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



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Partners, Supporters, and Friends,

April was a month of strengthening systems, deepening partnerships, and reinforcing our collective commitment to protecting the rights and dignity of women, girls, and vulnerable communities.

From advancing safeguarding efforts across Northern Nigeria to strengthening conversations around gender-based violence prevention, frontline worker wellbeing, and women's leadership, our engagements this month reaffirmed one important truth: sustainable change requires collaboration, accountability, and compassion.

As we continue this work, we must also recognize the importance of creating safe spaces where survivors are supported, frontline responders are cared for, and communities are empowered with knowledge and access to justice.

Let us continue to challenge harmful norms, strengthen protection systems, and create safer communities for all.

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**

**YOUTH
CORNER**

**UPCOMING
ACTIVITIES**

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Cases received at Ireti Resource Centre in April 2026

Total Walk-in: 81

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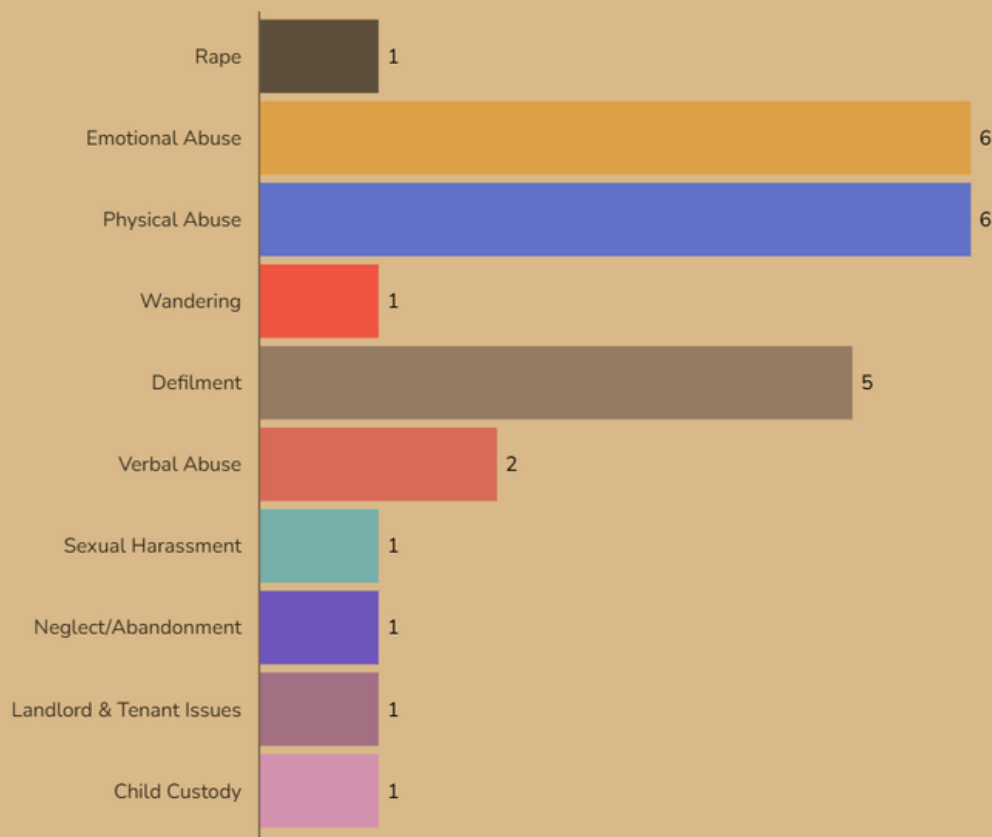
CASE BOARD

A total of 25 new cases were
received in April 2026.

TOTAL: 81

Female: 43

Male: 38



WHAT THE APRIL 2026 DATA SHOWS

In April 2026, the Ireti Resource Centre received 25 new cases, with physical abuse and emotional abuse emerging as the most reported cases, closely followed by defilement. The data highlights the continued prevalence of violence and abuse affecting individuals and families within our communities.

The cases recorded also reflect the many forms abuse can take, including verbal abuse, sexual harassment, neglect, and custody-related issues, reinforcing the need for increased awareness, early intervention, and access to support services.

