

SURVIVOR

WARIF
WOMEN AT RISK
INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

PROGRESS REPORT



225
BENEFICIARIES

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

REPORTED CASES



VISITORS TO THE CENTRE

19%



HELPLINE CALLERS

81%

TREATMENT LANDSCAPE FOR SURVIVORS



MEDICAL WITH FORENSIC EXAMINATIONS

25%



MEDICAL WITHOUT FORENSIC

0%



LABORATORY TEST

27%



COUNSELLING ONLY

28%



WELFARE

18%



REFERRAL

3%

CASES MANAGED



RAPE

68%



SEXUAL ASSAULT

24%



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

5%



DEFILEMENT

3%

CATEGORY OF SURVIVORS

MINORS

30%

ADULTS

70%

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



This year the 2024 International Women’s Day theme was Inspire Inclusion and to commemorate this, WARIF joined forces with the Lagos State Office of Disability Affairs LASODA to implement a Know Your Community project to raise awareness about rape and sexual violence among individuals living with disabilities. Our inspiring collaborative outreach held in a vibrant community in Agege Local Government Area was found to be so impactful and was supported by the dedicated members of the Physically Challenged Empowerment Initiatives Nigeria (PCEIN).

The Health pillar: The WARIF Rape Crisis Centre also reached another milestone with a landmark 5000 beneficiaries now attended to at the facility since its opening in December 2016. WARIF’s long-standing partner, PUMA NG, donated proceeds from Valentine’s Day sales to support survivors at the Centre.

The Educational pillar continued with the expansion of the WARIF Educational School program for adolescent girls in partnership with the US Consulate in Lagos and The Community pillar has continued the impactful Gatekeepers Project with the training of Traditional Birth Attendants in 3 southwest region states - Lagos, Ogun, and Oyo- in partnership with Ford Foundation. In addition, as part of the activities in celebrating the 2024 International Women’s Day, the WARIF Team also collaborated with the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Community Development Group to inspire inclusion with a Know Your Community project for the market women and traders in an outreach at the Sabo Ultra-Modern Market in Yaba. This was yet another impactful program, empowering market women and female traders in this community.

We would like to welcome and thank our new partners and our old partners for their unwavering support of the organization. We are making a transformative difference in many disenfranchised communities across the country with programs implemented with your support.

Thank you - we are indeed Stronger Together!

MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER



KEMI DA SILVA IBRU

MAJOR STORY:

WARIF JOINS FORCES WITH THE LAGOS STATE OFFICE OF DISABILITY AFFAIRS

In Celebration of [#IWD2024](#), WARIF joined forces with the Lagos State Office of Disability Affairs –LASODA to champion inclusivity by raising awareness about rape and sexual violence among individuals with disabilities. Our collaborative outreach took us to the vibrant Hausa Community in Lagos's Agege Area, supported by the dedicated members of the Physically Challenged Empowerment Initiatives Nigeria (PCEIN). Statistics globally reveal that persons with disabilities face a higher risk of violence, abuse, and exploitation, with women and girls being disproportionately affected. At WARIF, we are committed to combating this injustice through impactful initiatives and advocating for the rights of women and girls, particularly in addressing violence against them.



INITIATIVES AND PARTNERSHIPS

WARIF EXPANDS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR GIRLS ACROSS NIGERIA TO COMBAT SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE

The Women at Risk International Foundation (WARIF) in partnership with the United States Consulate is currently carrying the second cycle of the WARIF Educational School Program (WESP), aimed at combating cases of rape and sexual violence while empowering young girls in secondary schools.

The primary objective of the WARIF Educational School Program (WESP) is to equip female adolescents in senior secondary schools with the necessary knowledge and tools to identify, prevent, and respond appropriately to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV). This innovative curriculum, specially designed and implemented by WARIF, provides adolescent girls with insights into recognizing signs of sexual assault and rape, self-protection strategies, and measures to prevent such occurrences. One hundred and fifty girls from the following participating schools have been selected; are New Era Girls, Surulere; Itolo Senior Secondary School, Surulere and Surulere Girls Secondary School.



