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



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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Partners, Colleagues, and Friends,

October was a month of reflection, action, and renewed commitment to advancing the rights and wellbeing of women and girls. Across our projects and partnerships, we deepened community engagement, strengthened collaborations, and amplified the voices of those often left unheard.

From fostering stronger alliances to protect children and women from violence, to driving conversations on the abandonment of harmful practices, our collective efforts continued to create ripples of change. Each story, dialogue, and outreach activity served as a reminder that transformation begins when knowledge meets action and when communities stand together for justice and equality.

As we move towards the end of the year, we remain steadfast in our mission to build safer, more inclusive communities where women, girls, and vulnerable groups can thrive free from violence and discrimination.

Together, we continue to make every action count

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 October 2025

Total Walk-in: 96



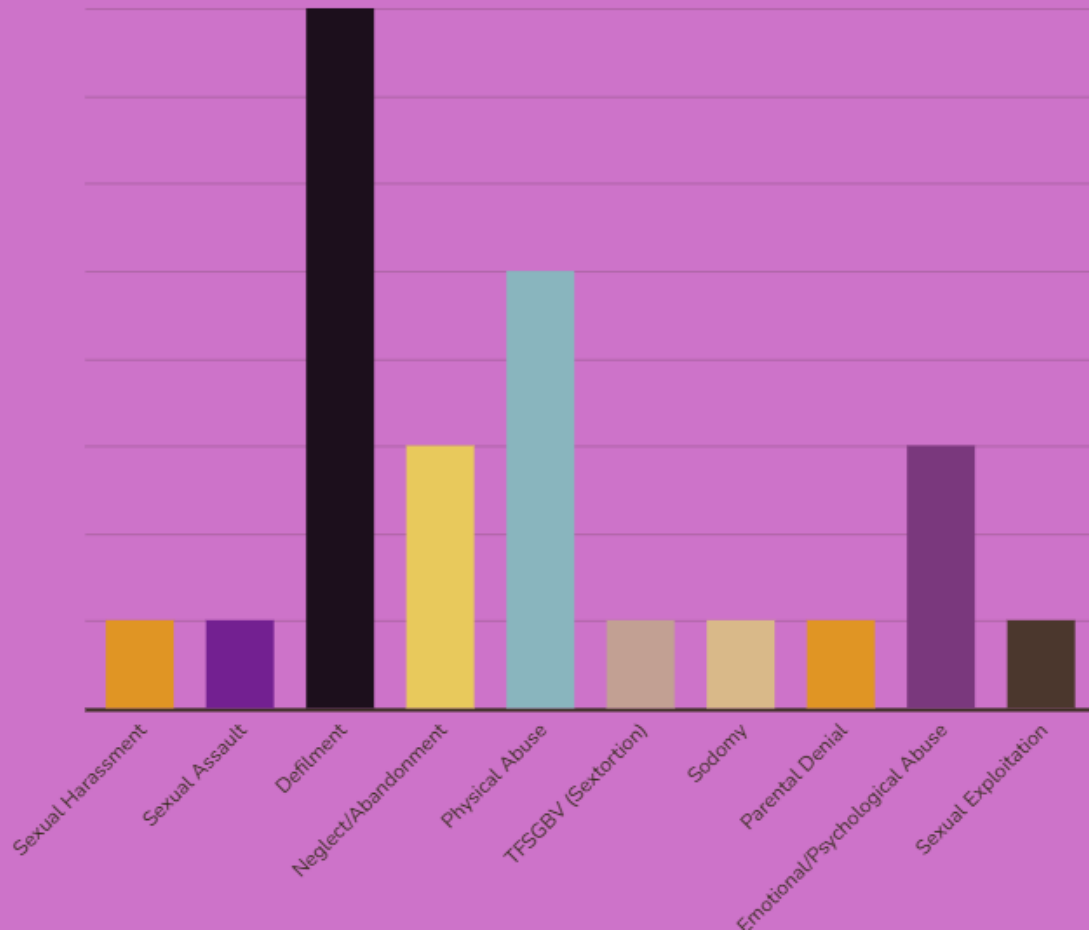
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CASE BOARD

A total of 25 new cases were
received in the month of
October, 2025.



In October 2025, the Ireti Resource Centre recorded 25 new cases of gender-based violence. The highest reports were of defilement, followed by physical abuse and neglect. Each case represents a survivor's courage to speak out and seek help.

At Ireti, every report is more than a statistic; it's a step toward justice, healing, and a violence-free society.

