

# WEPBI MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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DO YOU KNOW THAT WOMEN ARE NOW BECOMING MEMBERS OF IGWE'S CABINET?



WEPBI DID IT. SEE PAGE 5.



### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK.

Security from oxford dictionary is defined as the state of being free from danger or threat. Gender discrimination and inequality as a result of security challenges is one thing that has reduced women to live in fear and terror in Nigeria. And due to poor socio-economic situation and the invasion of the country's territory by foreigners from some parts of the country women youths and children are largely affected by security threats.

Women and the girl-child are always the final destinations of obnoxious laws and cultural practices in Nigeria. So, in the aftermath of attack women suffer most. Security challenges affecting women include: physical threat and insult, bullying, and intimidation, sexual abuse and harassment, rape and sexual assault,

kidnapping and abduction. This reality reduces women and girls' freedom of movement. It reduces their ability to participate in school, work, and public life. It limits their access to essential services and enjoyment of cultural and recreational activities and negatively impacts their health and well-being.

Education today is the determination for growth and development of any country. It is an important factor of human resource development. There is no need to emphasize the importance of educating a girl-child. From all said, we need to educate our women about security by creating awareness programmes, and change mindset to ensure that communities and families welcome and celebrate daughters, education for all girl- children, create a safe environment for all women and support women's resistance to violence

Oguadimma Ijeoma Joy,  
Executive Director, WEPBI.

## THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD.



11th October is globally observed for the celebration of the girl child. In line with this, WEPBI Commemorated this special event 2021 with the female students of Federal Government College, Enugu.

The warm reception, the girls' active and smart participation in the event were quite commendable. The event facilitator, Mrs. Kelechi Felicia introduced a self-evaluating tool called PPF – Past Present and Future which she explained should be used to measure one's aspiration with the present



immodest use of technological gadgets.  
The event was wrapped up with light refreshment and sanitary pad distribution by WEPBI for which the girls were grateful. The smiles on the faces of the girls indeed confirmed that lives have been impacted.

*"WE ALWAYS CELEBRATE A GREAT WOMAN. BUT TO BE GREAT, THE GIRL CHILD NEEDS TO BE ENCOURAGED TO EXCEL FROM EARLY STAGE."*  
GIFT GUGU MONA.

step in order to ensure that the stance at the moment can lead to the actualization of the future goal. The tool is also used to measure the degree of growth and changes over the time.

Speaking on the team of this year's celebration 'DIGITAL GENERATION, OUR GENERATION' and the topic as mapped out by WEPBI – Digital Age, an Evolution in the World of The Girl Child, the girls enumerated the positive and negative effects of digitalization and were advised to always take advantage of the positive effects of digitalization to improve their lives. She admonished them to shun



**STILL ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF GIRL**

The Executive Director of Women Empowerment Education and Peace Building Initiative, Oguadimma Ijeoma Joy was invited as a guest speaker by the National Female Students Association of Nigeria Enugu state chapter for the

In her presentation titled PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, she urged the young girls to discover their passion and potentials and develop them as they are what will lead them to a successful and fulfilled life.

She equally advised them to acquire vocational

skills in addition to their education. She added that in this digital generation, that young girls should maximise the use of their technological gadgets for self development other than frivolities.



*Digital Generation  
Our Generation*



**ADVOCACY VISIT TO IKPAMODO.**

The WEPBI team led by the executive director, Oguadimma Ijeoma Joy was at the palace of the traditional ruler of Ikpamodo autonomous community to advocate the inclusion of women in the Igwe's cabinet and a fair representation of all and inclusive leadership.



# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN



In commemoration of the International Day of Rural Women with the theme: Rural Women Cultivating Good Food for All, Women Empowerment Education and Peace Building Initiative celebrated the Women of Ndeabor community in Aninri Local Government Area of Enugu State with special recognition for their agricultural input in this Covid-19 era.

