

SURVIVOR

WARIF
WOMEN AT RISK
INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

PROGRESS REPORT



228
BENEFICIARIES

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

REPORTED CASES



VISITORS TO
THE CENTRE

33%



HELPLINE
CALLERS

67%

TREATMENT LANDSCAPE FOR SURVIVORS



MEDICAL
WITH FORENSIC
EXAMINATIONS

26%



LAB TEST

28%



COUNSELLING
ONLY

29%



WELFARE

17%

CASES MANAGED



DEFILEMENT

76%



RAPE

12%



SEXUAL ASSAULT

1%



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

8%

CATEGORY OF SURVIVORS

MINORS

80%

ADULTS

20%

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



As we reflect on the first quarter of 2026, and guided by our three core pillars, we have continued to drive change at both community and systemic levels.

Under the **Health Pillar**, we strengthened survivor-centred care by investing in capacity building within the healthcare system. Our Forensic Medical Examination and Awareness Training in Edo State equipped frontline healthcare providers with the skills needed to deliver timely, confidential, and compassionate care to survivors. This is a critical step toward building a more responsive and resilient system that prioritizes dignity and justice.

Through the **Programs pillar**, we expanded our reach through the WARIF Educational School Program, empowering over 700 girls across Oyo, Ogun, and Lagos States with critical knowledge on consent, gender-based violence, and personal safety. Complementing this, our Boys Conversation Café engaged young boys in conversations around positive masculinity, respect, and accountability, reinforcing the importance of raising not only informed girls, but also responsible boys who will become protectors and allies.

From commemorating International Women's Day with powerful survivor stories that highlight justice in action, to participating in high-level engagements such as the 70th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (**CSW70**), we amplified the urgent need for stronger systems, prevention strategies, and global collaboration. These convenings reinforce our belief that sustainable change requires collective action and intentional leadership.

This quarter also served as a critical reminder that while culture and tradition are deeply valued, they must never be used to excuse or justify harm. Recent reports of sexual and gender-based violence linked to the Ozoro Festival in Delta State underscore this urgent reality. The safety, dignity, and protection of women and girls must always remain paramount, above all else.

I extend my gratitude to our partners, donors, and stakeholders for your continued support and commitment in challenging harmful norms and building a brighter future where every woman and girl has access to equality, justice, and hope.

KEMI DA SILVA IBRU

MESSAGE
FROM THE
FOUNDER

MAJOR STORY:

EMPOWERING VOICES, SHAPING FUTURES: WARIF'S WARIF EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL PROGRAM REACHES OVER 700 GIRLS



The WARIF Educational School Program (WESP), supported by the Girls Opportunity Alliance and funded through the Benevity Platform, continues to make significant progress in empowering young girls through education and awareness.

Recently, with the support of GOA, the program was implemented across three states in South-West Nigeria. In Oyo State, WESP reached 250 girls at Fiditi Grammar School and Ilora Baptist Grammar School. In Ogun State, 250 participants were engaged at Remo Secondary School and Sagamu High School. In Lagos State, the program was successfully carried out at Morocco Comprehensive Junior

High School, Shomolu Senior High School, and Angus Memorial High School, reaching approximately 60 girls in each school.

Through active participation in Modules 1 to 5 of the curriculum—covering topics such as rape, consent, and gender-based violence—students gained critical knowledge, built confidence, and were encouraged to speak up. By creating safe spaces for open dialogue and learning, WESP continues to nurture a generation of informed, confident, and resilient young girls who can recognize abuse, assert their rights, and understand that their voices truly matter.

INITIATIVES AND PARTNERSHIPS

STRENGTHENING FRONTLINE RESPONSE IN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE: ADVANCING SURVIVOR-CENTRED CARE IN EDO STATE.

WARIF, in partnership with Aig Imoukhuede Foundation, held a three-day Forensic Medical Examination and Awareness Training (FMEAT) program in Edo State, an important step in strengthening primary healthcare responses to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV). The training was attended by key stakeholders, including Dr Coulson Osoikhai Oahimire, Executive Secretary of the **Edo State Primary Health Care Development Agency – (SPHCDA)**, and Dr Idemudia Osayomore, Director of Community and Family Health at Edo SPHCDA and Programme Manager of the IMPACT Project. Their presence underscored the State's strong commitment to building a more effective, survivor-centred response system.



