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ANNUAL REPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2023

Women Against Violence and Expediency Handling Initiative (WAVEHI) NGO in partnership with African Women Development Fund (AWDF) started the community project Titled 'Sexual Violence and Youth Culture in Festac Community' and as part of the project young women were trained on gender advocacy for 4 weeks.

Gender Advocacy encompasses the development perspective and process that is participatory and empowering, equitable, sustainable, free from violence, respectful of human rights, supportive of self-determination and actualization of human potentials. It prevents violence against women and girls. It is essential for economic prosperity, Societies that value women and men as equal are safer and healthier. And can achieve sustainable human development without hindrance. It also helps to boost the economy

WAVEHI also continued our school programs of sensitizing and raising awareness on sexual health and sexual abuse to secondary school students according to Word Health Organization guidelines.

WAVEHI's **Income of 20,000 US dollar for the year 2023** concluded step one of our NGO transformation.

- The Gender Advocacy training is anchored on the premises that gender equality such as increasing women's access to health care, employment and credit can accelerate economic growth and reduce poverty, and that persistent gender inequalities reduce prospects for economic growth
- The gender advocates training program is community led development planning
 project funded by African Women Development Fund (AWDF) that involves
 sensitization and awareness on sexual violence and encouraging more girls to speak
 out against sexual violence.

Laudable development. The Gender Advocate Training also hinges on ending all forms of discrimination against women and girls. They will be working at the local and national levels by raising awareness on the elimination of systemic forms of discrimination against women and girls.



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Great perseverance. WAVEHI as an organisation has been consistent with changing lives and impacting over 1,000 girls and women as beneficiaries in our various programs. This brought a renewed determination and great perseverance to keep going and impacting the women and girls who have been most affected by it.

- 3. Our founder, Lara Rowland talked about the importance of protecting the human rights of women and girls on Bond FM news to commemorate 16 day of activism on the international day on the elimination of violence against women and girls.
 - 2024 promises to be a greater year, whereby we intend to limit violent and sexual abuse against women and girls with the continuation of our current project with AWDF on sexual violence in the Festac Community. None the less, we are pleased to deliver a strong year in 2023.
- WAVEHI with a different outlook has returned to the basics with clear core value aimed at improved community interaction and awareness creation on (sexual)
 violence against women and girls and on sexual reproductive health rights.
- **WAVEHI** succeeds with its value-driven, innovation-focused model. We are pleased with our ability to deliver solid results and our track record remains very laudable.

Funke Olowosegun (Head/Chair) Lara Rowland (Founder/Coordinator)
Women Against Violence and Expediency Handling Initiative (WAVEHI)
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(In dollars)		
	2023	2022
Community collaboration for project (including AWDF grant)	\$15000	\$7000
Member and community fees and income	\$5000	\$3000
Actual Expenses	\$18500	\$4500