



TOGETHER FOR SURVIVORS: HEALING, PREVENTION, EMPOWERMENT.

WARIF 2024 Impact Report



MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER

Dear friends,

Each survivor's story fuels our commitment, and every step forward has been made possible by a shared belief. The belief that gender-based violence must end, and that healing is possible when we walk together.

The first half of 2024 marked a significant milestone in WARIF's journey, as our Rape Crisis Centre surpassed 5,000 beneficiaries since opening its doors in December 2016. Operating around the clock, 365 days a year. Our Centre provides comprehensive, free services including medical excellence through forensic examinations, HIV and pregnancy testing, and post-exposure prophylaxis drugs, psychological healing via individual and group counseling sessions, and holistic support encompassing emergency shelter, legal aid, and vocational skills training.

We deepened our reach across Nigeria in 2024 through inclusive, survivor-centered programming. We supported 1,312 survivors with comprehensive care at our Rape Crisis Centre and helpline. We trained 1,050 Traditional Birth Attendants as community gatekeepers, reached over 3,500 boys through our Boys Conversation Café, and expanded our school education program (WESP) to benefit more than 1,000 students.

We also piloted the "Know Your Community" disability-inclusive GBV education in three locations, empowering 150 women with vocational training. Our strategic collaborations grew to 27 partners across sectors. We were proud to be named NGO of the Year by the Nigerian Philanthropy Forum and to present our work at the Forbes 30/50 Summit.

On December 7, 2024, we made history with our 6th No Tolerance March, our largest yet spanning three continents and 10 cities including Nigeria's Lagos, Abuja, and Ibadan, the United Kingdom's London and Manchester, the United States' New York, Houston, Minnesota, and Washington D.C., and Germany's Frankfurt, bringing together diverse communities united by a single, powerful message of zero tolerance for gender-based violence.

This impact report is a celebration of what we've accomplished together. It is also a call to continue this journey. Thank you for believing in the dignity and strength of every woman and girl. With your support, we will continue to transform lives and communities. We are indeed stronger together!

With gratitude,

Dr. Kemi DaSilva-Ibru



ABOUT WARIF – WHO WE ARE

The Women at Risk International Foundation (WARIF) is a Nigerian non-profit organization established in 2016 to address the high incidence of sexual violence, rape, and human trafficking of women and girls.

Our approach is holistic, spanning immediate support for survivors, education of young people and caregivers, and long-term community-driven solutions to prevent gender-based violence. We operate through a three pillar approach:

- **Health:** 24/7 medical, psychosocial, and legal support at our Rape Crisis Centre and through emergency response systems.
- **Education:** Youth-focused programs like the WARIF Educational School Program and Boys Conversation Café that foster prevention.
- **Community:** Outreach initiatives like the Gatekeepers Program and “Know Your Community” projects that mobilize grassroots support.

We work with public institutions, private sector allies, development agencies, and community champions to create safe, inclusive, and equitable environments for women and girls.



TOGETHER, WE MADE AN IMPACT: 2024 AT A GLANCE

WARIF continues to measure impact not only in numbers, but in lives changed and futures reclaimed. With every case managed, every conversation sparked, and every community reached, we take one more step toward a safer world for women and girls.

Impact Area	Key Metrics
Survivor Support	1,312 survivors received comprehensive medical, psychosocial, and legal support through the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre and helpline
School Programs	3,500+ boys reached through the Boys Conversation Café across 20 schools Over 1,000 students benefited from the WARIF Educational School Program (WESP) expansion
Community Gatekeepers	1,050 Traditional Birth Attendants trained across Lagos, Ogun, and Oyo States

Awareness Campaigns	10 cities participated in the Global No Tolerance March; over 11,000 individuals were reached through public sensitization
Women Empowerment	150 survivors enrolled in vocational and skills development training
Disability-Inclusive Outreach	3 target locations piloted disability-focused GBV education under the "Know Your Community" initiative
Collaborations	27 strategic partners across private, public, and development sectors supported WARIF's mission
Awards & Recognition	NGO of the Year by Nigerian Philanthropy Forum, participation in the Forbes 30/50 Summit

TOGETHER, WE ACT: WARIF'S MODEL OF CHANGE



Our impact is not accidental. It is intentional, structured, and deeply rooted in a model that addresses both the symptoms and root causes of gender-based violence. Through our three-pillar approach, we ensure every survivor is supported, children are educated, and communities are empowered to prevent abuse before it happens.

