

SURVIVOR

WARIF
WOMEN AT RISK
INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

PROGRESS REPORT



276
BENEFICIARIES

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

REPORTED CASES



VISITORS TO
THE CENTRE

22%



HELPLINE
CALLERS

75%

TREATMENT LANDSCAPE FOR SURVIVORS



FORENSIC
EXAMINATIONS

22%



MEDICAL AND
COUNSELLING

75%



COUNSELLING
ONLY

4%

CASES MANAGED



RAPE

39%



SEXUAL ASSAULT

23%



NON GBV CASES

3%

CATEGORY OF SURVIVORS

MINORS

71%

ADULTS

29%

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



Visitors to
the clinic

+



Helpline
Callers

=

1,044
Beneficiaries

Social Media



23,024



44,348



172,857



25,189

TV/Radio



28,300,000



15,100,000

2023 was indeed an impactful year and ended the fourth quarter with a resounding success!

The 5th WARIF No Tolerance March was once again held on the first Saturday in December; and this year, in 10 cities across the world – Abuja, Abeokuta, Accra, Frankfurt, Lagos, Liverpool, London, Los Angeles, New York and Washington D.C. The WARIF No Tolerance March once more expanded in reach and impact with over 4,500 men, women, and children marching with WARIF in their various cities. Next year WARIF will include even more cities to become one of the largest anti gender-based violence marches across the world.

The Educational Pillar – the 3-year cycle of the Prevention of Campus Sexual Violence in Tertiary Institutions Program, under the EU-UN Spotlight initiative in partnership with UN Women, closed out with exciting interactive sessions held and a visit with all participating colleges in Lagos, Abuja and Calabar. A highlight of the program was the launch of a Centre for Response and Prevention of Sexual and Gender-based Violence to specifically address this issue by the Lagos State University (LASU) fostering a safe and healthy environment at the university.

The WARIF Educational School Program for adolescent girls was implemented across the Southwestern geopolitical area of the country with successful partnerships from committed sponsors including Sony Music, the Girls Opportunity Alliance, and Hewlett-Packard.

The Community Pillar has also had such an impactful Gatekeepers Project in year 2, with the training of Traditional Birth Attendants in 3 states in the southwest region of the country in partnership with Ford Foundation.

We would like to thank our partners both old and for all your assistance in 2023. We are very grateful for your continued support. We look forward to a prosperous and impactful year in 2024! Wishing you all a great start to the new year!

MESSAGE
FROM THE
FOUNDER



KEMI DA SILVA IBRU

RIF CREATES AWARENESS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE WITH THE 5TH ANNUAL NO TOLERANCE MARCH 2023

The 5th WARIF No Tolerance March was held on Saturday, December 02, 2023. This annual campaign to raise awareness against gender-based violence, was held in 10 cities across the world – Abuja, Abeokuta, Accra, Frankfurt, Lagos, Liverpool, London, Los Angeles, New York, and Washington D.C with about 4,500 men, women, and children participating.

In Lagos, the March was across the Lekki/Ikoyi link bridge NTM 2023 – LAGOS and kicked off with a welcome address from the United States Charge d'affaires, Mr. David Greene, Others in attendance were the US Consul General, Mr. Will Steven, the Governor of Lagos State represented by the Honourable Commissioner for Youth and Social Development, Mr. Mobolaji Ogunlende, First Lady of Ogun State, Her Excellency, Mrs. Bamidele Abiodun, the Deputy British High Commissioner, Mr. Jonny Baxter as well as friends and families of WARIF. The 2023 NTM ABUJA partnered with the UN and Medicaid Foundation and was led by the United Nations Resident & Humanitarian Coordinator, Mr. Matthias Schamale. The March in Accra rallied at the Golden Gate, in London – at Hyde Park, Liverpool – at the World Museum, New York at Brooklyn Bridge; Frankfurt – at the Iron Foot Bridge) and Washington D.C at the Washington Mall.



Lekki/Ikoyi Link Bridge – LAGOS.



London, United Kingdom



Frankfurt, Germany



Abuja, Nigeria



Lagos, Nigeria



Accra, Ghana



Liverpool, United Kingdom



Los Angeles, United States of America



Ogun, Nigeria



Washington D.C, United States of America



New York, United States of America

INITIATIVES AND PARTNERSHIPS

EU-UN SPOTLIGHT INITIATIVE – CLOSES OUT IN GRAND STYLE

The European Union and the United Nations collaborated in an early intervention targeting behaviour change to eradicate violence against women and girls in Nigerian tertiary institutions through the EU-UN Spotlight Initiative. Spearheaded by the Women at Risk International Foundation (WARIF) over three cycles, this initiative, sponsored by the EU and the UN, aimed at enhancing awareness among students regarding sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV).

