A young girl with dark skin and short, curly hair is the central focus. She is wearing a bright pink top with a matching patterned skirt. She has a thoughtful expression, with her right index finger pointing upwards towards her forehead. The background is a simple, slightly out-of-focus outdoor setting with a metal railing. The overall mood is one of quiet confidence and contemplation.

**ANNUAL  
REPORT  
2017**

**EMPOWERING  
WOMEN FOR  
EXCELLENCE  
INITIATIVE  
(EWEI)**

# WELCOME

Welcome to our 2017 Annual Report.

At EWEI, we thrive on the fulfillment gained from watching our beneficiaries lives change for the better. It has now become even more important than ever to deliver empowerment interventions in the midst of very trying economic, political and security situations in Nigeria.

In 2017, the funding climate was very harsh and in response, we started to explore new ways to generate income to service our operating expenses while still delivering services to our beneficiaries and target communities.

We also continued to crowdfund to support some of our activities through the Educate, Equip, Empower Girls and Women in Nigeria Project on GlobalGiving.

We were also very excited for our second batch of ESP girls to finish secondary school and start to prepare for their internships with us.

This report highlights all this and more.

Last but not least, its imperative to say a big thank you to our partners, volunteers, staff and management for their resilience and all their contributions to the accomplishments of 2017.

Happy Reading!

Warmest Regards  
EWEI Team

## **MISSION**

Provide multi-sectoral interventions for the development and empowerment of girls and women.

## **VISION**

To achieve empowerment through enlightenment.

## **VALUES**

- Excellence in service beyond business as usual
- Generous in sharing knowledge, learning and resources
- Investing in and grooming leaders of change and impact

## **OBJECTIVES**

- Inspire girls and women to be the best they can be and aim for excellence through capacity building and mentoring.
- Support the development of social and emotional skills including self-esteem, leadership and assertiveness in our beneficiaries.
- Provide information and capacity building on health, political, economic and social issues through our various information dissemination platforms and spaces such as EWEI News, EWEI Online, social media and Empowerment Seminars.
- Advocate for and encourage higher enrolment, retention and completion rates for girls and women in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) and information technology education.
- Encourage civic participation of girls and women and contribute to both political and legislative process through capacity building, civic education and advocacy.
- Work towards accomplishing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Advocate for progressive state budgeting practices and gender mainstreaming in legislation.
- Support UNSCR 1325 and 2250 recognising and promoting the role of women and youth in peace building and conflict transformation.

## WHAT WE DO

EWEI works to empower girls and women through capacity building, information dissemination, advocacy and cross cutting community service projects.

Our special programmes:

Economic Empowerment Partnerships (EEP)

Educational Subsidy Programme (ESP)

Empowerment Seminars (ES)

EWEI NEWS

EWEI Online

Civic Education and Participation for Women Project (CEPWOP)

Getting Involved (GI)

Know and Say No (KSN)

EWEI also marks observance days like International Day of Women and Girls in Science, International Women's Day, World Cancer Day, World Health Day, International Day of the Girl Child, International Day of the Rural Woman, World Malaria Day, World Telecommunication and Information Society Day , International Day to End Obstetric Fistula, World Environment Day, World No-Tobacco Day, International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict, International Widows' Day, International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, World Day against Trafficking in Persons, International Youth Day, International Day of Peace, International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, World AIDS Day, International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development, 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation and many more through various activities and online campaigns. Observances Days activities have benefitted at least 664 girls and women.

## 2017 ACTIVITIES

- World Cancer Day
- Empowerment Seminars (Quarterly)
- 2016 Annual General Meeting/ EWEI 9th Anniversary
- International Women's Day
- World Health Day
- Civic Education and Women Participation Project Activities
- Surveys
- EWEI online newsletters
- EWEI Online Needs Assessment Survey
- International Day of the Girl Child
- International Day of Rural Woman
- International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
- International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- International Volunteers Day





