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Promoting access to justice, safeguarding communities, and amplifying voices.



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Partners and Friends,

This month, our stories speak volumes of courage, transformation, and the collective will to create safer communities. From healing Safe Space sessions to legal empowerment clinics across Lagos and Edo and a remarkable family restored through counseling at our Ireti Resource Center, we are reminded that change is possible when we show up with empathy, structure, and care.

We celebrate the unwavering efforts of our Local Women's Rights Organizations, who have reached over 21,000 individuals in the fight against sexual violence. Their commitment inspires us all to continue pushing boundaries and strengthening our community response.

As we prepare for the exciting next phase, including our upcoming capacity-building training for police officers and the launch of the Opportunity Market, we thank you for walking this journey with us.

Stay with us as we continue to build bridges of support, healing, and justice. The next edition lands in your inbox this May, and it promises more activities that stir hope.

Bose Ironsi
Executive Director,
WRAHP, Managers of Ireti Resource Centre
Local Affiliate Partner, Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub
(RSH), Nigeria.

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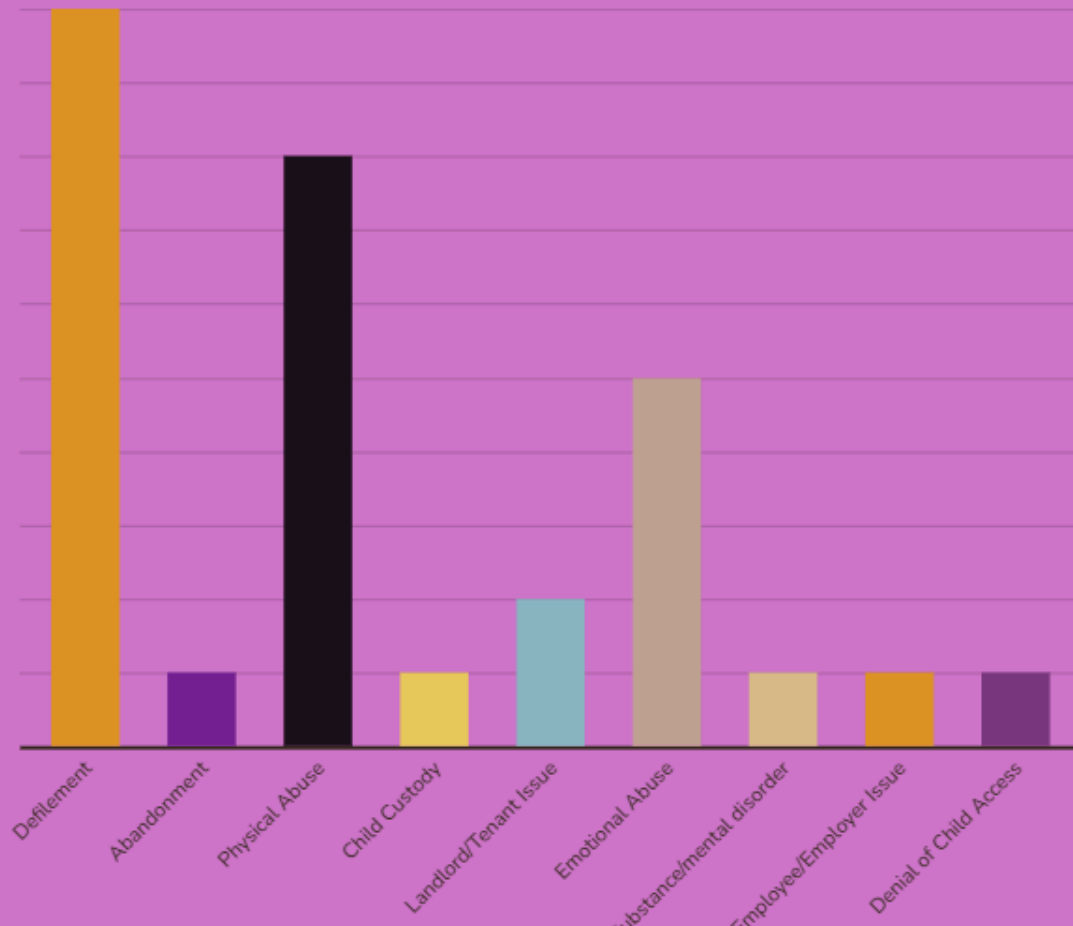
- Ireti's Data Board
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Cases received at Ireti Resource Centre in April 2025

CASE BOARD

A total of 30 new cases were received in the month of April 2025.