The program, focusing on the Prevention of Campus Sexual Violence, engaged ten tertiary institutions including Lagos State University, University of Calabar, and others. Campus advocacy, workshops, and virtual sessions utilized a learning management system, involving 4 modules and 16 facilitators. Over 8,000 students across Nigeria participated, championing SGBV prevention, leading to institutional policy changes and significant strides in awareness and support systems, and fostering a safer space for learning.



WARIF CONCLUDES THE WARIF EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL PROGRAM WITH SONY MUSIC



With support from SONY Music West Africa, WARIF extended the reach of WESP, encompassing an additional five secondary schools in Lagos State and three in Ogun State. A total of 600 girls directly benefited from the project, while over 4,000 girls have indirectly benefited through peer outreach activities. The program involves various activities such as stakeholder engagement, classroom training sessions, peer activities, and parent-teacher forum. WARIF Educational School Program (WESP) for adolescent schoolgirls is strategically developed to combat the prevalence of rape and sexual violence while simultaneously empowering young girls in secondary schools.

EMPOWERING GIRLS: WARIF BRINGS THE WARIF EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL PROGRAM TO LIFE WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE GIRLS OPPORTUNITY ALLIANCE

With support from the Girls Opportunity Alliance Initiative, WARIF successfully implemented the WARIF Educational School program in three senior girls' secondary schools across Oyo state, Nigeria. A total of 312 senior secondary school girls were equipped with the knowledge and tools to assist in the prevention of gender-based violence, highlighting the prevalence of cases of sexual violence and rape in society. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to G.O.A and to all those who contributed in various ways to our partnership, dedicated to safeguarding the well-being of young girls and striving to create a haven for all within our society.



THE LAGOS STATE UNIVERSITY OFFICIALLY OPENS A CENTRE FOR RESPONSE AND PREVENTION OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE ON CAMPUS

Over the last 3 years, WARIF in partnership with UN Women sponsored by EU- UN Spotlight Initiative has implemented the Prevention of Campus Sexual Violence Program in Tertiary Institutions across Nigeria. This hybrid program is a combination of the first-ever Online Classroom sessions and in-person sessions at selected universities almost 8000 students from over 100 universities in Nigeria including: Lagos State University (LASU) participated in the program. A key element was the design and distribution of a Protocol Document, developed by WARIF in partnership with LASU, on the Response and Prevention of Gender-based violence (GBV) in tertiary institutions and with the opening of a Centre for Response and Prevention of Sexual and Gender-based Violence to specifically address this issue by the university.



We are proud of our partnership with Lagos State University and UN Women in transforming the lives of the students at LASU and fostering a safe and healthy environment at the university.



WARIF PARTNERS HEWLETT-PACKARD (H.P) TO IMPLEMENT THE WARIF GIRLS PROJECT

Hewlett-Packard, a leading technology company, collaborated with WARIF under the WARIF Girls Project, addressing senior secondary school girls on topics such as rape and other forms of gender-based violence. The session covered ways to identify and support survivors, along with guidelines on reporting such cases to the appropriate authorities.

FORD FOUNDATION PARTNERS WITH WARIF TO TRAIN GATEKEEPERS IN OGUN, LAGOS, AND OYO STATE

The sensitization of traditional birth attendants (TBAs) is a crucial component of our community pillar. This endeavour plays a vital role in addressing rape and other forms of sexual violence issues prevalent in rural communities, as well as highlighting the role TBAs plays in reporting incidents and aiding survivors. Through our partnership with the Ford Foundation, WARIF has continued to implement this initiative in both Lagos and Oyo states. Almost 800 TBAs in these areas have undergone comprehensive training to understand and embrace their significant responsibilities as gatekeepers and active bystanders in the context of gender-based violence.





WARIF KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY PROJECT: STUDENTS AT THE HOPE CENTRE SCHOOL IN THE MAKOKO

WARIF's Liaison Officer, Ms. Esther Okpoe, collaborated with the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Community Development Group in Lagos to implement this initiative at Hope Centre school in Makoko, highlighting the prevalence of sexual and gender-based violence and the free services offered to survivors at the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre. WARIF's in-house counsellor, Adebisi Nosir-Akanni, provided the students, ages 8-13 with age-appropriate sessions on the prevention of GBV.

