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



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Partners and Friends,

Every month, your commitment to reading and staying engaged with our work serves as a reminder that we are not alone in this journey. Your support keeps the vision alive of a society where women and girls live free from violence, fear, and marginalization.

At WRAHP, we believe that lasting impact comes from deep listening, grassroots ownership, and collaborative effort.

May reminded us of the courage that lives in every person we serve and every ally who walks beside us.

As we look ahead, we are excited to continue amplifying survivor voices, equipping changemakers, and expanding our reach. Thank you for being a part of this movement. Your solidarity fuels our work.

Please stay tuned for more updates in next month's newsletter.

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Executive Director,

**WRAHP, Managers of Ireti Resource Centre
Local Affiliate Partner, Safeguarding Resource and Support
Hub (RSH), Nigeria.**

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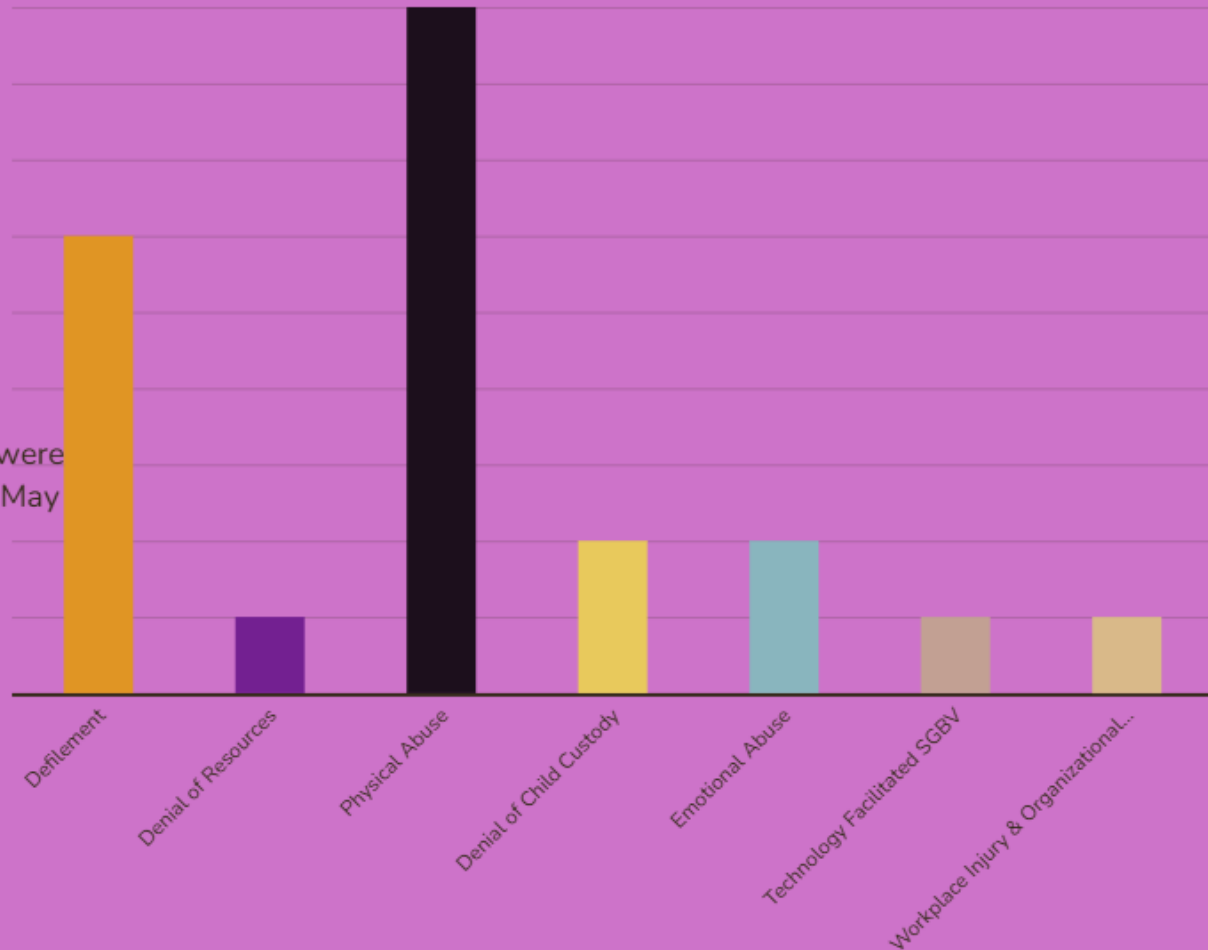
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Cases received at Ireti Resource Centre in May 2025

CASE BOARD

A total of 22 new cases were
received in the month of May
2025.