Success Story



In January 2025, a mother of five walked into the Ireti Resource Center, overwhelmed by years of domestic neglect and abuse. Her husband had abandoned his responsibilities, leaving her to single-handedly care for their children under dire conditions.

With urgent psychological support and a series of structured counseling sessions, both partners began a journey of healing. The husband, grappling with debt, alcohol use, and gambling, acknowledged his failures and committed to change.

Months later, the transformation is clear: he now provides consistently for the family, pays school fees, and works hand-in-hand with his wife to sustain their home. Their story is a powerful testament to the life-changing impact of timely counseling and community support.

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ENGAGEMENTS

WRAHP STRENGTHENS COLLABORATION WITH THE POLICE



On April 29th, 2025, WRAHP paid an advocacy visit to the Assistant Commissioner of Police, Gender Unit, Ikeja Division, ASP. Toyin Kazeem, to deepen collaboration on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) response and safeguarding.

The visit focused on introducing WRAHP's safeguarding approach, improving case management coordination, and preparing for upcoming capacity-building trainings for 60 police officers

Key resource materials, including legal frameworks, policy briefs, and awareness flyers, were shared to strengthen the unit's response capacity.

The ACP welcomed the initiative, pledged to secure endorsement from the Commissioner of Police, and led a tour of the Gender Unit, which is being positioned as a one-stop center for SGBV response.

The visit reinforced the need for institutional partnerships and safeguarding as vital tools for protecting survivors and ensuring justice.

CREATING SAFE SPACES FOR HEALING AND EMPOWERMENT

On April 24th, 2025, WRAHP, in partnership with RoLAC, hosted a Safe Space session at the Ireti Resource Centre as part of the Scaling Up Access to Justice for SGBV Survivors in Lagos and Edo (RoLAC II) project.

The session provided a confidential and trauma-informed environment for nine female survivors of SGBV. Participants were guided through grounding exercises, learned about the forms of domestic violence, and explored self-care strategies to support healing.

Many expressed that through the session, they were empowered to think positively about their futures. The session fostered emotional safety, encouraged self-expression, and inspired personal growth. Despite initial hesitations, survivors opened up, embraced peer support, and left with strengthened resolve to reclaim their lives.



These numbers represent more than just statistics, they reflect growing community awareness, strengthened local action, and the rising leadership of grassroots women's organizations in safeguarding lives and promoting dignity.

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WRAHP ESTABLISHES ANTI-SEXUAL VIOLENCE CLUB AT LIVING SPRING HI-GRADE COLLEGE, ILASAMAJA,

As part of ongoing efforts to promote safer school environments and empower young people with the knowledge and tools to prevent sexual and gender-based violence.

This initiative supported by AWDF aims to build a culture of respect, consent, and safety among adolescents, equipping them to become peer advocates and change agents within their school and community. The club will guide students' activities through regular sensitization sessions, peer-led discussions, and creative engagements that foster accountability, gender equality, and a zero-tolerance approach to all forms of abuse.



STAFF TRAINING ON DATA INTERPRETATION FOR PROGRAMMING

WRAHP held an in-house training titled "Interpretation of Research Data for Use in Programming" to strengthen staff capacity in using data for decision-making. The session covered M&E basics, tools for data analysis, and interpreting trends using practical case studies including a comparison of WRAHP's 2023 vs. 2024 social media data.

