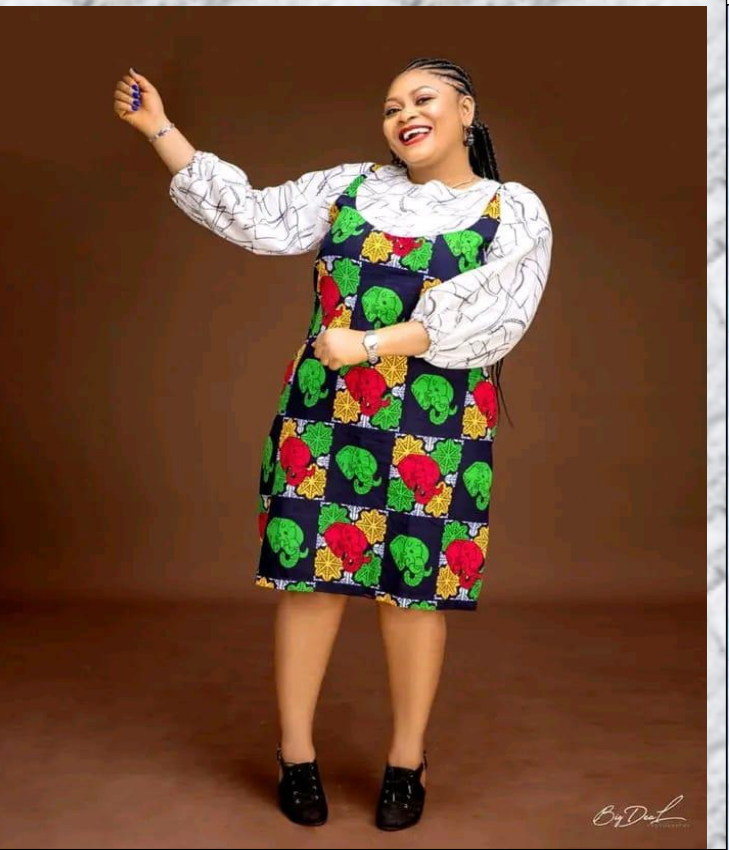




## BIRTHDAY FACILITATION



When we celebrate people at birthdays, we celebrate their life, their achievements, their struggles, their impacts, their wisdom and their change values in the world. Some at their birthdays are celebrated as heroes who had done a lot impacting in human and striving to give the world a better shape. Oguadimma Ijeoma Joy is one of such a personality whose effort already at this age of her's, can be mentioned in some books and pointed at for a reasonable numbers of achievements especially as it relates to touching lives. As a resounding voice for the women, she had gone far to flip sword in the battle field to make sure gender equality gets a fair win. She had in so many ways strived to empower some economically, politically, and psychologically to be able to face the challenging nature of this contemporary society. As an executive Director, she is a power house, as an advocate, her voice is for the voiceless.

Happy birthday Oguadimma Ijeoma Joy

May the good lord continue to strengthen your wing of action.

Amen!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

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. This is the process of doing the above to women, girls and other humans which will increase their economic independence and development. Skills like tailoring, hairdressing, baking, fashion and designing, politicking, public speaking and many others can help people to be independent economically.

Economic empowerment can be categorized into the following:

**Social empowerment:** In this aspect, people are strengthened in social related matters and given more purpose outside of the home. Social empowerment helps especially women to be able to fight back against any form of discrimination.



**OGUADIMMA IJEOMA JOY**  
**THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WEPBI**

### Educational Empowerment

Education is a vital part of growing and developing, but in some places, girls are still pushed away from accessing or excising their right to quality education. Owing to this, some people are denied of some knowledge and skills they need to grow. Without a proper education for all, gender empowerment isn't possible. Education puts everyone on equal footing, and let young girls have access to what their rights and duties are.

### Economic Empowerment

It is known and said by everyone that money can't buy happiness, but 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

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 and organizations as well as familial and societal matter.

### Mental Empowerment

Mental or psychological empowerment goes together with social empowerment. Mental empowerment helps



people to build self-confidence and to recognize their self-worth, and gives them the chance to take control of their income and body.

Looking at these five categories of economic empowerment, one can see that they all are

interwoven with one another, but it's equally important to consider them separately as well. Each group has different main goals they're aiming for, so trying to focus on them as a whole would be unbeneficial ultimately. Knowing the proper way to combine them will surely lead to a right empowerment for everyone.

*Empowering women is a key to building the future we want (Amartya Sen)*





## Women in Traditional Cabinet Councils Recount their Experience and Success as WEPBI Trains them on Leadership



Leadership they say is full of experiences, lessons, success, and sometimes a lot of struggle to meet up with the demand and manage the need of the people. At a one-day training in Enugu as organized by Women Empowerment Education and Peace Building Initiative (WEPBI) in line with the Women Voice and Leadership (WVL) project sponsored by Global Affairs Canada with support from Action Aid Nigeria to strengthen the capacity of women who were added to the Igwe cabinet in some local governments, the women recounted their experiences and shared their success stories as members of the community ruling council.

Facilitating the training, Mrs. Miriam Menkiti, took the women through a resounding lecture on leadership, laying more emphasis on the qualities of a good leader. According to her, a good leader should be accountable, loyal, peaceful, assertive, proactive, transparent, humble, and tolerable to mention but a few. Mrs. Menkiti said that women should be able to possess these qualities to be resourceful members of the cabinet.

Sharing their experiences, the women said they have recorded a lot of success in the area of conflict management, community development plans, community sanitation, and market arrangement for better flow of business activities.

The Executive Director of WEPBI, Ogudimma Ijeoma joy, in her address pleaded with the women to also contribute to discussions in their different council meetings. According to her, the women should not be there as bench Warner's, rather they should make impacts that will qualify their membership in the council.

The women also contributed to the training process by answering some questions from the facilitator. The questions include; who is a leader? And why were they as women added to the traditional cabinet council?

The women cabinet members came from Aninri, Igbo Eze North, and Udi Local Government areas all in Enugu state.

At the end of the training, the women appreciated WEPBI and the sponsors and supporters of the project saying that they will put all that have been thought to them into practice for better results.



There is no tool for development more effective than the empowerment of women.

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# Women Empowerment





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As her innocent cries and wailing seemingly swells  
The worse unholy thrusts pierce her thigh increasingly  
Touring her cunt like a hammer hits the workbench  
Till pleasure's hunt is fulfilled in ruthless orgy  
Her esteem defiled; life's persecution  
As hate robs her heart of joy and affection  
Anger and revenge each day rekindles like  
Blazing wildfire of anguish inextinguishable  
In horrible cases, life is exchanged for pleasure  
In an uneventful death, horror of dark nights,  
While agent of destruction slowly escapes  
The scar lives, ever green and fresh in memory.

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