SUCCESS STORY



The Ireti Resource Centre responded to a distress call from a 29-year-old mother of four facing years of emotional and physical abuse. Married after an early pregnancy, she sought separation and custody of her children. Through individual and couple therapy using cognitive behavioral therapy, trauma-informed therapy, and psychoeducation, both partners were supported in addressing trauma, communication issues, and parenting challenges.

The husband cited frustrations but expressed love and a desire to keep the family together. Counseling sessions provided a safe space for emotional processing and conflict resolution. Gradually, both parties showed growth and he became more self-aware, while she regained confidence and clarity.

With Ireti's support, the family is now on a healing path, co-parenting peacefully and creating a more stable, nurturing home for their children.

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ENGAGEMENTS

STRENGTHENING POLICE RESPONSE TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN LAGOS



WRAHP, with support from the African Women's Development Fund (AWDF), trained 30 law enforcement officers from 3 Lagos LGAs to improve their understanding and response to sexual violence.

The training covered survivor-centered approaches, legal frameworks, investigation techniques, safeguarding, and collaboration with NGOs.

Officers gained practical skills to better prevent and respond to sexual violence, though challenges like limited funding etc.

WRAHP will continue supporting these officers through ongoing engagement and advocacy to strengthen policies and resources for effective sexual violence prevention and response.

Click [here](#) to watch highlights.

EMPOWERING YOUNG PERSONS THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ANTI-SEXUAL VIOLENCE CLUB

As part of efforts to establish six anti-violence clubs across targeted LGAs, WRAHP inaugurated its latest Anti-Sexual Violence Club at Emerald Secondary School, Ilesamaja. The session provided a safe space for 61 female students to learn about their rights, responsibilities, and strategies for preventing and responding to sexual violence.

The session focused on understanding sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), healthy emotional expression, and setting personal boundaries. Students asked insightful questions ranging from relationships to bodily autonomy, highlighting the urgency of age-appropriate education.

When given safe, supportive platforms, young people eagerly speak up and engage.



CREATING SAFE SPACES FOR HEALING AND EMPOWERMENT



WRAHP, in partnership with RoLAC, hosted a Safe Space session for 14 at the Ireti Resource Centre as part of the Scaling Up Access to Justice for SGBV Survivors in Lagos and Edo (RoLAC II) project. Participants gradually opened up, embraced peer connection, and left with renewed confidence and determination to reclaim their lives.

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STRENGTHENING JUSTICE PATHWAYS FOR SURVIVORS



WRAHP organized a 2-day capacity-strengthening for 42 law enforcement officers from 3 Area Police Commands in Lagos State and 3 LGAs in Edo State under the project “Scaling up Access to Justice-Related Social Services for Women and Girls Survivors of SGBV in Lagos and Edo States.”

With support from the Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Programme (RoLAC ii), this training equipped officers with improved skills in trauma-informed care, SGBV response, evidence-based investigation, and safeguarding practices. By building stronger, survivor-centered policing systems, we’re advancing justice and protection for women and girls.

Watch highlights from the project in [Lagos](#) or [Edo](#).

LWROS REACHES OVER 24,000 PEOPLE IN FIGHT AGAINST SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Following capacity-strengthening sessions by WRAHP to the 15 LWROs, these organizations have been actively conducting step-down trainings and outreach activities aimed at addressing sexual violence. Their efforts have sparked widespread awareness, equipping individuals with the knowledge to recognize abuse, seek help, and support survivors.

The surge in reach, from 4,715 people in January to over 24,602 (Women-; girls—8,701; Men-; boys; 5,712) by May, highlights the power of sustained, community-driven advocacy. These women-led groups are shifting narratives, fostering safer environments, and championing the rights of women and girls across their localities. We commend their dedication and reaffirm our belief that empowered communities are key to ending sexual violence.



WRAHP’S IN-HOUSE TRAINING ON VISUAL STORYTELLING



WRAHP held an in-house training to strengthen staff capacity on visual storytelling for advocacy. The session introduced team members to the basics of mobile photography, videography, and media content creation.

Participants explored the role of visuals in advocacy, message crafting, and the practical use of tools in creating impactful, human-centred content aligned with WRAHP’s advocacy goals.

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YOUTH CORNER

EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION WITH LEADERSHIP AND LIFE SKILLS

In May 2025, Irete Young Leadership Program (IYLP), which is the youth component of WRAHP, organized a two-day training aimed at empowering 25 final-year students, recent graduates, and young job seekers with leadership, life, and employability skills.

This initiative, supported by AB Microfinance Bank, was held at the Irete Resource Centre in Lagos. The training featured interactive sessions delivered by seasoned professionals across four key areas: leadership and life skills, mental health and self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and gender empowerment. Participants also received hands-on training in CV writing, LinkedIn optimization, personal branding, and interview preparation.

Each participant developed SMART personal and career goals, and 90% updated or created their LinkedIn profiles during the sessions. Feedback showed 82% of attendees felt more confident articulating their strengths and future ambitions.



