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...inspired to uplift women and youths for a fruitful life in the society

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GAC – Global Affairs Canada

MRA – Media Rights Agenda

NISCOPS -National Initiatives for Sustainable and Climate-Smart Oil
Palm Small holders Programme

PWDs – Persons Living with Disabilities

SGBV – Sexual and Gender-Based Violence

SRHR – Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights

SLU -Sustainable Land Use Practices

VSLA -Village Savings Loans and Associations

WAVA – Women Advocates for Vaccine Access

WINET – Women Information Network

WVL -Women's Voice and Leadership Nigeria Project

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THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SPEAKS

I would like to thank all of you who have participated and engaged with our work, partnered with us, funded us and inspired us. You have supported us to achieve more than we thought possible.

You helped us to make some impact when it mattered most during the COVID-19 pandemic that disrupted activities but created new opportunities for increased virtual interactions.

We are grateful to all our Board members and partners including AmplifyChange, ActionAid Nigeria, Women's Voice and Leadership Project Nigeria funded by Global Affairs Canada, Mundo Cooperante of Spain, Women Advocates for Vaccine Access (WAVA), Solidaridad Regional Expertise Centre, West Africa and CLEEN Foundation supported by MacArthur Foundation.

We give thanks to God Almighty who makes all things possible. WINET will face the year 2021 with optimism.

Thank you!



Miriam Menkiti (Mrs.)
Executive Director

Who we are and what we do?

Women Information Network (WINET) is a media focused, women's non-governmental and non-profit organization established in January 2000, registered with Corporate Affairs Commission of Nigeria in 2002 with registration number: RC:14892.

WINET works towards the dissemination of information to promote gender equality, women's rights, human and political rights and ensures that Nigerian women and girls have access to information that will enable them to make informed decisions.

The organization carries out training of women and girls, conducts media advocacy, disseminates information on all issues relating to the advancement of women's rights in the society and implements peace building activities.

WINET has taken actions to condemn and combat Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) in the society and engaged in campaigns to promote women's rights.

WINET has over the years carried out activities to empower various categories of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) to access justice through the courts. It has empowered hearing impaired youths with information on their fundamental human rights and women and girls on their sexual reproductive health and rights.

Baseline studies that have been conducted by WINET include Online Study on The Most Prevalent Types of Sexual And Gender-Based Violence During the COVID-19 Lockdown March–August in Enugu State, Nigeria (2020); Child and Forced Marriages in Ebenebe Community, Anambra State of Nigeria (2016); Persons with Disabilities and Access to Justice in Enugu State (2014), Utilization of Customary Courts in Enugu State of Nigeria (2012), and Women's Reproductive Rights in Enugu State, Nigeria (2006).

Vision: WINET seeks an informed society where women know, exercise and enjoy their rights while performing their duties and obligations

Mission is to uplift Nigerians, especially women, young people and persons with



disabilities, by providing them with information and support to enable them live fruitful lives.

Aims and Objectives include to:

- Inform, educate and create awareness on women's rights issues including human rights, as well as promote and protect rights.
- Campaign for ending sexual and gender-based violence against women, girls and people with disabilities.
- Promote women's political rights agenda and reforms to eliminate institutional discrimination against women and girls.
- Engage in media advocacy campaigns and other such activities considered necessary for the advancement of women, young people and persons with disabilities.
- Organize conferences, workshop and meetings on topical issues of concern to women, girls and youths.
- Disseminate information on HIV/AIDS Prevention, Sexual Reproductive Health&Rights of Women and Young people, Safe Motherhood and Democracy and Good Governance
- Engage in research and publications on outcomes of the organizations' activities.

WINET's core values include:

- Respect for Human Rights
- Integrity
- Professionalism
- Transparency and Accountability
- Non-Partisanship and Non-Sectarian

PROGRAM AREAS

- Sexual & Gender Based Violence (SGBV)
 - Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)
 - Human Rights & Civic Education
 - Democracy & Good Governance
 - HIV & AIDS Prevention
 - Safe Motherhood
 - Media Campaigns
 - Training and Research
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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

