

SEPTEMBER 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,

As we step into September, I am reminded of the power of collective action. This month, WRAHP's work has taken us from community sensitizations in Lagos and further into grassroots advocacy to end FGM across 20 communities in Edo State with the support of UNICEF.

Each activity reinforced one truth: change is possible when voices come together, when survivors speak out, when youth lead, when civil society collaborates, and when governments listen and act.

At WRAHP, we remain committed to creating safe spaces, amplifying community voices, and advancing justice and dignity for women, girls, and vulnerable persons. None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our partners, donors, and every individual who believes in our vision. Thank you for walking this journey with us.

I invite you to dive into this edition of our newsletter, filled with stories of resilience, collaboration, and impact. May it inspire you, as it inspires us, to keep building a society free from violence and discrimination.

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

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WRAHP RECEIVES OUTSTANDING NGO SERVICE PROVIDER AWARD

WRAHP was honored with the **Outstanding NGO Service Provider Award in Lagos State** at the Governor's Commendation and Awards Night, organized by the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency (DSVA).

The event, held as the grand finale of the Purple Awareness Month in September, recognized individuals and institutions making remarkable contributions in the fight against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) across Lagos State.

Receiving the award, WRAHP was celebrated for its tireless work through the Ireti Resource Centre, providing survivors with holistic services -legal aid, psychosocial support, community sensitization, and advocacy for policy change. This recognition reinforces WRAHP's unwavering dedication to promoting justice, dignity, and safety for women, girls, and vulnerable groups in Lagos State.

We remain grateful to the Lagos State Governor, His Excellency Babajide Sanwo-Olu and DSVA for the recognition and to our partners, supporters, and community members who believe in us and continue to strengthen our impact.



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Cases received at Ireti Resource Centre in September 2025

Total Walk-in: 71



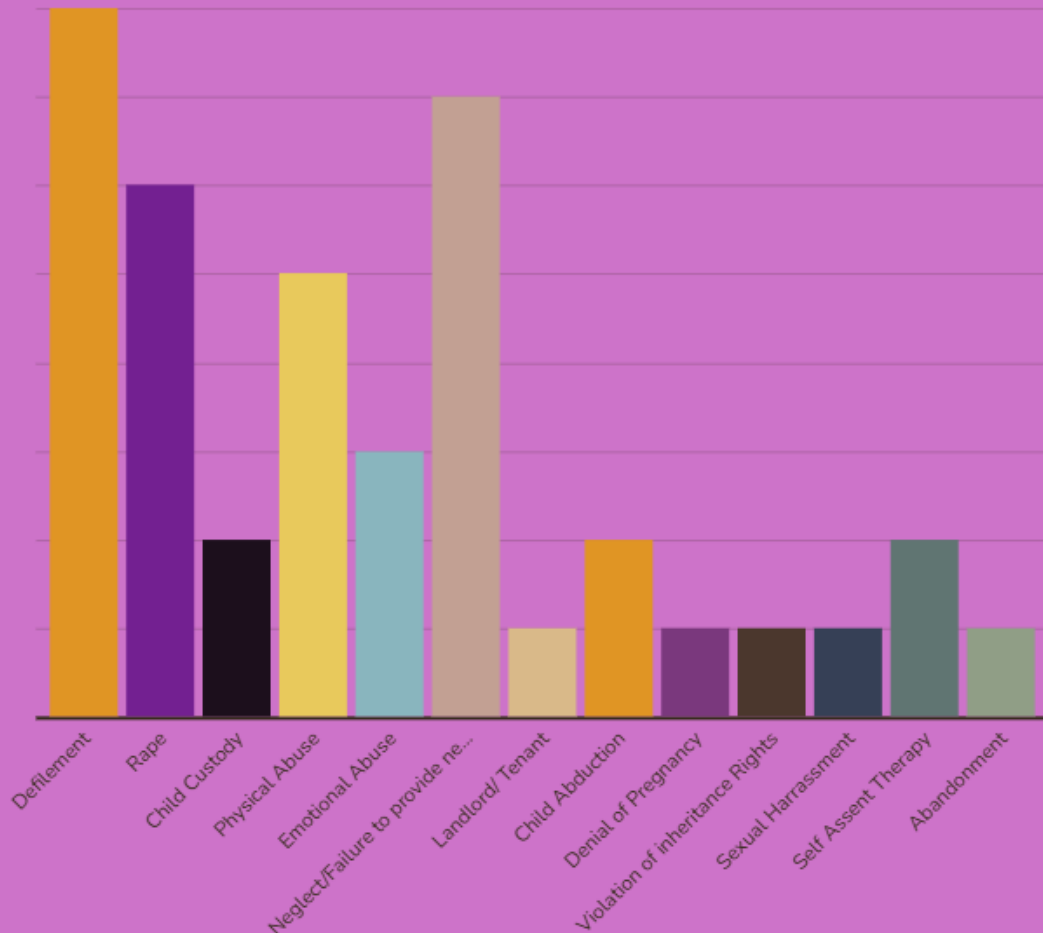
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CASE BOARD

A total of 40 new cases were
received in the month of
September, 2025.