WARIF CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD

On the International Day of the Girl Child 2023, WARIF orchestrated a compelling session at Government Senior Secondary School in Ikoyi, Lagos, featuring beneficiaries of the WARIF Educational School Program (W.E.S.P). These young girls shared profound insights gleaned from the program, detailing how it has empowered them to boldly advocate against rape and sexual assault. Dr. Kemi DaSilva Ibru delivered a poignant message, emphasizing the importance of 'investing in their rights and safeguarding their well-being' to these aspiring future leaders.



Ms. Bridget Taremotimi, the General Divisions Lead at WARIF further underscored the significance of educating girls about rape and sexual assault. WARIF's unwavering commitment lies in ensuring no one is left behind as every girl deserves to thrive in a society free from the scourge of rape and sexual violence.

AWARDS, EVENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

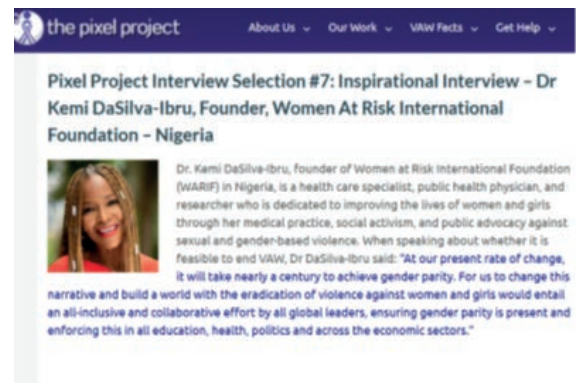
16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM: LAGOS STATE DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGENCY HONORS DR. KEMI DASILVA IBRU



On Day 14 of #16DaysofActivism, our founder, Dr. Kemi Dasilva-Ibru, was recognized by the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency for her exceptional dedication to advancing women's rights. With more than two decades of specialized experience as an obstetrician and gynaecologist, Dr. DaSilva-Ibru's passion knows no bounds. Her steadfast commitment to combating gender-based violence, rape, and trafficking led to the establishment of WARIF, a non-profit organization dedicated to addressing these critical issues. Today and every day, we deeply applaud Dr. Kemi Dasilva-Ibru for her profound contributions to women's health and her relentless endeavors in the battle against gender-based violence. Her influence continues to echo, fostering hope and transforming numerous lives.

THE PIXEL 16 FOR 16 CAMPAIGN PROJECT FEATURES DR. KEMI DASILVA-IBRU

In preparation for the 16 for 16 Campaign Project in alignment with the 16 Days of Activism campaign and celebrating 15 years in existence, the Pixel Project, a nonprofit organization with a mission to raise awareness, funds, and volunteer power to end violence against women, highlighted Kemi DaSilva-Ibru for two consecutive years. This recognition applauded the remarkable efforts in aiding survivors of rape and sexual violence through the Women at Risk International Foundation (WARIF). The 16 for 16 campaigns featured 16 articles, each highlighting a list of 16 people/ideas/recommendations related to stopping Violence Against Women (VAW).



DR DASILVA SPEAKS ON SHIFTING HARMFUL GENDER NORMS TO ADVANCE LIVELIHOOD AND HEALTH



The Policy Centre of the Nigerian Economic Summit Group organized a Gender Inclusion Summit, held in Abuja on 28th – 29th November 2023. Dr. Kemi DaSilva Ibru was invited as a gender advocate and thought leader to share her insights on the panel themed “It’s all about power: Shifting Harmful Gender Norms to Advance Livelihood and Health.”

She reiterated her strong conviction of including men and boys in the gender conversation to address the harmful social norms and practices prevalent in our communities. The summit marked another stride in our ongoing commitment to fostering gender equality and empowerment.

DR. DASILVA ATTENDS 7TH EDITION OF THE ACT FOUNDATION BREAKFAST DIALOGUE

Our founder, Dr. Kemi DaSilva Ibru, was invited to the 7th edition of the ACT Foundation Breakfast Dialogue. This year, the hybrid event was centered around the theme, "Advancing Sustainable Development in Africa: The Role of Environmental, Social, and Governance Strategies in Creating Impact." The primary objective of this year's Dialogue was to enhance the understanding of key leaders in the public, private, and social sectors regarding the opportunities that Economic, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles offer to organizations, and their potential positive impact on Africa's economy.



WARIF ATTENDS THE 4TH ANNUAL NIGERIA GOVERNOR'S SPOUSES FORUM HIGH-LEVEL POLICY DIALOGUE



In commemoration of the 2023 UN 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, the Nigeria Governors Spouses Forum organized its 4th annual High-Level Policy Dialogue under the theme of "Youth Allies: Bridging Generations to End Violence." The event's highlight was the significance of addressing violence against women and the crucial role played by young people in advocating against all forms of violence within our society. In a panel discussion, Dr. Dasilva emphasized the ongoing importance of intergenerational dialogue by providing an enabling environment and fostering trust and positive relationships with the youth which would contribute to the prevention of violence.