At WRAHP and the Ireti Resource Centre, we remain committed to providing safe, confidential, and survivor-centred support while continuing advocacy to prevent all forms of violence and abuse.

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STORY OF IMPACT: RESTORING HOPE AND STABILITY

A couple was referred to Ireti Resource Center through a police referral following severe marital conflict, emotional disconnection, frequent arguments, and anger-related incidents that had significantly affected their relationship and home environment. At the point of presentation, both partners were emotionally exhausted, communication had broken down, and separation was being considered. During the initial intervention, both individuals were given a safe space to express their frustrations, emotional pain, and unmet needs. Clinical assessment revealed patterns of emotional reactivity, poor anger regulation, avoidance, and unresolved communication difficulties that had continued to fuel conflict within the marriage.

A structured therapeutic intervention was initiated, involving individual psychosocial support, anger management sessions, and joint couple therapy. Throughout the sessions, both partners demonstrated commitment to the process and gradually began applying healthier communication strategies, emotional regulation techniques, active listening skills, and constructive conflict resolution methods. Significant progress was observed as emotional outbursts reduced, communication improved, and both partners became more emotionally available, accountable, and supportive of one another. Their children also reportedly began noticing positive changes in the home and appeared more emotionally relaxed.

By the end of the intervention, the couple had successfully rebuilt emotional trust, improved their marital relationship, and restored peace within their home. In a touching final visit, they returned to Ireti Resource Center accompanied by their children to express heartfelt appreciation for the role the center played in saving their union and strengthening their family bond. Their journey became a powerful reminder that with professional support, willingness to change, and mutual commitment, families in crisis can experience healing, restoration, and lasting transformation.

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ADVANCING GENDER EQUALITY THROUGH THE RWVL NIGERIA PROJECT

WRAHP joined women's rights organizations and partners at the Renewed Women's Voice and Leadership (RWVL) Inception and Annual Planning Meeting, convened by ActionAid Nigeria in Abuja.

The convening provided a platform to align strategies for advancing gender equality, organizational sustainability, and collective advocacy. Through collaborative sessions, partners developed multi-year concept notes, workplans, budgets, and results frameworks, ensuring readiness for coordinated and impactful implementation. The signing of MOUs further strengthened accountability and partnership commitments.

The meeting also enhanced partner capacity in key areas including safeguarding, feminist leadership, monitoring and evaluation, and evidence-based advocacy. Participants explored practical approaches to women's economic empowerment, with a focus on advancing women's leadership within economic systems. Importantly, the convening created space for wellness and collective care, recognizing the need for sustainable activism.

The engagement reinforced the importance of collaboration, shared learning, and strong systems in driving lasting impact for women and girls.

[Click here](#) to watch our big announcement on the launch of the project



PROMOTING SAFEGUARDING IN THE DEVELOPMENT SECTOR

As part of activities commemorating Child Abuse Prevention Month, WRAHP's Centre Manager and LAP Safeguarding Focal Person, Precious N. Eberechukwu Ndukwu, facilitated a virtual session on "Safeguarding Training for the Development Sector" organized by the Child Protection Network Nigeria, Lagos State Chapter.

The session emphasized the importance of creating safe, accountable, and survivor-centred spaces within organizations, while strengthening understanding of safeguarding responsibilities across the development sector. Participants explored key safeguarding principles, reporting mechanisms, and the need to move beyond policies toward building an organizational culture that prioritizes protection, dignity, and accountability.

The engagement reinforced WRAHP's continued commitment to advancing safeguarding awareness and strengthening protection systems for vulnerable populations.

CHILD PROTECTION
NETWORK NIGERIA
(LAGOS STATE CHAPTER)

CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION MONTH

WED. 29TH APRIL
2026

Topic:
Safeguarding
Training for
Development Sector

TIME: 7PM - 8PM

VIRTUAL
GOOGLE MEET

Precious N Eberechukwu
Ndukwu
IRETI RESOURCE CENTER
MANAGER/ LAP SAFEGUARDING
FOCAL PERSON

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STRENGTHENING DATA FOR IMPACT

In April, WRAHP's M&E Officer, Queensley Okojie participated in a five-day training organized by the Policy Innovation Centre (PIC) to prepare Research Assistants for a baseline survey on gender norms, health, and wellbeing in Nigeria.