Through this initiative, WRAHP, through its Irete Young Leadership Program, has reaffirmed its shared commitment to youth empowerment, community transformation, and building a generation of socially responsible leaders. At WRAHP, we believe that young people are not just the leaders of tomorrow—they are changemakers today.

Here's what some participants had to say:

Initially, I had reservations about attending the event in Ikotun, but the first day exceeded my expectations. The experience was truly enriching, providing valuable insights and knowledge. God bless WRAHP and AB Microfinance Bank." – **Rebecca O.**

"It was such a life-changing and eye-opening experience. Thank you, WRAHP and AB Microfinance Bank!" – **Florence**

"This training has transformed my mindset. Thank you for this opportunity." – **Taofeek**

📺 Video snapshot available [here](#)



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PARTNERSHIP

EMPOWERING COMMUNITY STRUCTURES TO TAKE A STAND AGAINST SGBV



WRAHP, held a community sensitization session with a cooperative association at Ebute Metta, Yaba, Lagos. The session aimed to raise awareness about Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), its causes, and its psychological and physical impacts on individuals and families. Participants engaged in open discussions on forms of domestic violence, including physical, emotional, sexual, and financial abuse.

Many shared their views, attributing abuse to factors like economic dominance, cultural norms, substance use, and peer pressure. Several questions were raised, ranging from legal support and law enforcement to expanding WRAHP's presence in other LGAs. Participants left better informed and more aware of their rights and available support systems.

IDERA SARC Q1 2025 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

WRAHP's Centre Manager, Precious Eberechukwu, participated in the 1st Quarter Steering Committee meeting organized by Idera Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC), with support from the Lagos State Ministry of Health and ROLAC.

The meeting aimed to discuss the challenges and recommendations faced by survivors and responders in addressing cases of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV). Stakeholders emphasized the impact of community engagement and legal-health collaboration in improving case outcomes.

The meeting reaffirmed the collective commitment to strengthening SGBV prevention and response across Lagos.



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EDO STATE

STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIP WITH MINISTRY OF WOMEN AFFAIRS, EDO STATE

WRAHP, in collaboration with UNICEF, paid a courtesy visit to the Honourable Commissioner for Women Affairs and Social Development, Hon. Chief Bisi Idaomi, in Benin City. The visit aimed to introduce the UNICEF-supported Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) project and strengthen collaboration for effective implementation in Edo State.

The Honourable Commissioner commended WRAHP for the work done. The meeting ended with a shared commitment to timely action, reinforcing WRAHP's dedication to ending FGM and protecting the rights of women and girls in Edo State.



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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

In this edition, we shine the light on Maryjane Tony Obiagwu , a dedicated WRAHP volunteer and clinical psychologist whose passion for mental well-being continues to inspire us.

As a facilitator during the mental health session of the Ireti Young Leadership Program Training, Mary Jane brought depth, empathy, and expert insight to the conversation, equipping our young participants with tools to prioritize their emotional wellness as they grow into change-makers.

Her volunteerism reflects the heart of WRAHP's mission: empowering people, nurturing resilience, and strengthening communities.

Thank you, MaryJane, for your time, skill, and heart. You are a true Face of Impact.



💙 Do you have a passion for community service and advocacy?

Join our vibrant network of volunteers and be part of real change. Email us at info@wrahp.com or follow us @wrahpigeria to get started!

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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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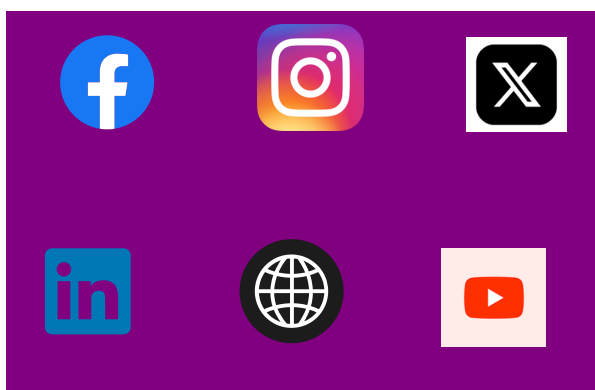
Upcoming Events



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
- Establishment of Anti-Sexual Violence club in schools

**CILICK THE ICONS BELOW OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO VISIT OUR
SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS**



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Congratulations!

**On Your Nomination as the
Acting Pro-Chancellor,
University of Uyo.**

Prof. Hauwa Bui

Your journey of impact and excellence continues to inspire us all.

A Proud Moment for WRAHP! 🎉

We are thrilled to celebrate our esteemed Board Member, Professor Hauwa Bui, on her well-deserved nomination as the Acting Pro-Chancellor of the University of Uyo.

We are proud to walk alongside as you continue to break barriers and inspire generations.

*From all of us at WRAHP,
Congratulations, Professor Bui! 🌟*

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