

SURVIVOR

WARIF
WOMEN AT RISK
INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

PROGRESS REPORT



259
BENEFICIARIES

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

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

REPORTED CASES



VISITORS TO
THE CENTRE

69%



HELPLINE
CALLERS

31%

TREATMENT LANDSCAPE FOR SURVIVORS



FORENSIC
EXAMINATIONS

35%



MEDICAL AND
COUNSELLING

28%



COUNSELLING
ONLY

4%



MEDICAL
ONLY

1%

CASES MANAGED



RAPE

61%



SEXUAL ASSAULT

11%



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

9%



NON GBV CASES

4%

CATEGORY OF SURVIVORS

MINORS

80%

ADULTS

20%



Our 3rd quarter of 2023 kicks off with the distribution of the WARIF Educational School Program Student Handbook to senior secondary school students in Lagos and Ogun States. Made freely available to all students, the handbooks serve as an invaluable repository of knowledge, thoughtfully designed to empower students with essential information that enhances their personal safety and well-being.

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 by the Centre for Integrated Health Programs addressing the multifaceted aspects of responding to gender-based violence and facilitating survivors' journeys towards their recovery.

The Education Pillar in partnership with Sony Music Ltd, held a parents and teachers forum in Lagos and Ogun State. A total of 304 parents and 10 teachers in each of the states actively participated in an open dialogue addressing pressing concerns associated with school-related gender-based violence.

The Community Service pillar commenced with a 4th Cycle of the WARIF Gatekeepers' project in partnership with the Act Foundation with training held in Oyo State. By expanding the program to more areas in the southwestern region of the country, the Gatekeeper's project continues to empower the girls and women in these communities as more and more traditional birth attendants effectively respond to cases of rape and sexual violence.

At this year's UN General Assembly meetings held in NY, WARIF participated in a series of high-level meetings and events with a primary focus on the critical role that non-profit organizations like WARIF play in fortifying the intersection of health, education, and community service. Contributions were also made towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, notably in the domain of Gender Equality.

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!

KEMI DA SILVA IBRU

MESSAGE
FROM THE
FOUNDER



MAJOR STORY

WARIF IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SONY MUSIC – DISTRIBUTES WARIF EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL PROGRAM STUDENT HANDBOOKS



WARIF undertook a pivotal initiative by distributing the WARIF Educational School Program Student Handbook to senior secondary school students in partnership with Sony Music. This outreach was carried out in the Osborne Group of Schools, situated in Ikoyi Lagos, the senior secondary school students at Government Technical College in Idi Aba, Egba Comprehensive High School, and Asero High School, located in Ogun State. A total number of 650 Student Handbooks were distributed, serving as an invaluable repository of knowledge, thoughtfully designed to empower students with essential information, thereby enhancing their personal safety and well-being.

INITIATIVES AND PARTNERSHIPS

WARIF PARTICIPATES IN THE CIHP TRAINING PROGRAM – LIVES APPROACH TO RESPONDING TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE CASES

The Centre for Integrated Health Programs recently organized a comprehensive training program aimed at addressing the multifaceted aspects of responding to gender-based violence and facilitating survivors' journeys toward healing and recovery. This training initiative highlighted various approaches and channels for responding to gender-based violence and addressed the critical role of healthcare professionals in guiding survivors through the healing process.



WARIF X ACT FOUNDATION – PARTNERSHIP IN CYCLE 4

The WARIF Gatekeepers' project has continued in partnership with the Act Foundation with training held in Oyo State. At the first session held in Iperu, Ikenne LGA, the WARIF team had the opportunity to present an updated manual and logbook used by birth attendants as first responders to GBV cases. The importance of referral procedure to the selected Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARC) and the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), and the pivotal role of birth attendants as first responders' issues on GBV was highlighted.

WARIF IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FORD FOUNDATION CONDUCTS STAKEHOLDER MEETING IN OGUN STATE

A stakeholder review meeting with selected birth attendants and key stakeholders was held in Ogun State. The objective of this meeting was to facilitate discussions on the challenges encountered, exchange success stories, and chart the course for the second cycle of the program. The Gatekeepers project focuses on empowering these community stakeholders to effectively respond to cases of rape and sexual violence, with particular emphasis on young girls and women in rural areas.



WARIF IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SONY MUSIC RAISES AWARENESS AMONG PARENTS AND TEACHERS IN LAGOS AND OGUN STATES



The dedicated WARIF Community Pillar team recently conducted a parents and teachers forum in secondary schools in Lagos and Ogun state. A total number of 304 parents and 10 teachers in Lagos and Ogun states actively participated in an open dialogue addressing pressing concerns associated with school-related gender-based violence. The forum recognized the pivotal position parents, guardians, and mentors hold in fostering trust and open communication channels with children who have experienced sexual abuse, ensuring that they feel heard, understood, and supported. Recognizable signs indicating a child has suffered abuse were shared and useful referral information on the prompt intervention and support to protect the well-being and future of the affected child.