The training equipped participants with skills in ethical data collection, safeguarding, and the use of digital tools such as KoboCollect. Through practical sessions, role plays, and pilot testing, participants built confidence for fieldwork.

This initiative lays the foundation for collecting reliable, high-quality data to inform interventions across 20 LGAs.

At WRAHP, we remain committed to evidence-based programming that drives meaningful impact.



SAFE DIGITAL FINANCE PRACTICES FOR NPOS



As digital finance continues to reshape how organizations raise and manage funds, stakeholders across Nigeria are stepping up to ensure these tools are used responsibly and securely.

WRAHP's Communication & Partnership Officer, Ayomide Okeleye participated in a two-day training organized by the Special Control Unit Against Money Laundering (SCUML) on countering the financing of terrorism in digital finance.

The workshop focused on emerging risks associated with cryptocurrencies, crowdfunding, and virtual assets, while equipping participants with practical knowledge on compliance, due diligence, and financial transparency.

The training reinforced the importance of responsible use of digital financial tools and the role of non-profits in promoting transparency and safeguarding financial systems.

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STRENGTHENING GBV PREVENTION AND RESPONSE IN SOUTHWEST NIGERIA

WRAHP's Executive Director, Bose Ironsi and Communications Assistant Ololade Adesina participated in a regional dialogue convened by the Balm in Gilead Foundation for Sustainable Development (BIGIF), bringing together stakeholders across Southwest Nigeria to strengthen gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response.

The engagement highlighted that GBV remains widespread and underreported, driven by stigma, cultural barriers, and limited access to justice. While progress has been recorded, particularly in Lagos through stronger coordination and improved services, gaps persist in funding, rural outreach, and enforcement of existing laws.

Discussions emphasized the need for coordinated, multi-sectoral action, including strengthening survivor referral pathways, expanding access to services, improving data systems, and increasing accountability.

The dialogue reinforced a shared commitment among stakeholders to deepen collaboration and build more responsive, survivor-centred systems that ensure protection, dignity, and justice for all.



SUPPORTING FRONTLINE WORKERS: CARING FOR THE CARERS



Frontline child protection workers often carry the emotional weight of responding to abuse and exploitation, yet their wellbeing is rarely prioritized.

WRAHP's Psychologist, MaryJane Obiagwu participated at the recent capacity-building session by the Cece Yara Child Advocacy Center focused on strengthening the resilience of these workers, highlighting the realities of secondary trauma, compassion fatigue, and burnout.

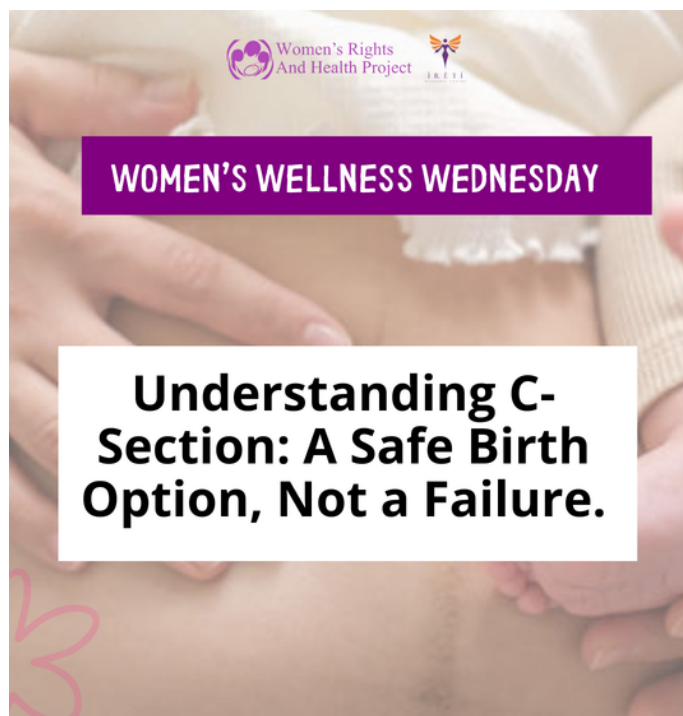
Through practical discussions and case-based learning, participants explored strategies for self-care, peer support, and institutional responsibility. A key outcome was the creation of a peer-support platform, "Frontliners Safe Space," to promote continuous support and shared learning.