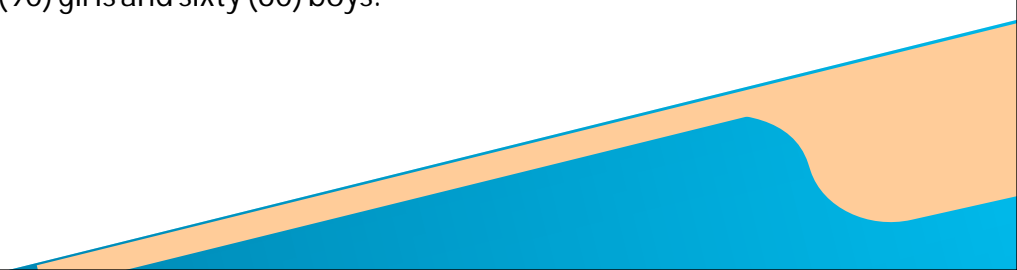
SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS EDUCATION AND COUNSELLING SERVICES FOR YOUNG GIRLS AND WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES IN ENUGU STATE, NIGERIA FUNDED BY AMPLIFYCHANGE 2019-2021

Under the Strengthening Grant project, several activities were carried out in the year 2020. They include training of twenty-two (22) Sign Language Interpreters and teachers on Sexual Reproductive Health & Rights (SRHR) Education to train students of the two project schools, Special Education Centre Ogbete, Enugu and Special Education Centre, Oji River in February.

On 16th July 2020, findings from a baseline study that determined the Level of Awareness of Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights as Human Rights by Young Girls and Women with Disabilities in Enugu State, Nigeria carried out by WINET were disseminated to stakeholders including People with Disabilities and Civil Society Organizations.

Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) Training for 150 Members of Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities (JONAPWD) Enugu State Chapter: Following a meeting with the leadership of the group, led by Barr. Chikwe Nnamani in October 2020, one hundred and fifty (150) members of the association were trained on SRHR. Members that benefited were selected from the National Association of the Blind, Enugu State, National Association of Persons with Physical Disabilities, Enugu State Chapter and National Association of the Deaf Enugu State Chapter. Fifty (50) female and male members each from the three (3) associations comprising ninety (90) females and sixty (60) males were trained. Training manuals for the blind were in braille.

Six-One-Day SRHR Training of 150 in-School Girls: One hundred and fifty (150) students including girls and boys in the two project schools, Special Education Centre Ogbete, Enugu and Special Education Centre, Oji River received training on Sexual Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) Education, using a manual designed for the purpose. The trainings were facilitated by the Sign Language Interpreters and teachers of the schools trained by WINET. The trainings for Special Education Centre Ogbete, Enugu were on the 3rd, 10th and 12th November, 2020, while that for Special Education Centre, Oji River were on the 5th, 11th and 19th November, 2020. Total beneficiaries were ninety (90) girls and sixty (60) boys.





Students displaying their training manuals during one of the workshops in Special Education Centre, Ogbete Enugu on 3rd November 2020



A Sign Language Interpreter during SRHR training for deaf students at Special Education Centre, Oji River on 5th November 2020

STRATEGIC PLAN DOCUMENT FOR WINET

The first WINET Strategic Plan Document (2021–2025) was developed in September, 2020 with support from AmplifyChange under the Strengthening Grant. WINET Board members, staff, volunteers and beneficiaries led by a Consultant who facilitated the process produced the document. The Strategic Plan Document which is now available is a working document that will guide WINET for the next five years starting from January 2021.



WINET Board Chairperson, Hon. Justice Cordelia Chukwurah (Rtd) and some staff at the workshop



Photo: WINET

WINET Board Chair, Executive Director, Consultant, staff, volunteers and beneficiaries at the workshop



Photo: WINET

Participants in the strategic plan development workshop

SUSTAINED ENLIGHTENMENT CAMPAIGN TO END SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (SGBV) IN ENUGU STATE

WINET is a Women's Voice and Leadership Nigeria Project implementing partner, supported by ActionAid Nigeria and funded by Global Affairs Canada. The Project commenced in February 2020 with the main objective of sustaining a media campaign to protect women and girls against violence and to ensure that their voices are heard on issues that have to do with sexual and gender- based violence.

Activities carried out so far include Town Hall meetings on Ending Sexual and Gender Based Violence at Akegbe-Ugwu and Ugwogo Nike communities.



Photo: WINET

At Akegbe Ugwu



Photo: WINET

At Ugwogo Nike

COMMUNITY DIALOGUES ON MALE INVOLVEMENT IN ENDING SGBV IN UGWUAJI,
ENUGU SOUTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA AND UMUCHIGBO IJI-NIKE, IN ENUGU
EAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA.



At Umuchigbo Iji-Nike

Photo: WINET



At Ugwuaji, Enugu South Local Government

Photo credit: WINET

COVID-19 RESPONSE

In the peak of the lockdown imposed as a means to curb the spread of COVID-19, ActionAid Nigeria supported WINET to disseminate information about COVID-19 through the media to women and girls in communities in Enugu State. Fliers giving information in Igbo language on signs, symptoms and prevention guidelines were disseminated to women and girls in their communities and churches.



