

# JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER

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



## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Partners, Colleagues, and Friends,

As July comes to a close, I am reminded of the strength, resilience, and commitment that fuel the work we do every day at WRAHP, both in communities and across digital spaces.

This month has been a testament to the power of consistency. Whether we were engaging stakeholders on policy, creating safe spaces for dialogue, empowering adolescents, or using our online platforms to drive advocacy and awareness, one thing remained constant: our belief in people and our pursuit of justice, safeguarding, and well-being for all.

I am especially proud of the way our team continues to show up with heart, purpose, and innovation, even when the work is challenging. Every conversation sparked, every mind changed, and every barrier dismantled moves us closer to the inclusive, rights-protecting world we envision.

Thank you to everyone, our staff, volunteers, partners, and supporters, for being part of this journey with us. Let's keep showing up, speaking out, and standing together.

In solidarity,

**Bose Ironsi**

**Executive Director,**

**WRAHP, Managers of Ireti Resource Centre**

**Local Affiliate Partner, Safeguarding Resource and Support  
Hub (RSH), Nigeria.**

## INSIDE, WE ALSO TALK ABOUT:

- Ireti's Data Board
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- Engagements
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### Cases received at Ireti Resource Centre in July 2025

Total Walk-in: 62



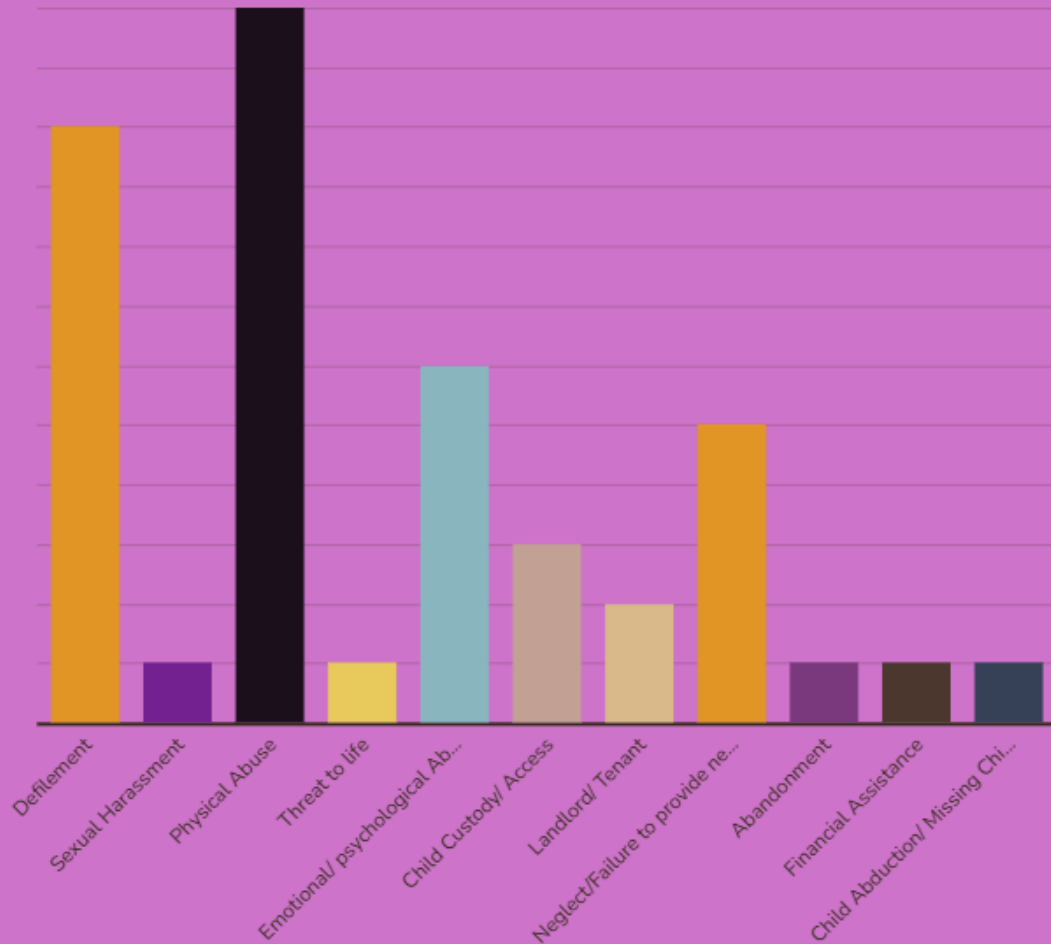
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## CASE BOARD

A total of 43 new cases were  
received in the month of July  
2025.