The training program brought together 18 healthcare workers from 9 primary healthcare centres for an intensive and structured learning experience. Over the course of the programme, participants engaged in both theoretical and practical sessions, focused on foundational knowledge, including forensic medical examination principles, trauma-informed psychosocial support, and accurate documentation.

This collaborative effort has equipped frontline healthcare providers with the practical skills, confidence, and coordination needed to deliver timely, confidential, and comprehensive support to survivors. By investing in capacity building at the primary healthcare level, this initiative is establishing the foundation for a more accountable, responsive, and resilient health system in Edo State, one that prioritizes the safety, dignity, and care of survivors.

BUILDING BETTER BOYS: WARIF'S BCC EMPOWERS YOUNG CHANGEMAKERS AT ILORA BAPTIST GRAMMAR SCHOOL



The WARIF Boys Conversation Café (BCC) held a powerful conversation with 80 brilliant boys at Ilora Baptist Grammar School in February 2026. The focus was on abuse prevention, healthy relationships, and positive masculinity, with support from Microsoft. Selected adolescent schoolboys were engaged and explored a better understanding of the different forms of abuse, navigating peer pressure and becoming protectors, not perpetrators. Through open dialogue, role plays, and real-life scenarios, the young boys strengthened their knowledge of consent, respect, and responsible decision-making while challenging harmful stereotypes. The majority were empowered, more committed, and aware of creating safer schools and communities.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY:

DR. KEMI DASILVA-IBRU DELIVERS KEYNOTE AT INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY & COMMONWEALTH DAY EVENT IN LAGOS

Dr Kemi DaSilva-Ibru was invited to deliver a keynote address at the International Women's Day and Commonwealth Day event hosted by the British Deputy High Commission in Lagos. Joining a distinguished group of leaders and changemakers, she engaged in meaningful conversations on advancing the rights, safety, and opportunities of women and girls, while highlighting the importance of intentional leadership and strategic planning in driving lasting impact. The event also celebrated the legacies of transformative women whose influence continues to be felt across Nigeria and the Commonwealth. Their leadership drives economic growth, advances women's rights, embodies civic courage, and strengthens efforts to end violence against women and girls—reminding us that when women lead, societies thrive, and girls are inspired to imagine new possibilities for their futures.



JUSTICE IN ACTION: A SURVIVOR'S STORY THIS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



For International Women's Day, the Women at Risk International Foundation (WARIF) Communications Team spoke with a survivor's family, as her mother and grandfather shared the painful experience of her assault at age five. They highlighted the importance of speaking out, parental support, and accessing help through organizations like WARIF. Their story reflects the #IWD2026 theme: Justice, Action, and Rights for all women and girls, showing how forensic evidence and legal action secured a life sentence for the perpetrator. Join us in amplifying their courage and advancing the fight for every woman and girl's right to safety.

ADVANCING JUSTICE AT COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN 70TH SESSION: DR. KEMI DASILVA-IBRU CHAMPIONS PREVENTION AND GLOBAL COLLABORATION

The 70th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (#CSW70) was held at a critical moment, as gender equality faces increasing pushback around the world. This gathering also offers a chance to move forward.

With access to justice as this year's theme, it's time to strengthen systems, prevent gender-based violence and accelerate progress toward Gender Equality. As the co-chairperson of the UN ACT Program Global Steering Committee, Dr DaSilva-Ibru, in partnership with the ACT Strategic Advocacy and Communications Working Group, reiterated the importance of prevention, feminist leadership, and stronger global collaboration in ensuring that justice systems truly serve survivors.



AWARDS AND EVENTS:

STRENGTHENING GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILD PROTECTION AND SURVIVOR SUPPORT



WARIF participated in a Consular Awareness Session hosted by the Deputy High Commission of Canada in Lagos, bringing together foreign missions and key stakeholders to strengthen collaboration on child protection and sexual and domestic violence response. Present at the event were representatives from the Consulates and Embassies of China, the United Kingdom, Germany, Mexico, the United States, Spain, Brazil, and South Africa, alongside the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency, Nigerian Police Force – Gender Desk, Ministry of Youth and Social Development, and the Mirabel Centre.

