



EWEI 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



..... Empowerment through enlightenment





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I find EWEI's seminars very exciting which is beyond my imagination. I have to commend your effort because everything good needs to be commended.

As you improve the academic performance of our children with your projects, may almighty God be your guide and reward you abundantly.

**Guardian of Beneficiary
Learning Without Limits Project**

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MESSAGE

FROM THE PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

Warm Greetings!

When you become a teenager, your caregivers expect a lot to happen including some very difficult times as well you being aware of a new sense of importance of your identity and independence.

EWEI became a teenager in 2021 and what a ride it has been!

13 years of hard work and grit have brought us thus far and 2021 was truly a remarkable year for us. In this report, you will read details of milestones that we only dreamed of achieving years ago and made possible by our incredible and growing team that continues to show leadership, innovation and commitment.

We are truly growing into our identity as a leading women's rights and sustainable development organisation. We are on course to deliver many pleasant surprises in years to come driven by ambitious strategic objectives.

In a year where we were all trying to recover from the effects of COVID-19, as well as huge additional challenges due to insecurity and double figure inflation, we are thankful for the support of our supporters, donors and partners, staff, volunteers, mentors, technical advisors and so many more who wish us well.

No matter how "young" or "old" we are, we remain committed to serving the girls and women of Nigeria and the world, as well as wider communities.

With your continuous support we can do even more; the needs grow every single day and there is so much that you can be a part of. Let's do this together!

Lastly, thanks once again to my wonderful team and happy reading.

Safiya Ibn Garba DTRF
Founder and Programme Director
Empowering Women for Excellence Initiative





WHO WE ARE

Empowering Women for Excellence Initiative (EWEI) is a Non-Governmental Organisation founded in April 2008. EWEI was officially registered by the Corporate Affairs Commission of Nigeria on June 2008 and has been actively working to achieve her aims and objectives.

EWEI is also registered with the Kaduna State Government and it's relevant ministries. In addition, EWEI sustains strong partnerships with agencies and organisations that include: African Women Development Fund (AWDF), Generations for Peace Nigeria (GFP), International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), Obama Foundation Girls Opportunity Alliance (GOA), Salama Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and United Nations Trust Fund (UNTF) among others.



OUR PROGRAMMES



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Mission and Vision Statement

- **Our mission** is to provide multi-sectoral interventions towards empowerment of girls and women.

- **Our vision** is to achieve empowerment through enlightenment.

We work towards this through Capacity Building, Information Dissemination, Advocacy and Cross Cutting Community Service Projects.

Our Values

- Excellence in service beyond business as usual
- Generous in sharing knowledge and resources to enhance learning
- Investing In and grooming leaders of change and Impact

Our 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 various information dissemination platforms and spaces.
- Advocate for and encourage Girl-Child education to relevant stakeholders.
- Advocate for and encourage higher enrollment, retention and completion rates for girls and women in education and specifically science and information technology.
- Encourage civic participation of girls and women and contribute to both political and legislative processes 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 recognizing and promoting the role of women and youth in peace building and conflict transformation.

OUR STRATEGIC PLAN AND POLICIES

EWEI works in line with a comprehensive strategic roadmap spanning 2020- 2025. This strategic plan is to guide operations and decision making as it incorporates EWEI's mission, vision and value statements, plans and future projections into a single document to serve as reference material for monitoring and evaluating the organisation and her interventions.

Our strategic priorities are:

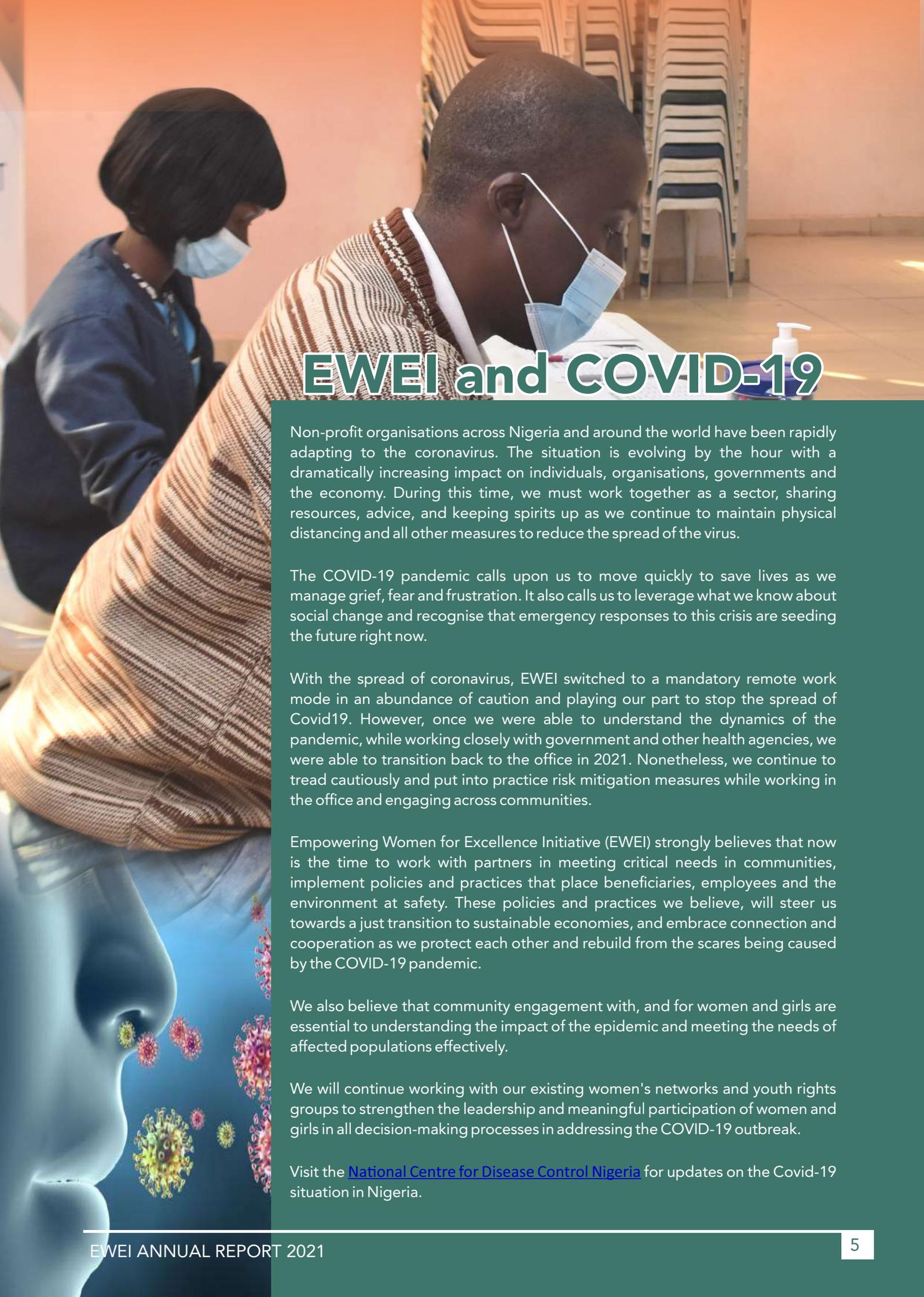
- ➔ Expanding our beneficiary reach through sustainable funding sources. This will be measured by increased funding sources from at least two kinds of donors each year, increased unrestricted funding sources by 10% each year, and securing at least one large scale donor opportunity each year to increase beneficiary reach.
- ➔ Building a strong and seasoned pool of human resources, which will be measured by filling organisational roles with qualified and passionate staff, increased capacity building and professional development opportunities for staff and management based on annual individual career path plans, annually seek partnerships and opportunities for incentives for staff through value-in-kind provisions, and providing competitive remuneration by seeking funding and multiple means for revenue generation.
- ➔ Prioritising research and studies for our constituency (girls and women). This will be measured by the conduct, publishing and dissemination of at least two relevant studies each year and seeking opportunities to partner with either researchers or academic institutions.

Building a study/research bank of reader friendly study reports open for external use, by developing and publishing all previous studies by 2021 and continuing same each year.

- ➔ Establishing our presence regionally as a model of excellence in the non-profit sector, which will be measured by increase in our partnership/membership status with relevant agencies, increase in our partnership/membership of relevant national and regional associations and taking part in one regional event from 2021 either by submission of papers or physical or remote attendance.

EWEI is governed by a code of conduct and set of policies that are regularly revised and reinforced:

- Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy: EWEI has a no tolerance approach towards corruption and is committed to respecting the highest standards in terms of efficiency, responsibility and transparency in its activities.
- Child Protection Policy: This demonstrates EWEI's commitment to safeguarding children from harm within internal and external procedure, throughout all activities.
- Policies against Sexual Harassment, Exploitation and Abuse: Because EWEI adopts a zero-tolerance approach towards sexual exploitation and abuse,
- EWEI is thus committed to their prevention both within the organisation and within the framework of its programmes and beneficiary populations.
- Data Protection Policy: This ensures the protection and confidentiality of personal and sensitive



EWEI and COVID-19

Non-profit organisations across Nigeria and around the world have been rapidly adapting to the coronavirus. The situation is evolving by the hour with a dramatically increasing impact on individuals, organisations, governments and the economy. During this time, we must work together as a sector, sharing resources, advice, and keeping spirits up as we continue to maintain physical distancing and all other measures to reduce the spread of the virus.