Staff participated, with feedback showing improved understanding and appreciation for the interactive, practical approach. Key takeaways included the importance of data visualization, internal data management, and actionable insights.



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EDO STATE

COMMUNITY LEGAL CLINICS - EDO STATE (OVIA NORTH-EAST & UHUNMWONDE LGAS)

WRAHP extended its legal empowerment efforts to Edo State, hosting Community Legal Clinics in Ovia North-East and Uhunmwonde LGAs, reaching 23 and 60 participants respectively.

The Sessions focused on the VAPP Law, legal rights, and SGBV reporting. Attendees participated in interactive Q&A and received confidential legal consultations from lawyers.

The clinics created a safe space for open dialogue and practical legal support, with many expressing this was their first access to professional legal advice.

Through these clinics, WRAHP continues to make justice accessible one community at a time.



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STRENGTHEN YOUR SAFEGUARDING KNOWLEDGE: ONE MODULE AT A TIME

We're inviting all partners, donors, CSOs, stakeholders, and public/private sector actors to take the free "Safeguarding Matters" online course by RSH Nigeria.

This 5-module training is:

- ✓ Flexible & self-paced
- ✓ Certificate-awarding
- ✓ Practical and locally relevant

Whether you're just starting or building on existing efforts, , this course is for you.

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DONATE

JOIN OUR DONATION DRIVE!

Give What You Can — Someone Needs It

We're still collecting gently used items for our upcoming Opportunity Market, and your donation can make a big difference in someone's life.

We welcome:

👕 Clothes | 👟 Shoes | 🛍️ Bags | 📖 Books
🍴 Kitchenware | 🪑 Furniture | 🧸 Kids' items

Drop-off: The PENT House, 196 Ejigbo-Egbe Rd, Ile-Epo Bus Stop, Ejigbo, Lagos.

📞 Contact: 09135205119 | 07011948577

Let's spread hope — one item at a time.

DO YOU REALLY NEED THOSE ITEMS IN YOUR HOUSE?

Don't dispose them. Support our donation drive for the upcoming opportunity market.

You can donate:

- clothes
- Shoes
- Bags
- Books
- Kitchen utensils
- Furniture
- Children items
- Other useful items

Drop off Location: The PENT House, 196 Egbe-Ikotun Rd. by Ile-Epo bus-stop, Ejigbo, Lagos State, Nigeria

call: 09135205119, 07011948577 for more information

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Do you know that your donation as little as #500 can help rebuild and restore hope to Survivor of SGBV?

Kindly go to any of our social media platforms @wrahp Nigeria or click on this link www.wrahp.com to donate. Thank you as you support this dream of restoring hope in our communities.



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Have you been beaten or sexually abused?

Are you seeking support, therapy or counselling for yourself or someone you know?

Don't know what to do in case of domestic violence or child abuse?