WARIF PARTNERS WITH THE FORD FOUNDATION TO SENSITIZE TRADITIONAL LEADERS

The sensitization of traditional leaders has been identified as a crucial component in successfully tackling gender-based violence in rural communities. Through our partnership with the FORD Foundation. A total of 24 traditional leaders from Ogun and Oyo states engaged in sensitization workshops implemented by the community pillar of WARIF. The impact of these workshops has been profound. Traditional leaders emerged as champions for change, actively advocating for the rights and safety of women and girls in their communities. By leveraging their influence and authority, they have been instrumental in breaking the silence surrounding GBV, encouraging survivors to come forward, and facilitating access to support services and justice mechanisms.



PUMA SUPPORTS SURVIVORS AT THE WARIF RAPE CRISIS CENTRE FOR VALENTINE'S DAY



In a heartfelt gesture of love and solidarity, WARIF's long-standing partner, PUMA NG, donates proceeds from Valentine's Day sales to support survivors at the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre. This remarkable act of kindness reaffirms their commitment to standing with survivors and supporting our ongoing efforts to provide essential care and assistance to those affected by gender-based violence. Together, we strive to create a safer and more inclusive society for all.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

WARIF IS RECOGNISED AT THE 2024 FORBES SUMMIT IN ABU DHABI

To commemorate [#internationalwomensday2024](#), our founder and 2024 Forbes' 50 over 50 EMEA lister, Dr. Kemi Dasilva Ibru was invited to speak at the FORBES 30/50 Summit recently held in Abu Dhabi. Dr. DaSilva spoke on the prevalence of gender-based violence in Nigeria and Africa and the WARIF unique 3 pillar approach to successfully addressing this issue.

This assembly convened influential women worldwide to facilitate the exchange of ideas, promote mentorship, and spur innovation, emphasizing this year's focal points of collaboration and empowerment. Among the esteemed guests were former Liberian President Ms. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, renowned singer, and songwriter Ms. Shain Twain, financial expert Ms. Suze Orman, CEO/ Founder Salamander Collection, Ms. Sheila Johnson, and prominent American political adviser Ms. Huma Abedin alongside other distinguished thought leaders and global ambassadors.



WARIF TEAM COLLABORATED WITH THE NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE CORPS (NYSC) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP TO INSPIRE INCLUSION

As part of the activities in celebrating International Women's Day 2024, the WARIF Team collaborated with the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Community Development Group to inspire inclusion with the market women and traders in an outreach at the Sabo Ultra-Modern Market in Yaba. Led by WARIF's head of general services Ms. Bridget Taremotimi, who spoke on the prevalence of sexual violence and ways to identify the signs. She also spoke on the importance of raising awareness and ensuring survivors are supported and catered to, by reporting such cases to the appropriate authorities.



WOMEN IN RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION CENTRE TACKLE UNSAFE ABORTION AND MATERNAL MORTALITY

WARIF was invited to an event convened by the Women Advocates Research and Documentation Centre (WARDC) and the Center for Reproductive Rights (CRR) on the 'Promoting Access to Reproductive Justice for Women' project in Nigeria – a project aimed at tackling unsafe abortion and maternal mortality. Representing WARIF, Ms. Bridget Taremotimi, our Head of General Services.



DR. DASILVA DISCUSSED SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN AN EXCITING SESSION OF ACTPOD

To conclude Women's History Month with flair, Dr. Kemi DaSilva Ibru was invited on episode 7 of Season 2, of the ACTpod (ACT Foundation Podcast Session). In this episode, Dr. DaSilva delved into WARIF's efforts to eradicate the pervasive culture of silence surrounding gender-based violence (GBV) in Nigeria. Dr DaSilva highlighted the long-standing support and partnership between WARIF and ACTF and the transformative impact this has had on women and girls in rural communities through the Gatekeepers Project – training Traditional Birth Attendants as first responders to cases of GBV in their communities.



