

AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER

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



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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Partners, Colleagues, and Friends,

Every day at WRAHP, we are reminded of why we do this work. the smiles of women, young people and the community who find strength in our safe spaces, the young people who discover their voices, and the communities that dare to imagine a life free from violence and injustice. These moments fuel our commitment to keep going, even when the challenges are daunting.

This newsletter captures just a glimpse of the impact we are making together. From advocacy to service delivery, from building partnerships to driving change, each milestone reflects not just WRAHP's efforts but the collective strength of those who believe in our mission.

To our partners, supporters, and allies, we say 'thank you'. Your trust and collaboration have been the wind beneath our wings, enabling us to break barriers, amplify voices, and keep the vision alive.

As you read through this edition, I invite you to see yourself in every story. Each achievement is proof that when hearts and hands come together, transformation is not just possible, it is inevitable.

See you in the next edition!

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

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Cases received at Ireti Resource Centre in August 2025

Total Walk-in: 43



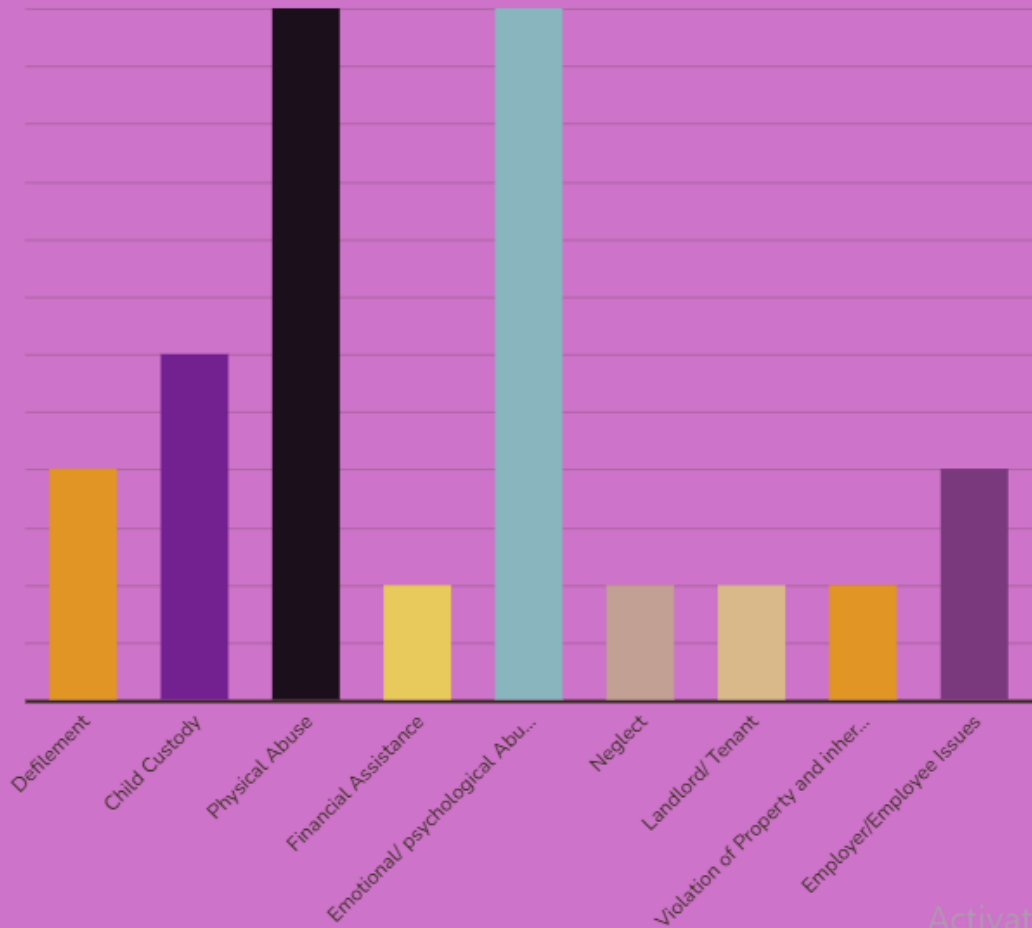
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CASE BOARD

A total of 23 new cases were
received in the month of
August 2025.



Activities

SUCCESS STORY: FROM HOPELESSNESS TO RENEWED PURPOSE

A young medical student reached out to Ireti Resource Centre after losing her mother to cancer. The loss left her devastated. she battled depression, anxiety, and burnout, questioning her choice of studying medicine and contemplating dropping out.

Through personalized therapy, including grief counseling, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and stress management techniques, she gradually found healing. She learned to process her grief, rebuild her confidence, and rediscover her passion for medicine.

Today, she has regained focus on her academics and is determined to specialize in oncology thereby transforming her pain into purpose by offering both medical care and compassion to families facing similar struggles.

This story highlights the life-changing impact of therapy in restoring hope and purpose.