Other distinguished guests present at the event were the members of the NGSF, the governor of Kwara state & Chairman NGF; HE AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, Prof. Fatima Waziri- Azi, DG NAPTIP Ms. Olufunke Baruwa, the Programs Officer; Ford Foundation, renowned actor Mrs. Joke Silva, and acclaimed musician Mrs. Onyeka Nwenu, along with several other notable individuals.

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM: WARIF SPEAKS AT THE GENDER AND SAFE SPACES SUMMIT

The Centre for Response and Prevention of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (CRPSGBV) at Lagos State University in partnership with UN Women and the Lagos State Ministry of Women Affairs (WAPA) hosted a One-Day Gender and Safe Spaces Summit in honor of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and Girls and the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. WARIF's Head of Programs Mrs. Adeola Potts-Johnson, Academias spoke on the theme "UNiTE! Invest to prevent violence against Women and Girls," which aims to address critical issues surrounding this cause. This gathering brought together academia, gender-based service providers from both governmental and private sectors, and development practitioners to exchange insights and deliberate on strategic investment approaches.



WARIF FOUNDER ADDRESSES THE HARROWING ISSUE OF SEXUAL MOLESTATION OF CHILDREN

In the recent episode of PERSPECTIVES, our founder, Dr. Kemi Dasilva Ibru shed light on the critical concerns surrounding rape and violence against women and girls. During the discussion, Dr. DaSilva highlighted the social, physical, and emotional indicators that signal potential survivors. She addressed the concerning factors contributing to the low conviction rates, including ineffective law enforcement, the burden of proof, and the stigma associated with these cases.



WARIF ATTENDS WOMEN'S HUB ORGANIZED BY BUSINESS DAY

The Women's Hub, marking the 12th edition of the Inspiring Woman series hosted by Business Day, took place in Lagos. The theme, "Inspiring Purpose-Driven Women in Leadership," provided a platform for female leaders to engage in panels and hold insightful discussions that shed light on diverse aspects of leadership and purpose-driven endeavors. Among those in attendance were Mrs. Daphe Mashile Nkosi, the Founder/Executive Chairman of Kalagadi Manganese, Ms. Kemi Ajumobi, Covener/Associate Editor at BusinessDay, Mrs. Ifeanyi Adefarasin, Co-Pastor of the House on The Rock Church and Founder of the Woman-to-Woman Ministry, Ms. Stephanie Busari, Senior Editor at CNN Africa, along with other distinguished guests.

WOMEN IN SUCCESSFUL CAREERS HOLD REGIONAL DIALOGUE ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Women in Successful Careers (WISCAR), in collaboration with UN Women, organized a "Regional Dialogue with Private Sectors to Advance Gender Equality and Women Empowerment." This gathering assembled thought leaders to deliberate on the urgent matters of gender-based violence and brainstorm potential strategies to reach more survivors, particularly in rural communities. Among the attendees at this dialogue session were our founder, Dr. Kemi Dasilva Ibru, and other influential figures in the field of gender-based violence.



16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM: TEAM WARIF CELEBRATES WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS DAY 2023

World Human Rights Day 2023 and the theme for this year is "Freedom, Equality and Justice for All". This marks the end of the UN's 16 days of activism against gender-based violence campaign and the 75th birthday of the Declaration of Human Rights all over the world. Rape and sexual violence against women and girls are a violation of their fundamental human rights to life, liberty, and freedom. The Women at Risk International Foundation stands with all survivors, as we remain committed and active in our role as advocates against gender-based violence and in ensuring dignity, freedom, and justice for all survivors.

WARIF SUPPORTS THE ANNUAL MEDICAID CANCER AWARENESS WALK

The annual WALK AWAY CANCER 2023 Awareness Walk by the Medicaid Cancer Foundation took place on Saturday, October 28th at the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

Medicaid raises awareness of issues surrounding cancer; providing early detection; lifestyle changes, and risk factors as well as support and treatment for cancer survivors.

The event was kicked off by the former Governor of Kebbi State; HE Abubakar Atiku Bagudu; CON, accompanied by HE Dr Zainab Shinkafi Bagudu; founder of the Medicaid Cancer Foundation.



