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



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Partners, Supporters, and Friends,

March has been a powerful reminder that advancing gender equality requires both collective action and sustained commitment. From global advocacy at CSW70 to community-level engagements and youth-focused interventions, our work continues to center on amplifying voices, strengthening systems, and supporting survivors.

Across all our efforts, one reality remains clear, sexual and gender-based violence persists and demands urgent, coordinated response.

At WRAHP, we remain committed to driving change through advocacy, partnerships, and survivor-centred support.

We must collectively eradicate this menace by intensifying awareness and providing support for survivors.

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

HIGHLIGHTS

**IRETI'S DATA
BOARD**

**STORIES OF
IMPACT**

ENGAGEMENTS

PARTNERSHIP

**KNOWLEDGE
CORNER**

**UPCOMING
ACTIVITIES**

OTHERS

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Cases received at Ireti Resource Centre in March 2026

Total Walk-in: 51

 = 35

 = 16

CASE BOARD

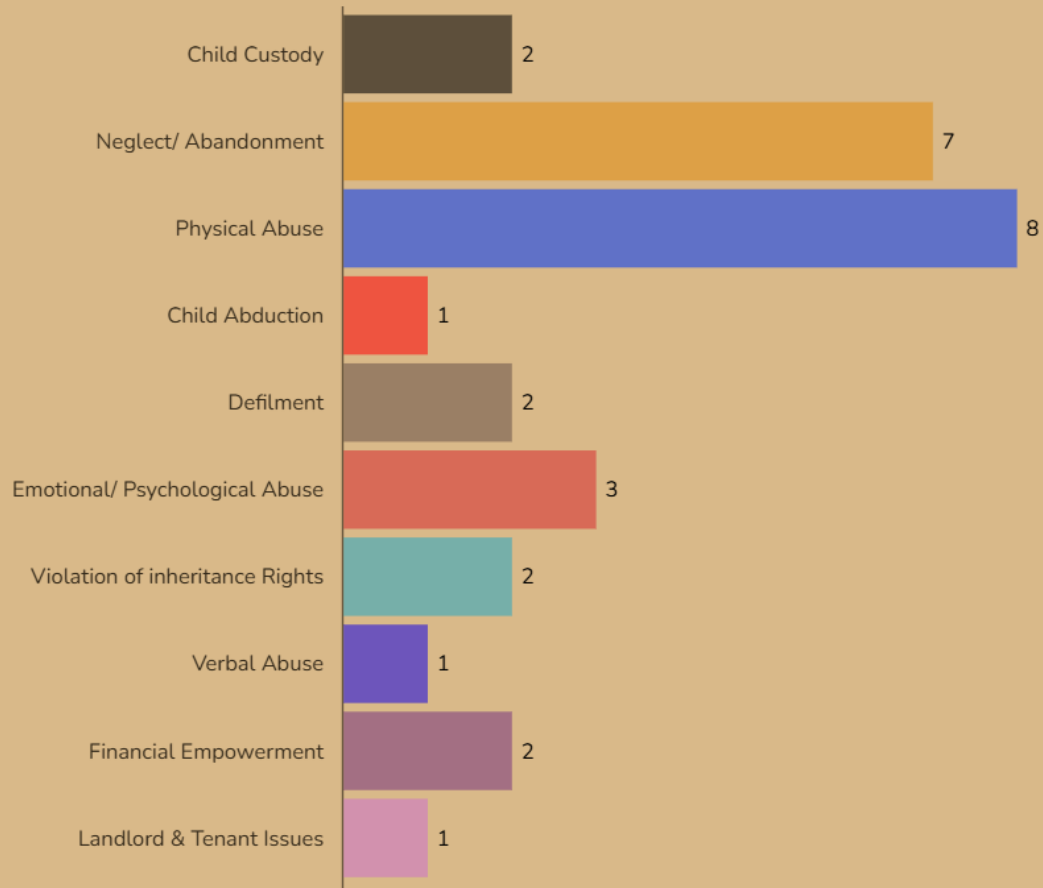
A total of 29 new cases were
received in March 2026.

Female: 35

Male: 3

Adult: 24

Children: 4



WHAT THE MARCH 2026 DATA SHOWS

In March 2026, the Ireti Resource Centre handled 29 cases, with physical abuse and neglect/abandonment as the most reported. Other cases, including emotional abuse, child custody, and defilement highlight the varied forms of violence and rights violations in our communities.

Abuse takes many forms and often goes unreported. Speak up, support survivors, and promote awareness of rights.

At WRAHP, we remain committed to providing safe, confidential support and access to justice.