The COVID-19 pandemic calls upon us to move quickly to save lives as we manage grief, fear and frustration. It also calls us to leverage what we know about social change and recognise that emergency responses to this crisis are seeding the future right now.

With the spread of coronavirus, EWEI switched to a mandatory remote work mode in an abundance of caution and playing our part to stop the spread of Covid19. However, once we were able to understand the dynamics of the pandemic, while working closely with government and other health agencies, we were able to transition back to the office in 2021. Nonetheless, we continue to tread cautiously and put into practice risk mitigation measures while working in the office and engaging across communities.

Empowering Women for Excellence Initiative (EWEI) strongly believes that now is the time to work with partners in meeting critical needs in communities, implement policies and practices that place beneficiaries, employees and the environment at safety. These policies and practices we believe, will steer us towards a just transition to sustainable economies, and embrace connection and cooperation as we protect each other and rebuild from the scares being caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

We also believe that community engagement with, and for women and girls are essential to understanding the impact of the epidemic and meeting the needs of affected populations effectively.

We will continue working with our existing women's networks and youth rights groups to strengthen the leadership and meaningful participation of women and girls in all decision-making processes in addressing the COVID-19 outbreak.

Visit the [National Centre for Disease Control Nigeria](#) for updates on the Covid-19 situation in Nigeria.

EWEI'S IMPACT



305,957

BENEFICIARIES

In 2021, EWEI activities benefitted 305,957 girls, women, boys and men.



E S P

As at 2021, EWEI implemented the second year for the third batch of ESP beneficiaries. The first quarter commenced with the development of a generic ESP curriculum for 2021. The aim of the curriculum was to allow project staff and facilitators to have a methodological approach in line with educational and developmental trends for the seminars.

In quarter one, we also conducted IWD ESP Seminar with the ten girls of the third batch beneficiaries, where we talked about reading, leadership and celebrated women leaders and mentors.

We also presented them with back to school care packages to assist with the needed educational materials as schools re-opened.

In April 2021, we organised the April seminar for our ESP beneficiaries. Highlights of the seminar were; the review and discussion of the book titled "Sweet Sixteen" and how it relates to their everyday life; and, indoor scrabble game to help the girls learn new words and their meanings.

Educational Subsidy Programme (ESP)



EWEI Online

EWEI Online is an online chat platform and community for horizontal learning, exchange and mentorship for young women and professionals.

EWEI Online is presently being hosted as a private female group on Facebook with 209 members.

You can join EWEI Online by visiting this link:

<https://bit.ly/eweionline>



LEARNING WITHOUT LIMITS



As at 2021, EWEI became a Girls Opportunity Alliance (GOA) Featured Organisation. The Girls Opportunity Alliance is a programme of the Obama Foundation. From September 2021 to August 2023, EWEI will be implementing the “Learning Without Limits” (LWL) Project as a Girls Opportunity Alliance featured organisation.

Learning Without Limits (LWL) is set to support the virtual and supplementary education of 50 adolescent girls from eight public secondary schools across four local government areas- Kaduna North, Kaduna South, Igabi and Chikun Local Government Areas (LGAs), in Kaduna state.



LWL aims to reduce the digital divide and gaps in access to virtual learning for adolescent girls in Kaduna state, provide additional opportunities for access to quality wholesome education in light of pandemic restrictions and limitations of educational curricula, enhance the subject matter skills of the adolescent beneficiaries in order to improve performance in specific subject areas and demonstrate a community inclusive approach to improving access to quality education for girls through the involvement of state and non-state actors.

From September to December 2021, we carried out the following activities:

- 1 Purchased 50 Tablets, Chargers, Power Banks: Stipulated number of tablets, chargers, power banks and required accessories were purchased in compliance with EWEI's Procurement Policy.
- 2 Conducted Needs Assessment: A needs assessment was conducted among one hundred girls to identify their peculiar needs and gaps that had to be filled in order to achieve the goal of the project. Through the needs assessment, subject areas that needed educational improvement were identified. These subjects are: Mathematics, English, Physics, Biology and Government. In addition, an essay was written by the girls and was used as part of the criteria in their selection process.
- 3 Conducted Baseline Survey: A Baseline Survey among fifty respondents were conducted in eight public secondary schools in Chikun, Igabi, Kaduna North, and South Local Government Areas. eight public schools were selected to enable a broader reach as access to public schools were made easier by recent government policies. The team saw this as an opportunity to breach the learning gap and bring the LWL project to a larger community.
Selection of Beneficiaries Concluded: Through conducted needs assessment, fifty beneficiaries were selected. Once selection was complete, notification letters were sent to the selected schools and through the school administrators, the letters of notification were sent to the selected beneficiaries and their parents, while acknowledgment from school administrators were received by the team.
- 4 Confirmed Collaboration with State and Non-state Actors: In a bid to promote a community inclusive approach to improving access to quality education for girls through the involvement of state and non-state actors, advocacy visits were carried out to Ministry of Education, Ministry of Environment, and IHIFIX Innovation Hub. This was to aid the success of the programme.
- 5 Production of Programme Guide: One Hundred programme guides were published. These programme guides contain written details about the project, and activities to be done as they were shared with students and parents to aid their overall understanding of the project.
- 6 Orientation Meeting with Fifty Parents/Guardians of Beneficiaries: Fifty parents/guardians of fifty beneficiaries and twenty-four teachers in Kaduna north and Kaduna south LGAs were invited as an introduction to the project and get their written consent/commitment to allowing the beneficiaries to be available when project activities commenced.
Mentoring of Project Staff: Project staff were mentored on effective tracking of beneficiaries' progress and performance by using digital tools and software under the technical support of our ICT technical partner- IHIFIX Innovation Hub.



THE WOMEN'S PARLIAMENT

The Women's Parliament is a project that models the ideals of democracy and participatory governance. It provides a platform for girls and women to raise issues of interest and engage with policy and decision makers, providing evidence-based arguments and clear calls to action. In August 12, EWEI marked the 2021 International Youth Day and also added an incredibly important project to the Programming portfolio called "The Women's Parliament". EWEI launched the first sitting of The Women's Parliament to mark International Youth Day 2021.

In 2021, The eMPowered Series had its Season One Feature which comprised Episodes One to Five. The eMPowered Series Season One Episode One featured Precious Ajunwa, Founder of Galaxy 4 Peace. The session was moderated by our Founder/Programme Director Safiya Ibn Garba.

The eMPowered Series Season One Episode Two took place on 20 April 2021 and featured Larai Diana Gwani. She is the Desk Officer on Gender and Social Inclusion, Kaduna State House of Assembly. The episode was moderated by our Founder/Programme Director Safiya Ibn Garba. Watch the streamed episode on our You Tube page [here](#)

The eMPowered Series



THE eMPowered SERIES

The eMPowered Series Season One Episode Three featured Bekeme Masade-Olowola. Bekeme is the Founder and Chief Executive of CSR-in-Action. The series was moderated by our Founder/Programme Director Safiya Ibn Garba. Watch the streamed episode on our You Tube page [here](#).

The eMPowered Series Season One Episode Four took place on 24 May 2021. It featured Lara Gboyega Adedeji, the Executive Director, Flickers of Hope foundation and Vice President, at the Centre for New Dimension Leadership. The series was moderated by our Founder/Programme Director Safiya Ibn Garba.

Watch the streamed episode on our You Tube page [here](#).

The eMPowered Series had its Season One Episode Five feature with Mary Izobo, an International Human Rights Lawyer and also Founder of the Amazon Leadership Initiative (The ALI). The series was moderated by our Founder and Programme Director Safiya Ibn Garba.

Watch the streamed event on our YouTube page [here](#).

Our STEM Ambassadors project seeks to encourage girls and women to go into Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics career paths. In June 2021, we had a STEM Ambassadors Special Event titled; Cybersecurity and How the Youths can Gear-up to Acquire Skills in this Field. This event featured Dr Sanjay Vaid, who is a Cybersecurity Expert and Regional Sales Director for HCL Technologies, Nordic Countries. The special event was supported by INNO-SCI whose role as a partner in this event was to bring expert industry skills in innovation and science to the youth. You can watch the recorded session [here](#).



STEM Ambassadors

In 2021, we had five E-Chat online sessions. The first session was in February 2021 where we discussed "Challenges and Opportunities for Women in Business" and had as guests Omolola Saliu a Graphic Designer/CEO Twain Virtual Assist and, Fatima Ayefu the Creative Director and Head Tutor DeBellezartlife. For the month of March, we discussed "Celebrating Leading Women and How They Got There". Our guests were Chinwe Ojogwu and Sharon Whyte who are leading women in their varying sectors.

April E-Chat was on the topic "Women in FinTech", while we centred on "Sharing Personal Experiences of Sexism and Misogyny and Its Adverse Effects" in July. As discussants, we had the EWEI Online ladies. Our session for October 2021 was on the topic, "Making Men Allies: Is it really important to make men allies? Are there difficulties that may arise in making men allies in a professional or non-professional space?" The guests for this sessions were Dinatu Emmanuel Ishaku, Melvin Amita Dan Auta and Safiyya Muhammad Daba.