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SUCCESS STORY: CHISOM'S JOURNEY TO HEALING AND JUSTICE

For as long as Chisom (Pseudonymn) could remember, home had never been safe. From a very young age, she endured unimaginable abuse at the hands of her own father, a man who was supposed to protect her. The abuse continued through her teenage years and into adulthood, leaving her emotionally scarred and deeply traumatized.

Despite her silent pleas, Chisom's mother, who was aware of the situation, chose not to intervene. Instead, she watched in silence, allowing the cycle of abuse to continue. As a teenager, Chisom became pregnant as a result of the assault and was forced by her father to terminate the pregnancy. The trauma of that experience left her broken and hopeless.

As Chisom grew older, she realized she could no longer bear the pain or the fear that had defined her life. She made the brave decision to leave home in search of freedom and peace. But her escape came with new dangers, her parents began threatening to harm or even kill her for speaking out and walking away.

Determined to reclaim her life, Chisom found the courage to reach out to Ireti Resource Center, where she finally received the compassion, support, and professional help she had long needed. Through Ireti's psychosocial support and counselling services, Chisom began to open up about her experience. She was provided with safe space, therapy sessions, and legal guidance to pursue justice.

Every survivor's story reminds us that healing begins when silence ends and support meets courage.

At WRAHP, we continue to stand with survivors and call on everyone to join the fight against sexual and gender-based violence

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ENGAGEMENTS

BUILDING ALLIES FOR CHANGE: 25 MEN TRAINED TO STAND AGAINST SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

As part of its ongoing project titled “Protecting Women and Girls from Sexual Violence through Changes in Behaviour, Practices, and Attitudes of Community Members in 3 LGAs in Lagos State,” WRAHP, with support from the African Women’s Development Fund (AWDF), organized a 2-day training for 25 Male Advocates from Alimosho, Oshodi-Isolo, and Ojo LGAs.

The training aimed to strengthen the capacity of men as case managers and mandatory reporters on sexual violence, as well as community advocates for prevention and response.

Through interactive sessions led by well-knowledgeable facilitators, participants explored key themes including understanding sexual violence, survivor-centered response, guiding legal frameworks, and community resilience.

We commended the male advocates for their commitment, emphasizing that “the fight against sexual violence requires active male allies who are informed, compassionate, and bold enough to challenge harmful norms.”



SUPPORTING SURVIVORS, SHAPING SAFER COMMUNITIES

In October, our Safe Space sessions once again proved the power of community and healing. At the AWDF-supported session, 15 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.



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TURNING KNOWLEDGE INTO ACTION: LWRO'S IMPACT IN ENDING SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Ending sexual violence requires more than awareness, it demands sustained advocacy, community engagement, and survivor-centered action. Over the past few months, WRAHP's Local Women's Rights Organization (LWRO) has demonstrated this commitment by reaching a total of 23,380 individuals (18,517 females and 9,863 males, including persons with disabilities) through its ongoing efforts to prevent and respond to sexual violence.

Through awareness campaigns, community dialogues, training sessions, and survivor support programs, LWRO continues to empower communities with the knowledge and tools to identify, address, and eliminate sexual and gender-based violence. Their approach emphasizes education, stronger legal responses, and psychosocial support for survivors.

WRAHP celebrates the remarkable achievements of its LWRO and reaffirms its commitment to supporting initiatives that promote safety, equality, and justice for all.



JUSTICE MEETS THE COMMUNITY: WRAHP BRINGS LEGAL SUPPORT TO OJO RESIDENTS

WRAHP, with support from the African Women's Development Fund (AWDF), hosted a Community Legal Clinic in Ojo LGA, as part of its ongoing project, "Protecting Women and Girls from Sexual Violence through Changes in Behaviour, Practices, and Attitudes."

The session, held at the Iba Community Town Hall, brought together 55 community members who learned about key legal frameworks protecting against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV). Through interactive sessions, participants deepened their understanding of consent, child rights, domestic violence laws, and sexual offences under the Criminal Law of Lagos State. Participants also learned about consent through the F.R.I.E.S. model, emphasizing that consent must be freely given, informed, enthusiastic, specific, and reversible. Additionally, free legal consultations were offered.



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EMPOWERING YOUNG MINDS: PROMOTING MENSTRUAL HEALTH AWARENESS AMONG YOUNG STUDENTS

As part of our ongoing Menstrual Health Education Programme supported by the Ishk Tolaram Foundation, WRAHP, under its Ireti Young Leadership Program, held its first sensitization session at Excel College, Isheri Osun, Lagos.