In September, the Ireti Resource Centre received 40 new cases of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) and related abuses. The cases ranged from defilement and rape to neglect, emotional abuse, and denial of rights. Each case reflects the urgent need for sustained advocacy, survivor-centered services, and stronger community accountability.

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SUCCESS STORY: TURNING PAIN INTO PURPOSE – A SURVIVOR'S JOURNEY AGAINST FGM

At just eight days old, she was subjected to Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). The procedure left her severely injured, requiring months of medical care to stop the bleeding. For years, she lived in silence, unsure of what had been taken from her.

It wasn't until she was in secondary school that the truth became clear. ***"When I was 15, during a biology class, I realized something was wrong with me. My teacher described the female body, and I discovered I had been cut. That was when my mother confirmed the story—she told me I had been mutilated as a baby."***

Now a teacher herself, she has transformed her painful experience into a mission to protect others. ***"By the grace of God, I'm a survivor, not a victim," she said with courage. "I stand to stop female genital mutilation. The reason we are sharing these stories is so no child has to go through what we went through."***

With support from WRAHP and UNICEF Nigeria, she has become a strong voice in her community, teaching adolescent girls and engaging fellow teachers on the dangers of FGM. Just recently, she comforted a student who broke down in tears after admitting she had been cut, reminding her that, ***"It's not the end of the world, but we must stop it from happening to the next generation."***

Her story reflects resilience, strength, and the power of awareness. Survivors like her are at the heart of WRAHP's mission to end harmful traditional practices, amplify voices, and create communities where women and girls can live free from violence.

JOIN US ON THIS JOURNEY OF TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE!

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ENGAGEMENTS

STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS: AWDF VISITS WRAHP

WRAHP was honored to host a team from the African Women's Development Fund (AWDF) during their monitoring and learning mission to Nigeria. The visit formed part of AWDF's broader engagement with 13 funded partners across the country, aimed at fostering reflection, mutual learning, and deeper accountability in advancing women's rights.

At our service delivery centre- Ireti Resource Centre, the AWDF delegation met with WRAHP's team to review ongoing projects, share achievements, and reflect on challenges in program implementation.

The interactive session provided an opportunity for both organizations to exchange knowledge and reaffirm their shared commitment to advancing gender equality, women's empowerment, and social justice. WRAHP appreciates the AWDF team for their support and constructive engagement, which continues to inspire our work and sharpen our strategies for impact.



SUPPORTING SURVIVORS, SHAPING SAFER COMMUNITIES

This September, our Safe Space sessions once again proved the power of community and healing. At the AWDF-supported session, 26 participants gathered to share their experiences, encourage one another, and learn practical ways to navigate challenges. The room was filled with courage and hope as women found strength in each other's stories.

In the RoLAC-supported session, 10 participants engaged in deeper conversations on access to justice, survivor-centred support, and the importance of raising awareness within their communities. Though smaller in number, the impact was no less powerful. Participants left better informed, more connected, and ready to take action.

Together, these sessions remind us that every voice matters, and all safe spaces created help break the silence around SGBV while empowering survivors to reclaim their dignity.



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WRAHP HOSTS FINNISH IMMIGRATION SERVICE AT IRETI RESOURCE CENTRE

WRAHP was honoured to host a delegation from the Finnish Immigration Service during their recent fact-finding mission to Nigeria. The visit, focused on gathering country of origin information (COI), explored pressing human rights issues, including human trafficking, forced and early marriages, and the lived realities of women and girls.

At the Irete Resource Centre, the delegation engaged with WRAHP experts, gaining firsthand insights into our work with survivors and communities across Lagos State. The exchange was both insightful and impactful, reinforcing the importance of collaboration in tackling systemic human rights challenges. This engagement highlights WRAHP's continued role as a trusted voice in advancing gender equality, human rights, and social justice while strengthening safe spaces and amplifying women's voices locally and globally.



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PARTNERSHIP

BUILDING STRONGER JUSTICE PATHWAYS TO END FGM

WRAHP's Executive Director, Bose Ironsi and Edo State M&E Officer, Chris Iroque participated in the 3-day multi-sectoral engagement on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) reporting and justice system strengthening. The session brought together 90 participants (law enforcement, judiciary, ministries of justice, women affairs, information, and CSOs) from Edo, Ekiti, Osun, Ondo, and Oyo States.

The day focused on experience sharing, action planning, and drafting a joint communiqué to strengthen survivor-centered justice. A panel discussion on "Overcoming Barriers to Justice" provided practical solutions to improve FGM case reporting and prosecution, while state teams developed specific action plans to step down the training in their local contexts. The engagement ended with a validated joint communiqué, charting a clear roadmap for stronger collaboration, improved reporting, and justice for survivors of FGM



WRAHP PARTICIPATES IN ICCEF'S 2-DAY STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

WRAHP's Senior Program Officer - Segun Babalola joined other partners and stakeholders at the Innocent Chukwuemeka Chukwuma Empowerment Foundation (ICCEF) for a 2-day Strategic Planning Workshop. The sessions focused on strengthening ICCEF's organizational vision through discussions on governance, financial management, risk management, and partnership building. The event also deepened collaboration among partners working to drive social change.