ILLUMINATING NEW SOLUTIONS AND PROGRAMMATIC INNOVATIONS FOR RESILIENT SPACES (INSPIRES) PROJECT

Resiliency+ Road Map

USAID's Enabling and Protecting Civic Space (EPCS) INSPIRES project seeks to increase knowledge and capacity to respond to growing restrictions on democratic freedoms of association, assembly, and expression around the world. With civic space shifting rapidly around the globe, faster and more potent interventions are critical for bolstering local civil societies. Internews is the prime implementer of the Consortium of six additional partners: The International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL), DevLab@Duke, PartnersGlobal, Results for Development (R4D), CIVICUS, and ZINC Network. EWEI is being supported on the second area which centers around the implementation of Partners Global's Resiliency+ process. All activities as regards the Resiliency Roadmap were held virtually. In December 2021, Partners West Africa - Nigeria: Rule of Law & Empowerment Initiative, together with Partners Global under the Resiliency+ Process organised a 2-day Ecosystem Analysis: (Trends and Futures) workshop with EWEI as one of the beneficiary organisations. The aim of the workshop was to Explore the ecosystem through scenario planning and trends analysis to better manage volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity and inform strategic decisions at the level of the organisation. Present at the event were the first cohort: Youth Alive Foundation (YAF), Women Empowerment Programme (WEP), and Alliances For Africa (AfA); and the second cohort: Community Life Project (CLP), Justice Development Peacemakers Centre (JDPC) Oshogbo and Empowering Women For Excellence Initiative (EWEI).

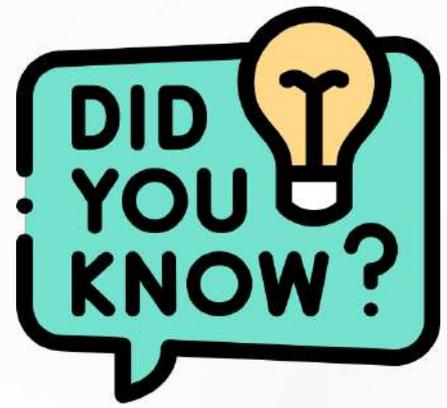


EWEI carries out studies to inform and drive our interventions. We are also happy to share this information to support others' effort at empowering girls and women. In 2021, we published the following reports:

EWEI-ESP Beneficiaries COVID-19 Survey Report
EWEI-16 Days of Activism Poll Report
Please remember to add citation when using this information this way: EWEI/Date of Publication/Name of Study.

Check out our studies on our website at:

<http://www.eweing.org/research/>



PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

Partnerships and collaborations are a necessity in strengthening the efficiencies and effectiveness to tackle down what we need to ensure the development and empowerment of stakeholders in target communities. EWEI is actively involved in partnerships and collaborations, and engages as a member of coalitions and networks that work in similar themes.

In 2021, EWEI was engaged in the following partnership activities:

- EWEI attended the two-day session on Developing Advocacy and Public Hearing plan for the proposed Kano state's Child Protection Bill. The two-day event was held on 21 and 22 September 2021 in its mandate was to discuss the 2020 UNICEF Advocacy strategy plan for the bill. Child Protection Bill when passed, would be a good component to deploy in addressing many issues of the Almajiri child in Kano and other destitute children in the state. The event was sponsored by Kano state Ministry of Justice with support from UNICEF. We were ably represented by our very own Regional Officer, Northwest.
- EWEI was represented in the Stakeholders Forum on "The Strengthening Accountability Networks Among Civil Society (SANCUS) Project" hosted by Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC) in Kaduna on 7 October 2021. The stakeholders' forum discussed recommendations on issues surrounding the need for accountable political parties, political participation, and accountability in constituency projects. Represented at the forum were Transparency International Secretariat Berlin, Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit, and National Orientation Agency, Nigeria.
- EWEI partnered with SOSOCARE in their Kaduna 5 Million Plastic Challenge to mop up recyclables that will be exchanged for one year of free health insurance for 1000 women and children. The activity kickstarted on the 27 November 2021. Universal Health Coverage means all individuals and communities receive the health services they need without suffering financial hardship. EWEI understands that achieving the Universal Health Coverage is paramount to achieving other SDGs as good health allows children to learn and adults to earn.
- Our Regional Officer North West, represented EWEI as a panelists at the second Kano social influencers summit organised by the Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD)
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- To mark the 2021 International Day of Peace, EWEI partnered with Aid Foundation for a radio session that discussed peace and how we can continue to live in harmony in our communities. This radio session was aired live on Kaduna State Media Corporation; KSMC 90.9 FM.

- EWEI was hosted as a guest at the radio programme "Talk the Matter" organised by 94.3 Correct FM Kaduna. The programme which was aired in pidgin had the topic of discussion on "Gender- Based Violence and how prosecution of perpetrators can reduce GBV to the barest minimum.
- EWEI attended the launch of the 2021 State of the World Population (SOWP) Report with the theme "My Body is My Own: Claiming the Right to Autonomy & Self Determination". This event was organised by the Planning and Budget Commission, Kaduna in collaboration with UNFPA Nigeria and Centre for Gender Studies, Kaduna State University.
- Our Founder and Programme Director, Safiya Ibn Garba spoke as the guest mentor for The Girls Boardroom Kenya, Young Women Leaders Mentorship Program.
- EWEI attended the clothing exhibition of "What She Was Wearing" organised by Education as a Vaccine (EVA) to amplify the voices of young women using images and storytelling to push for the implementation of the Violence Against Persons Prohibition Act in Kaduna State.
- EWEI joined the Coalition of Women in Governance, Business, and Media on COVID-19 Response on a courtesy visit to The Deputy Governor of Kaduna State Dr Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe. Deliberations during the visit was centered on partnering with the Kaduna state Government in mitigating the effect of the Covid-19 pandemic and improving on the populace adherence to all Covid-19 protocols.
- EWEI attended the Police-CSO situation room of the SAFENG project organised by Avocats Sans Frontières France. Also in attendance were Nigerian Bar Association, Amnesty International Nigeria National Human Rights Commission, The Nigerian Police Force, among other CSOs. This event was followed by the second-round table meeting of stakeholders and security agencies which was also organised by Avocats Sans Frontières France and partners with the support of European Union in Nigeria.
- EWEI joined the three day sustainability planning workshop for the Kaduna State Coalition of Women Leaders under the project on Strengthening State Capacities and Women's Participation in COVID Response and Broader Peacebuilding Initiatives organised by UN Women Nigeria with support from UK in Nigeria.
- EWEI supported CSR-in-Action in efforts to aid and encourage women in the extractive industries in Quarry Sites located in Kaduna North Local Government Area of Kaduna state.



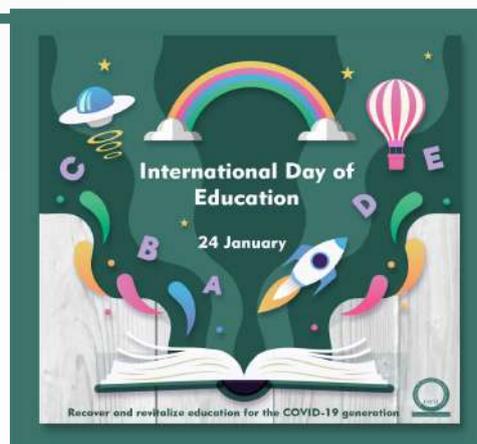


OBSERVANCE DAYS

These are days currently observed by the United Nations. The specified days and weeks in some cases are occasions to mark a particular event with the aim of raising awareness and influencing action. The following observance days are marked by EWEI through post o social media, virtual, and physical events.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION

Education is a human right, a public good and a public responsibility. The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 24 January as International Day of Education in celebration of the role of education for peace and development. Every year, January 24 is celebrated as the International Day of Education. Education plays a very important role in everyone's life. A person who is not educated goes through a lot of struggles in his/her life. The development of a person dominantly depends on education. Education offers children a ladder out of poverty and a path to a promising future.



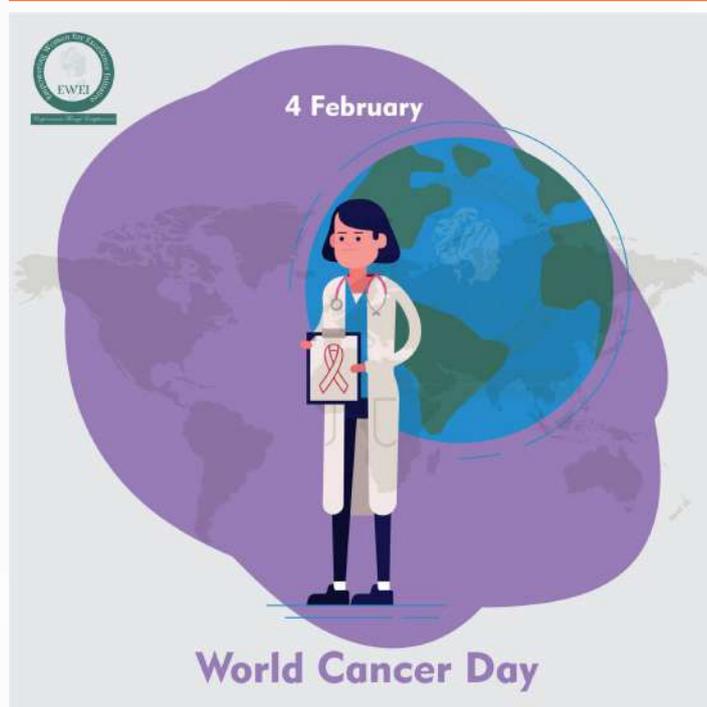
But about 265 million children and adolescents around the world do not have the opportunity to enter or complete school; 617 million children and adolescents cannot read and do basic math; less than 40% of girls in sub-Saharan Africa complete lower secondary school and some four million children and youth refugees are out of school. The International Education Day occurs in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic that led to a global learning disruption of unprecedented scale and severity. The closure of schools, universities, and other learning institutions, as well as the interruption of many literacy and lifelong learning programmes, has affected the lives of 1.6 billion students in over 190 countries.