Photo: WINET

Dissemination of COVID 19 fliers to young girls of Maria Assumpta Catholic Church, Awkunanaw Enugu

Jingles messages on Covid-19 prevention targeted at women and girls were broadcast to listeners on Coal City FM, Dream FM and Urban Radio reaching listeners in Enugu state and across eleven other states. The essence was for women and girls to stay safe and take responsibility so as to avoid contracting the disease.

Media Campaigns on Ending SGBV

WINET produced jingle messages that condemned SGBV and Rape witnessed during the lockdown, highlighted the punishment as provided in Enugu VAPP Law 2019 as well as encouraged women and girls to report cases. Other messages called on men and boys to join in the campaign to stop Sexual and Gender Based Violence in the society. The jingles provided hotlines for reporting cases to WVL partner WACOL in Enugu, Enugu State, TAMAR Sexual Assault Referral Center (SARC) and the Enugu State Police Control Room.

Radio Phone-in Programmes:WINET designed Nine (9) interactive Radio programmes which were broadcast on Urban Radio, Coal City FM and Dream FM to highlight topics on ending SGBV including Definition of SGBV; Laws that Protect Women & Girls from SGBV; Rape as A Recurring Act of Violence against Women and Girls; Standing Up for Human Rights of Citizens especially Women and Girls on International Human Rights Day; Role of Men & Boys in Ending SGBV; Support to Victims of SGBV; Ending Violence Against Women in Politics; Discussing provisions of Enugu State VAPP Law 2019. Over 100 listeners called into the programmes to ask questions and seek clarifications.



Resource persons at Coal City FM, Dr. Betty Agujiobi, Mazi Jerry Udochu & Anchor Bridget Okoye



Resource persons at Urban Radio Barr. Nnenna Anozie & WEPBI ED Joy Oguadinma
Photo by WINET

ONLINE SURVEY TO DETERMINE THE MOST PREVALENT TYPES OF SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (SGBV) PREVALENT IN ENUGU STATE CARRIED OUT BY WINET.

Results from the study show that:

- One hundred and five (105) responses were received and analyzed.
- 90.5% of the respondents have heard of SGBV in Enugu State while 9.5% had not heard about it before.
- 80% of the respondents are of the view that SGBV is prevalent in Enugu State while 20% do not think so.
- Some of the most prevalent acts of SGBV in Enugu State identified by respondents are rape, FGM, denial of inheritance, Child/forced marriage, intimidation, defilement, abandonment, sexual harassment, sexual abuse and wife battery.
- 64.8% of respondents said that rape is the most frequent type of SGBV they heard practiced against women and girls in Enugu State from January - July 2020 during Covid-19.

ENDING COMMUNITY ACCEPTANCE AND PRACTICE OF GIRL-CHILD AND
FORCED MARRIAGES IN EBENEBE COMMUNITY, ANAMBRA STATE, NIGERIA
– SUPPORTED BY MUNDO COOPERANTE OF SPAIN May 2019 - April 2020

Royal Proclamation to Abolish Practice of Girl Child and Forced Marriages in Ebenebe Community: The greatest achievement of the project was witnessed on 31st December, 2019 when the Traditional Ruler of Ebenebe Community, Awka North Local Government Area of Anambra State, His Royal Majesty, Igwe Chris Nnaegbuna, declared a Royal Proclamation abolishing Girl-Child and Forced Marriages in the Community. This followed community dialogues and sensitization of Cabinet members, women, girls, men and male youths using the Anambra State Child Rights Law as legal framework to stop girl-child and forced marriages in the community.

Distribution of Palliatives: Due to the Covid-19 pandemic that disrupted one of our project activities, Mundo Cooperante graciously approved the use of the funds for distribution of food and sanitary palliatives to indigent women and girls of Ebenebe Community on 17th July, 2020. Thirty-six (36) indigent women and thirty-five (35) girls benefitted. The package for women contained rice, beans and packets of knorr cubes, while the package for the girls contained sanitary pads and packets of indomie noodles.



Photo: WINET



Women of Ebenebe community going home with their palliatives

Photo by WINET

SOLIDARIDAD WEST AFRICA/WINET PARTNERSHIP

WINET is working in partnership with Solidaridad West Africa under the National Initiatives for Sustainable and Climate-Smart Oil Palm Small holders (NISCOPS) programme in Enugu State, Nigeria. The project is with smallholder's oil palm farmers in five (5) Local Government Areas in Enugu State. In Udi local government area, the communities are Umabi, Umulumgbe and Amokwe. The communities for Nkanu West Local Government Area are Akpugo (Onu Orie and Amauzam), Umueze, Obuoffia, Agbani and Obe. In Aninri local government area, the communities are Oduma and Ndeaboh. The project communities in Isi-Uzo Local Government Area are Ikem (Ikem Etiti and Ogor Ikem) and Neke. The communities in Udenu Local Government Area are Ezimo, Umuitodo, Obollo Eke and Obollo Etiti.