Health Pillar

Goal:

Ensure survivors of GBV receive free, quality, and comprehensive care in a safe, supportive environment.

2024 Activities:

- 1,312 survivors treated at WARIF Rape Crisis Centre
- The 24/7 toll-free helpline remained active with a professional response team
- Expanded first responder training for medical staff
- Implemented the FMET Training in partnership with PSHAN

Outcomes:

- Timely medical and psychosocial support delivered to thousands
- Strengthened referral system through community gatekeepers and TBAs
- Increased survivor trust and follow-up attendance

Participant Quote:

*"Before WARIF, I didn't know where to go. Now I feel heard, helped, and hopeful."
Survivor, Age 22*



Education Pillar

Goal: Educate youth and caregivers on prevention strategies and foster behavior change through awareness and empowerment.

2024 Activities:

- WESP reached 1,000+ students through expanded school programs
- Boys Conversation Café was introduced in 20 secondary schools
- Girls Project Plus delivered digital skills and life coaching to young women

Outcomes:

- Improved knowledge of gender equality and consent among youth
- Emergence of peer-led advocacy groups in schools
- Stronger collaboration with teachers and community leaders

Participant Quote:

*"I learned how to speak up and how to help my friends if something's wrong."
"Male Student, Age 15"*



Community Engagement Pillar

Goal: Mobilize grassroots influencers and local actors to create safer communities and prevent GBV at the source.

2024 Activities:

- The Gatekeepers Program trained 1,050 TBAs across 3 states
- "Know Your Community" pilot focused on people with disabilities
- Women's Empowerment program supported 150 survivors with training and seed funding.

Outcomes:

- Early detection and referrals of GBV cases by trained TBAs
- Greater GBV awareness in underserved rural populations
- Survivors reintegrated into society with income-generating skills

Participant Quote:

"Now, I know what to say and do when a girl who has been abused comes to me. WARIF changed how I think and how I act." TBA, Age 47

TOGETHER, WE CARE: A SURVIVOR'S JOURNEY

Behind every number is a name, and behind every name is a story. Ada's journey is one of courage, care, and transformation.

When Ada* arrived at the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre early one morning, she was quiet, visibly shaken, and unable to make eye contact. She had been referred by a community midwife in a rural part of Ogun State who had recently completed WARIF's Gatekeepers training. Ada's story was, heartbreakingly, not uncommon. However, what followed was the start of something powerful.

Ada was met by trained staff who provided immediate medical care and trauma-informed counselling. Over the weeks that followed, she received legal aid, participated in group therapy sessions, and enrolled in the WARIF Women's Empowerment Program, where she learned sewing and financial literacy. Slowly, the fear in her eyes gave way to strength.

Months later, Ada returned not for treatment, but as a peer mentor to other young survivors. She spoke at the Girls' Project Plus training, where she reminded others: "You may not have chosen what happened to you, but you can choose to rise from it."

Today, Ada is enrolled in a vocational program, lives independently, and volunteers with WARIF's outreach team in rural communities. Her journey mirrors the path WARIF walks with each survivor. From harm to healing, and from silence to strength.

**Name changed for privacy.*



TOGETHER, WE CHAMPION: PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Real impact is found in the moments where lives shift; from fear to courage, from silence to strength. Here are some of our initiatives that brought hope and transformation to many in 2024.

Boys Conversation Café:

This initiative reshaped gender norms among teenage boys in 20 schools. With over 3,500 participants, boys learned empathy, respect, and how to challenge harmful stereotypes. *"My friends and I now call out each other when someone jokes about girls. We've changed, and it feels good."* - Participant, Age 16

WARIF Educational School Program (WESP):

Expanded to new schools with support from the US Consulate, HP, and Sony Music, WESP reached over 1,000 students with GBV prevention training and life skills education. *"Our students are more aware, more vocal, and more respectful. They are taking what they learn home."* - School Administrator

Women Empowerment & Skills Program:

150 women completed vocational training in sewing, hairdressing, and business skills, with access to startup kits and mentorship. Many are now financially independent. *"I now make a living from my skill. I support my family and speak up for other women."* - Program Graduate

Gatekeepers Program:

In 2024, 1,050 Traditional Birth Attendants were trained to recognize and respond to GBV. This frontline network became vital in reporting and referring survivors in rural areas. *"We were not trained to ask questions before. Now we know the signs and how to help."* - TBA, Age 42



Our work would not be possible without the shared commitment of our partners and donors. Together, we've built a network of changemakers, each one instrumental in amplifying WARIF's impact across communities.