As a new year begins, now is the time to step up collaboration and international solidarity to place education and lifelong learning at the centre of the recovery and the transformation towards more inclusive, safe and sustainable societies.

The theme for the 2021 International Day of Education is 'Recover and revitalize education for the COVID-19 generation'. Without inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong opportunities for all, countries will not succeed in achieving gender equality and breaking the cycle of poverty that is leaving millions of children, youth, and adults behind. "We must do far more to advance Sustainable Development Goal 4, to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all". - UN Secretary-General António Guterres.

At EWEI, we strongly believe that education is a human right with immense power to transform and on its foundation rest the cornerstone of freedom, democracy and sustainable human development. We marked the day through enlightenment posts on all our social media handles.

WORLD CANCER DAY



World Cancer Day is an opportunity to rally the international community to end the injustice of preventable suffering from cancer. World Cancer Day aims to save millions of preventable deaths each year by raising awareness and education about cancer and pressing governments and individuals across the world to act against the disease. The theme for 2021 was, 'I Am and I Will'. This theme showed us that our actions have an impact on everyone around us within our communities and cities. And that more than ever, our actions are also being felt. 2021 was a reminder of the enduring power of cooperation and collective action-when we choose to come together, we can achieve what we all wish for: a healthier, brighter world without cancer. Everyone has the capacity to address the cancer burden. We can work together to reduce cancer risk factors. We can overcome barriers to early diagnosis, treatment, and palliative care. Through social media posts we spread the word and marked the World Cancer Day.

On 20 December 2012, the UN General Assembly adopted Resolution A/RES/67/146 in which it “calls upon States, the United Nations system, civil society and all stakeholders to continue to observe 6 February as the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation and to use the day to enhance awareness-raising campaigns and to take concrete actions against female genital mutilations”. Thus, February 6 each year is the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation According to UNFPA, around 1 in 4 girls and women, or 52 million worldwide, experienced female genital mutilation, performed by health personnel pointing to an alarming trend in the medicalization of female genital mutilation. Female Genital Mutilation is recognised internationally as a violation of the human rights of girls and women. It reflects deep-rooted inequality between the sexes and constitutes an extreme form of discrimination against women.

At EWEI, Zero Tolerance means stop; Zero Tolerance means end female genital mutilation. Through [social media posts](#) we spread the word on the dangers of FGM.

IT STARTS WITH YOU
**JOIN EWEI TO
 SAY NO TO
 FGM TODAY**



LET'S STOP THE VIOLENCE NOW

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE



11 Feb The International Day of Women and Girls in Science is celebrated on 11 February - it is implemented by UNESCO and UN-Women, in collaboration with institutions and civil society partners. The Day focuses on the reality that science and gender equality are both vital for the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. According to data from the UN Scientific Education and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), fewer than 30% of researchers worldwide are women and approximately 30% of all female students select STEM-related fields in higher education. Globally, female students' enrollment is particularly low in ICT (3%), natural science, mathematics and statistics (5%), and engineering, manufacturing and construction (8%).

The 2021 theme for the International Day of Women and Girls in Science is “Women Scientists at the forefront of the fight against COVID-19” and will gather together experts working in fields related to the pandemic from different parts of the world. The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic has clearly demonstrated the critical role of women researchers in different stages of the fight against COVID-19, from advancing the knowledge on the virus, to developing techniques for testing, and finally to creating the vaccine against the virus. At the same time, the COVID-19 pandemic also had a significant negative impact on women scientists, particularly affecting those at the early stages of their career, and thus contributing to widening the existing gender gap in science, and revealing the gender disparities in the scientific system, which need to be addressed by new policies, initiatives and mechanisms to support women and girls in science. Science and gender equality are both vital for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Over the past 15 years, the global community has made a lot of effort in inspiring and engaging women and girls in science. Yet women and girls continue to be excluded from participating fully in science. Long-standing biases and gender stereotypes are steering girls and women away from science related fields. Together we can put an end to this narrative. Everyone deserves equal opportunities

ZERO DISCRIMINATION DAY

Zero Discrimination Day is observed each year on 1 March. Discrimination continues to undermine efforts to achieve a more just and equitable world and causes pain and suffering for many. Discrimination has many forms, from racial or religious discrimination to discrimination based on gender, sexual orientation, or age, and to bullying at school or work. The 2021 theme was 'End Inequalities'. Discrimination and inequalities are closely intertwined. Intersecting forms of discrimination, be it structural or social, against individuals and groups can lead to a wide range of inequalities—for example, in income, educational outcomes, health and employment. However, inequalities themselves can also lead to stigma and discrimination. Although some countries have made laudable progress towards greater gender equality, discrimination against women and girls still exists everywhere. Intersecting with other forms of discrimination such as discrimination based on income, race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity—these rights violations disproportionately harm women and girls. EWEI asserts that everyone has the right to quality education. We therefore joined the fight to end inequalities and achieve zero discrimination for all.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



The first International Women's Day (IWD) was marked in 1911, supported by over one million people. Today, IWD is celebrated by all groups collectively everywhere. The theme for the 2019 International Women's Day (8 March) was, "Think Equal, Build Smart, Innovate for Change". To mark the 2021 International Women's Day, EWEI conducted an international Women's Day Seminar with the ESP beneficiaries where they shared back to school packages with the girls. EWEI also inaugurated cooperatives for the beneficiaries in the OSS

THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE RIGHT TO THE TRUTH CONCERNING GROSS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND FOR THE DIGNITY OF VICTIMS

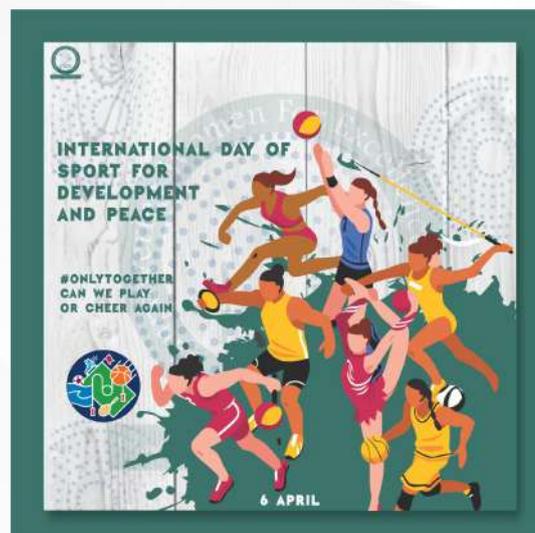
Each year, on 24 March, the International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims is observed. This annual observance pays tribute to the memory of Monsignor Óscar Arnulfo Romero, who was murdered on 24 March 1980. Monsignor Romero was actively engaged in denouncing violations of the human rights of the most vulnerable individuals in El Salvador. In a 2009 report on the Right to the Truth, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights identified best practices for the effective implementation of this right, in particular practices relating to archives and records concerning gross violations of human rights, and programmes on the protection of witnesses and other persons involved in trials connected with such violations.

The purpose of the Day is to: honour the memory of victims of gross and systematic human rights violations and promote the importance of the right to truth and justice; pay tribute to those who have devoted their lives to, and lost their lives in, the struggle to promote and protect human rights for all; recognize the important work and values of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, of El Salvador, who was assassinated on 24 March 1980, after denouncing violations of the human rights of the most vulnerable populations and defending the principles of protecting lives, promoting human dignity and opposition to all forms of violence. EWEI celebrates all those who have devoted their lives to, and lost their lives in, the struggle to promote and protect human.



THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace is observed each year on April 6. Sport has the power to change the world; it is a fundamental right, a powerful tool to strengthen social ties and promote sustainable development and peace and well as solidarity, and respect. Sport has proven to be a cost-effective and flexible tool in promoting peace and development objectives. Sport is also an important enabler of sustainable development. The COVID-19 pandemic has made it difficult to gather as friends, for teams and fans to compete, play and cheer together. It has taken a toll on individuals, societies, organisations, and economies. Measures put in place to defeat the pandemic have touched every aspect of our lives, including sport. But sport itself can help play a role in building resilience and in the recovery from the pandemic.



It can help in the effort to build back better to a more resilient and equitable world. Sport can help promote fairness, teambuilding, equality, inclusion, and perseverance. Sport and physical activity can also help us get through times of crisis, like COVID-19, by reducing anxieties and improving physical and mental health. Professional sport also provides employment and income to many people around the world and an integral sector to the economic success of many communities and regions. Sport can cross boundaries and defy stereotypes and inspire hope across nations, but we will only be able to get back to this, if we recover better and help end the pandemic by helping ensure everyone is protected from COVID-19. EWEI recognises the growing contribution of sport to the realisation of development and peace in its promotion of tolerance and respect and the contributions it makes to the empowerment of women. EWEI showed its commitment through relevant posts on all our social media handles.

WORLD HEALTH DAY

World Health Day is a global health awareness day celebrated every year on 7 April to draw the attention of the world to health, global human populations and the diseases that may impact these populations. The theme for world health day 2021 was 'Building a fairer, healthier world.' As COVID-19 has highlighted, some people are able to live healthier lives and have better access to health services than others. All over the world, some groups struggle to make ends meet with little daily income, have poorer housing conditions and education, fewer employment opportunities, experience greater gender inequality, and have little or no access to safe environments, clean water and air, food security and health services.



