

WOMEN INFORMATION NETWORK (WINET)

Annual Report 2019



...inspired to uplift women and youths for a fruitful life in the society
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STATEMENT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WINET is grateful to God Almighty for sustaining her activities despite the funding gaps. Our 2019 annual report is presented here to share information on our activities and project outcomes.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Miriam Menkiti", written over a horizontal line.

Miriam Menkiti
Executive Director
30th December 2019

Who we are & What we do?

Women Information Network (WINET) is a media focused, independent, non-governmental and non-profit organization, established in January 2000. It was registered with Corporate Affairs Commission Nigeria in 2002 as RC: 14892. WINET works towards the dissemination of information to promote gender equality, advancement of women's rights, human and political rights. The organization is for training of women, young girls and people with disabilities, peace building and media advocacy on all issues relating to the advancement of women and girls in the society.

Mission is to uplift Nigerians especially women, youths and people with disabilities by providing them with information to enable them live a fruitful life in the society.

Vision: An informed society where people will know their rights, duties and obligations.

Aims and Objectives include:

- To inform, educate and create awareness on women's issues including human rights.
- Disseminate information on HIV/AIDS Prevention, Reproductive Health/Rights of Women and Young people, Safe Motherhood and Democracy and Good Governance.
- Engage in media advocacy campaigns and other such activities considered necessary for the advancement of women and girls.
- Organize conferences, seminars, workshop and meetings on topical issues of concern to women and youths.
- Promote women's political rights agenda and reforms to eliminate institutional discrimination and violence against women, girls and People with Disabilities
- Engage in research and publications on outcomes of the organizations' activities.

CORE VALUES

- Respect for Human Rights
- Integrity
- Sincerity of purpose
- Professionalism

PROGRAM AREAS

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

REPORT ON 2019 PROJECT ACTIVITIES

AMPLIFYCHANGE PROJECT: Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights Education and Counselling Services for Girls and Women with Disabilities.

Implementation of the AmplifyChange project commenced on the 1st of February 2019. On 2nd July 2019, our AmplifyChange programme Manager, Joyce Renee Ago Djanie and Beatrice Boakye-Yiadom were on a monitoring visit to the office from Ghana.



From left, WINET Board Chairperson, Hon. Justice Cordelia Chukwurah, Beatrice Boakye-Yiadom & Joyce Renee Ago Djanie from AmplifyChange, Accountant Bridget Chiedu and M & E officer, Ijeoma Obinna-Onwuka

Some of the activities carried out include a baseline survey to determine level of awareness of Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights as human rights for girls and women with disabilities. The project is in the Special Education Centre Enugu and Special Education Centre Oji River, Enugu State. The Joint National Association of People with Disabilities (JONAPWD) members are also beneficiaries of the project.



WINET Team with the Principal and some sign language teachers. From left is Ugochukwu Ossai, Mrs. Christophine Ugwu, WINET M & E Manager, Ijeoma Obinna-Onwuka, ED WINET, Miriam Menkiti and Principal/Administrative Secretary, Mrs. Esther Nwoga during a mobilization visit to the school on 14th October 2019.



At Special Education Centre Oji River are from left, Mrs. Bibian Lebechi, Principal and Administrative Secretary, Mrs. Zita Oba, ED WINET Miriam Menkiti, Mrs. Ifeyinwa Chime and WINET M & E Manager, Ijeoma Obinna-Onwuka during a mobilization visit to the school on 15th October 2019.

CLEEN FOUNDATION/MACARTHUR PROJECT -Promoting Transparency and Accountability in the Administration of Criminal Justice System in Nigeria.

The project is in progress. WINET staff/data collector goes to court to observe corruption cases and upload the judgements on the platform www.cleen.uwazi.io/en/. On Tuesday 19th November 2019 during the launch of CLEEN Foundation/ MacArthur funded Enugu State Resource Centre for Hosting of Corruption Cases in Nigeria, our Board Chairperson Hon. Justice Cordelia Chukwurah (Rtd.) give the goodwill message on behalf of WINET.



WINET Board Chairperson, Hon. Justice Cordelia Chukwurah giving a goodwill message at the launch of Enugu State Resource Centre on hosting of Corruption Cases in Nigeria by CLEEN Foundation with support from MacArthur Foundation on 19.11.19



During the launch of Enugu State Resource Centre for Hosting corruption judgements in Nigeria on 19th November 2019 by the Hon. Chief Judge of Enugu State, Hon. Justice P. N. Emehelu (third from left on the front row) with CLEEN Foundation/ MacArthur Foundation representative Esther Mabadeje, (second left) Amaka Achebe of AFRILAW Foundation (first left) and WINET Project Manager Ijeoma Obinna Onwuka Behind are a lawyer and Chief Registrar Enugu State High Court, Martha Aroh-Onuoha

MUNDO COOPERANTE OF SPAIN PROJECT – The project is titled Ending Community Acceptance and Practice of Girl-Child and Forced Marriages in Ebenebe Community.

The project activities commenced in May 2019 in Ebenebe community, Awka North local government area of Anambra State. The Traditional Ruler of the community, His Royal Majesty Igwe Chris Nnaegbuna and the people fully support the project and are participating in all activities.



The Traditional Ruler of Ebenebe with the WINET team during a dialogue with men of the community. From left is legal Consultant, Barr. Tina Emekekwue, mni, ED WINET Miriam Menkiti, His Royal Majesty, Igwe Chris Nnaegbuna (JP), WINET volunteer, Alfred Ajayi and WINET Human Resource officer, Joy Okeke





Girls of Ebenebe Community during a dialogue on ending community acceptance of girl-child and forced marriages in 2019.



