

## WHEN SAFETY FADES: THE CRISIS OF WOMEN AND INSECURITY IN BENUE AND ENUGU



Insecurity in Nigeria continues to evolve in complex and deeply troubling ways, with women and girls among the most vulnerable and affected. Across the country, but particularly in states like Benue and Enugu, the impact of violence and instability is felt most profoundly in the lives of women who face displacement, loss, trauma, and violence, often with limited institutional protection or support.

In Benue State, the persistent farmer-herder conflicts have resulted in widespread displacement and human suffering. Women in agrarian communities have not only lost access to their farmlands but have also been forced to flee with their children, leaving behind homes and livelihoods.

These violent clashes have torn families apart and rendered many women widows and single providers overnight. As they take refuge in Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps, their vulnerability only deepens. In these camps, access to basic healthcare, reproductive services, education, and economic support is limited, and the threat of gender-based violence is ever-present. The breakdown of community structures and traditional support systems further isolates women, making it even harder for them to rebuild their lives or access justice.

While Enugu State does not face the same scale of armed conflict, it has been grappling with a disturbing rise in ritual killings, especially targeting women and young girls. These gruesome acts are often driven by the growing get-rich-quick syndrome among young men, fueled by superstition, desperation, and a lack of economic opportunity. Many of these cases go unreported due to fear, stigma, or lack of faith in law enforcement, and in some communities, women now live in fear of simply walking alone. Unlike in Benue, where women suffer from large-scale displacement, the insecurity in Enugu is more insidious, occurring within urban and peri-urban settings, yet no less devastating in its consequences.

Women in both Benue and Enugu remain largely excluded from peacebuilding and security decisions, despite being deeply affected by the violence. Their absence from formal processes silences valuable perspectives and limits effective community responses.

To effectively address insecurity, women should be recognized as key contributors to peacebuilding, with their insights vital for community security. Inclusive, gender-sensitive approaches that empower women as active agents are crucial for lasting peace.



## SPREADING WARMTH AND HOPE: WEPBI'S OUTREACH TO UGBA-EDOGORI COMMUNITY



In our continuous commitment to uplifting rural communities, WEPBI recently visited Ugba-Edogori community in Nkanu East Local Government Area, Enugu State, to distribute clothes, shoes, and other essential items to women and children.

Held on May 29, 2025, this outreach was part of our initiative to provide practical support and foster dignity among underserved populations. The event brought smiles and relief as families received much-needed items, strengthening our bond with the community.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all generous donors and partners whose contributions made this impactful outreach possible. Your kindness transforms lives and inspires hope where it is needed most.





## WEPBI MARKS MENSTRUAL HYGIENE DAY WITH PAD DISTRIBUTION IN UGBA-EDOGORI



As part of activities to commemorate the 2025 International Menstrual Hygiene Day, the Women Empowerment Education and Peace Building Initiative (WEPBI) carried out a meaningful outreach on Friday, May 30th, 2025, in Ugba-Edogori community, located in Enugu East Local Government Area of Enugu State.



The initiative centered on promoting menstrual hygiene education and restoring dignity to young women and girls through the distribution of sanitary pads. During the outreach, WEPBI facilitated interactive sessions that educated adolescent girls on proper menstrual hygiene practices, addressed common misconceptions, and encouraged confidence and self-care.

WEPBI remains committed to ending period poverty and advancing menstrual equity, especially in underserved communities. Through its ***One Girl, One Pad initiative***, the organization continues to reach girls with the resources and knowledge they need to thrive

By providing both essential hygiene products and accurate information, the outreach empowered girls to manage their menstruation safely and with dignity. The engagement created a supportive environment where girls could ask questions and gain clarity about their bodies and menstrual health.



## READY TO STEP INTO YOUR POWER?



The poster features a purple and pink gradient background. At the top left is the SparkHub Ventures Sparks Club logo. At the top right is the WEPBI Women Empowerment Education and Peace Building Initiative logo. The main title 'WLA 2025 Women Leadership Academy' is in large white letters, followed by 'CALL FOR REGISTRATION' in bold white text. Below this, a question asks if the reader is a young woman ready to lead. A list of offerings includes leadership models, navigating Nigeria's electoral system, public speaking, political participation, and building influence. A circular photo shows three women holding certificates. At the bottom, a link to register is provided, along with contact information for more details.

**WLA 2025**  
Women Leadership Academy

### CALL FOR REGISTRATION

Are you a young woman ready to lead and build a thriving future?

Join the Women Leadership Academy to develop your leadership and entrepreneurial skills. Register now and take charge of your success!

**What do we offer ??**

- Leadership models tailored for women
- Navigating Nigeria's electoral system
- Public speaking and media engagement
- Political participation strategies
- Building influence and shaping policy decisions

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*Join the Women Leadership Academy (WLA) – a dynamic initiative by WEPBI designed to equip women and young girls with leadership, entrepreneurship, and governance skills needed to lead and influence decision-making spaces.*

*Since 2019, WLA has empowered over 2,000 women to build sustainable businesses, champion social change, and break barriers in leadership roles. Now, it's your turn!*

*Enroll today to benefit from expert mentorship, skill-building sessions, and valuable networking opportunities that will prepare you to transform your community and shape your future.*

**Don't wait. Lead the change. Register now!**



## WEPBI Declutter Initiative: Making a Difference Together!



Join WEPBI's Declutter Initiative and turn your unused household items into hope for those in need! This campaign invites you to donate gently used clothing, kitchen utensils, electronics, and more to support rural communities.

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**Support our One Girl One Pad Initiative and help empower girls with the menstrual hygiene products they deserve!**  
**Your support keeps them in school and breaks the stigma surrounding periods.**

### Account Details:

**ACCOUNT NAME: One Girl One Pad**

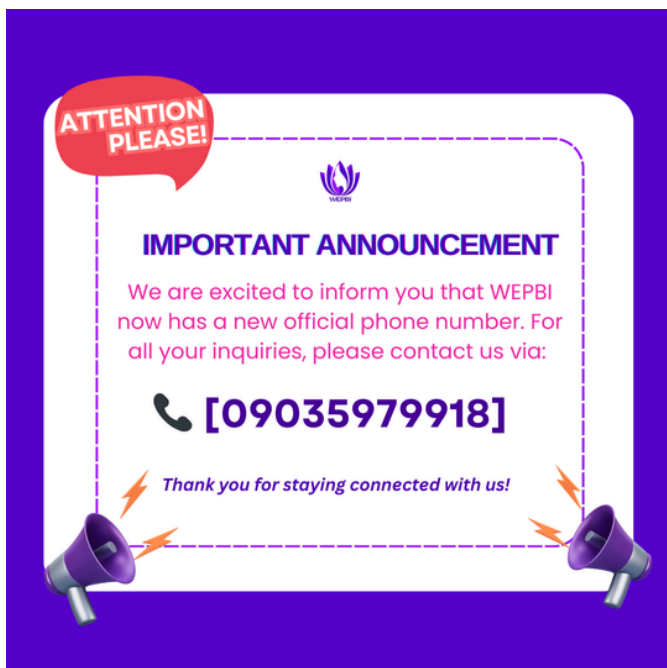
**BANK NAME: Fidelity Bank**

**ACCOUNT NUMBER: 5700038066**


**In-kind donations (pads, hygiene kits, etc.) are also welcome at:**  
 **No. 27 Nwafor Orizu, Independence Layout, Enugu**


**Your contribution can transform lives!**

**We sincerely appreciate all our donors, partners, and supportive communities for their unwavering commitment to empowering women and girls. Your continued support fuels our mission and drives the impactful change we strive to create every day.**




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