## HIGHLIGHTS

- Five ESP girls graduate from secondary school and one of them, Mary Ayandokun who served as head girl emerged the overall best graduating student in her school! We are sooooo proud!
- New partners on board: Hybris Media featured EWEI Programme Director on its Women Entrepreneur Series. Check out the article here: <http://hybrismedia.com/2017/03/11/the-woman-for-women/>. In addition, Felemu Abigail a National Youth Corps member serving with the Nigerian Air Force Secondary School, Kaduna partnered with EWEI on her "Child Empowerment and Violence against Women" seminar.
- We welcomed eight new volunteers.
- We're going high tech; using the mobile data collection platform Echomobile for our surveys for the very first time. The CEPWOP survey was administered in Television Maraban Rido, Ungwan Romi and Mahuta communities.
- Re-structuring to include a new department: Empowerment and Entrepreneurship Department as the income-generating arm of the organisation. All proceeds go to operating expenses and programmes.
- Crowdfunding through the Educate, Equip and Empower Nigerian Girls and Women Project continued during the accelerator months.



## THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

We wouldn't be able to do what we do without the support of our friends and partners. Thank you so much:

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Civil Society Action Coalition on Education for All (CSACEFA)

Gender Working Group, Kaduna State

ABANTU for Development Kaduna State

Youth, Orphan and Widows Empowerment (YOWE)

Education as a Vaccine (EVA)

Women with Disability Self Reliance Centre (WDSRC) Kaduna State

International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), Kaduna State

Kaduna State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development

Kaduna State Ministry of Education

Kaduna State Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

Kaduna State Ministry of Youth and Sports

Kaduna North Local Government Council

Kaduna South Local Government Council

Chikun Local Government Council

News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) Kaduna State

Daily Trust Newspapers Kaduna

African Independent Television Kaduna

DITV

Freedom Radio Kaduna

Kaduna State Media Corporation

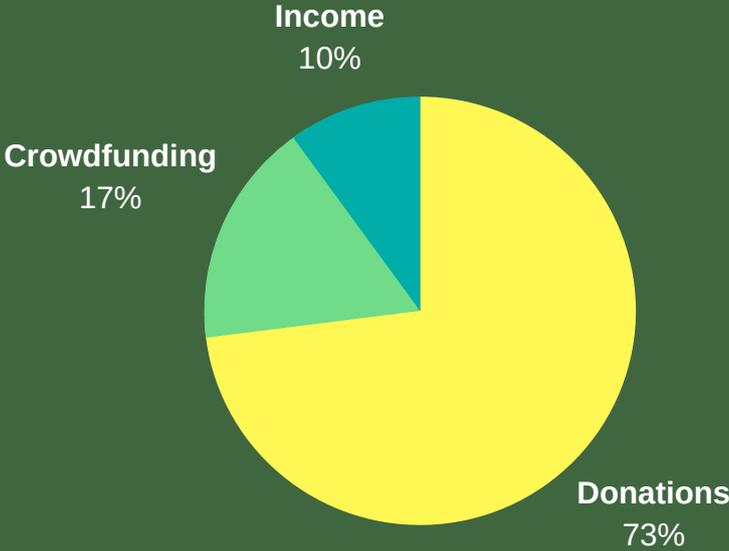
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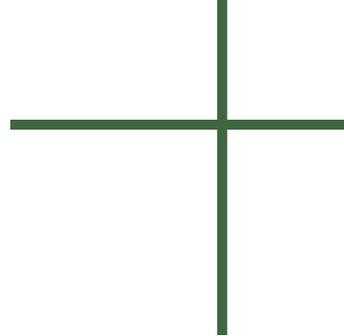
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**EXPENDITURE**





## HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT US

EWEI's projects are supported through partnerships and support from well meaning individuals, organizations and donors.

We require such support to enable us successfully deliver on our promises to empower and enlighten girls and women.

We ask that you support this initiative and play your part in making a difference in the lives of girls and women in our nation.

Please contact us for information on how to collaborate with us and support our work.

You can support EWEI by:

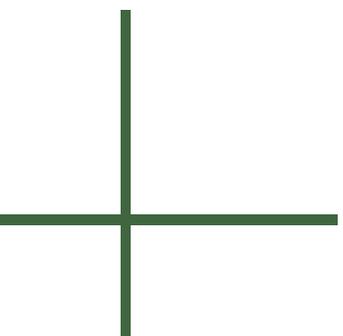
Becoming a mentor

Donating cash or value-in-kind

Donating or purchasing equipment to/for us

Liking, Retweeting, Sharing and Engaging with us online

Volunteering with us



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