Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Tererai Trent the Founder of Women Changing the World, as well as Peace Mitchell, Katy Garner, and the entire Women Changing the World Team for recognizing Dr. Kemi DaSilva-Ibru's tireless efforts. Their acknowledgment highlights her exceptional dedication to addressing and preventing gender-based violence in Nigeria. These awards serve as a testament to Dr. Kemi's unwavering commitment and the significant impact she has made in the field.



DR. KEMI DASILVA-IBRU RECEIVES ESTEEMED HONOR FROM THE MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT (MIPAD)

We are delighted to announce that Dr. Kemi Dasilva-Ibru, our esteemed founder, has been honored as one of the distinguished individuals in the Health & Medical Care Edition of the Most Influential People of African Descent Class of 2023 by MIPAD (Most Influential People of African Descent). This prestigious recognition is a testament to Dr. DaSilva-Ibru's exceptional commitment and dedication as a specialist Obstetrician & Gynecologist and her tireless efforts in combating violence against women and girls in Africa through the organization @warif_ng.

We take immense pride in Dr. DaSilva-Ibru's well-deserved acknowledgment by MIPAD. Her visionary leadership, unwavering determination, and unwavering passion have played a pivotal role in advancing the mission of WARIF and raising awareness about the critical issue of sexual and gender-based violence. A heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Dasilva-Ibru and the other 99 honorees for this remarkable achievement!



DR. DASILVA SPEAKS ON DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SOCIETY

In the most recent edition of Perspectives hosted by Ruth Osime and Olatorera Majekodunmi Oniru on ARISE NEWS, our founder Dr. Kemi DaSilva Ibru shared her insights on the devastating effects of domestic violence and sexual abuse on survivors. She sheds light on the reasons why survivors of such heinous acts struggle to leave their abusers, and how societal norms often place blame and shame on the survivor for the failure of their relationship, even when they are being violated by the perpetrator. Dr. Ibru emphasized the patriarchal nature of our society and how cultural practices contribute to the prevalence of violence against women [Click on this link to watch full video](#)



WARIF SPEAKS AT THE LAUNCH OF THE CHATROOM MOVIE PREMIERE BY UNILEVER NIGERIA

WARIF, represented by Bridget Taremotimi, Head of General Services, was invited to the launch of the Chatroom movie premiere. The event, organized by Unilever Nigeria in partnership with Sterling One Foundation, took place in Lagos. During the premiere, Ms. Taremotimi provided valuable insights into the issues of rape and sexual assault, emphasizing the role the manufacturing industry can play in mitigating these challenges. She also highlighted various ways we can collectively make a difference. Furthermore, Ms. Taremotimi emphasized the importance of women's empowerment as a crucial factor in putting an end to sexual assault. She noted that "It is crucial for us to take a firm stance against violence against women because it is preventable".



Among the distinguished guests present at the launch were Olapeju Ibekwe, CEO of Sterling One Foundation; Ronya Man, Film Producer; Oluwagbemileke Olive, Head of the Psychology Department at the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency (DSVA); Bidemi Ademola, General Counsel at Unilever West Africa; and the Procurement Director of Unilever West Africa. Their attendance demonstrated their commitment to addressing these critical issues.

WARIF CELEBRATES ANOTHER WORLD DENIM DAY IN SUPPORT OF SURVIVORS OF RAPE

World Denim Day was announced in response to a notorious rape case where the survivor was unjustly blamed for the assault based on her choice of jeans. Over the years, this significant day has been observed as a symbol of support for survivors. Individuals are encouraged to wear denim as a powerful statement against survivor-blaming and to promote a culture of empathy and understanding.



WARIF PODCAST SESSION: ENGAGING CONVERSATIONS ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

The WARIF Podcast session for this month is up and running! We spoke to the Expert Manager at McKinsey & Company, Eleanor Okubor on this episode as she discussed "Data Reporting and Gender-Based Violence". The WARIF Podcast is an educative and interactive platform to highlight the issues of gender-based violence and the rights of women and girls. Join us as we continue to create awareness of the prevalence of rape and sexual assault in our communities and provide vital information on essential services to survivors, to assist with their healing and journey to full recovery. Please click on this link to listen: [WARIF Podcast Session](#)





UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

1. WARIF Educational School Program in partnership with SONY Music
2. WARIF Gatekeepers Project in partnership with ACT Foundation.
3. WARIF Gatekeepers Project in partnership with Ford Foundation.

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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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