The women's farms which were physically visited proved that they produce variety of food ranging from rice, cassava, yam, potato, black beans, varieties of vegetable. The women equally engage in livestock farming for the production of meat which cuts across poultry, piggery and so on.

Noting their contribution to feeding the community and the nation, the women-farmers explained that their farming is in very large scale and their produce are not only for household consumption for also supplied to their community markets and nearby communities and states markets.

These claims were on the spot confirmed by WEPBI as the team together with the women visited a few farms which were close to their settlements. The team were marveled at the size of farmland tilled by these women for the



provision of food for all. The farms visited were a massive rice farm, two cassava farms and a poultry farm. The enormous size of these farms could not allow for a round trip on the farms. Most of these women make a living out of their farm practices and also train their children in schools from the proceeds. The women pointed out that the farms visited were not the major farms as those were only the ones with easy and quicker access.

WEPBI commended the effort of these women and encouraged them to keep up with their good works citing that there is dignity in labour.





RURAL WOMEN CULTIVATING GOOD FOOD FOR ALL.



PICTURES FROM THE FARMS OF NDEABOH WOMEN FARMERS

## INDUCTION OF WOMEN INTO IGWE'S CABINET

worthy of the position and pledged to ensure

It was indeed an additional feather to WEPBI's crown as she recorded yet another success story in her Women Voice and Leadership (WVL) project.

The traditional ruler of Igogoro autonomous community of Igboeze North Local Government Area of Enugu State, HRH Igwe Ambrose Eke on Saturday 30th October 2021 inaugurated four women into the Igwe cabinet. This conveys the women the 'NZE' title in the community and members of the community decision makers.

This followed the advocacy visit and engagement meetings with some of the traditional leaders across the local governments by Women Empowerment Education and Peace Building Initiative through the WVL (Women's Voice and Leadership) project which is sponsored by Action Aid Nigeria and supported by Global Affairs Canada.

would emulate them and today 30th October 2021, the community has taken that bold step.

The executive director of WEPBI commended Igwe Ambrose Eke for his cultural dynamism giving credit to his education and exposure. She further appreciated his recognition of the importance of women in leadership which prompted his decision of giving them space in the leadership of the community.

The inaugurated women expressed their profound gratitude to Igwe Ambrose for considering them

compliance with the constitution and traditions of the land.

The male cabinet members equally pledged their support for the new development and assured that they will work harmoniously with their female counterpart.

WEPBI has acknowledged that this milestone would not have been achieved if not for the platform given to her by Global Affairs Canada through Action Aid Nigeria and look forward to achieving more results in other communities.



Speaking while decorating and swearing in the selected women into office, Igwe Ambrose noted that the coronation is sequel to the request by WEPBI and other organizations for the inclusion of women in Igwe's cabinet for meaningful development. Hence the entire members of the Mkpunato-Igogoro community anonymously resolved in their general assembly to integrate women in the community for their impact to be felt in the society. He added that he had decided that his community will set the pace and other communities

HRH IGWE AMBROSE EKE, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WEPBI AND THREE OF THE CORONATED WOMEN.

### ADVOCACY CAPACITY STRENGTHENING TRAINING.

The executive director of WEPBI was actively present in the capacity building training by SCALE. The USAID Nigeria Strengthening Civic Advocacy and Local Engagement (SCALE) Project supports the efforts of CSOs and BMOs to influence the development and implementation of key democratic reforms at local, state, and national levels across a range of sectors, paying attention to issues affecting marginalized populations, including women, young boys and girls and persons with disabilities.



### ONE GIRL ONE PAD PROJECT

As part of our commitment to empowering young girls, WEPBI's One Girl One Pad Project Initiative aims to advance menstrual hygiene practices for girls in the rural areas who are oblivious of Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM).

We therefore solicit for your support in facilitating our commitment to these young girls who are our future. 'One Pad can go a long way!' For your donations, kindly use the account details –

**Fidelity Bank**

**Account Name: One Girl One Pad Project**

**Account Number: 5700038066**



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THANK YOU OUR DEAR PARTNERS!

