

### WOMEN ECONOMIC AND METAL EMPOWERMENT



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Economic empowerment is the provision of education, training and skills that people need to gain a job or earn an income which will make them become self-supporting. Women economic empowerment therefore is the process of doing the above to women which will increase their economic independence and development. That is "Give a man a fish to eat today and you will feed him for the day, but teach a man how to fish and you will feed him for a lifetime".

Women economic empowerment can be categorized into the following:

- (a) Social
- (b) Educational
- (c) Economic
- (d) Political
- (e) Mental empowerment

**Social empowerment** - In this aspect, social empowerment strengthens the women to be able to fight back against any form of discrimination both at home and outside.

**Educational Empowerment** - Education is a vital part of growth and development, but in some places, girls are still denied accessing or exercising their right to quality education. Gender empowerment isn't possible without proper education. Education puts everyone on equal footing, being equipped with the right knowledge can boost

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self-esteem, with access to development of social, political, intellectual, and religious consciousness.

**Economic Empowerment**- Being at an economic disadvantage can take away access to becoming empowered. Being poor, landless, deprived, or oppressed doesn't allow access to resources that those in good financial standings do. Closing this gap would allow everyone to have equal footing, and women, in particular, would gain a more significant share of control over the material, human, intellectual, and financial resources.

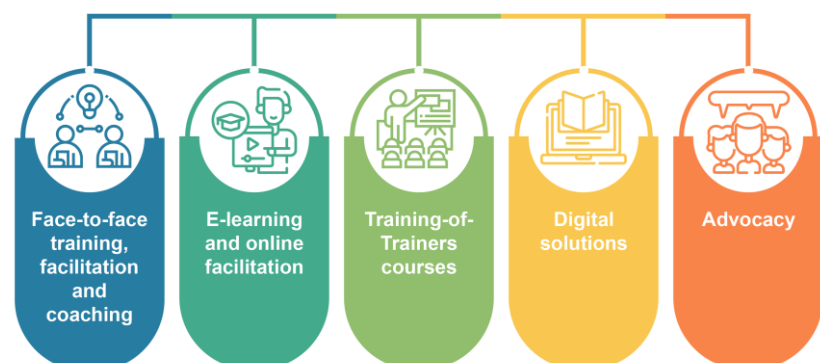
**Political Empowerment**- Having a voice in politics can be substantial in letting a group's view be pushed into the light of mainstream media, and that's no different for advocating women's rights. The political involvement of women "implies the decentralization of power and authority in the deprived, oppressed, and powerless people who have not been able to participate in the decision-making process and the implementation of policies and programs of government. In other words, having political influence would not only give a voice to those who haven't had a voice in how things are governed, but it would also allow the possibility of policies and programs being put into place that would work with these discriminated groups.

**Mental Empowerment** -Mental or psychological empowerment goes together with social empowerment. Mental empowerment helps women to build self-confidence and recognize their self-worth, and gives them the chance to take control of their income and body.

A look at the five categories of women economic empowerment, one can see that they are interwoven with one another, but it's equally important to consider them separately as well to know the proper way to combine them for right empowerment not only for women but for everyone.



#### How do we support Women's Empowerment Projects?



# CAPACITY BUILDING

## WEPBI trains over thirty female political aspirants in Enugu state on Capacity Building, Fundraising Strategies and Campaign Mobilization

As part of its numerous plans and project to meet up with Gender Equality mission by the Global Affairs Canada through the Women's Voice and Leadership (WVL) project supported by ActionAid Nigeria, Women Empowerment Education and Peace Building Initiative (WEPBI) an NGO in Enugu on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, 2023, trained over thirty female political aspirants and other female political activists in the state on Capacity Building, Fundraising Strategies and Campaign Mobilization. The participants were impacted with so much knowledge as it relate to the ways they can go about raising fund for their campaign activities, how to present themselves to the society to be accepted for the leadership position they are planning to take up. Facilitators with the knowledge of the topic, Barr. Nnenna Anozie and Amb. Gloria Onyinye graced the training making it worth a while for the participants.



BARR. MRS. NNENNA ANOZIE  
FACILITATOR



AMB. MRS. GLORIA ONYINYE  
FACILITATOR



## LIVE RADIO PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN THE ADVOCACY FOR WOMEN INCLUSION IN LEADERSHIP

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of June, 2022, WEPBI went on air hosting Barr. Nnanna Anozie a former gubernatorial candidate in Enugu State to discuss on the topic "The role of women in election primaries" and on the 17<sup>th</sup> of same month, she also discussed on another topic "Women and 2023 election, how prepared". The discussion made so much impact as many callers joined their voice to **advocate** more women inclusion in Nigeria politics.



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# WOMEN INCLUSION IN LEADERSHIP: INYI AUTONOMOUS COMMUNITY IN IGBO EZE NORTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA OF ENUGU STATE INAUGURATES SEVEN WOMEN INTO THEIR TRADITIONAL CABINET COUNCIL.



In the bid to strengthen the move for women inclusion in leadership, Women Empowerment Education and Peace Building Initiative (WEPBI) on the 25th of June, 2022, recorded another great success as H.R.H. Igwe Hycent Amachi Okpe, of Inyi autonomous community in Igbo Eze North Local government area of Enugu state has successfully inaugurated seven women into their Igwe traditional cabinet. The inauguration which took place at the Palace of the Igwe Hycent featured the major activity which is the presentation of certificate to the women who have already been welcomed into the council and are already making impact in the area of decision making process and community development works.

Speaking in the occasion, the Igwe heartily welcomed the organization and also sang his song of appreciation to GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA and ACTIONAID NIGERIA for initiating the project.

Speaking in the occasion which took place at the Igwe palace in Inyi, the Executive Director WEPBI, Oguadimma Ijeoma Joy, told the cabinet members that Women Voice and Leadership (WVL) is a gender equality project sponsored by Global Affairs Canada and supported by ActionAid Nigeria.

"The project is aimed at making sure women is recognized and included in the leadership and decision making process of their society" the ED said.

Oguadimma narrated to the cabinet how they started the journey by calling the traditional rulers for different meetings and engagements to convince them through peaceful dialogue, how important it is to allow women into the leadership system of their communities.

## TESTIMONIES

The women who were filled with joy could not hold back their joy, but poured out their appreciation to Global Affairs Canada, ActionAid Nigeria and WEPBI for the project.

"I am so excited and promise to contribute meaningfully to the discussions and development of Inyi Community" one of the women said.

"Since we included these women into our cabinet, they have been resourceful and we have recorded a lot of improvement in the running of the affairs of the community, and that is why we have today officially inaugurated them to be fully recognized as members of the cabinet" one of the cabinets said

Another male cabinet member said "I look forward to seeing the women cabinet members lend more voice and hands in the numerous strategic plans and developmental agendas of Inyi autonomous community"



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## ONE GIRL ONE PAD PROJECT

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

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Fidelity Bank Account Name: One Girl One Pad  
Project Account Number: 5700038066

## POEM ON INSECURTY

### A Cry to the gods

*His eyes bears the likeness of the  
Witchdoctor's bag filled with odds and ends that are  
nameless.*

*He stopped at half second interval  
Seeking the face of an imaginary sun  
After meal had begun travelling down to the stomach*

*And being struck with the news*

*Bent his head in confusion*

*The was a muffled sound beside him*

*The situation was unable to allow him check what  
was amiss*

*Gazing his eyes to the heaven*

*Attributed the blame to our forefathers*

*The night had come*

*And far away, the sleep had gone*

*Making incarnations to the gods*

*Asks for a common goods*

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