The project is focused on training beneficiaries on Promoting Social Inclusion and Climate Change, Best Management Practice (BMP), Sustainable Land Use Practices (SLU) and Village Savings Loan and Associations (VSLA).

Under the 'National Initiatives for Sustainable and Climate-Smart Oil Palm Small holders (NISCOPS) programme, Solidaridad is placing smallholder farmers at the centre of interventions as change agents in the oil palm sector.

NISCOPS is:

- Building farmers' capacity to implement best management practices, intensification/rehabilitation efforts and sustainable climate-smart practices for increased productivity.
- Introducing innovation for improved downstream processing to increase palm oil extraction rate and quality.
- Creating a competitive oil palm sector through policy and institutional dialogue and influencing.
- Improving access to finance, inputs and markets for oil palm smallholder farmers and SMEs.



Photo: WINET

Participants during State-Wide Consultative meeting in Enugu on
2nd December, 2020

ONE-DAY SENSITIZATION ON COVID-19 PREVENTION

WINET received the WAVA/COMCiRIN capacity building webinar most participatory CSO award prize money provided by Women Advocates for Vaccine Access (WAVA) and COMCiRIN. With the permission of the President General of Nchatancha Nike Community in- Enugu East Local Government Area and Agunechibe 1 of Mburu Njodo Kingdom, Chief Goddy Okwo, WINET sensitized twenty girls and women of the area on prevention of COVID-19.

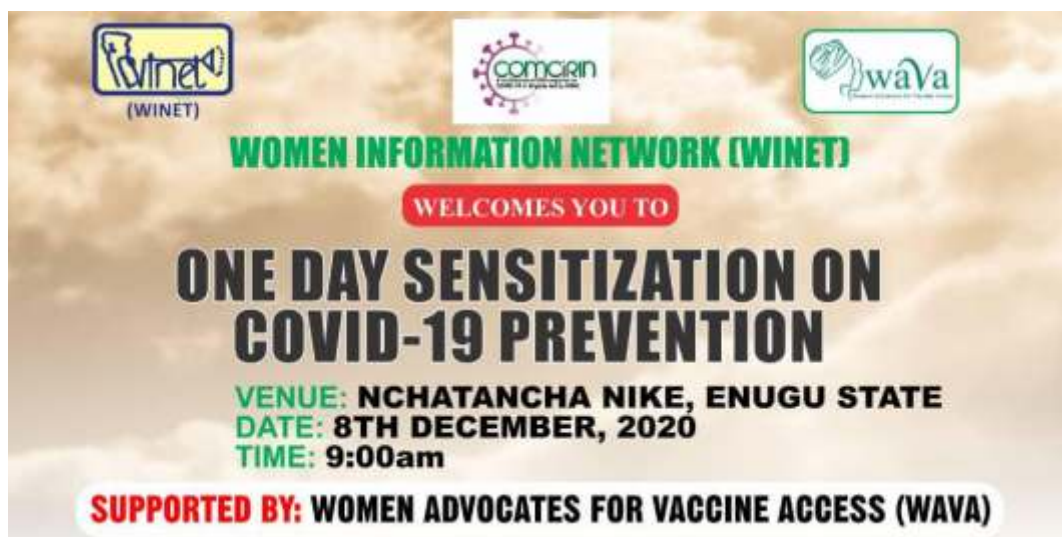




Photo: WINET

ED WINET who facilitated the discussion and participants during celebration of 16 Days of Activism at Women Information Network (WINET) conference room

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY CELEBRATION ON 10th DECEMBER 2020

WINET marked 2020 Human Rights Day on the 10th December 2020, with the Human Rights Club members at Special Education Centre Ogbete Enugu, State at the school premises. Students received information on their basic rights. Speaking at the event the Executive Director of WINET, Mrs. Miriam Menkiti reminded them that every human being, whether deaf or not is entitled to his or her fundamental human rights. She said that increased knowledge of fundamental human rights by the deaf is a step towards upholding the rights. She advised them to report to their teachers once their rights are violated.



Photo: WINET

The students were reminded that December 10th every year is celebrated all over the world as Human Rights Day. The theme for this year's celebration is: Recover Better, Stand up for Human Rights.