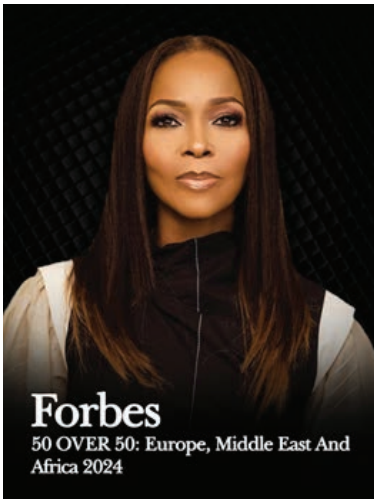
WARIF ELEVATES THE CONVERSATION ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Over the period of the Women's Month March, the WARIF team led by team leads, Ms. Adeola Potts-Johnson, Head of Programs, and Ms. Isoken Enehikhuere, Communications Lead participated in a series of media engagements to elevate the conversation and discuss the pervasive issue of gender-based violence in society and the critical importance of including women in these dialogues.



At WARIF, we strongly advocate for the rights of all women and children. We implore every individual, regardless of age or gender, to join us in ensuring women and girls across Nigeria are protected from all acts of violence. Thank you to our media partners for their constant support.

AWARDS AND EVENTS



FORBES ACKNOWLEDGES DR. KEMI DASILVA IBRU AS ONE OF JUST TWO NIGERIANS LISTED ON THE 50 OVER 50 – EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST, AND AFRICA 2024 LIST.

Our founder, Dr. Kemi Dasilva-Ibru, was recognized on the esteemed Forbes 50 Over 50, EMEA 2024 List! Joining the ranks of a distinguished list of women across the region of Europe, Middle East and Africa. This accolade is a testament to her unwavering dedication to gender equality and addressing the issue of violence against women and girls in our nation. Thank you for your relentless hard work and commitment.

HEALTH CARE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA HOLD ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN LAGOS

The Healthcare Federation of Nigeria recently convened its Annual Conference in Lagos. The event was a dynamic gathering of insightful discussions on our current healthcare policies, and ideas on strategies to bridge the gap in healthcare through Private-Public Integration.

In attendance were also key stakeholders including the Minister of State for Health, Dr. Tunji Alausa, the Lagos State Minister of Health, Dr. Akin Abayomi, SA to the President of Nigeria on Health, Salma Ibrahim Anas, President of HFN, Dr. Pamela Ajayi, and many other distinguished guests.



WARIF HITS THE 5,000 SURVIVOR MILESTONE

We're thrilled to announce that the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre has successfully reached over 5,000 survivors, providing essential FREE services including medical treatment, psychosocial counseling, and social welfare support. Our comprehensive support includes:

- Free medical care
- Forensic medical examinations
- HIV and pregnancy tests
- Post-exposure prophylaxis drugs
- Psycho-social counseling through individual and group sessions, as well as our toll-free helpline.
- Social welfare services, encompassing shelter, legal aid, and vocational skills acquisition.



Remember rape is a crime, and survivors deserve unwavering support. Perpetrators must be always held accountable. For confidential assistance, call our 24-hour toll-free helpline at 0800-9210-0009.



**International
Women's Day**

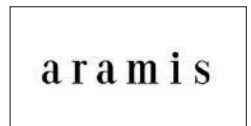
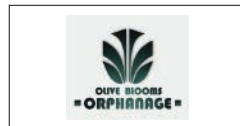
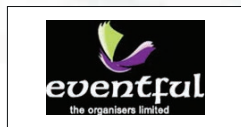
**HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY
2024 FROM WARIF!**



- 1 WARIF x PSHAN - Forensic Medical Examination Training.
2. WARIF Group Therapy Session.
3. WARIF x ACT Foundation - Close-out Session
4. WARIF x FORD Foundation - Close Out Session
5. WARIF x Girl Opportunity Alliance - Parents forum and Graduation for WESP
6. WARIF x United States Consulate - Parents forum and Graduation for WESP
7. The WARIF Story - Fund Raising Event

SPECIAL THANKS

TO OUR NEW DONORS



SUPPORT US

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 55,000** to educate each student being introduced to the WARIF Education School Program

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