



"We need women at all levels, including the top, to change the dynamic, reshape the conversation, to make sure women's voices are heard and heeded, not overlooked and ignored."

- Sheryl Sandberg



Women Empowerment
Education and Peace
Building Initiative

A CALL FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION: RESTORING NATIONAL SECURITY AND SAFEGUARDING OUR SCHOOLS



"A nation trapped in insecurity risks losing its most powerful tool for transformation. To heal our country, we must first restore peace to our lands and absolute safety to our places of knowledge."

Our hearts bleed as Nigeria faces a deeply painful wave of insecurity that strikes at the very soul of our nation. The recent, terrifying kidnapping of school children in Oyo State is a devastating reminder that our innocent children are no longer safe even within the walls meant to protect and nurture them. When classrooms are turned into crime scenes, the stability of our entire society is shattered, leaving parents in unimaginable agony and communities paralyzed by fear.

This crisis demands immediate action because we cannot build lasting peace when going to school becomes a major risk. For women and girls, this insecurity multiplies the dangers they already face, threatening to wipe out years of hard-earned progress in education and empowerment. WEPBI stands in total solidarity with the affected families, sharing the heavy burden of their grief and anxiety during this difficult time.

We cannot rely on temporary fixes anymore. Our government, security agencies, and community leaders must work together to establish permanent protection systems for our schools. True security requires proactive planning, quick response mechanisms, and an unyielding commitment to holding criminals accountable so that getting an education never costs a child's life or freedom.

Silence is no longer an option while the future of our children is stolen away, and this commitment to fighting for safer communities remains entirely unshakable. Every day of delay puts another innocent life at risk, making it impossible to look away while our classrooms are targeted.

Therefore, let every leader, parent, and citizen rise up now and join hands to restore peace, ensuring that our schools are returned to what they were always meant to be: sacred havens of learning, safety, and hope. Act now, demand safer schools today, because protecting our children is a duty that must be fulfilled together.

DRIVING GENDER EQUALITY: WEPBI JOINS STAKEHOLDERS FOR RWVL PROJECT KICKOFF IN ABUJA



WEPBI joined civil society groups and stakeholders in Abuja for the kickoff meeting of the Renewed Women's Voice and Leadership (RWVL) Nigeria Project.

Convened by ActionAid Nigeria, the meeting marks the start of a two-year partnership focused on advancing gender equality and defending women's rights across the country.



During the session, participants worked to set clear priorities and build stronger networks among women-led organizations. Over the next two years, the initiative will focus on practical collaborations that support women's rights and create lasting policy changes.

For WEPBI, participating in this national framework ensures that local, grassroots experiences from communities across the region directly inform the broader national agenda. By bringing frontline insights into these high-level discussions, the organization helps guarantee that national policies regarding women's inclusion and leadership are grounded in the actual lived realities and practical needs of women at the community level.



DRIVING SUSTAINABILITY: ACTIONAID NIGERIA TRAINS RWVL PARTNERS ON RESOURCE MOBILIZATION AND DIVERSIFICATION



WEPBI, alongside partner organizations, gathered in Lagos from May 18th to 21st, 2026, for an intensive Resource Mobilization and Diversification Training aimed at strengthening institutional sustainability.

The four-day capacity-building workshop focused on developing strategic frameworks to expand funding streams and build resilient structures for lasting community impact. Led by the ActionAid Nigeria Business Development and Innovation Directorate, the opening sessions provided participants with practical insights into resource mobilization, innovative funding models, and long-term organizational growth.

Mastering these resource diversification strategies is critical to ensuring that grassroots interventions remain sustainable and well-funded over the long term. Acquiring these skills allows WEPBI and other partners to move beyond traditional funding models, ensuring they can consistently support local communities and drive lasting advancements in women's rights, governance, and leadership without interruption.

This training initiative is supported by ActionAid Nigeria with funding from Global Affairs Canada through the Renewed Women's Voice and Leadership (RWVL) Nigeria Project.



DRIVING GENDER JUSTICE: SSDO HOSTS KICKOFF SESSION FOR SISTER GUARDIAN INITIATIVE III PROJECT



WEPBI, alongside fellow implementing partners, gathered in Enugu on May 25th, 2026, for the kickoff and planning meeting of the Sister Guardian Initiative III Project.

The strategy session, hosted by the South Saharan Social Development Organisation (SSDO), served to officially launch the project and map out a coordinated operational framework among the partner network. This achievement reflects a continued commitment to advancing gender equality, reducing gender-based violence (GBV), strengthening support systems for women, and promoting self-reliance and safety for survivors..



Initial planning conversations focused on getting all partners on the same page to build strong community support systems. While the project runs in multiple states, WEPBI will focus its implementation directly within communities across Anambra State. This targeted approach allows WEPBI to use its local expertise to create real, lasting social impact where it is needed most.



Our sincere appreciation goes to SSDO for their support and partnership in making this collaboration possible.



ADVANCING GRASSROOTS INCLUSION: WEPBI PAYS ADVOCACY VISIT TO SOUTH EAST TRADITIONAL RULERS COUNCIL CHAIRMAN



On May 28th, 2026, WEPBI paid an advocacy visit to His Royal Majesty, Igwe Samuel Ikechukwu Asadu, Chairman of Enugu State Council of Traditional Rulers Council.

Led by Executive Director Oguadimma Ijeoma Joy, the high-level engagement at the palace aimed to present updates on the achievements of the Women's Voice and Leadership (WVL) Project.



The team also introduced the Renewed Women's Voice and Leadership (RWVL) Project, emphasizing its focus on deepening women's inclusion at the grassroots level. Other prominent leaders in attendance included His Royal Highness Igwe Sir Tagbo Ubaka JP and His Royal Highness Igwe Chukwudi Ngwudile.



During the visit, WEPBI urged traditional leaders to move beyond general advocacy and officially adopt policies that include women in governance. The delegation called for closer collaboration, viewing traditional institutions as key partners in driving gender equality, peacebuilding, and community development.

Responding to the call, Igwe Samuel Asadu commended WEPBI for its consistent work and reaffirmed his commitment to the cause. He noted his own history of supporting gender equality, highlighting that he is the first traditional ruler in his community to appoint a woman as President General and currently has two women serving on his cabinet. He pledged his full support toward increasing women's representation in leadership, especially at the grassroots level.



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.

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**

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APPRECIATION

We sincerely appreciate our donors and partners, Graça Machel Trust, Global Affairs Canada, ActionAid Nigeria, and South Saharan Social Development Organisation, as well as our traditional rulers, government agencies, and community stakeholders. Your continued support in advancing gender equality, combating GBV, promoting women's leadership, and strengthening peacebuilding efforts is deeply valued.

Thank you for your partnership and commitment.

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