NETWORKING ACTIVITIES

WINET participated in activities and trainings by networks to which she belongs. They include Coalition of Eastern Non-Governmental Organizations (CENGOS), West Africa Network for Peace Building (WANEP), Transition Monitoring Group (TMG), Civil Society for HIV and AIDS (CiSHAN) Enugu State, Centre for the Eradication of Violence against Women (CEVAW).

WINET also participated in 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence organized by Centre for the Eradication of Violence against Women (CEVAW) on 9th December, 2020, where discussions centred on how to end SGBV and promote women's rights.



2020 World AIDS Day celebration in Enugu

WORKSHOPS/TRAININGS

WINET staff attended workshops and trainings including the Women's Voice and Leadership Nigeria Project Regional Annual Planning meeting held on 9th and 10th January 2020 in Enugu, Enugu State.

In September 2020, WINET was nominated a member of the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons State Taskforce on Human Trafficking.

ActionAid Nigeria organized a Monitoring and Evaluation Training from 28th-30th September, 2020 in Abuja, which was attended by our M&E officer. The objectives of the training were to enhance knowledge and skills on M&E, train Local Women's Rights Organizations (LWROs) on how to develop results and logical frameworks and set performance monitoring indicators for systematically tracking activity outcomes.

WINET Program Manager attended a 2-day Civil Society Organization and Community facilitators Learning and Experience Sharing workshop in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, organized by Solidaridad West Africa on 8th and 9th October, 2020. It was aimed at teaching participants Social Inclusion and Best Management Practice for Oil palm farms.

On 26th November, 2020 a WINET staff attended a Stakeholders Roundtable on Human Rights organized by Avocats Sans Frontiers France and Carmelite Prisoners Interest Organization (CAPIO) in Enugu. The objective of the meeting was to discuss Human Rights and Security challenges in Enugu State and what could be done to ensure that victims of Human Rights violations obtain redress, while perpetrators are punished as this will serve as a deterrent to others. It also focused on seeking solutions to address extra-judicial killings, torture and arbitrary detention and make recommendations for way forward.

Annual Review Planning and Coordination meeting 2020 for WVL partners held from 14th to 16th December 2020 and the WVL Women's Conference from 16th to 18th December 2020 fully supported by ActionAid Nigeria in Abuja and funded by Global Affairs Canada. The meeting was to review what WVL Partners have done in two previous quarters, share success stories, highlight the challenges encountered during project implementation and to proffer solutions on the way forward. The meeting also strengthened coordination.



Photo: WINET

Representatives of WINET, WACOL and WEPBI at the Annual Review meeting in Abuja 14th – 16th December 2020

NETWORK MEMBERSHIP

- § Civil Society for HIV/AIDS Nigeria (CiSHAN) Enugu State
- § Women In Peace Building Network (WIPNET)
- § Legislative Advocacy Coalition on Violence Against Women (LACVAW)
- § Association of Eastern Non-Governmental Organisations (CENGOS)
- § Transition Monitoring Group (TMG)
- § White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood (WRAN)
- § Nigeria Community Radio Coalition (NCRC)
- § Affirmative Action Initiative for Women (NCAA)
- § West African Network for Peace Building (WANEP)
- § Centre for Eradication of Violence Against Women (CEVAW)
- § Open Government Partnership (OGP)

WINET PUBLICATIONS

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- A Handbook on Democracy and Fundamental Human Rights for Youths (2017).
- Community Dialogue Guide for Girls and Women's Sexual, Reproductive Health and Rights (2015).
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- Uloikpe Na Nwamala: Nduzi N'ighota Ka Uloikpe Si Aru Oru (2004).

OUR PARTNERS

We appreciate our past and current partners:

- AmplifyChange
- ActionAid Nigeria/Women's Voice and Leadership Nigeria, Project funded by Global Affairs Canada
- Solidaridad West Africa
- Mundo Cooperante of Spain
- CLEEN Foundation/ MacArthur Foundation
- Women Advocates for Vaccine Access (WAVA) and COMCiRIN
- U.S. Consulate General Lagos.
- Justice for All (J4A)/DFID Nigeria
- Global Fund for Women (GFW)
- CiSHAN/World Bank Assisted HPDP 11
- European Union (EU)
- White Ribbon Alliance Nigeria (WRAN)



The WINET Team

Photo: WINET



Sign Language Teachers at Special Education Centre Ogbete Enugu with Principal and WINET team during a SRHR workshop for students



Sign Language Teachers at Special Education Centre Oji River with Principal and WINET Team during a SRHR workshop for students

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