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STORY OF IMPACT: RESTORING HOPE AND STABILITY

Mrs. A approached the Ireti Resource Center in distress over the persistent emotional and financial hardship she faced in her marriage. She shared how her husband had abandoned his responsibilities, leaving her to care for their children alone while he became deeply involved in Baba Ijebu betting.

The situation escalated when he took all proceeds from their jointly owned property without providing for the family. The Center immediately provided psychological first aid, counseling, and psychoeducation and invited the husband to mediation.

With support from the police, an undertaking was signed, leading to significant changes: the husband provided an apartment for the woman and children and settled all outstanding debts. The survivor later returned to express her gratitude, bringing gifts that were respectfully declined, as Ireti Resource Center remains committed to offering all services free of charge.

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WRAHP AT CSW70: AMPLIFYING VOICES, ADVANCING GENDER JUSTICE

WRAHP's Executive Director, Bose Ironsi, represented the organization at the 70th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70) in New York, with support from ActionAid Nigeria.

A key highlight of WRAHP's participation was the delivery of an oral statement at the United Nations General Discussion, where critical issues around survivor-centred justice, safeguarding, and the role of civil society were brought to the global stage.

WRAHP also participated in high-level engagements, including a strategic meeting with the UN Deputy Secretary-General, Amina J. Mohammed, where advocacy around increasing women's political representation in Nigeria was advanced.

Across various sessions, key themes emerged:

- The urgent need to bridge the gap between laws and implementation
- Strengthening access to justice for survivors
- Promoting community-led and culturally relevant solutions
- Increasing investment in women's rights organizations

The insights gained will continue to shape WRAHP's work in advancing gender equality, accountability, and justice for women and girls in Nigeria.



STRENGTHENING GRASSROOTS PARTNERS THROUGH DUE DILIGENCE AND PARTNERSHIP APPRAISAL ASSESSMENT

Building on the Partnership Assessment and Monitoring (PAM) process conducted in February, WRAHP extended the same rigorous approach to its community-based partners under the ActionAid Renewed Women's Voice and Leadership (RWVL) Project.

A comprehensive due diligence assessment was conducted across 11 Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) to evaluate their institutional capacity, systems, and readiness for partnership. Following this process, five CBOs, Havilah Empowerment and Impact Foundation (HEAIF), Women of Wisdom Ministry (WOW), Healthy Living and Women Empowerment Initiative (HELWEI), Treasure Women and Girls Empowerment Foundation, and Ogo-Oluwa Women and Girls Association, were selected for the next phase of the project.

Through this approach, WRAHP continues to strengthen grassroots organizations, ensuring that local actors are empowered to drive lasting change for women and girls.



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FROM SILENCE TO CONFIDENCE: CHANGING THE NARRATIVE ON MENSTRUAL HEALTH

Through the Ireti Young Leadership Program (IYLP), with support from AB Microfinance Bank, Nigeria, WRAHP continued its commitment to advancing menstrual health education among adolescents in Lagos State.

Building on previous successes, the initiative reached 1,614 students (1,139 girls and 475 boys) across six secondary schools in Alimosho, Ojo, and Badagry LGAs. The sessions focused on improving menstrual health knowledge, promoting hygiene practices, and breaking stigma through inclusive, interactive learning.



A key highlight of the intervention was the deliberate engagement of boys as allies, helping to shift attitudes from stigma to understanding. Students actively participated in discussions on puberty, menstrual hygiene, and myth-busting, creating safe spaces for open conversations.

The initiative recorded improved confidence among female students in managing their menstrual health while also fostering empathy and support among male students.

WRAHP remains committed to creating informed, confident, and supportive young leaders, ensuring that no girl is held back by stigma or lack of knowledge.



ADVANCING ADOLESCENT ENGAGEMENT AND ENDING FGM



In March, WRAHP continued its partnership with UNICEF to strengthen efforts toward ending Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) through sustained community and school-based interventions.

Regular activities included follow-up engagement with community-based organizations (CBOs) and survivors, facilitation of reflective dialogues on FGM, and ongoing data collection and reporting to support evidence-based programming.

A key highlight of the month was WRAHP's in-school sensitization and inauguration of Adolescent Girls' Clubs across several secondary schools in Edo State. These sessions provided safe spaces for girls to learn, engage, and build confidence as advocates against harmful practices.

By working directly with adolescents and communities, WRAHP continues to promote awareness, strengthen prevention efforts, and empower young girls to become voices for change in the fight against FGM.