ED WINET Miriam Menkiti with Anambra State Commissioner for Women and Children Affairs, Lady Ndidi Mezue during an advocacy visit to inform her about the project and seek her support for its implementation.

NEW PROJECT -SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION TO ACTIONAID NIGERIA

On 28th October 2019, ActionAid Nigeria wrote to inform WINET of the success of our expression of interest to disseminate the provisions of the Enugu State Violence Against Persons Prohibition (VAPP) Law 2019 to citizens, especially women and girls in Enugu State. Following that, a team from their office visited our office for a due diligence process. The ActionAid team was led by Steven Obinwa, with Nihinlola Ayanda and Vera Ezekiel for an inception meeting



ActionAid team and WINET staff on Tuesday 5th November 2019 at the end of the Due Diligence process and inception meeting. From left, Steven Obinwa, Bridget Chiedu, Joy Okeke, Ijeoma Obinna-Onwuka, Vera Ezekiel, ED WINET Miriam Menkiti, and Nihinlola Ayanda.



WINET Board Chair Hon. Justice Cordelia Chukwurah and staff members during the due diligence process with ActionAid team on Monday 4th November 2019 in WINET conference room

NETWORKING ACTIVITIES

WINET belongs to several networks and participates in their activities and trainings. 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 Chapter, Centre for the Eradication of Violence against Women (CEVAW), Nigeria Community Radio Coalition, White Ribbon Alliance (WRAN) Nigeria, Women in Peace Building Network (WIPNET) and Girls Not Brides. Program Manager, Ijeoma Obinna-Onwuka represented WINET in a Dialogue with Religious Leaders on Gender Based Violence and 2019 Annual General Meeting of CEVAW on 22nd November 2019.

WORKSHOPS/TRAININGS ATTENDED

WINET staff attended some workshops including Two -day Capacity and Behavioural Change Workshop for Women Associations on Anti-Corruption, Group Management and Effectiveness in Resisting Corruption Practices organized by Women Advocates Research and Documentation Centre (WARDC) with support from ActionAid Nigeria in June 2019; A Two-Day Training

workshop on Evidence Based Reporting of Corruption organized by YIAGA Africa and ActionAid Nigeria in June 2019; and Capacity Building Workshop for CENGOS Member Organizations and A National Women's Dialogue held 27th -29th November 2019.



An activity by CEVAW, Programme Manager, Ijeoma Obinna-Onwuka represented WINET



WINET celebration of 2019 Menstrual Hygiene day at Uwani Secondary School Enugu, Enugu State, Nigeria

TRUST CONFERENCE 2019

The Executive Director of WINET, Miriam Menkiti was selected as a Changemaker in the 2019 Trust Conference organized by the Thomson Reuters Foundation in London 12th – 14th November in London. She participated in the conference.



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Miriam Menkiti

*Executive Director, Women
Information Network*



WINET BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTIVITIES IN PICTURES



WINET Board of Trustees at the end of a meeting on 28th June 2019. From left is Executive Director of WINET Miriam Menkiti, Board Chairperson Hon. Justice Cordelia Chukwurah (Rtd.), Board Secretary Barr. Winifred Nzegwu and Board Treasurer Mr. Nnaemeka Maduegbuna



Programme Manager, Ijeoma Obinna-Onwuka when she received an award for commitment to duty and long service to WINET in November 2019. She has been with WINET for 19 years.



Board Treasurer Mr. Nnaémeka Maduegbuna during an oversight visit to the office on October 2019.



WINET Board Chairperson Hon. Justice Cordelia Chukwurah interacting with staff during the Board Chairpersons' oversight visit to the office in August 2019.



Board member Nkem Menkiti looking through some of WINET's new publications during an oversight visit to the office in June 2019.

OUR PARTNERS

We appreciate our past and current partners:

- AmplifyChange
- Mundo Cooperante of Spain
- CLEEN Foundation/ MacArthur Foundation
- Women Advocates for Vaccine Access (WAVA) and Direct Consulting and Logistics
- U.S. Consulate General Lagos.
- Justice for All (J4A)/DFID
- Global Fund for Women (GFW)
- CiSHAN/World Bank Assisted HPDP 11
- West Africa Network for Peace Building (WANEP)
- White Ribbon Alliance Nigeria (WRAN)
- European Union (EU)
- ActionAid Nigeria

SOME WINET PUBLICATIONS

- Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), A Handbook for Young (June 2019).
- Child and Forced Marriages: Report of A Baseline Study (2017).
- A handbook on Democracy and Fundamental Human Rights for the Youths (2017).
- Community Dialogue Guide for Girls and Women's Sexual, Reproductive Health and Rights (2015).
- Justice Options through The Courts: A Guide for Persons with Disabilities (2015).
- Procedure for Commencing Cases in Customary Courts in Enugu state (2nd Edition 2015).
- Procedure for Commencing Cases in Customary Courts in Enugu state, Nigeria (1st Edition 2013).
- Usoro Mbido Ikpe N' Ulo Ikpe odinala Na Enugwu Steeti, Naijiria (2013).
- The Court and The Citizen: A Guide to Understanding the Court Process (2004).
- Uloikpe Na Nwamala: Nduzi N'ighota Ka Uloikpe Si Aru Oru (2004).

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