

SURVIVOR

WARIF
WOMEN AT RISK
INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

PROGRESS REPORT



211
BENEFICIARIES

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

REPORTED CASES



VISITORS TO
THE CENTRE

32%



HELPLINE
CALLERS

68%

TREATMENT LANDSCAPE FOR SURVIVORS



MEDICAL
WITH FORENSIC
EXAMINATIONS

28%



LAB TEST

28%



COUNSELLING
ONLY

28%



WELFARE

17%

CASES MANAGED



DEFILEMENT

61%



RAPE

33%



SEXUAL ASSAULT

0%



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

4%

CATEGORY OF SURVIVORS

MINORS

61%

ADULTS

39%

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



We have had another impactful second quarter in 2025 as the *WARIF Rape Crisis Centre* continues to see and record more cases daily at the facility and our trained forensic medical examiners serve as expert witnesses in on-going court cases, ensuring all women and girls receive the justice they rightly deserve. The Centre has also continued in partnership with Centre for Integrated Health Program to provide essential services to survivors at the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre with survivors receiving transformative support.

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The *Community Service pillar* continued to impact in communities we serve with the conclusion of our 5th cycle of the WARIF Gatekeepers Project in Ogun State, in partnership with ACT Foundation; where 100 Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) were trained as first responders to rape and GBV.

Once again, I would like to thank our partners, friends of WARIF and allies in the cause, both old and new for the continued support. We are indeed stronger together!

KEMI DA SILVA IBRU

MESSAGE
FROM THE
FOUNDER



MAJOR STORY

TRADITIONAL LEADERS TAKE A HISTORIC STAND AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE ACROSS NIGERIA

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In a series of landmark declarations, traditional leaders across Cross River, Akwa Ibom, and Oyo States publicly denounced long-standing harmful practices, including Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), wife battery, sexual violence, and the economic disempowerment of widows. One of the most notable moments came in Akwa Ibom State, where the Paramount Ruler of Uyo made history by issuing the first-ever public declaration banning these practices in his community. This courageous act not only signifies a cultural shift but sets a powerful precedent for communities nationwide.

In a similarly historic move, the Atunluse of Elenusonso Community in Oyo State, Oloye Babajide Adebayo, declared his unwavering stance against all forms of GBV. The public declaration, held in Ibadan, was made possible through the collaborative efforts of community stakeholders and the strong backing of the Oyo State Ministry of Women Affairs. His bold leadership reflects a growing momentum across Nigeria, one where tradition and progress walk hand in hand to protect the most vulnerable.

As these cultural custodians raise their voices, they are dismantling generations of silence and stigma. The ripple effect of their leadership will be felt, as more communities express willingness to confront violence and protecting women and girls in all communities.



INITIATIVES AND PARTNERSHIPS



THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF WOMEN AFFAIRS (FMWA) PARTNERS WITH WARIF: A STRATEGIC SURVIVOR-CENTERED APPROACH

The Federal Ministry of Women Affairs signed a Memorandum of Understanding with WARIF, reinforcing a national response to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV). This partnership is a tangible step in ensuring survivors across Nigeria have access to timely, professional, and compassionate care prioritizing delivery of dignified, survivor-led services. We commend the FMWA and the WARIF team for their unwavering dedication. Through this partnership, we move closer to building a just, safe, and inclusive Nigeria, where every survivor is heard, healed, and empowered.

ACTION: CHAMPIONING WOMEN'S HEALTH AT THE MCKINSEY ROUNDTABLE IN LAGOS

The McKinsey Roundtable event on "Closing the Women's Health Gap in Africa" was held in Lagos. Our founder, Dr. Kemi DaSilva-Ibru, was invited to moderate a panel on Investing in Women's Health alongside a dynamic lineup of visionary leaders who shared in a rich, insightful conversation on investing in women's health. On the panel were Ms. Zouera Youssoufou – Managing Director/CEO, Aliko Dangote Foundation, Dr. Ola Brown – Founder & Managing Partner, Health Capital Africa, Iyadunni Olubode – Nigeria Director, Merck for Mothers, and Danladi Verheijen – Co-Founder & CEO, Verod Capital. Thank you to the McKinsey Health Institute team for the launch of the report highlighting the critical need for greater investments to close the women's health gap across Africa.



BREAKING THE SILENCE: BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM IN BOYS – A POWERFUL IG LIVE CONVERSATION



In commemoration of the International Day of the Boy Child, WARIF, in partnership with the Boys' Quarters Africa Foundation, hosted an engaging Instagram Live session centered on: "Building Self-Esteem in Boys – Stand Up, Be Heard, Be Seen." The virtual session served as a safe and inclusive space to shine a light on an often-overlooked reality—boys, too, are survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). This year's conversation aimed to confront the silence, challenge harmful gender norms, and begin the process of healing and empowerment for boys and young men. Founder of Boys Quarters Africa Foundation, Mr. Solomon Ayodele, is a leading voice in youth development and male vulnerability advocacy, delved deep into how low self-esteem in boys can make them more vulnerable to abuse, while also preventing them from seeking help or speaking out.