In 2024, WARIF collaborated with 27 strategic partners across foundations, corporate donors, public institutions, and grassroots actors. These collaborations provided critical funding, technical expertise, capacity building, last-mile delivery and national visibility.

Institutional Partners:

- US Consulate Lagos
- United Nations Women
- World Health Organization
- University of Lagos
- Lagos State Office for Disability Affairs (LASODA)
- NAPTIP (National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons)

Private Sector & Philanthropy:

- Ford Foundation
- Hewlett-Packard
- Sony Music Global Social Justice Fund
- MAC Viva Glam
- PUMA Nigeria
- Bamboo Investments
- Tulsi Chanrai Foundation
- Providus Bank
- McKinsey & Company
- Obida Culture

Community & Civil Society:

- NYSC Lagos
- Association of Traditional Birth Attendants
- Schools, faith groups, and grassroots collectives in Lagos, Ogun, and Oyo States.

"WARIF's approach to community collaboration is what drew us in. They don't just work for communities, they work with them." – Corporate Partner, 2024

"Partnering with WARIF has helped us channel our CSR towards something that has such a tangible impact and measurable results." – Foundation Funder

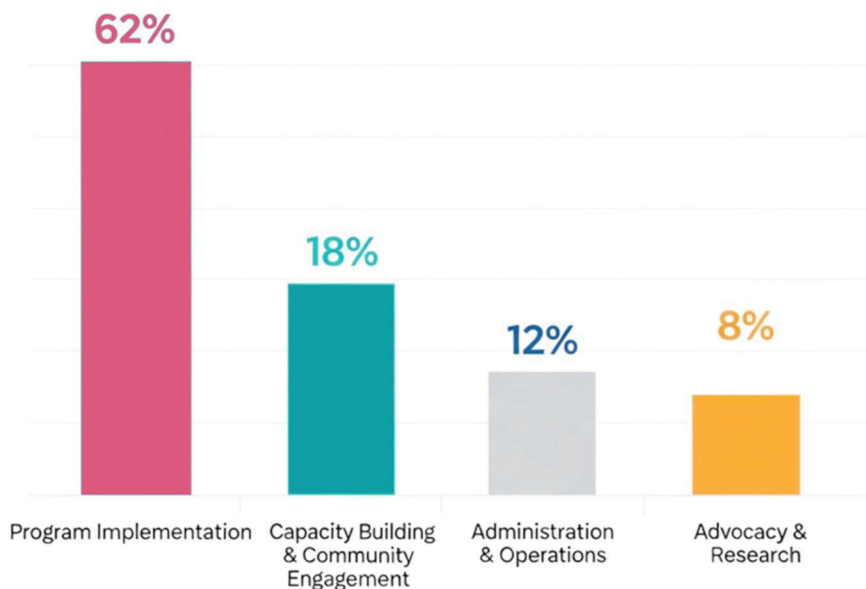
TOGETHER, WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE: FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Transparency is a core value at WARIF. Every contribution received is a step toward providing dignity, safety, and healing for survivors. We remain committed to using donor funds responsibly and impactfully.