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BEYOND AWARENESS – ADDRESSING THE REAL DRIVERS OF HIV

Recent data from Nigeria shows a concerning trend: thousands of new HIV cases were recorded between January and March 2026, with states like Lagos, Benue, and Akwa Ibom recording the highest numbers. These figures are more than statistics; they represent real people and a reminder that HIV remains a critical public health issue.

While progress has been made in care, support, and treatment, new infections persist. This highlights an important reality: prevention cannot rely on information alone.

To effectively address HIV, we must confront the root causes driving vulnerability, including:

- **Poverty and economic inequality**
- **Limited access to healthcare services**
- **Gender inequality and power imbalances**
- **Stigma and discrimination**

These factors often limit individuals' ability to make safe choices, access services, or seek support.

Why This Matters

Women, young people, and vulnerable populations remain disproportionately affected, not just because of lack of knowledge but because of systemic barriers that shape their realities.

A Call to Action

Ending HIV requires more than awareness—it demands collective, structural action:

- Strengthen access to care, support, and treatment services
- Address social and economic inequalities
- Promote safe, stigma-free environments for testing and support
- Invest in community-based and youth-friendly health services

At WRAHP, we believe that sustainable prevention must go beyond information to address the conditions that make people vulnerable in the first place.

Ending HIV starts with tackling the systems that sustain it.

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CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN NORTHERN NIGERIA

Are you a Civil Society Organisation working in Northern Nigeria (North Central, North West, or North East)?

WRAHP is inviting organisations in Northern Nigeria to apply for the Safeguarding Mentorship Programme (RSH Nigeria).

8-month tailored mentorship
Organisational safeguarding capacity assessment
Practical support to strengthen systems
Access to safeguarding tools and resources

Apply here:

<https://ee.kobotoolbox.org/x/1UvGmX5k>

Deadline: 10th April, 2026

Please share with relevant organisations

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Safeguarding Mentorship Programme for CSOs

For Organisations in Northern Nigeria

Are you a Civil Society Organisation working in the North Central, North West or North East?

Are you interested in strengthening your organization's safeguarding practices and systems?

- ✓ 8-month mentorship support
- ✓ Safeguarding Capacity assessment
- ✓ Strengthen policies & systems
- ✓ Access to safeguarding tools & resources
- ✓ Access to micro-grant (available to 7 less resourced CSOs based on performance)

Up to 10 hours monthly engagement

APPLY NOW

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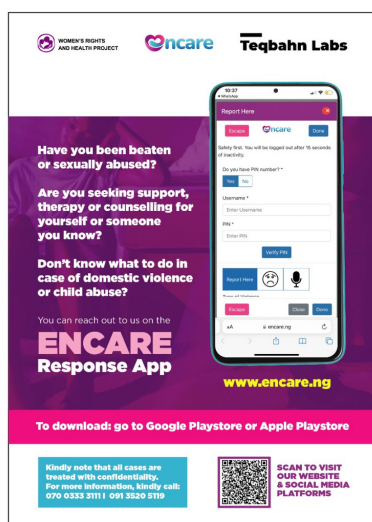
Only shortlisted organisations will be contacted.

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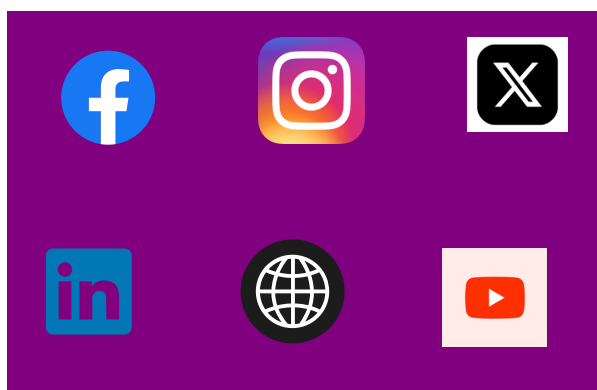
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Kindly go to any of our social media platforms @wrahpnigeria or click on this link www.wrahp.com to donate. Thank you as you support this dream of restoring hope in our communities.



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

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Upcoming Events

Stay tuned for our upcoming events:



- Safe Space Sessions
- Community Legal Clinics
- Training of Civil State Actors on Safety & Digital Protection in Lagos and Edo State.
- Training & Mentoring of CSOs in the North on safeguarding
- Menstrual Health and Hygiene Management in Public & Private Schools
- Baseline Survey Exercise on Mental Health among Community Members in 6 LGAs in Lagos State.
- Nigeria Gender Norms, Attitudes, Health, and Well-being - Baseline Survey in 10 LGAs and 30 Communities in Lagos State

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