### SUCCESS STORY: RESTORING PEACE THROUGH COUNSELING

A couple was referred from Igando Police Station following emotional trauma caused by escalating marital conflict. After a quarrel, the husband began withholding affection, while the wife retaliated by refusing to cook knowing he only ate her meals. This deepened the rift, leading to threats and emotional strain.

They were invited for joint counseling, where they shared their frustrations in a safe space. With professional guidance, both acknowledged their roles in the breakdown and learned healthier ways to handle conflict.

With consistent support, they rebuilt trust and restored peace in their home, proving that timely counseling can heal wounds, restore respect, and transform relationships.

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## ENGAGEMENTS

### BRINGING JUSTICE CLOSER: COMMUNITY LEGAL CLINIC IN OJO LGA

WRAHP, with support from the African Women's Development Fund (AWDF), held a Community Legal Clinic on sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) at Igbo-Elerin Community, Ojo LGA, Lagos State.

The session brought together 59 participants, including artisans, market traders, and religious leaders, and provided a confidential and supportive space for survivors to access legal and psychosocial support. Participants received one-on-one legal consultations, as well as counselling on human rights, SGBV laws, and safety planning.

This event further affirmed WRAHP's commitment to building safe, informed, and resilient communities where women and girls are empowered and their rights upheld.



### SAFE SPACE SESSION EMPOWERS FATHERS AND MALE SURVIVORS TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF ABUSE AND SUPPORT



WRAHP, with support from the Theresa William Foundation, hosted a Safe Space session at the Ireti Resource Centre for 23 male participants, including fathers and husbands of survivors of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV).

This unique gathering provided a supportive platform for men who, while not perpetrators themselves, have been directly or indirectly affected by abuse either through their loved ones' experiences or their own and are often victims of cultural norms and systems that perpetuate silence and stigma.

The session explored the critical role men can play in breaking the cycle of abuse and support. Discussions centered on positive masculinity, emotional resilience, and practical ways to stand with survivors, challenge harmful traditions, and model healthier relationships.

Feedback from the men highlighted improved understanding of their spouses, better communication skills, and new coping strategies for managing emotions and maintaining peace at home. Many expressed appreciation for the safe, empathetic space that allowed them to confront pain and embrace healthier ways of relating.

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### WRAHP HOSTS LEGAL CLINIC TO EMPOWER RIGHTS HOLDERS IN MUSHIN LGA

WRAHP, with support from RoLAC II and International IDEA, held a Community Legal Clinic at Mushin LGA, Lagos State. The clinic aimed to promote access to justice for survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and build community knowledge around legal frameworks and support services.

Welcoming over 70 participants, the featured key presentations on SGBV concepts, referral pathways, and the VAPP Law, using real-life examples. The clinic concluded with one-on-one legal consultations for community members seeking guidance. The community also expressed readiness to work with relevant stakeholders to address SGBV more effectively.

The event reaffirmed the importance of empowering communities to take ownership of their rights and address issues within their systems.



### SUPPORTING SURVIVORS, SHAPING SAFER COMMUNITIES

WRAHP with support from the African Women's Development Fund (AWDF) convened two Safe Space sessions for 30 women, providing a confidential and empowering environment for dialogue, healing, and learning.



### AWDF LWRO QUARTERLY REVIEW: STRENGTHENING IMPACT TOGETHER

WRAHP conducted its third virtual Quarterly Review Meeting. The meeting brought together partner organizations under the African Women Development Fund Project to reflect on ongoing project activities, share feedback, and strengthen collaboration.

Project updates included recent safe space sessions, legal and psychosocial support, capacity-building for law enforcement, and the inauguration of anti-sexual violence clubs in Oshodi/Isolo. Upcoming activities such as training for male advocates, media campaigns, and stakeholder dialogues were also highlighted.