Cost of Impact:

- NGN140,500: Average cost to support one survivor through full treatment and two follow-up visits
- NGN 55,000: WARIF Educational School Program (WESP) cost per student

Funding Breakdown:

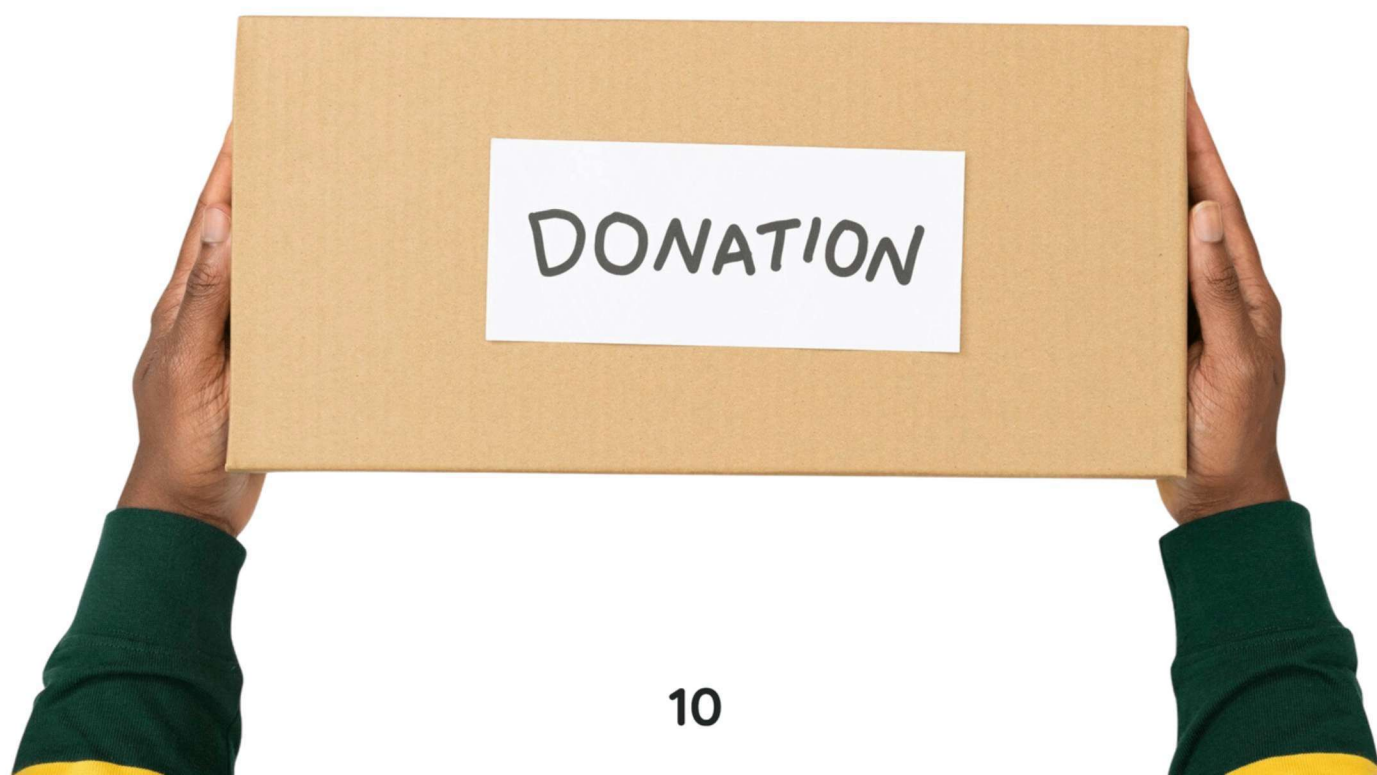


Top Contributors/Donors in 2024:

- PUMA Nigeria
- Hewlett-Packard
- Ford Foundation
- Sony Music Global Fund
- Bamboo
- ACT Foundation



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TOGETHER, WE ARE CHANGEMAKERS: OUR PEOPLE



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TOGETHER, WE MUST CONTINUE TO DO MORE

As we reflect on 2024's achievements, we see more than numbers and statistics but a movement that has grown from a single vision into a global force for change, with communities transformed, survivors empowered, and a future where gender-based violence is no longer tolerated.

WARIF's holistic approach, which combines immediate medical and psychological support, preventive education, community-level intervention, and economic empowerment, has created a comprehensive ecosystem for addressing sexual and gender-based violence in Nigeria. Our unwavering commitment to the UN's 2030 Agenda and achieving SDG 5 on Gender Equality positions us as a leading force in the global fight against gender-based violence. The work continues, the mission endures, and together we are transforming not just individual lives but entire communities, one survivor, one student, one gatekeeper at a time.

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