The session reinforced a simple but critical message: those who care for others must also be cared for.

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KNOWLEDGE CORNER

“BUT DOCTOR, I DON’T WANT MY WIFE TO HAVE A CS”



Without timely intervention, the consequences can be severe: ruptured uterus, heavy bleeding, infection, birth asphyxia (when the baby does not get enough oxygen), stillbirth, or even maternal death.

Nigeria continues to face high maternal mortality rates, with thousands of women dying yearly from preventable causes linked to childbirth. Studies show that delays in seeking or accepting care, often due to family decision-making dynamics, are a major contributor.

It's important to understand: a CS is not a failure or weakness. It is a medical solution designed to protect life when natural delivery becomes unsafe. Fear, cultural beliefs, or misinformation should never stand in the way of urgent care.

Last month, Chinedu sat in the hospital corridor, restless and afraid. His wife had been in labour for over 18 hours. When the doctor recommended an emergency Caesarean Section (CS) to save both mother and baby, he shook his head. “No, she must deliver naturally,” he insisted. Minutes turned into hours, and the risk kept rising.

Stories like this are common. Many men believe they must give the final approval for a CS. While a husband's voice matters in family decisions, medically and ethically, a woman has the right to consent to procedures concerning her body. More importantly, delaying a medically necessary CS can be life-threatening.

According to the World Health Organization, Caesarean sections are critical, lifesaving procedures when complications arise. Prolonged or obstructed labour, like in Chinedu's case, is one of the leading reasons for emergency CS.

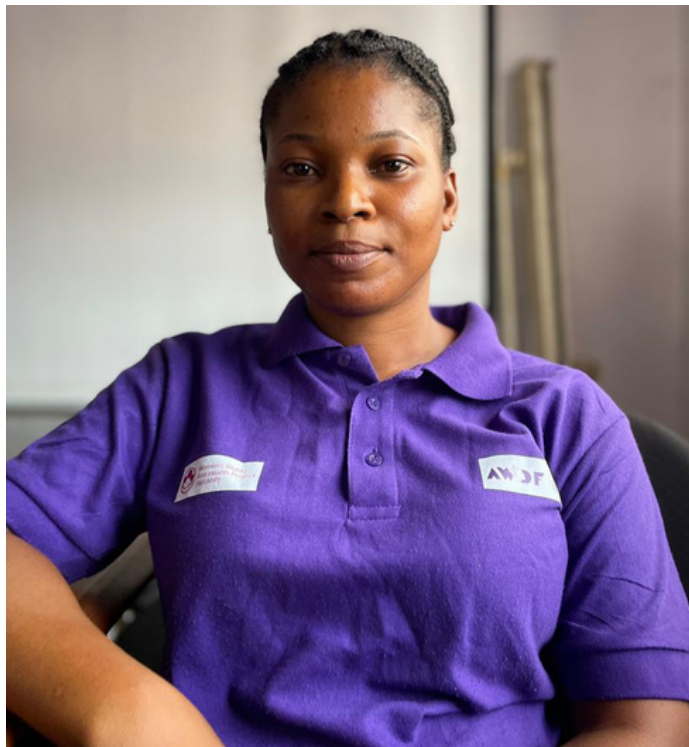
True partnership in marriage means supporting informed, timely decisions. Ask questions, understand the risks, and trust trained professionals, but never allow pride or fear to delay care.

Because in moments like these, it's not about “who decides.” It's about who survives.

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YOUTH CORNER

MY PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE AT WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND HEALTH PROJECT (WRAHP)



Carrying out my practicum at Women's Rights and Health Project (WRAHP) was one of the most valuable and enjoyable experiences of my training. From the first day, I felt welcomed by the team and supported throughout my placement. Being part of an organization that focuses on women's rights and health made my experience meaningful, I gained practical skills, learned how to support activities in the field, and improved my work habits in a professional environment.