The session closed with shared learnings, appreciation for swift survivor support responses, and renewed commitment to collective action against sexual violence.

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## EDO STATE

### MOVEMENT FOR GOOD AGAINST FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

WRAHP, with support from UNICEF, implemented a series of impactful community-focused activities across multiple Local Government Areas in Edo State to accelerate efforts toward ending Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).

The team conducted advocacy visits to key government stakeholders and community leaders in Benin City, Ora, Ugbogwe, Uwelo, Useh, Evbuogida, Ebele, Amahor, and Ugun communities. These engagements secured community entry, strengthened partnerships, and fostered local support for FGM prevention.

In Igueben LGA, capacity-building activities were at the forefront. WRAHP trained:

- 10 Community Facilitators from women- and youth-led CBOs,
- 35 adolescent girls as Adolescent Gender Champions (AGCs),
- 25 adolescent boys on life skills, digital literacy, and positive masculinity,
- 30 male community influencers as Male Engagement Champions.



WRAHP also inaugurated an in-school Adolescent Girls Champion Club at Wisdom Group of Schools, Igueben LGA, involving 35 adolescent girls who now access accurate information on sexual and reproductive health and receive peer mentoring.

Additionally, an advocacy meeting with 44 influential community leaders, including former TBAs, religious leaders, youth representatives, and traditional authorities, helped build consensus and reinforce community-driven commitment to end FGM.

Together, these activities are helping to shift attitudes, empower young people, and strengthen grassroots networks committed to eliminating FGM across Edo



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## STATE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING INAUGURATION

As part of the effort to end FGM in Edo State, WRAHP, in partnership with the Edo State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development and the Edo State Ministry of Health, held the first meeting of the STC on Tuesday, July 1, 2025. During the meeting, the STC was officially inaugurated by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health. Present at the meeting were other stakeholders from the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Information and Communication (UNICEF Desk), the National Orientation Agency NAPTIP, and CPN.

The event marked a major step toward strengthening coordination and leadership on FGM prevention and response across the state. This was carried out under the ongoing 4-month project supported by UNICEF Nigeria titled "Strengthening the Engagement of women-led Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to Support the Acceleration of Transformative Actions to End Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in Edo State."



## WRAHP LAUNCHES MEDIA CAMPAIGN TO END FGM

With funding support from UNICEF Nigeria, WRAHP launches its social media campaign on ending FGM to create awareness, amplify voices, challenge harmful norms and call for urgent action. The message is clear and simple: FGM is a violation of human rights, and it must stop!

We invite you to:

- ✓ Follow and share our campaign posts
- ✓ Take a stand by pledging your support to protect girls from FGM. Make a pledge by clicking on this link; <https://bit.ly/unicefwrahp>



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## FGM RADIO SERIES: USING THE MEDIA SPACE TO EMPOWER COMMUNITIES

WRAHP officially kicked off its FGM Community Engagement Radio Series in Edo State, supported by UNICEF Nigeria. The inaugural episode aired live on Super FM 88.1, Benin City, and featured WRAHP's Executive Director, Mrs. Bose Ironsi, as the guest speaker. She shared expert insights on the urgent need to end FGM, drawing from real-life community experiences and national legal frameworks.

The momentum continued with Episode 2, featuring Mr. Nosakhare Erhunmwunse, Edo State Coordinator of the Child Protection Network. His topic, "Challenges of Eradicating Female Genital Mutilation in Edo State," peeled back the layers of complexity that still surround this practice. He spoke on the cultural norms, societal expectations, and policy enforcement gaps that make eradication difficult yet not impossible.

As the conversations continue, we invite you to tune in every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 AM GMT on SUPERFM, as this series runs until September 9th, 2025, and each episode brings us closer to a future where no girl has to suffer the pain of the cut. Let's keep listening. Let's keep speaking out. And most importantly, let's keep acting.



### FGM Radio Series



The Harmful Effects of Female Genital Mutilation  
on Women and Girls



### FGM Radio Series



Nosakhare Erhunmwunse,  
DD. PhD.

Challenges of Eradicating Female Genital Mutilation  
in Edo State

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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.