WARIF ATTENDS WOMEN GROUP STAKEHOLDERS MEETING HOSTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS

To strengthen relations and gain insights into various UN initiatives supporting women and children in Nigeria, the UN Humanitarian Coordinator, Mr. Matthias Schamale, engaged influential women leaders in Lagos for feedback. This discussion aimed to improve the impact of UN initiatives within the nation. Dr. Kemi Dasilva Ibru, our founder and a prominent thought leader in the Gender-Based Violence space, was among the participating guests. She provided valuable perspectives on the efficacy of ongoing initiatives and highlighted areas needing more attention from the UN, particularly concerning reaching survivors, especially in rural communities.



COURTESY VISIT TO THE WARIF RAPE CRISIS CENTRE

HONOURABLE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE VISITS THE WARIF RAPE CRISIS

To conclude his visit to Lagos, the Honourable Minister of State for Health and Social Welfare of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dr. Tunji Alausa, paid a courtesy visit to the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre. During this visit, he expressed a keen interest in gaining a deeper understanding of our distinctive approach to supporting survivors of Sexual and Gender-based Violence, as well as our research initiatives. He also explored potential avenues for collaboration between the Federal Government and WARIF and underscored the pivotal role the Government plays in implementing effective measures to combat these challenges. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Tunji Alausa for his visit, and we appreciate his commitment to improving all aspects of the healthcare system in Nigeria.





UN WOMEN COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE VISITS THE WARIF RAPE CRISIS CENTRE

We had the pleasure of the UN Women Country Representative to Nigeria, Ms. Beatrice Eyong, recently visit the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre in Lagos recently. During her visit, we discussed our distinctive "WARIF Approach" and the impactful initiatives that have been set in motion to address the pressing issue of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Nigeria. especially in the educational sector with the UN Women partnership on the Prevention of Campus Sexual Violence in Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria under the Spotlight Initiative.

DR. MRS. IBIJOKE SANWO-OLU VISITS THE WARIF RAPE CRISIS CENTRE

As part of her activities for #16daysofactivism, HE Dr. Mrs. Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu, the First Lady of Lagos State, paid a courtesy visit to the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre. During her visit, our founder Dr. Kemi Dasilva Ibru engaged H.E. in discussions covering our unique "WARIF Approach," the impactful initiatives spearheaded by WARIF, and the diverse areas we aim to explore as an organization in the upcoming year. While guiding her through our facility, Dr. Dasilva, conveyed her gratitude to the First Lady for their support and commended the Lagos state government for their proactive measures in ensuring survivors get all the help they need. We extend our sincere appreciation to the First Lady and her office for gracing us with her visit.



WARIF TEAM ENGAGES IN MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE US CONSULATE TEAM

Our founder Dr. Kemi DaSilva Ibru paid a visit to our esteemed partners US Consulate, accompanied by the dedicated WARIF team members. The purpose of this meeting was to delve into the forthcoming No Tolerance March and the diverse array of initiatives slated for the 16 days of activism. We say a big thank you to our partners for their constant support over the years.



WARIF TEAM VISIT THE BRITISH DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER TO LAGOS

Our founder Dr. Kemi DaSilva Ibru paid a visit to our esteemed partners British Deputy High Commissioner, accompanied by the dedicated WARIF team members. The purpose of this meeting was to delve into the forthcoming No Tolerance March and the diverse array of initiatives slated for the 16 days of activism. We say a big thank you to our partners for their constant support over the years.

WORLD-RENOUNDED SINGER, TEMS VISITS THE WARIF RAPE CRISIS CENTRE

Tems, a renowned singer, and songwriter dedicated an afternoon to visit the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre in Lagos, showcasing her steadfast dedication to aiding women and children who have survived rape and sexual assault. During her visit, our founder Dr. Kemi Dasilva Ibru discussed extensively on the prevalence of rape and sexual violence and the reason behind the establishment of the WARIF organization. She also talked about the unique "WARIF Approach," the impactful initiatives spearheaded by WARIF, and the diverse areas we aim to explore as an organization in the upcoming year.



GLOBAL AWARD-WINNING MUSIC ARTIST TEMS DONATES TO HELP RAPE SURVIVORS

This year, the annual Tems Wardrobe Sales event took place at the Jewel Aieda Event Centre Lagos, driven by a noble purpose—to assist survivors of gender-based violence and provide support to women and children. All proceeds from the event were allocated to charitable projects run by organizations such as WARIF and Margaret Ohiani Orphanage. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and the fight against gender-based violence.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

1. WARIF Education School Program – US Consulate
2. International Women's Day (Women History Month)
3. WARIF X TEMS – Partnership Announcement – MEDIA

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