This leads to unnecessary suffering, avoidable illness, and premature death. This greatly harms our societies and economies. Reiterating the words of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, EWEI asserts that health is a fundamental human right indispensable for the exercise of other human rights. Every human being is entitled to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health conducive to living a life in dignity.

THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF LIVING TOGETHER IN PEACE

16 May 2021 was the fourth time the International Day of Living Together in Peace has been celebrated, having only been officially recognised by the General Assembly of the United Nations in December 2017. The International Day of Living Together in Peace is a means of mobilizing the efforts of the international community to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding and solidarity. The Day aims to uphold the desire to live and act together, united in differences and diversity, to build a sustainable world of peace, solidarity, and harmony. This Day is an invitation to states and leaders of all sides to continue to further promote reconciliation, to help to ensure peace and sustainable development, especially collaborating with religious communities, faith leaders, and other relevant actors, through reconciliatory measures and acts of service and by encouraging forgiveness and compassion among individuals and communities.

On International Day of Living Together in Peace; EWEI emphasises that accepting one another through peaceful measures and acts of service and by encouraging forgiveness and compassion among people would go a long way in fostering peace.

EWEI, as a local partner organisation of Generations For Peace has continued to work with GFP to implement peacebuilding programmes in Kaduna, Nigeria, by utilising using sports, advocacy, dialogue, and economic empowerment as vehicles for peacebuilding in divided communities.

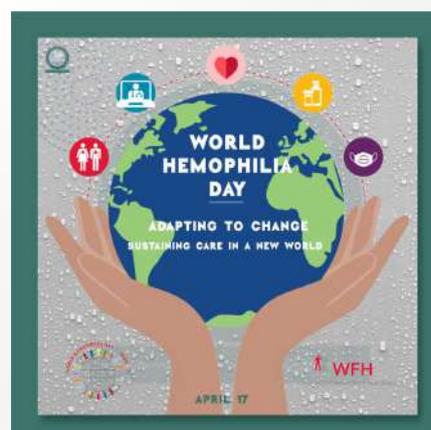
THE WORLD DAY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK

The World Day for Safety and Health at Work is celebrated annually on 28 April to promote the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally. It is an awareness-raising campaign intended to focus international attention on the magnitude of the problem and on how promoting and creating a safety and health culture can help reduce the number of work-related deaths and injuries. The World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2021 focuses on leveraging the elements of an occupational safety and health system as set out in the Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187).



WORLD HEMOPHILIA DAY

World Hemophilia Day is an international awareness day for hemophilia and other bleeding disorders. It is held annually on April 17, date of the birthday of Frank Schnabel, founder of the World Federation of Hemophilia. Hemophilia is caused by a mutation or change, in one of the genes, that provides instructions for making the clotting factor proteins needed to form a blood clot. This change or mutation can prevent the clotting protein from working properly or to be missing altogether. Hemophilia is usually an inherited bleeding disorder in which the blood does not clot properly. This can lead to spontaneous bleeding as well as bleeding following injuries or surgery. Blood contains many proteins called clotting factors that can help to stop bleeding.



In rare cases, a person can develop hemophilia later in life. Most cases involve middle-aged or elderly people, or young women who have recently given birth or are in the later stages of pregnancy. This condition often resolves with appropriate treatment. The theme for the 2021 World Hemophilia Day is "Adapting to change, sustaining care in a new world". With the COVID-19 pandemic having a major impact on people with a bleeding disorder, the objective has never been more important. EWEI shows support to the global bleeding disorder community by taking part in the 2021 World Hemophilia Day as we stand with persons with a bleeding disorder.

INTERNATIONAL GIRLS IN ICT DAY

International Girls in ICT Day is celebrated on 22 April each year to draw attention to the critical need for more girls and women in the ICT sector. With technology playing a role in all kinds of careers, from art and history to law, primary teaching, and graphic design, learning tech skills at a young age will set girls up for economic independence.

The ICT sector needs more girls and women. Statistics from UNESCO shows that sa of the 781 million illiterate people in the world, 2/3 are women, and with 7 million people working in the ICT sector, only 30% are women, with only 6% of CEOs at the top 100 global tech companies being women.



Gender equality in the ICT sector would make ICT available to all. This is essential in building back stronger communities and economies and addressing many of the world's most pressing challenges.

WORLD MALARIA DAY

World Malaria Day is observed annually on 25 April, to bring global attention to the efforts made to end malaria and encourage action to reduce suffering and death from the disease. The theme for the 2021 World Malaria Day is 'Reaching the Zero Malaria Target'. Malaria is a preventable and treatable infectious disease transmitted by mosquitoes that kills more than one million people each year, most of them in sub-Saharan Africa, where malaria is the leading cause of death for children under five. Because malaria is a global emergency that affects mostly poor women and children, malaria perpetuates a vicious cycle of poverty in the global south. Malaria related illnesses and mortality cost Africa's economy alone USD 12 billion per year.



The World Health Organization (WHO) estimated that in 2018, there were 228 million cases of malaria in 89 countries, with 405,000 resulting deaths. No significant gains were made in reducing malaria cases from 2014 to 2018. As of April 21, 2020 globally, 2.2 million SARS-CoV-2 cases and 170,000 COVID-19-related deaths have been reported. The COVID-19 pandemic is causing morbidity, mortality, anxiety, and an economic free-fall that has never been seen before. It is difficult to predict the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on malaria research and prevention. Over the last year, several critical uncertainties have been identified. According to UNICEF, every two minutes, a child under five dies of malaria. Many of these deaths are preventable and treatable. In 2019, there were 229 million malaria cases globally that led to 409,000 deaths. Of these deaths, 67 per cent (274,000) were children under 5 years of age. This translates into a daily toll of nearly 750 children under age 5. EWEI continues to advocate for preventive measures against malaria as prevention is not just better than cure, but cheaper than cure.

INTERNATIONAL DAY TO END OBSTETRIC FISTULA

May 23 each year is the International Day to End Obstetric Fistula, which promotes action towards treating and preventing obstetric fistula, a condition that affects many girls and women in developing countries. Obstetric fistula is one of the most serious and tragic injuries that can occur during childbirth. It is a hole between the birth canal and the bladder or rectum caused by prolonged, obstructed labour without treatment.

According to the Nigerian National Strategic Framework, 2008, about 6,000 fistula repairs are performed every year in Nigeria but more than 148,000 women are on the waiting list for surgery. It added that some of the VVF centers do not have enough beds or adequate electricity to operate.



The 2021 theme speaks up a clear message: “ Women's rights are human rights! End fistula now!”

We must put an end to obstetric fistula as a critical step towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and realising the promise of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action as well as the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development. Both plans are oriented to fight for women's rights, including the sexual and reproductive health.

EWEI stands with the fact that prevention and treatment of obstetric fistula contribute to achieving Sustainable Development Goal 3, which is ensuring healthy lives; in this case, improving maternal health.

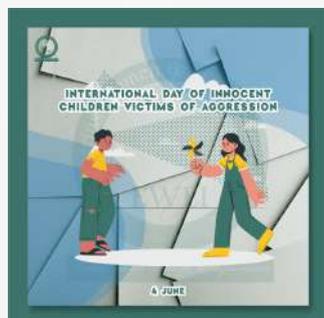
MENSTRUAL HYGIENE DAY

28 May every year is observed as the Menstrual Hygiene Day (MH Day). On this day, we advocate for the importance of good menstrual hygiene management (MHM). Over 800 million women and girls menstruate every day, yet across the globe they face barriers to properly managing their periods.

The COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated these barriers. The social stigmas and taboos surrounding menstruation often prevent women and girls from attending work and school. Even when they do attend while menstruating, the lack of access to menstrual hygiene products, lack of sanitation infrastructure such as private toilets and handwashing facilities, and lack of menstrual hygiene education can prevent women and girls from reaching their full potential in the classroom, in the workplace, and at home.

While traditional awareness regarding MHM is a must, reducing the stigma around the concept of menstruation is also very important in order to help men and women feel comfortable to engage in conversations on how to better help women maintain their Sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF INNOCENT CHILDREN VICTIMS OF AGGRESSION



The United Nations' (UN) International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression is observed on June 4 each year. The purpose of the day is to acknowledge the pain suffered by children throughout the world who are the victims of physical, mental and emotional abuse. This day affirms the UN's commitment to protect the rights of children. The six most common violations are recruitment and use of children in war, killing, sexual violence, abduction, attacks on schools and hospitals, and denial of humanitarian access. The International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression also celebrates the millions of individuals and organisations working to protect and preserve the rights of children.

It is a time for people all over the world to become aware of the impact of abuse, in all its forms, against children. It is also a time when organisations and individuals learn from or take part in awareness campaigns centered on protecting children's rights.

Violence cuts across all social, cultural, religious and ethnic lines, violence and abuse against children may take place anywhere: at home, at school, on the streets. Children are Humans too.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

World Environment Day is marked every 5 June each year, and is the United Nation's principal vehicle for encouraging awareness and action for the protection of our environment. First held in 1974, it has been a flagship campaign for raising awareness on emerging environmental issues from marine pollution, human overpopulation, and global warming, to sustainable consumption and wildlife crime. Humans are both creatures and moulders of their environment, which gives them physical sustenance and affords them the opportunity for intellectual, moral, social, and spiritual growth. In the long and tortuous evolution of the human race on this planet a stage has been reached when, through the rapid acceleration of science and technology, humans have acquired the power to transform their environment in countless ways and on an unprecedented scale. With this big and challenging picture, the 2021 World Environment Day focused on the ecosystem restoration and its theme was "Restoring Ecosystems: Reimagine. Recreate. Restore." To Mark the 2021 World Environment Day themed 'Restoring Ecosystems', EWEI and its partners had an open discussions around Kaduna hazard profiling; to help identify the most frequent hazards, the level impact to help communities and government plan better.

WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR



Every year on June 12 the World Day Against Child Labour is observed to raise awareness on the plight of child labourers worldwide. The International Labour Organization (ILO) launched the World Day Against Child Labour in 2002 to focus attention on the global extent of child labour and the action and efforts needed to eliminate it. The 2021 theme was, Act Now: End Child Labour. EWEI acknowledges that ending child labour requires immediate action, accelerated motivation, and collaborative partnerships at all levels.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT

June 19 was proclaimed the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015, to raise awareness of the need to put an end to conflict-related sexual violence. The term "conflict-related sexual violence" refers to rape, sexual slavery, forced prostitution, forced pregnancy, forced abortion, enforced sterilization, forced marriage and any other form of sexual violence of comparable gravity perpetrated against women, men, girls, or boys that is directly or indirectly linked to a conflict. The term also encompasses trafficking in persons when committed in situations of conflict for the purpose of sexual violence or exploitation.

Sexual violence in conflict constitutes a grave human rights violation with devastating physical, psychological and social consequences that impedes economic development, social cohesion and sustainable peace and security. A report covering March 2020 from UNFPA, found that women and girls were hit hardest by the triple crises of conflict, displacement because of that conflict and COVID-19 and at heightened risk for sexual violence, exploitation, and trafficking. The pandemic has impeded prevention, protection, and treatment

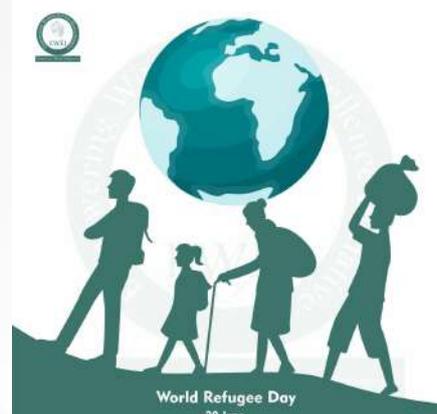
Conflict-related sexual violence exacts an unspeakable toll on a survivor, who is most likely to be a civilian and not a combatant. Even if hostilities cease, the scars are lasting. Sexual violence in conflict also threatens public health, security, and peacebuilding. The costs of war are great; the cost of war against women and girls is incalculable.

With the immense support of the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women, Women and Girls survivors of conflict-related sexual violence in Kaduna State, are provided access to psychosocial support systems and economic empowerment opportunities to facilitate normalisation of their lives through the Our Safe Spaces project (OSS).

EWEI condemns all forms of sexual violence as a tactic of war and an impediment to peacebuilding.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

World Refugee Day is marked every year on 20 June. Tens of thousands of people around the world take time to recognize and applaud the contribution of forcibly displaced people throughout the world. A refugee is someone who fled his or her home and country owing to “a well-founded fear of persecution because of his/her race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion”, according to the United Nations 1951 Refugee Convention. Many refugees are in exile to escape the effects of natural or human-made disasters. Refugees are among the most vulnerable people in the world. The 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol help protect them. They are the only global legal instruments explicitly covering the most important aspects of a refugee's life.



According to their provisions, refugees deserve, as a minimum, the same standards of treatment enjoyed by other foreign nationals in each country and, in many cases, the same treatment as nationals.

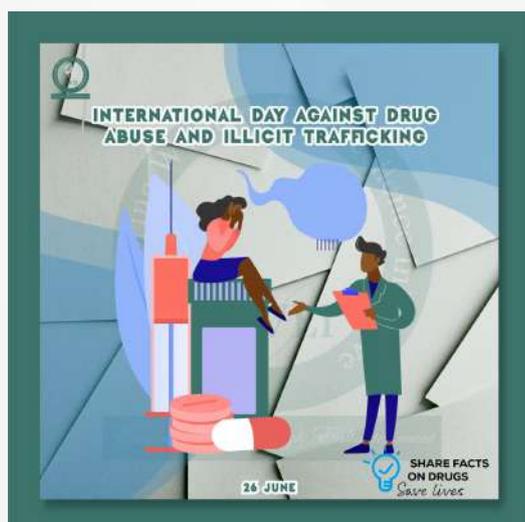
The theme for the 2021 World Refugee Day is “Together we can achieve anything” which focuses on the power of inclusion.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the recent anti-racism protests have shown us how desperately we need to fight for a more inclusive and equal world: a world where no one is left behind. It has never been clearer that all of us have a role to play to bring about change. Everyone can make a difference. EWEI holds that given the chance, refugees will continue to contribute to a stronger, safer, and more vibrant world.

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING

The International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, also known as 'World Drug Day', is celebrated annually on 26 June.

World Drug Day is a day to share research findings, evidence-based data and life-saving facts, to continue tapping into a shared spirit of solidarity. The campaign invites everyone to do their part, by taking a firm stance against misinformation and unreliable sources; while committing to sharing only the real science-backed data on drugs and save lives.



On 26 June every year, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNDOC), marks the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking to highlight the dangers of drug use and illegal trade of drugs. It also provides educational materials to help spread the message about the extreme cultural and economic harm the trade in drugs is doing across the globe.

The theme of World Drug Day 2021 is “Share facts on drugs, save lives.” This observance day aims at combating misinformation and promotes sharing facts on drugs - from health risks and solutions to tackle the world drug problem, to evidence-based prevention, treatment, and care. The field of addressing the drug problem has been plagued by the information of many kinds, hence the need for better knowledge to counter the menace posed by drug abuse and illicit trafficking.

COVID-19 has brought unprecedented public awareness on health, protective measures for staying healthy, and on protecting each other. A growing sense of global community and solidarity continues to emerge, as does the need to ensure health care for all.

On World Drug Day 2021, EWEI strongly believes that better knowledge about drug abuse and illicit trafficking can lead to greater international cooperation for countering its impact on health, governance and security.

MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES DAY.



June 27 each year is the Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day. Micro, small, and Medium-sized businesses celebrate their day in recognition of their work in local and global economies. These enterprises, which generally employ fewer than 250 persons, are the backbone of most economies worldwide and play a key role in developing countries. The Theme for the 2021 Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day is “MSMEs: Key to an inclusive and sustainable recovery”. The COVID-19 crisis has taught us that the pandemic and containment measures do not impact everyone in the same way. Among the private sector, Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs), especially those led by women, youth, ethnic minorities and migrants, suffered the most.

An International Trade Centre survey on COVID-19 impact among businesses in 136 countries has shown that nearly 62% of women-led small businesses have been strongly affected by the crisis, compared to just over half of firms led by men, and women-owned are 27% more likely not to survive the pandemic. The average growth rate of women's enterprises is still lower than the average growth rate for businesses run by men.

Business analysts, however, have identified that quite several factors are contributing to the slow growth rate in Nigeria. These factors include limited access to financing, gender discrimination, and lack of career advancement and training facilities. In Nigeria, the major factors that constraints women from starting a business are gender discrimination. When it comes to access to resources for establishing and expansion of a business, women mostly encounter challenges in getting credit and loans.

According to UN Women, Women's economic empowerment boosts productivity, increases economic diversification and income equality in addition to other positive development outcomes. EWEI affirms that women should be given equal chances with men in economic development because there is no tool for development more effective than the empowerment of women.

WORLD POPULATION DAY



Every year on July 11, the world observes World Population Day. The size of a nation's population has a major impact on its development and operations. The bigger a country's population, the more difficult it is to develop at a quicker rate. As a result, reducing over population is essential, whether on a national or global scale, to ensure the long-term growth of our existing resources. In this second year of COVID-19, we were suspended in an in-between state, where parts of the world was emerging from the deep recesses of the pandemic while others were locked in battle with the coronavirus as access to vaccines remained a distant reality. It took hundreds of years for the world population to grow to 1 billion – then in just another 200 years or so, it grew sevenfold.

In 2011, the global population reached the 7 billion mark, and today, it stands at about 7.7 billion, and it's expected to grow to around 8.5 billion in 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050, and 10.9 billion in 2100. According to the United Nations, only 55% of women have the power to make their own decisions about their bodies. This should be a wake-up call to governments, policymakers, and development institutions.

WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY

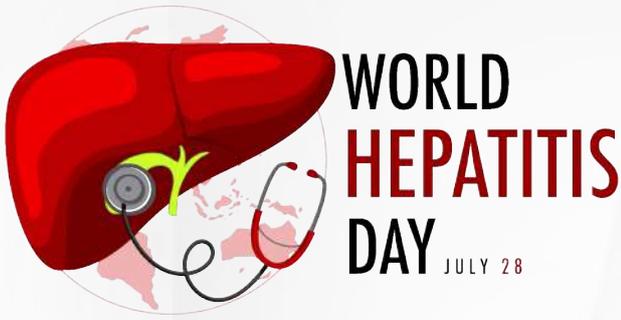
Every year World Youth Skills Day (WYSD) is celebrated on 15 July to recognise the strategic importance of equipping young people with the skills of employment, decent work, and entrepreneurship. The day also highlights the important role of skilled youth in addressing current and future global challenges. According to UNESCO, it is estimated that nearly 70% of the world's learners are affected by school closures across education levels. TVET institutions survey is jointly done by UNESCO, the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the World Bank reported that distance learning is now the most common way of conveying skills with sizable difficulties regarding among others like curricula adaptation, trainee, and trainer preparedness, connectivity, or assessment and certification processes.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 1 in 6 young people were out of work as at 2021. In such a time where young people are called upon to contribute to the recovery effort, they must be equipped with the skills to successfully manage upcoming challenges and therefore the resilience to alter to future disruptions.