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ENGAGEMENTS

GLOBAL PARTNERS APPLAUD WRAHP'S GRASSROOTS IMPACT

WRAHP welcomed the ActionAid UK team on their learning visit to Nigeria. The delegation, Neha Kagal, Nkechi Ilochi-Kanny, and Vivian Efem- Bassey came to understudy the Women's Voice and Leadership-Nigeria (WVL-Nigeria) project.

The visit was a moment of reflection and pride as WRAHP shared its journey in project coordination, sub-granting, capacity strengthening, and grassroots impact. Our Community-Based Organization (CBO) partners also showcased their remarkable work, proving that sustainable change begins at the community level.

Together, we reaffirmed our shared commitment to creating an enabling environment where women and girls can thrive, lead, and transform society.



SUPPORTING SURVIVORS, SHAPING SAFER COMMUNITIES

WRAHP, with support from the Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Programme (RoLAC II), convened two Safe Space sessions for 14 women, providing a confidential and empowering environment for dialogue, healing, and learning.



STRENGTHENING MEDIA PARTNERSHIPS TO AMPLIFY SGBV AWARENESS

WRAHP's team, Segun Bablola, Snr. Program Officer and Ayomide Okeleye, Communications & Partnership Officer, with support from RoLAC II and International IDEA, visited the Editorial Board of First Daily Prints to deepen conversations on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV). The session engaged 10 media representatives, introducing WRAHP's mission and emphasizing the need for survivor-centred reporting.

Key outcomes included discussions on media partnerships, GBV awareness features, and media training on sensitive reporting. The visit reinforced the critical role of the media in promoting accountability and amplifying the voices of survivors, with plans for sustained collaboration between WRAHP and First Daily Media.



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A MOMENT TO REMEMBER

WRAHP was honoured to host Dr. Godwin Ehigiamusoe, founder of Lift Above Poverty Organization (LAPO Microfinance Bank), at the Ireti Resource Centre, and it was truly an inspiring visit.

Dr. Ehigiamusoe shared powerful words that reaffirmed our mission: to create safe spaces, empower communities, and drive lasting change. We remain open to collaborations and partnerships with individuals and organizations who share this vision. Together, we can do even more.



WRAHP JOINS NATIONAL SURVEY ON GENDER NORMS



WRAHP has been selected as one of six CSOs for the Nigeria Survey on Gender Norms, Attitudes, Health and Wellbeing led by the Policy Innovation Centre (PIC) with support from the Gates Foundation.

As the Grassroots Mobilizer for Lagos State, we will engage adolescents and communities to challenge harmful gender norms and promote well-being.

WRAHP's Program Manager, Francis Umoh joined a 4-day Abuja training with CSOs, researchers, and government stakeholders to strengthen skills in safeguarding, ethical research, and community engagement.

SPOTLIGHT ON CHILD RIGHTS AND SAFEGUARDING IN LAGOS

WRAHP's Centre Manager, Precious Eberechukwu and M&E Officer, Queensley Okojie participated in the Child Rights and Safeguarding Workshop organized by Hearts and Hands Humanitarian Foundation (3HF).

The interactive session aimed to increase knowledge on child rights and strengthen partnerships between the government and NGOs. Topics included child domestic work, exploitation, and the reform of the 2015 child rights law. The workshop highlighted the need to address injustices against children in domestic work in Lagos and Nigeria.

The event reinforced the call for stronger community sensitization, government accountability, and multi-sectoral collaboration to end injustices against children in domestic work.



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WRAHP AT THE WOMEN'S RIGHTS REVIEW CONFERENCE, SIERRA LEONE

WRAHP's Executive Director, Bose Ironsi, joined regional leaders in Freetown, Sierra Leone, for the Women's Rights Review Conference, organized by WIPF with UN Women and the EU ACT project.

The gathering brought together advocates, including vibrant young people from Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Togo, DRC and Sierra Leone, to strategize on eliminating Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) across West and Central Africa.

Bose Ironsi added WRAHP's voice to critical dialogues on closing policy gaps, strengthening enforcement, and building cross-border feminist alliances. The outcomes will fuel joint advocacy to influence ECOWAS and national lawmakers while deepening collaboration for gender justice across Africa.



CEWHIN'S VISIT- OSUN STATE DELEGATION LEARNS FROM WRAHP'S SURVIVOR-CENTERED MODEL



WRAHP was honoured to host a delegation from Osun State including government officials and NGO partners through Centre for Women's Health and Information (CEWHIN) at the Ireti Resource Centre, our safe space for women and girls, including those with disabilities, and communities who are survivors of violence.

During the visit, delegates held deep conversations with our Executive Director, Bose Ironsi, and the Centre's Case Manager- Precious Eberechukwu, on WRAHP's holistic approaches to prevention, response, and survivor support. They explored strategies such as survivor-centred case management, community outreach, advocacy, and partnerships with law enforcement and health providers.

The biggest lesson from the visit was clear: cross-sector collaboration is vital to ensuring survivors receive timely, comprehensive, and dignified support.

