WEPBI NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter Highlights

- Beyond Saving: Unlocking Rural Women's Potential Through Community Savings
- Beyond the Harvest: Recognising the Strength and Contributions of Rural Women
- Creating Opportunities for Girls to Learn, Grow and Thrive

OUR VISION

WEPBI has a vision of an equitable society in which everyone enjoys their rights irrespective of gender, creed and other affiliations.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to work with women and girls and their collectives to participate in all decision making processes and spaces that advance their rights, and promote sustainable peace at all levels.

OUR GOAL

To increase the number of women and girls in active leadership and decision making in public and private spaces, and fostering sustainable peace across all levels.



Support our One-Girl One-Pad Initiative

Account Details:

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

In-kind donations (pads, hygiene kits, etc.) are also welcome at:
🏢 No. 2 Ebenato street, by 4th Dimension Bustop, New Haven Enugu.



THE FUTURE AT RISK: CONFRONTING DRUG ABUSE IN NIGERIA

The future of our young people is too important to leave to chance. Across Nigeria, drug abuse continues to affect lives, disrupt families and limit the opportunities available to many young people. What may begin as curiosity, peer pressure or an attempt to cope with life's challenges can become a struggle with lasting consequences.

Drug abuse is more than an individual struggle; its effects are felt in homes, schools and communities. Beyond the immediate health risks, it can affect young people's education, relationships, decision-making and ability to pursue their dreams. This is a challenge that deserves our attention, honest conversations and a collective commitment to finding lasting solutions.

We cannot afford to ignore this challenge. Families, schools, government and community leaders must take deliberate steps to promote awareness, strengthen prevention and ensure that young people affected by drug abuse can access the support and treatment they need without stigma.

Protecting our young people means giving them the guidance, support and opportunities to build a healthier future.

EXPLORING COMMUNITY SAVINGS AS A PATHWAY TO WOMEN'S FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE



A good idea, a thriving farm or a growing business can only go so far without access to finance. For many rural women, limited access to capital remains a major obstacle to expanding their livelihoods and improving their economic prospects.





Bringing financial opportunities closer to rural women begins with understanding their needs. Through the Renewed Women's Voice and Leadership Nigeria (RWVL-N) Project, WEPBI recently conducted community mapping in Ndeaboh, Mpu, Okpanku, Ukana and Abor communities in Enugu State, engaging women and community stakeholders on the possibility of establishing Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs).

The exercise explored local financial needs and interest in savings groups that women can collectively manage and sustain.

GIVING RURAL WOMEN'S HARD WORK GREATER ECONOMIC VALUE





Rural women work hard to sustain their households through farming, trading and other income-generating activities. However, limited access to finance and savings opportunities can make it difficult to expand these efforts and achieve greater economic security.





In commemoration of the International Day of Rural Women, WEPBI, through the Sister Guardian Initiative (SGI), organised a one-day training on rural women's livelihoods and Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA) awareness in Isuaniocha Community, Awka North LGA, Anambra State.



The session highlighted how collective savings and access to community-based loans can strengthen women's livelihoods. Supporting these opportunities is key to helping rural women grow their income and achieve greater financial independence.

HER RIGHTS, HER VOICE, HER FUTURE

Every girl deserves the freedom to learn, grow and pursue her dreams without the threat of harmful practices. Yet, child marriage and gender-based violence continue to put many girls' futures at risk, making awareness and access to protection more important than ever.











In commemoration of the International Day of the Girl Child, WEPBI, through the Sister Guardian Initiative (SGI), organised a one-day training at Community Secondary School, Mgbakwu, Awka North LGA, Anambra State.

The session focused on girls' rights, preventing child marriage, and equipping participants with knowledge of how to report gender-based violence and access support.

Creating safer communities for girls requires more than awareness; it calls for collective action to challenge harmful practices, strengthen reporting channels and ensure that every girl has the opportunity to shape her own future.

The project is fully funded by the South Saharan Social Development Organisation (SSDO) and implemented by WEPBI under the Sister Guardian Initiative (SGI).

GROWING WITH CONFIDENCE: EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION OF GIRLS

Every adolescent girl deserves more than the opportunity to lead; she deserves the knowledge, confidence, skills and support to make informed choices and take charge of her future.

Recently, WEPBI engaged adolescent girls at Federal Government College, Enugu, through the Pan-African Adolescent Girls Movement, using its programme modules to support their personal growth and development.





Through interactive learning and shared experiences, participants were encouraged to recognise their strengths, value their voices and understand their role in decisions that affect their lives. Implemented in Nigeria by WEPBI in partnership with the Graça Machel Trust, the Movement supports adolescent girls to grow into confident, informed and empowered individuals.







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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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