The theme for the 2021 World Youth Skills Day is "Reimagining Youth Skills Post-Pandemic". The theme focused on the impact of COVID-19 crisis on skills development and ways to explore strategies in response to the unfolding economic crisis. In response to the impact of COVID-19 crisis on skills development, EWEI strongly believes putting more efforts in empowering young people, can better advance lasting peace, sustainable development, and human rights for all.

Sign up for the Employability Skills Course here. <https://bit.ly/3B3B41f>





World Hepatitis Day is observed each year on 28 July to raise awareness of viral hepatitis, an inflammation of the liver that causes severe liver disease and hepatocellular cancer. The theme for the 2021 World Hepatitis Day was “Hepatitis Can't Wait”. With a person dying every 30 seconds from hepatitis related illness – even in the current COVID-19 crisis – we can't wait to act.

There are five main strains of the hepatitis virus – A, B, C, D and E. Together, hepatitis B and C are the most common which result in 1.1 million deaths and 3 million new infections per year.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), We need to work together to eliminate viral hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030 by: preventing infection among new born, stopping transmission from mother to child, leaving no one behind, expanding access to testing and treatment and maintaining essential hepatitis services during COVID-19.

EWEI strongly believes that through massive enlightenment campaigns, scale-up in screening, diagnosis and linkage to care, a hepatitis-free future is achievable.

THE WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

The World Day against Trafficking in Persons is marked on July 30 every year to raise awareness about the menace of human trafficking and to protect the human rights of the victims. Human trafficking is a crime that exploits women, children and men for numerous purposes including forced labour and sex. Since 2003 the UNODC - United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime has collected information on about 225,000 victims of trafficking detected worldwide. Globally countries are detecting and reporting more victims and are convicting more traffickers. This can be the result of increased capacity to identify victims and/or an increased number of trafficked victims. According to the International Labour Organization (ILO), around 21 million people are victims of forced labour globally, and of these, a significant number are also trafficking victims.

The 2021 theme “Victims' voices lead the way” placed victims of human trafficking at the centre of the campaign and highlighted the importance of listening to and learning from survivors of human trafficking. The campaign portrays survivors as key actors in the fight against human trafficking and focusses on the crucial role they play in establishing effective measures to prevent this crime, identify and rescue victims and support them on their road to rehabilitation.

EWEI marked the 2021 World Day against Trafficking in Persons with posts on our social media handles.





International Youth Day is celebrated annually on 12 August to bring youth issues to the attention of the international community and to celebrate the potential of youth as active partners in the global society.

The theme of International Youth Day 2021 is, “Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health”, with the aim of highlighting that the success of such a global effort will not be achieved without the meaningful participation of young people.

International Youth Day (IYD) gives an opportunity to celebrate and mainstream young peoples' voices, actions and initiatives, as well as their meaningful, universal and equitable engagement.

The Women's Parliament is a project designed by EWEI to model the ideals of democracy and participatory governance. It provides a platform for girls and women to raise issues of interest and engage with policy and decision makers, providing evidence-based arguments and clear calls to action. This project was inaugurated on the 2021 International Youth Day.

The highlights of the event were:

- Message from our Founder and Programme Director's Desk
- Introduction of the Parliamentarians and Plenary Discussions
- Responses from Stakeholders
- Publicity of the EWEI GBV Toll Free Helpline

WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

World Humanitarian Day is observed every year on 19 August to pay tribute to aid workers who risk their lives in humanitarian service, and to rally support for people affected by crises around the world.

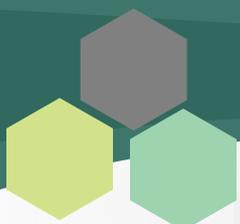
This day was designated in memory of the 19 August 2003 bomb attack on the Canal Hotel in Baghdad, Iraq, killing 22 people, including the chief humanitarian in Iraq, Sergio Vieira de Mello. In 2009, the United Nations General Assembly formalized the day as World Humanitarian Day.

Each year, World Humanitarian Day focuses on a theme, bringing together partners from across the humanitarian system to advocate for the survival, well-being and dignity of people affected by crises, and for the safety and security of aid workers.

The 2021 theme is “A global challenge for climate action in solidarity with the people who need it most.” The theme highlights the immediate consequences of the climate emergency for the world's most vulnerable people and ensures that their voices are heard.

EWEI stands in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable people.





THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF AND TRIBUTE TO THE VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

The International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism is commemorated 21 August every year to honour and support the victims and survivors of terrorism and to promote and protect the full enjoyment of their human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Terrorism is the biggest threat to our civilisation currently. Every year, thousands of innocent people lose their lives to these ghastly acts of terror. Incident of these acts might end in a matter of a few hours or days, but they leave behind a scar that can never be undone from the minds of the victim.

Terrorism today has spread its presence in almost every part of the world. While the impact may vary, there's no country that has not suffered the trauma. In a time like this, there's a need for the world to come together and end this problem right from the root. And while doing that, we should also spare a thought for millions of people who have been suffering the brunt of acts done by a few. Victims of terrorism continue in the struggle to have their voices heard, their needs met, and their rights protected. Victims can often feel overlooked, and many have trouble recovering from their trauma, while living with long term physical, psychological, social, and financial hardships.

According to Statistics; in 2019, 1,245 people died in Nigeria in terrorist attacks. Despite an overall decrease in the number of deaths, Nigeria remains one of the countries with the highest terrorism threat levels in the world. In the said year, it recorded the second largest number of deaths related to terrorism worldwide. Even if deaths due to terrorism experienced a decrease, Nigeria's deadliest terrorist group, Boko Haram, became more dangerous and the number of attacks to both civil and military targets increased.

Like the United Nations, EWEI is also committed to a world free from terrorism. EWEI stands in solidarity with all victims and survivors, and we commit to supporting them in healing their trauma and bring them hope.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CHARITY

The International Day of Charity was established with the objective of sensitizing and mobilizing people, NGOs, and stakeholders all around the world to help others through volunteer and philanthropic activities.

The date of 5 September was chosen to commemorate the anniversary of the passing away of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 "for work undertaken in the struggle to overcome poverty and distress, which also constitute a threat to peace." Mother Teresa, the renowned nun and missionary, was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in 1910. In 1928 she went to India, where she devoted herself to helping the destitute. In 1948 she became an Indian citizen and founded the order of Missionaries of Charity in Kolkata (Calcutta) in 1950, which became noted for its work among the poor and the dying in that city. For over 45 years she ministered to the poor, sick, orphaned and dying, while guiding the Missionaries of Charity's expansion, first in India and then in other countries, including hospices and homes for the poorest and homeless. Mother Teresa's work has been recognized and acclaimed throughout the world and she has received several awards and distinctions, including the Nobel Peace Prize. Mother Teresa died on September 5th, 1997, at 87 years of age.

To us at EWEI, Charity is vital, as it enables us to reach out to wider parts of society, assisting those who need our help the most.

Through our GlobalGiving project: Educate, Equip and Empower 230 Girls and Women, we aim to support the education of ten girls in public secondary schools over two years, train and mentor 120 indigent rural women (mostly widows and heads of households) and engage 100 adult females in two tertiary institutions.

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

International Literacy Day is celebrated on September 8 every year to raise awareness and concern for literacy problems that exist within our own local communities as well as globally. International Literacy Day was founded by proclamation of The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), in 1966 to remind the public of the importance of literacy as a matter of dignity and human rights. International Literacy Day brings ownership of the challenges of illiteracy back home to local communities where literacy begins, one person at a time.

The theme for the 2021 International Literacy Day is "Literacy for a human-centred recovery: Narrowing the digital divide."

According to the United Nations, 773 million adults and young people lack basic literacy skills.

WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

World Suicide Prevention Day is celebrated annually on 10 September to create awareness about how suicide can be prevented. The goal is to shine a light on the issues to reach people who are struggling before it's too late. Unfortunately, the ongoing pandemic has made many people more anxious, depressed, and susceptible to taking such extreme steps for several reasons, like job loss, losing a close one to coronavirus, lack of social relations propagated by the mandatory physical distancing and so on.

As Nigeria joins other countries in marking this year's World Suicide Prevention Day, In Nigeria, according to Daily Trust, in 2020, no fewer than 264 suicide cases were recorded in the country within the last four years. This figure excluded numerous suicide cases that were not been reported by the media.

The 2021 theme of World Suicide Prevention Day is "Creating hope through action." The theme reflects on the need for collective action to address this urgent public health issue.

EWEI strongly believes that all of us- CSOs, family members, friends, co-workers, community members, educators, religious leaders, healthcare professionals, political officials, and the government- can take action to prevent suicide not just in Nigeria but across the world.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") is observed around the world each year on 21 September. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

The United Nations Member States adopted the 17 Sustainable Development Goals in 2015 because they understood that it would not be possible to build a peaceful world if steps were not taken to achieve economic and social development for all people everywhere, and ensure that their rights were protected. The Sustainable Goals cover a broad range of issues, including poverty, hunger, health, education, climate change, gender equality, water, sanitation, energy, environment and social justice.