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EDO STATE

ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED AGAINST FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

WRAHP, with support from the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), has carried out a series of transformative activities across Oredo and Egor LGAs, bringing together community leaders, young people, survivors, and civil society to strengthen the fight against FGM and gender-based violence.

We convened multiple advocacy and orientation meetings with influential leaders, including religious leaders, traditional rulers, market women, law enforcement officials, and health workers. Altogether, more than 400 stakeholders openly condemned FGM, affirmed its harm to women and girls, and pledged to spread the anti-FGM message across their communities. Survivors shared powerful testimonies, adding urgency to the collective call for change.



Our work with adolescents was equally impactful. Through trainings and inaugurations, more than 260 boys and girls were empowered with life skills, digital skills, and sexuality education. These sessions also marked the birth of new girls' and boys' clubs in schools and communities' safe spaces where young people can champion gender equality, peer support, and positive change.



At the same time, WRAHP deepened engagement with survivors and civil society organizations. Over 80 survivors of FGM came together to form a strong support network, receiving not only skills and livelihood support but also a renewed sense of agency to lead change. Alongside them, 50 CBO representatives, parents, teachers, and caregivers participated in capacity-building sessions on survivor-centred approaches, positive parenting, and advocacy, ensuring that communities are better equipped to prevent violence and protect women and girls.

WRAHP believes that sustained engagement with strategic stakeholders—community members, young people, government, religious, and traditional leaders will drive collective action to end FGM in Edo State.

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TRADITIONAL BIRTH ATTENDANTS JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST FGM

WRAHP hosted a 1-day orientation in Oredo LGA, Benin City, bringing together Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs), patent medicine dealers, and health workers to strengthen the fight against Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).

The session, supported by the Ministry of Women Affairs, highlighted FGM as a violation of human rights and a harmful practice with life-long consequences. Participants gained deeper knowledge of its dangers, while TBAs openly condemned the act. One participant shared: "This practice destroys our girls. We must end it."

Encouragingly, TBAs and health workers pledged their support to eradicate FGM in their communities. The orientation ended with participants showing a strong willingness to act as allies in ending FGM, marking a vital step toward protecting the rights, health, and dignity of women and girls.



WRAHP CONTINUES 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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COMMUNITY LEADERS UNITE AGAINST FGM

WRAHP brought together 58 leaders in Oredo LGA, Benin City, to tackle FGM. Religious leaders, market women, and traditional rulers unanimously condemned the practice, while survivors shared powerful testimonies. Leaders pledged to spread the anti-FGM message across their communities.



FGM RADIO SERIES: USING THE MEDIA SPACE TO EMPOWER COMMUNITIES

Did you miss any episode of our FGM Radio Series?

We've got you covered!

The first 6 powerful episodes are now available on our YouTube channel, packed with expert insights, real stories, and practical solutions to end Female Genital Mutilation in Edo State and beyond.

Catch up now and join the movement to protect our women and girls: Click on any of the episodes to listen.

- [Episode 1](#)
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FGM Radio Series



Tuesdays and
Thursdays
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Super FM, Benin- 88.1

ENDING FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION IN EDO
STATE.



Let's keep the conversation going, share with your friends, families, and communities. Together, we can end FGM.

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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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JOIN OUR DONATION DRIVE!

As we mark 5 years of providing safe spaces and hope, we want to make this milestone truly special for survivors and their children.

You can be part of this celebration! Your pre-loved clothes, shoes, bags, books, kitchenware, furniture, kids' items, and other useful donations will go directly to survivors and their children through our Opportunity Market, giving them reasons to smile as we celebrate together.

Drop-off Location:
The PENT House, 196 Ejigbo-Egbe Rd. by Ile-Epo bus-stop, Ejigbo, Lagos State
09135205119 | 07011948577

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

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 @wrahpnnigeria 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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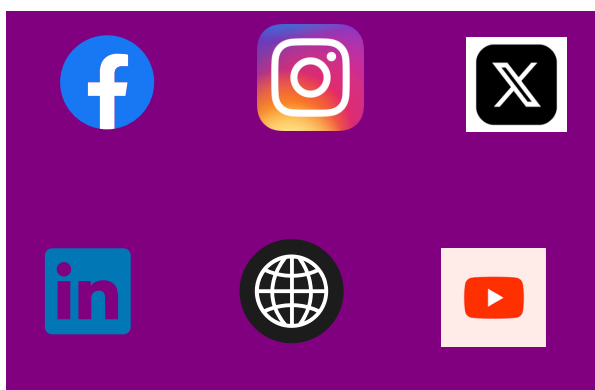
Upcoming Events



Stay tuned for our upcoming events, including:

- Opportunity Market
- FGM Radio Programming on Female Genital Mutilation
- 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
- Media training on SGBV Reporting
- Nigeria Survey on Gender Norms - Lagos and Ogun States

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SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS**



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