WARIF MEETS WITH THE NIGERIAN POLICE FORCE

The WARIF team met with Mr. Benjamin Hundeyin, the Public Relations Officer of the Nigerian Police Force in Lagos State. The purpose of the meeting was to engage in a comprehensive discussion on the challenges surrounding GBV and to emphasize the vital role played by the Nigerian Police in supporting survivors of Rape and Sexual Assault. The team explored avenues for future collaboration and explored potential strategies to enhance the response of police officers, particularly those working within the gender unit when survivors come forward to report such incidents.



INITIATIVES AND PARTNERSHIPS

WARIF AT THE 78TH UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSIONS IN NEW YORK

The 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly kicked off with a week full of meetings and events, bringing together an eclectic mix of global leaders, governmental representatives, private sector organizations, various groups, and prominent philanthropic entities, including WARIF global influencers and champions. Dr. Kemi DaSilva Ibru, our esteemed founder, had the privilege of participating in a series of high-level meetings and events with a primary focus on the critical role that non-profit organizations like WARIF play in fortifying the intersection of health, education, and community service. These discussions also centred around forging global partnerships to make substantial contributions toward the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals, notably in the domain of Gender Equality. This event also celebrated the rich tapestry of African culture and its creative contributions to the global stage. The UN General Assembly continues to be a dynamic platform where diverse voices converge to address pressing global issues and explore solutions to a more collaborative equitable future.



MALALA FOUNDATION CELEBRATES ITS 10TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY IN NIGERIA

Exactly 10 years ago, Malala Yousafzai, on her 16th birthday, graced the podium before the United Nations. With a voice that reverberated across the globe, she called upon world leaders to act and protect the freedom of girls to pursue education – a right for which she had nearly sacrificed her life just a year prior.

On the 10th year anniversary of her seminal speech, the Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and UN Messenger of Peace, Malala's words resonated with the same courage and impact as she spoke before a gathering of champions, young advocates, and esteemed civil society leaders at the UN House, in Abuja, Nigeria. It was an immense honour and privilege for our founder Dr. Kemi DaSilva-Ibru to participate in this event themed "Addressing a Decade of Work for Girls' Education", joining the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, Amina Hammed Malala's father and other dignitaries. An unwavering support for the Malala Foundation was pledged and a commitment to uphold the United Nations' steadfast dedication to girls' education in Nigeria.



WARIF ATTENDS THE AFRICAN WOMEN LEADERSHIP ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION



Ms. Beatrice Nyong, the Country Representative of the United Nations, highlighted AWLN's mission to unite African Women Leaders for the causes of peace, security, the eradication of violence, mentorship, and promoting women's leadership. The network has made a significant impact, reached over 15,000 women, and provided aid during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Beatrice Nyong, the Country Representative of the United Nations, highlighted AWLN's mission to unite African Women Leaders for the causes of peace, security, the eradication of violence, mentorship, and promoting women's leadership. The network has made a significant impact, reached over 15,000 women, and provided aid during the COVID-19 pandemic.

WARIF ATTENDS A THREE-DAY TRAINING FOR CHILD PROTECTION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) joined forces with the Lagos State Government to orchestrate a transformative three-day training program specially tailored for medical practitioners. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) joined forces with the Lagos State Government to orchestrate a transformative three-day training program specially tailored for medical practitioners.



This initiative represents a profound commitment to enhancing the skills and knowledge of these dedicated healthcare professionals, ensuring that they are equipped with the latest advancements in medical science and technology. The three days of intensive training encompassed a wide range of topics, from cutting-edge medical techniques to compassionate patient care, reinforcing the critical role that medical practitioners play in safeguarding the health and well-being of communities.

WARIF INTERNSHIP PROGRAM LAUNCHED AT THE WARIF RAPE CRISIS CENTRE



As the summer holiday season unfolded, it marked the commencement of our WARIF internship program, with eager dynamic young adolescent women immersed in an intensive learning experience focused on the operational methods of the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre and the transformative impact on the survivors seen at the Centre. These aspiring change-makers were equipped with the knowledge and skills required to address these critical societal challenges and given a unique opportunity to contribute meaningfully towards this. Their dedication and commitment to this cause during the summer holiday exemplify the transformative power of education, awareness, and youth involvement.

COURTESY VISITS TO THE WARIF RAPE CRISIS CENTRE:

THE SPOTLIGHT INITIATIVE – IMPACT, CHALLENGES AND SUSTAINABILITY



The representatives of the EU-UN Spotlight Initiative made a visit to the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre. The primary focus was to assess the impact, challenges, and sustainability of the Spotlight initiative programs implemented by WARIF in tertiary institutions across three geopolitical zones in Nigeria.

Modalities for Spotlight interventions, with the aim of ensuring the long-term sustainability of key interventions were also highlighted.

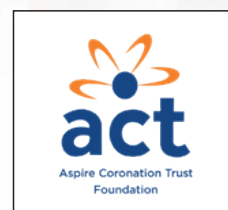


UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

1. WARIF No Tolerance March
2. WARIF X Girl Alliance Program
3. WARIF X FORD Foundation – Training of TBAs
4. WARIF X ACT Foundation
5. WARIF X SONY Music – Parents Forum and Graduation.
6. WARIF X SONY Music – School Symposium – Ogun State

SPECIAL THANKS

TO OUR NEW DONORS



SUPPORT US

DONATE
₦92,000

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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