STRENGTHENING COLLABORATION AGAINST SGBV

WRAHP's Case Worker, Bisola Ogunbiyi, participated in a one-day civil society engagement meeting organized by the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency (DSVA). The session brought together participants from diverse civil society organizations to discuss prevention, survivor-centred support, and stronger collaboration in tackling Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV).

The meeting also provided a platform for CSOs to share experiences and strategies for better case management. WRAHP reaffirmed its commitment to advancing survivor rights and deepening partnerships that prioritize safety, dignity, and access to justice.

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STANDING FOR THE RIGHTS OF CHILD DOMESTIC WORKERS

WRAHP's Intern- Olamide Akinsola joined other key stakeholders at the Stakeholder Advocacy Roundtable on Child Domestic Work, organized by Devatop Centre for Africa Development with support from Freedom Fund.

The roundtable brought together government representatives, civil society organizations, legal experts, child rights advocates, and the media to spotlight the hidden yet widespread practice of child domestic labour, one that disproportionately affects young girls, leaving them vulnerable to exploitation, abuse, and denial of their rights. Discussions focused on strengthening multi-sectoral collaboration, creating a monitoring framework, and building commitments around rehabilitation, educational support, and sustainable welfare programs for children.



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EDO STATE

ACTIIVITIES IMPLEMENTED AGAINST FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

With support from UNICEF Nigeria, WRAHP continued in September to strengthen community-driven action aimed at eliminating Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) across 20 intervention communities.

As part of this effort, we convened a one-day review meeting with 60 Male Engage Alliance champions of change, men and boys who play a critical role in challenging harmful practices and promoting healthier norms. We also provided livelihood support and logistics for survivors of FGM, enabling them to lead reflective dialogues that reached over 14,000 individuals with powerful messages on the abandonment of FGM.

Through these collective efforts, WRAHP continues to amplify the voices of girls, boys, survivors, and community actors, working together to end FGM and protect the rights and dignity of women and girls.

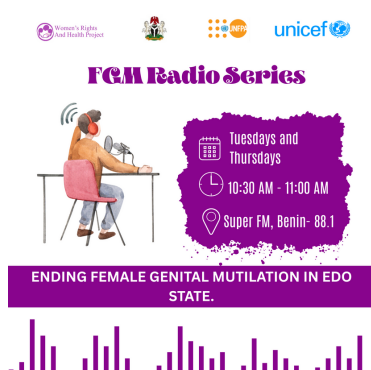


WRAHP CONCLUDES RADIO SERIES ON USING THE MEDIA SPACE TO EMPOWER COMMUNITIES

WRAHP successfully concluded its powerful FGM Radio Series, with all 13 episodes available on our YouTube channel for catch-up listening. [Click here.](#)

The program reached thousands of listeners in Edo State and beyond, sparking important conversations on the need to protect girls from harmful practices. But the work doesn't stop here. We implore you to amplify voices, challenge harmful norms, and call for urgent action to end FGM.

Share the messages, and make your pledge today: <https://bit.ly/unicefwrahp>



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HAVE YOUR SAY: JOIN OUR SAFEGUARDING SURVEY

We are currently conducting a research study to better understand safeguarding practices and community needs in Nigeria. Your input will guide our work and help shape interventions that truly respond to community realities.

We invite you to take just a few minutes to complete our survey. Every response is confidential and invaluable to this process.

👉 [Click here to take the survey](#) OR

Scan to participate



Please also share with your networks – the more voices we hear, the stronger our collective impact! 💪

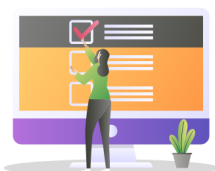
Deadline: 30th October, 2025.

Safeguarding is everybody's business.

Join Our Survey

We're conducting a research study to
strengthen safeguarding and
community action in Nigeria.

Your honest input is valuable in shaping
the future of this work.



Click the link below to complete the short survey!

<https://bit.ly/4nYe2Ra>



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DONATE

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 @wrahpnigeria 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

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Kindly note that all cases are treated with confidentiality. For more information, kindly call: 070 0333 3111 | 091 3220 5119

SCAN TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

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

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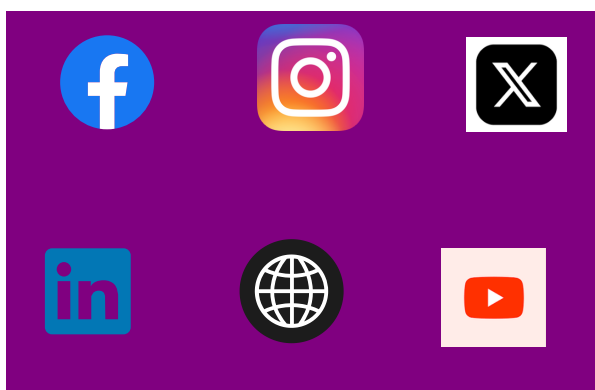
Upcoming Events



Stay tuned for our upcoming events, including:

- Opportunity Market
- 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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