

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



## WOMEN'S RIGHTS ♀

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Women's rights are entitlements claimed for women and girls worldwide. In some countries, these rights are institutionalized or supported by law, local custom, and behavior, whereas in others, they are ignored and suppressed. Issues commonly associated with notions of women's rights include the right to bodily integrity and autonomy, to be free from all forms of gender and sexual based violence; secure the right to vote and hold public office as well as exercise equal rights in their families and at their work places. This also entails their right to be educationally and economically empowered in order to be included as a determinant of global development. It is therefore apparently important for these rights to be clearly enshrined into the constitution and more laws that protect the interest of our women and girls created. The place of women and the girl child in our society cannot be over emphasized. We must make deliberate effort to help them exercise their rights

**OGUADIMMA IJEOMA JOY**

**Women are not  
Anonymous;  
We Demand Equal  
Representation  
in All Facets of Life!**

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**WE WANT A  
CONSTITUTION  
THAT DOMESTICATES  
INTERNATIONAL  
TREATIES THAT  
PROMOTE GENDER  
EQUALITY!**

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**WE SUPPORT  
AFFIRMATIVE  
ACTION IN FAVOUR  
OF GENDER, AGE  
AND DISABILITY!**

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**EQUALITY,  
DEVELOPMENT,  
AND PEACE;  
UNACHIEVABLE  
WITHOUT WOMEN**

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## Women Leadership Academy



EMPOWERMENT FOR EXCELLENCE

...A project of Women Empowerment Education and Peace Building Initiative (WEPBI)

### GRADUATION CEREMONY

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, 2021, WEPBI awarded certificates of completion to Nine (9) successful participants out of over 30 Students who indicated interest and registered into our Women Leadership Academy. The graduating female students went through twelve (12) Weeks of rigorous training on the courses pertaining to Politics, Leadership, Personal Development Public speaking and Social Entrepreneurship.

Award certificates were also given to the best graduating and most punctual students in order to encourage good practices among the trained females.

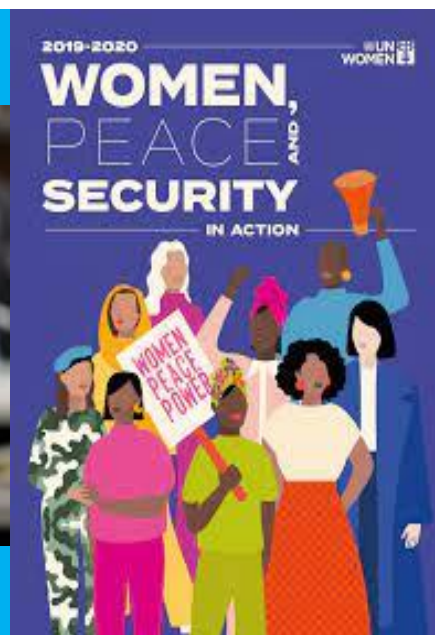
The Women Leadership Academy is developing a generation of Women who can impact the society positively by changing the narratives that no longer contribute to global enhancement.

*Where women and girls show a will there is a way!*

**Jennifer Bertilla Ejinkeonye**







Over the years of our unrelenting activities in the rural communities, we have recognized the importance of peace as a societal good which must be established before other goals can be accomplished.

Situations of conflict emanate from undue disputes which results to extremely violent situations most times and the implication of this can be likened to war, internal displacement of survivors, and destruction of lives and properties; all of which undermines the authority of the state.

Women's role in peace building is essential to creating long-term and sustainable peace as they play out to be the central caretakers of families and so everyone is affected when they are excluded from peace building.

The impact created by the women in terms of achieving peace is very indented and the result of peace being established at the end of every intervention, a long lasting one.