👉 [nigeria.safeguardingsupporthub.org/learning](https://nigeria.safeguardingsupporthub.org/learning)

Safeguarding is everybody's business.



### RSH E-LEARNING

### SAFEGUARDING MATTERS



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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

Instagram: @wrahpnnigeria Facebook: wrahp Nigeria Website: www.wrahp.com

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

Kindly go to any of our social media platforms @wrahpnnigeria or click on this link [www.wrahp.com](http://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](http://www.encare.ng)

To download: go to Google Playstore or Apple Playstore

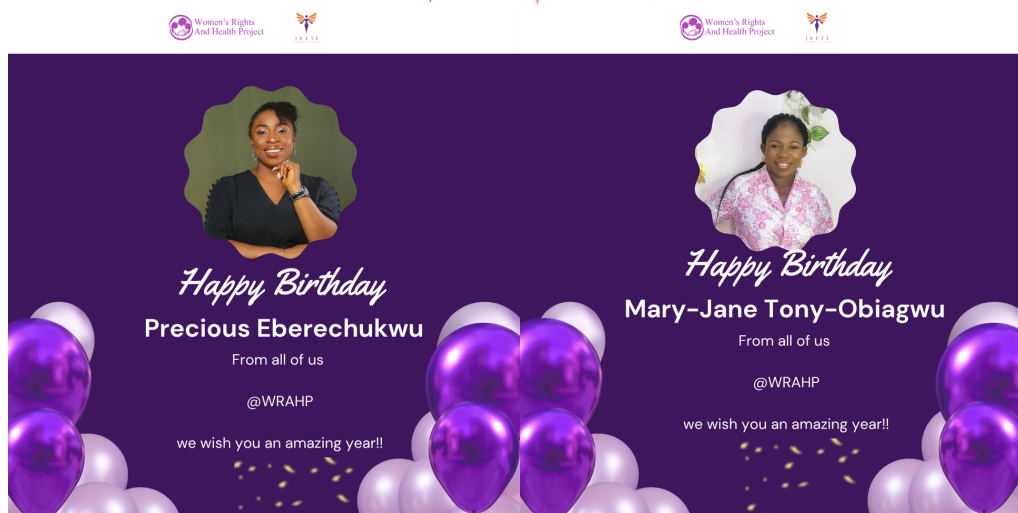
Kindly note that all cases are treated with confidentiality. For more information, kindly call 070 0133 2111 | 091 3620 0119

SCAN TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Report cases of SGBV via the Enacre App using [www.encare.ng](http://www.encare.ng)

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# BIRTHDAY SHOUT-OUTS



This month, we pause to celebrate two special members of our WRAHP family!

Happy Birthday to Precious Eberechukwu, Centre Manager & Mary-Jane Tony-Obiagwu, Volunteer. Your commitment and contributions continue to leave a lasting impact. We are grateful to you. Wishing you a joyful and fulfilling year ahead!

From all of us at WRAHP, cheers to more life, love, and purpose! 🎉🎈

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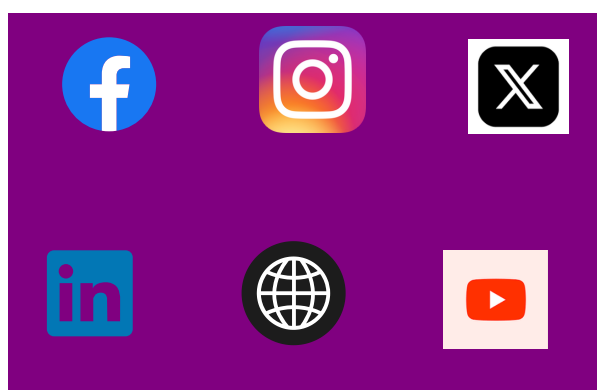
## Upcoming Events



Stay tuned for our upcoming events, including:

- Opportunity Market
- FGM Radio Programming for your upcoming event
- Community Legal Clinics
- Community sensitization sessions
- Safe Space Sessions
- Training of CSOs on Safeguarding
- Sensitization on Menstrual Health Management for Adolescents
- Establishment of Anti-Sexual Violence clubs in schools
- Advocacy Meetings with Influential Leaders in Edo State on FGM Prevention and Response

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



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