Missed the Live? Watch full recap video on our Instagram page: [@WARIF_NG](https://www.instagram.com/WARIF_NG)

BREAKING THE CYCLE: ACT FOUNDATION EMPOWERS COMMUNITY BASED VOICES TO ENDING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Harmful cultural practices like child marriage continue to fuel gender-based violence, but lasting change begins when we empower voices from within the community. We wrapped up this cycle of the WARIF Gatekeepers Project, supported by ACT Foundation in Ado Odo Ota, Ogun State, where 100 Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) were trained as first responders to rape and GBV. These incredible women are raising awareness, supporting survivors, and leading the fight against GBV from the inside out. Through their efforts, 14,478 community dwellers were reached.



DR. KEMI DASILVA-IBRU DELIVERS MASTER-CLASS AT 2025 PSHAN CONFERENCE



At the 2025 Private Sector Health Alliance of Nigeria Conference held at the World Health Expo Lagos, Dr. Kemi Dasilva-Ibru, was invited to give a Master-Class on Re-imagining Women's Health: The Creative Catalyst, using the vision of the WARIF Story to outline the role of multi-sectoral collaboration in transforming women's healthcare. Through this lens, she painted a vivid picture of what's possible using innovative models of provision of care and capacity building rooted in both specialised health care facilities and the community, with a detailed blueprint for grassroots scale and growth. The event commenced with opening remarks delivered by Ms Zouera Youssoufou, Chair of PSHAN and MD/CEO of the Aliko Dangote Foundation, alongside Dr. Atinuke Akinbolagbe, MD/CEO of PSHAN. The keynote address was presented by Mr. Fred Swaniker, Founder and CEO of Sand Technologies with other distinguished speakers present at the event. The session closed with Dr. Dasilva Ibru stating that "when we reimagine women's health together, we don't just save lives, we change entire communities and protect generations yet born."

AWARDS AND EVENTS

EMPOWERING WOMEN IN HEALTHCARE: A FIRESIDE CHAT ON INNOVATION AND IMPACT

As a founding member of [Women In Healthcare Network](#) – WIHCN, our founder, Dr. Kemi DaSilva-Ibru, held a powerful fireside chat themed “Dive into Innovation” at the recent World Health Expo & WIHCN Empower Women in Healthcare Conference with innovators Ifeoluwa Dare-Johnson (Founder/CEO, Health tracka) and Folake Owodunni (CEO, Emergency Response Africa). This premier gathering on June 4, 2025, at the Landmark Centre, VI, Lagos, celebrated women’s leadership in healthcare with highlights including a keynote address from Dr. Orode Doherty and Abiola Ayilara, both founding members of WIHCN and visionary leaders redefining healthcare excellence.



A POWERFUL EVENING OF DIALOGUE & CONNECTION BY IFC



WARIF was honored to attend an inspiring private networking cocktail hosted by the IFC Gender Team in Lagos on April 14, 2025. The evening brought together changemakers and thought leaders to share bold ideas on advancing women’s economic inclusion across Nigeria and beyond. Special thanks to Karine Bachongy, Sazini Mojapelo, Marieme Niang Camara, Mohammed Aliyu, Ada Osademey-Udechukwu, and the entire IFC Gender & Economic Inclusion team for championing this crucial work. We look forward to continued collaboration as the Nigeria Gender Country Program (NGCP) takes shape. Together, we are moving the needle on gender equality.

A CELEBRATION OF TALENT, TENACITY, AND AFRICAN-LED INNOVATION AT THE GOALKEEPERS 2030 EVENT

On June 4th, our founder was invited to attend the #Goalkeepers2030 event in Lagos, the very first held in Nigeria, hosted by the Gates Foundation. With the powerful theme “Africa in Motion”, the event spotlighted the change-makers, innovators, and disruptors shaping a healthier, more equitable future for our continent. From thought-provoking panels to inspiring performances, #GoalkeepersLagos2025 showcased the brilliance and resilience of Africa’s next generation of leaders. We are proud to be part of the mo



COURTESY VISITS

STRENGTHENING THE MOVEMENT: AKPROKO DOCTOR TOURS WARIF RAPE CRISIS CENTRE

We had the pleasure of hosting Dr. Chinonso Egemba [popularly known as Akproko doctor](#), the founder of the Akproko Nation, and his team on a tour at the WARIF Rape Crisis Centre, experiencing our unique holistic, survivor-centered model for addressing Gender-Based Violence in Nigeria. We encourage partnerships and allies to raise awareness and support the fight against gender-based violence. Together, we can build a safer, more equitable future.



VEROD CAPITAL GROUP PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO THE WARIF RAPE CRISIS CENTRE



As part of our continued commitment to impact and equity, the Verod team, led by Managing Partner Mr. Danladi Verheijen, and Ms. Olawunmi Abiodun, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Corporate, Mr. Chinedu Adiele, Senior Associate, HR AND Ms. Cindy Opeyemi, Manager, Administration, paid a courtesy visit to the **WARIF Rape Crisis Centre**. Welcomed by our Founder, **Dr. Kemi Dasilva-Ibru**, the team toured the Centre and gained insight into the **WARIF Approach**—a holistic, survivor-centered model for addressing gender-based violence in Nigeria. We are grateful for allies like Verod who are using their platforms to raise awareness and champion the fight against gender-based violence.



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

1. WARIF X UN LEAP Project
2. WARIF X Tulsi Chandrai Foundation
3. WARIF Group Therapy Sessions

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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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