You can reach out to us on the **ENCARE Response App**

www.encare.ng

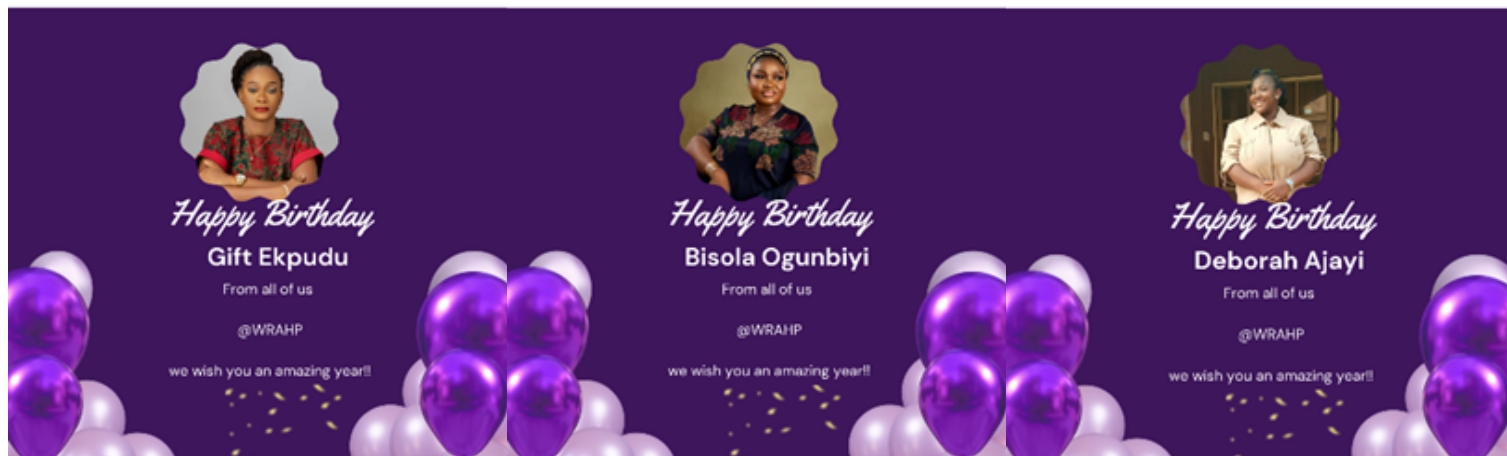
To download: go to Google Playstore or Apple Playstore

Kindly note that all cases are treated with confidentiality. For more information, kindly call: 070 0133 2111 | 091 3620 0119

SCAN TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Report cases of SGBV via the Enacre App using www.encare.ng

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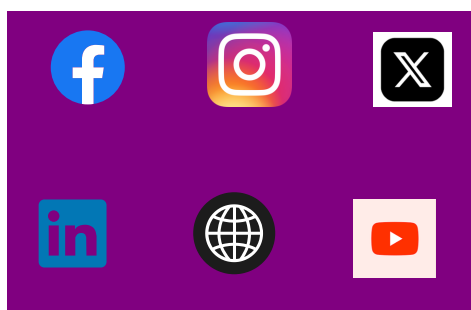
This month, we joyfully celebrate the birthdays of three incredible members of the WRAHP family; Gift Ekpudu- Finance Manager; Bisola Ogunbiyi, Case Manager; and Deborah Ajayi, Volunteer.

Each of you plays a vital role in driving our mission forward through managing resources, standing beside survivors, or giving your time to serve the community. Your passion, resilience, and commitment do not go unnoticed.

From all of us at WRAHP, we wish you a year filled with purpose, growth, laughter, and every joy your heart desires. May this new chapter bring even more impact and fulfillment.

Thank you for being an essential part of our story.

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SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS**



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Upcoming Events



Stay tuned for our upcoming events, including:

- Breakfast Meeting
- Opportunity Market
- Community Legal Clinics
- Community sensitization sessions
- Safe Space Sessions
- Training of CSOs on Safeguarding
- Psychosocial support therapy for men
- Sensitization for Secondary School Boys on Menstrual Health.
- Training of Youth on Life Skills
- Training of Law Enforcement Agencies on Sexual Violence prevention and response
- Establishment of Anti-Sexual Violence club in schools

Call for Applications: Ireti Young Leadership Program (IYLP)

Are you a final-year student, pre-corp member, or post-corp member in Lagos State with a passion for creating positive change?

The Ireti Young Leadership Program (IYLP), an initiative of WRAHP supported by AB Microfinance Bank is offering a fully funded leadership training for 25 young changemakers!

 Application Deadline: May 8, 2025

 [Click here to apply or visit any of our social media platforms to apply.](#)

Don't miss this opportunity to learn, grow, and



Call For Applications

IRETI YOUNG LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (IYLP) in partnership with AB Microfinance Bank presents a FREE training that will equip 25 young individuals with essential leadership, life, and employability skills!

Who can apply?

- Final-Year Student
- Prospective Corp member
- Post-Corp member

LAGOS RESIDENTS ONLY!

Deadline: May 8, 2025
Location: Lagos

Apply here: <https://forms.gle/XVUE3GFz3yykUEiZ8>

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