The interactive session reached a total of 304 students (180 girls and 124 boys) with engaging discussions on puberty, menstrual hygiene, and the importance of shared responsibility and support among peers. Female participants also received sanitary kits to promote practical menstrual hygiene management and ensure that no girl misses school due to her period.

The students' enthusiasm and curiosity underscored the urgent need for continued menstrual health education in schools, especially one that includes boys as advocates and allies.

This activity marks the first in a series of school-based sessions under The Period Comic Initiative, aimed at advancing menstrual health awareness and reducing stigma among adolescents in Lagos State.



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PARTNERSHIP

STRENGTHENING COLLABORATION TO PROTECT CHILD DOMESTIC WORKERS IN LAGOS

WRAHP was represented by its Volunteer, Olamide Akinsola, who participated in a Consultative Forum on Alleviating the Plight of Child Domestic Workers in Lagos State, organized by the Cece Yara Advocacy Centre.

The session brought together stakeholders to discuss ways to strengthen collaboration in protecting child domestic workers from exploitation and abuse. We remain key to safeguarding children's rights and ensuring every child grows in a safe, nurturing environment.



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EDO STATE

DRIVING GRASSROOTS ACTION TO END FGM IN EDO STATE.

With support from UNICEF Nigeria, WRAHP continued to advance efforts to eliminate Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) through community-driven advocacy, education, and engagement in Edo State.

In October, WRAHP, in collaboration with the University of Benin (UNIBEN), organized an Edutainment (Educational Entertainment-Arts for FGM Elimination) event, a creative fusion of education and art aimed at raising awareness and disseminating vital information on ending FGM. The event provided a powerful platform for young people, academics, and advocates to challenge harmful norms and inspire collective action.

Beyond the Edutainment event, trained Adolescent Girls' Clubs (AGCs), community facilitators, and women-led Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) sustained the momentum through several grassroots initiatives, including:

- Peer-to-peer sessions across schools and communities in Benin City, Igueben, Oluku, and New Benin.
- Family sensitizations and house-to-house visits by AGCs to deepen understanding and spark dialogue on FGM prevention.
- Advocacy visits to traditional leaders, schools, religious institutions, and health centers including the palace of the Onojie of Uwelu, Celestial Church of Christ, and Bamby Hospital, among others.
- Reflective dialogues with diverse groups such as nursing mothers, farmers, and the Association of the Deaf, ensuring inclusivity in the fight against FGM.



Through these combined efforts, WRAHP continues to empower local actors, amplify survivor voices, and strengthen community ownership in ending FGM one dialogue, one community, and one generation 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

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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

To download: go to Google Playstore or Apple Playstore

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

A screenshot of a smartphone displaying the 'ENCARE' app interface. The screen shows a 'Report Abuse' form with fields for 'Name', 'Phone Number', 'Email', and a 'Select Category' dropdown menu. There are also buttons for 'Report Abuse', 'Cancel', and 'Next Step'. The app is developed by Teqbahn Labs.

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

HONORING OUR OCTOBER STARS!



October was extra special at WRAHP as we celebrated the birthdays of three amazing members of our team; our visionary Executive Director, Bose Ironsi, our Finance/Admin Assistant, Joy Okorouga and our Programs Assistant, Chidera Ironsi.

Their leadership, commitment, and teamwork continue to inspire us every day. We celebrate their passion, contributions, and the light they bring to WRAHP's mission of advancing women's rights and wellbeing.

Here's wishing them a year filled with happiness, good health, and continued impact!



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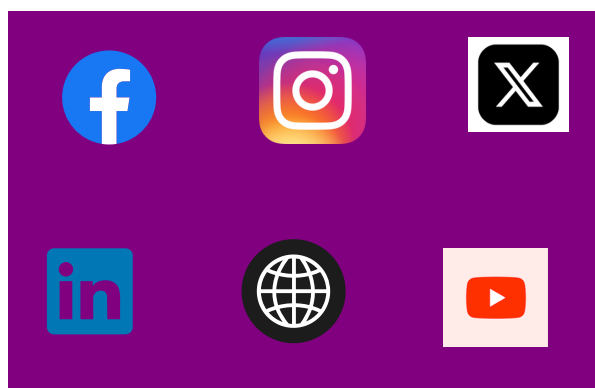
Upcoming Events



Stay tuned for our upcoming events, including:

- Celebration of Survivors
- 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
- Activism on 16 Days of Activism.

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