ADVANCING WOMEN'S INCLUSION: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE NGX CLOSING GONG EVENT

Our Visionary Founder, Dr Kemi DaSilva-Ibru, joined the Honourable Minister of Women Affairs and Social Development, Hajia Imaan Sulaiman-Ibrahim, at the Nigerian Exchange Group (NGX) for the Closing Gong Ceremony in commemoration of International Women's Month. The event brought together distinguished female industry leaders from across all sectors. Hajia Imaan Sulaiman-Ibrahim highlighted the transformative impact women can achieve when they are included, empowered, and given a seat at the table. The sounding of the gong symbolised a

strengthened pledge between NGX Group and the Federal Ministry of Women's Affairs to enhance their partnership and drive initiatives that promote women's inclusion while contributing to Nigeria's long-term economic growth.



WARIF JOINS NATIONAL DIALOGUE ON TRANSFORMING EDUCATION IN NIGERIA

Our visionary Founder, Dr Kemi Dasilva-Ibru, attended the Private Sector Breakfast Meeting hosted by the Federal Ministry of Education under the leadership of the Honourable Minister, Dr Tunji Alausa. The engagement convened key sectors to explore strategic partnerships aimed at advancing education outcomes in Nigeria, with discussions focused on priorities within President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda and the Nigeria Education Sector Renewal Initiative (NESRI), including reducing out-of-school children, tackling learning poverty, and strengthening human capital for the future workforce. We are proud to stand alongside the Ministry of Education, Nigeria, representing children at risk and helping to shape a stronger education system for Nigeria.



LEADING THE CONVERSATION: DR. KEMI DASILVA-IBRU AT THE 2026 FORBES WOMAN AFRICA SUMMIT



At the 2026 Forbes Woman Africa Leading Women Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa, our visionary Founder and Executive Director, Dr Kemi DaSilva Ibru, joined an inspiring group of trailblazers and decision-makers shaping Africa's future. The summit brought together influential voices across key sectors such as health, music, business, and technology, fostering impactful conversations on the continent's growth and transformation. Through her continued work in healthcare and advocacy, Dr Kemi DaSilva Ibru remains a driving force for change, consistently amplifying the mission of Women at Risk International Foundation and advancing efforts to protect and empower women and girls. Also present on the panel were

Dr Precious Moloi-Motsepe, Founder/Ceo Africa Fashion International, Ms Yvonne Chaka Chaka, singer and winner of the 2026 Forbes Woman Africa Legacy Award, Ms Stephanie Busari, founder of SBB, Ms Yemi Alade, Nigerian Singer, and Ms Udo Okonjo Ceo/Executive Vice Chairman of Fine & Country West Africa.

WHEN DOES CULTURE BECOME A CRIME

In a recent interview on Arise TV, our visionary founder, Dr Kemi Da-Silva Ibru, joined actress Kate Henshaw to address the disturbing reports of young women and girls being assaulted during the Ozoro Festival in Isoko, Delta State. The Ozoro Festival, celebrated in Ozoro, is a vibrant expression of Isoko heritage—bringing together tradition, music, dance, and ancestral reverence. Beyond the festivities, it plays a vital role in preserving culture, strengthening community bonds, and promoting local economic activity in Delta State.

This conversation underscores a critical truth: harmful acts must never be excused or concealed under the guise of culture or tradition. It also highlights the urgent need for stronger systems and institutions dedicated to protecting women and children, especially in vulnerable settings.