During my placement of six weeks, I had the opportunity to contribute to the organization's work through both field support and office tasks. In the field, I learned the importance of responsibility, teamwork, and respectful communication. I also supported activities by following instructions carefully and ensuring everything was done correctly and on time. This helped me understand how important coordination is in organizations that work toward women's rights and health.

In addition, I worked on data entry using Microsoft Excel, specifically entering names and organizing information efficiently. This task taught me how to pay attention to detail, maintain accuracy, and improve my Excel skills. It was also a valuable learning experience because I realized that good data management is essential for proper record-keeping and for supporting effective planning within the organization.

Overall, my practicum experience at WRAHP strengthened both my practical skills and my interest in women's rights and health work. I am grateful for the opportunity to learn in such an impactful environment and for the experience that made my training more meaningful.

Thank you to WRAHP for the opportunity and for making my practicum a valuable and memorable experience.

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STRENGTHENING SAFEGUARDING ACROSS NORTHERN NIGERIA

April marked a significant step forward in WRAHP's role as the Local Affiliate Partner (LAP) for the Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub (RSH) Nigeria, as the programme transitioned from planning to active implementation.

A key highlight was the launch of the Call for Expression of Interest for civil society organisations in Northern Nigeria to participate in the Safeguarding Mentorship Programme. The response was remarkable, with over 200 applications received across the North Central, Northwest, and Northeast regions, demonstrating a growing recognition of safeguarding as essential to organisational accountability.

Following a rigorous selection process, successful organisations are now being onboarded for an eight-month mentorship programme, where they will receive tailored support to strengthen safeguarding systems, policies, and practices.

Early insights reveal that while awareness of safeguarding exists, many organisations still struggle with practical implementation. This reinforces the need to move beyond policies toward embedding safeguarding as an organisational culture.

Through this initiative, WRAHP continues to position safeguarding as a core pillar of leadership, accountability, and responsible programming across the development sector.

We also encourage organisations and practitioners to access free safeguarding tools, resources, and e-learning modules available on the RSH Nigeria Hub to support their safeguarding journey. [Click here](#)



RSH E-LEARNING

SAFEGUARDING MATTERS



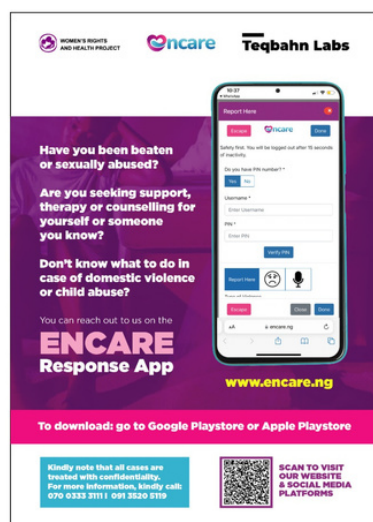
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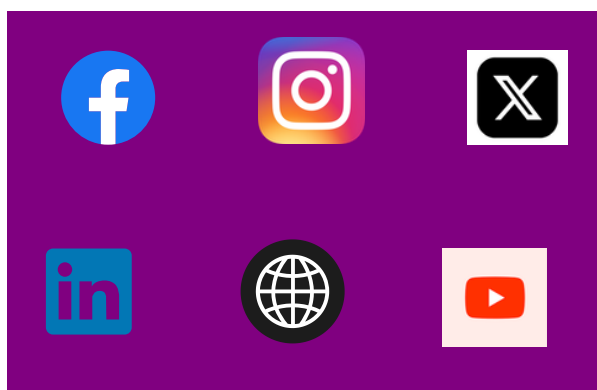
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Kindly go to any of our social media platforms @wrahp Nigeria or click on this link www.wrahp.com to donate. Thank you as you support this dream of restoring hope in our communities.



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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.
- 3- Day Inception and Planning Meeting for 5 CBO partners on the Renewed Women's Voice and Leadership Project (RWVL).
- Provision of psychosocial support and access to legal services for survivors of SGBV.

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