## WOMEN SHOULD PARTAKE IN PEACE PROCESSES TOO...

*As care givers, women can  
establish peace,*

*Women can maintain peace,*

*Women can conquer strife and  
rivalry!*

*With women, the world is better!*



Jennifer Bertilla Ejinkeonye

## ZONAL PUBLIC HEARING

*A Two Day South East Zonal Public Hearing on the Proposed Alteration to the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999; On Gender Equity/ Increased Participation of Women and Vulnerable Groups in Governance held on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of May, 2021 in Enugu State- Nigeria.*

Present at this hearing were the Governor of Enugu state HON. Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi, The Speaker RT. HON Uchenna Ubosi, and Senator Omo Ovie Agege among other Honorable members of Enugu, Anambra and Ebonyi State, as well as Representatives from Civil Society Organizations and other concerned sectors of the country.

Organizations from the Women's Voice and Leadership (WVL) project which is Sponsored by **Global Affairs Canada** and Supported by **ActionAid Nigeria** in Enugu State comprising of Women Empowerment Education and Peace Building Initiative (WEPBI) duly represented by the Executive Director, Oguadimma Ijeoma Joy; Miriam Menkiti, of Women Information Network and Professor Joy Ngozi Ezeilo of Women Aid Collective; established their presence and spoke in defense of the motion for Gender Equity/ Increased Women Participation in Politics.

Other Organizations present at the hearing were, Empowerment Inclusion Network, Parent and Child Care Intervention, Yiaga Africa, Persons Living with Disability (PLDs) group, Religious Organizations like the Judaism group, Christian Women Organizations (CWO) and various governmental sectors like the Nigerian Police Force (NPF), Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), Nigerian Labor Congress (NLC), Nigerian Lawyers Association and other State Youth Association comprising of Enugu, Ebonyi and Anambra.

**Chisolum Ugochukwu**

**If Any Female Feels She Needs Anything Beyond Herself To Legitimate And Validate Her Existence, She Is Already Giving Out Her Power To Be Self-Defining- Bell Hooks**



"WOMEN MUST  
BECOME  
REVOLUTIONARY.  
THIS CANNOT BE  
EVOLUTION BUT  
REVOLUTION."

SHIRLEY  
CHISHOLM

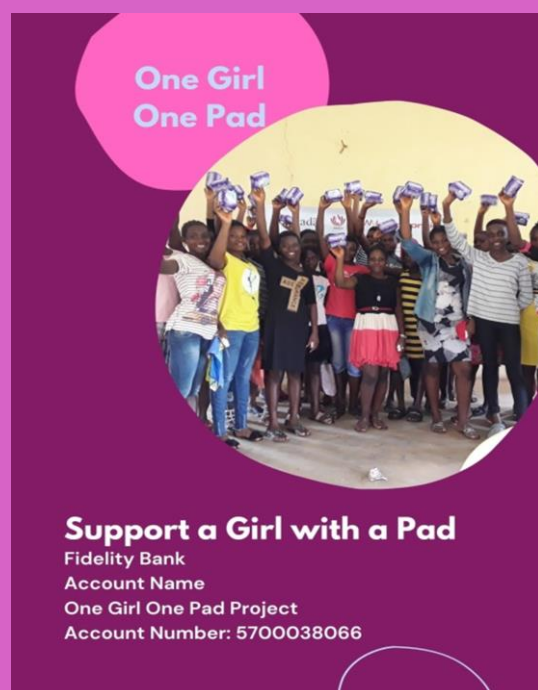
### SUPPORT A GIRL WITH A PAD

One Girl One Pad Project is an initiative which is internally funded by WEPBI aimed at equipping rural girls with knowledge on menstrual hygiene management and sanitary pad.

It is a project borne out of the need to empower young girls and women who are going through various forms of stigmatization, abuse and health challenges as a result of their natural monthly cycle.

You can support a girl with a pad for  
1 USD/ 450NGN

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*WEPBI specially appreciates ActionAid Nigeria and Global Affairs Canada for the platform given to her to impact the lives of women and girls in the rural areas through the Women's Voice and Leadership (WVL) project.*

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