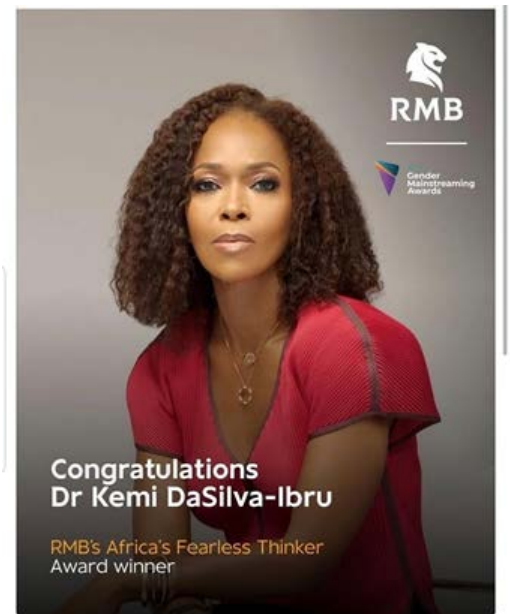
DR. KEMI DASILVA-IBRU SPEAKS ON DIGITAL SAFETY AT THE HFN WOMEN'S FORUM CONFERENCE 2026

Our Visionary Founder, Dr Kemi Dasilva-Ibru, was a featured speaker at the 2026 HFN Women's Forum Conference hosted by the Healthcare Federation of Nigeria. Held on March 4, 2026, the forum convened leading voices across the public and private sectors, developmental institutions and research in healthcare to drive important conversations on digital healthcare transformation led by women in Nigeria and how to strengthen healthcare financing and scale up innovations in our healthcare system. During her Insight Spark, Dr Dasilva-Ibru spoke on "Online Safety and Digital Harm," highlighting the urgent need to protect women and girls in digital spaces and ensure technology and AI are used responsibly to create safer, more inclusive systems in healthcare and beyond.

CELEBRATING DR. KEMI DASILVA-IBRU: WINNER OF RMB AFRICA'S FEARLESS THINKER AWARD

Our Visionary Founder, Dr Kemi Dasilva-Ibru, has been named the Winner of RMB's Africa's Fearless Thinker Award — a remarkable recognition of her bold leadership and unwavering commitment to change.

Through her relentless efforts to combat gender-based violence and sexual violence across Africa, she continues to champion prevention, drive powerful advocacy, and deliver survivor-centred support that transforms and restores lives every single day.



A VALENTINE'S DAY COMMITMENT TO PROTECTION AND EMPOWERMENT

For Valentine's Day 2026, staff and team members of WARIF At WARIF, expressed their commitment to the protection and appropriate response to violence against women and girls, ensuring they can live free from all forms of violence.

COURTESY VISITS

ADVANCING CHILD PROTECTION: WARIF STRENGTHENS COLLABORATION WITH LAGOS STATE LEADERSHIP

WARIF paid a courtesy visit to the Lagos State Secretariat, meeting with the Honourable Commissioner for Youth and Social Development, Mr Bolaji Ogunlende and the Honourable Commissioner for Education, Hon. Jamiu Tolani Ali-Balogun. Our visionary Founder, Dr Kemi DaSilva-Ibru, alongside Board Member, Mr Usman Abdulrazaq, represented WARIF in an engaging discussion on strengthening collaboration to protect the state. Creating early awareness, strengthening child protection systems, and empowering with knowledge are not optional; they are a shared responsibility.



STRENGTHENING JUSTICE PARTNERSHIPS: CANADIAN DELEGATION VISITS WARIF CENTRE

Representatives of the Canadian Department of Justice, Ms. Genevieve Westrope and Ms Sara Gold, visited the WARIF Rape Crisis implemented in partnership with the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs. The WARIF team, led by our Founder Dr. Kemi Dasilva Ibru, and Head, General Services, Ms. Bridget Taremotimi, warmly received the delegation and guided them on a tour of the centre. During the visit, the team gained insight into the distinctive “WARIF Approach” and the impactful initiatives we have implemented to address Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and strengthen child protection systems in Nigeria.





UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

1. Group Counselling
2. WARIF Educational School Program X G.O.A
3. WARIF Boys Conversation Café X Microsoft

SPECIAL THANKS

TO OUR NEW DONORS



SUPPORT US

DONATE
₦140,500

With **140,500 NGN**, a survivor can get access to treatment and 2 follow-up visits over 6 months. In-kind and financial support can be donated as a one-off, monthly, quarterly, or annually. Any donation you make is greatly appreciated.

Donate to the **WESP Initiative**. It costs **NGN 92,942** to educate each student being introduced to the WARIF Education School Program

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