The 2021 theme for the International Day of Peace is "Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world."

EWEI Celebrates peace by standing up against acts of hate online and offline, and by spreading compassion, kindness, and hope in the face of the pandemic, and as we recover.

We marked the 2021 International Day of Peace with the theme "Paint for Peace" in collaboration with Aid Foundation, The Governor of Kaduna State, UNICEF Nigeria, Plan International, Christian Aid, UNFPA, Generations for Peace Nigeria and other CSOs.

THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO INFORMATION

September 28 each year is the International Day for Universal Access to Information.

The main objective of the Day is to accelerate sustainable solutions aimed at reaching the Sustainable Development Goals by mobilizing governments, civil society and people to take ownership and contribute to SDG 16 (Just, Peaceful and Inclusive Societies), as measured by public access to information, particularly in regards to building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

The 2021 theme is "The right to know - Building back better with access to information."

Informed citizens can make informed decisions, for instance, when going to the polls. Only when citizens know how they are governed, can they hold their governments accountable for their decisions and actions.

Information is power. Therefore, universal access to information is a cornerstone of healthy and inclusive knowledge societies.

Universal access to information means that everyone has the right to seek, receive and impart information. This right is an integral part of the right to freedom of expression. The media plays a crucial role in informing the public about issues of interest, but it relies on the ability to seek and receive information, too. Hence, the right to universal access to information is also bound up with the right to freedom of the press.

WORLD TOURISM DAY

World Tourism Day is celebrated each year on 27 September to foster awareness among the international community of the importance of tourism and its social, cultural, political, and economic value.

Tourism is a recognised pillar of most – if not all – the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goals 1 (no poverty), 5 (gender equality), 8 (decent work and economic growth) and 10 (reduce inequalities).

The theme for the 2021 World Tourism Day is "Tourism for inclusive growth." The COVID-19 pandemic has had a massive social and economic impact. Both developed and developing economies have been hit. And marginalized groups and the most vulnerable have been hit hardest of all. The restart of tourism will help kickstart recovery and growth. It is essential that the benefits this will bring are enjoyed widely and fairly.



THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE

The International Day of Non-Violence is observed on 2 October, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence. The International Day is an occasion to "disseminate the message of non-violence, including through education and public awareness". This day is referred to as Gandhi Jayanti in India.

Gandhi helped lead India to independence, inspired the non-violent movements for civil rights and social change all over the world. All his life, Gandhi believed in non-violence, even under oppressive conditions and when faced with extreme difficulties. Non-violence doesn't just mean not doing violence; it's also a way of taking positive action to resist oppression or bring about change.

EWEI believes that the universal relevance of the principle of non-violence and the desire to secure a culture of peace, tolerance, understanding and non-violence should be embraced.

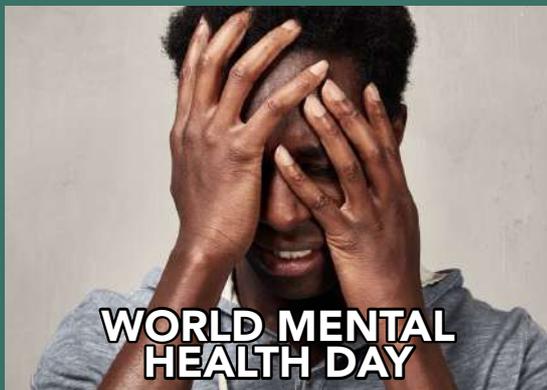


WORLD TEACHERS DAY

World Teachers' Day is celebrated annually on October 5. It is a day to celebrate the role of all educators, including teachers, researchers, and professors. Also known as International Teachers Day, this day has been celebrated since 1994 to mark the anniversary of the adoption of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers.

The theme for World Teachers' Day 2021 is "Teachers at the heart of education recovery." The 2021 theme recognises teachers for their tireless efforts even during times like COVID-19 pandemic and lockdowns. Due to their hardworking nature, teachers are known to help young children grow and learn, even in shaping the future generation.

A report from UNICEF in 2020 showed that children around the world appreciated their teachers for sacrificing their times and lives to teach them during and after COVID-19 pandemic. This indicates that 80 per cent of parental responsibilities are heaped on teachers alone. There is no contention about the positive contributions of teachers to human capital development globally. Without teachers, the world would not have great leaders and heroes who make our planet a better place for all.



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Since the early nineties, mental health had come a long way when the World Federation of Mental Health (WFMH) officially established mental health day. [Mental Health Day](#) is celebrated 10th day of October. The overall objective of World Mental Health Day is to raise awareness of mental health issues worldwide and mobilise efforts in support of mental health. In addition, the day provides an opportunity for all stakeholders working on mental health issues to talk about their work, and what more needs to be done to make mental health care a reality for people worldwide.

EWEI encourages all personnel to take part in campaigns for mental health, and to start conversations around mental health and wellbeing.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) established World Food Day at their 20th General Conference in 1979. The date of October 16th commemorates the anniversary of FAO founding.

World Food Day is observed every year on October 16th. On this day, the world unites to raise awareness of the issues surrounding poverty and hunger. Statistics have it that 785 million people across the globe lack access to enough food to sustain a healthy lifestyle. That's to say, about one in nine people in the world do not have access to healthy food. Ironically, the majority of hungry people live in developing countries. Lack of adequate nutrition causes 45% of deaths in children under the age of 5, which literally means more than 3 million children die every year as a result of poor nutritious food.

Decades of armed conflict especially in the North-Eastern part of Nigeria, the trauma of covid19 lockdowns and extended banditry activities in other parts of the country and of course, economic instability continue to add pressure to the high rising poverty rate in Nigeria. Nigerian National Bureau of Statistics pointed that in 2020, 40% or 83 million Nigerians live in poverty. Although Nigeria's poverty profile for 2021 has not yet been released, it is estimated that the number of poor people will increase to 90 million, or 45% of the population, in 2022.

EWEI urges governments, the private sector, academia, and civil society and individuals need to work together in solidarity to prioritize the right of all people to food, nutrition, peace and equality.



WORLD FOOD DAY

THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL-CHILD

In our effort to create a gender equal society, it is no wonder the theme of [International Day of the Girl Child](#) for 2021 reads "Digital Generation, Our Generation". It is important to stir adolescents girls towards STEM and to create a balance in an already imbalanced digital society.

The pandemic has accelerated digital platforms for learning, earning and connecting, while also highlighting girls' diverse digital realities. The gender digital divide in connectivity, devices and use, skills and jobs is real. It is an inequity and exclusion gap across geographies and generations that is our challenge to address if the digital revolution is to be for all, with all, by all.

EWEI marked the day with the Educational Subsidiary Programme Beneficiaries. During the event, there were digital eye opening activities and the girls were taught on how important it is for them to understand their digital realities and the solutions they can proffer to widen pathways for other young girls like them.

On this International Day of the Girl, EWEI urges us to work together to ensure that girls are connected, supported and empowered so that we are co-leading the journey of digital transformation



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN



The first International Day of Rural Women was observed on 15 October 2008. The Day recognises the critical role and contribution of rural women, including indigenous women, in enhancing agricultural and rural development, improving food security, and eradicating rural poverty. It is purposely held the day before World Food Day, to highlight the role played by rural women in food production and food security. In many of the world's poorer countries, women play a vital role in the rural economy. They are involved in crop production and livestock care, provide food, water, and fuel for their families, and carry out other activities to diversify their families' livelihoods.

The theme for the 2021 International Day of Rural Women is "Rural women cultivating good food for all."

Achieving gender equality and empowering women is not only the right thing to do but is a critical ingredient in the fight against extreme poverty, hunger, and malnutrition. On average, women make up more than 40 percent of the agricultural labour force in developing countries, ranging from 20 percent in Latin America to 50 percent or more in parts of Africa and Asia. Yet, they face significant discrimination when it comes to land and livestock ownership, equal pay, participation in decision-making entities, and access to resources, credit, and market for their farms to flourish. Improving the lives of rural women is key to fighting poverty and hunger. Giving women the same opportunities as men could raise agricultural production by 2.5 to 4 per cent in the poorest regions and the number of malnourished people could be reduced by 12 to 17 percent.

Day of Rural Women is a key moment to galvanize action by all stakeholders to support rural women and girls to not only rebuild their lives after COVID-19 but increase their resilience to be better prepared to face future crises.

EWEI recognises the work of Rural women who work in the food systems of the world. We claim rural areas with equal opportunities for all.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 2021 had the theme: "Building Forward Together: Ending Persistent Poverty, Respecting all People and our Planet"

To honour the victims of extreme poverty, violence and hunger, more than a hundred thousand people gathered at the Trocadéro in Paris on October 17th 1987. Same place Universal Declaration of Human Rights was signed in 1948. Since then, it was made a tradition to gather every year, exact October 17th, to show solidarity with the poor all around the globe. The UN General Assembly declared October 17th as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty through resolution 47/196 adopted on December 22nd 1992.

As at 2021, there are 490 million people in Africa living in extreme poverty, that's to say 36% of the total population. This number is up from 481 million in 2019. This shows an increase of over 9 million as the population increased by roughly 30 million. Two hundred forty-one million, which is about 35% of males in Africa, live below the poverty line, which is down 1% from 2020, and 249 million (36%) of females in Africa live below the poverty line, which is 1% more than the poor male population.

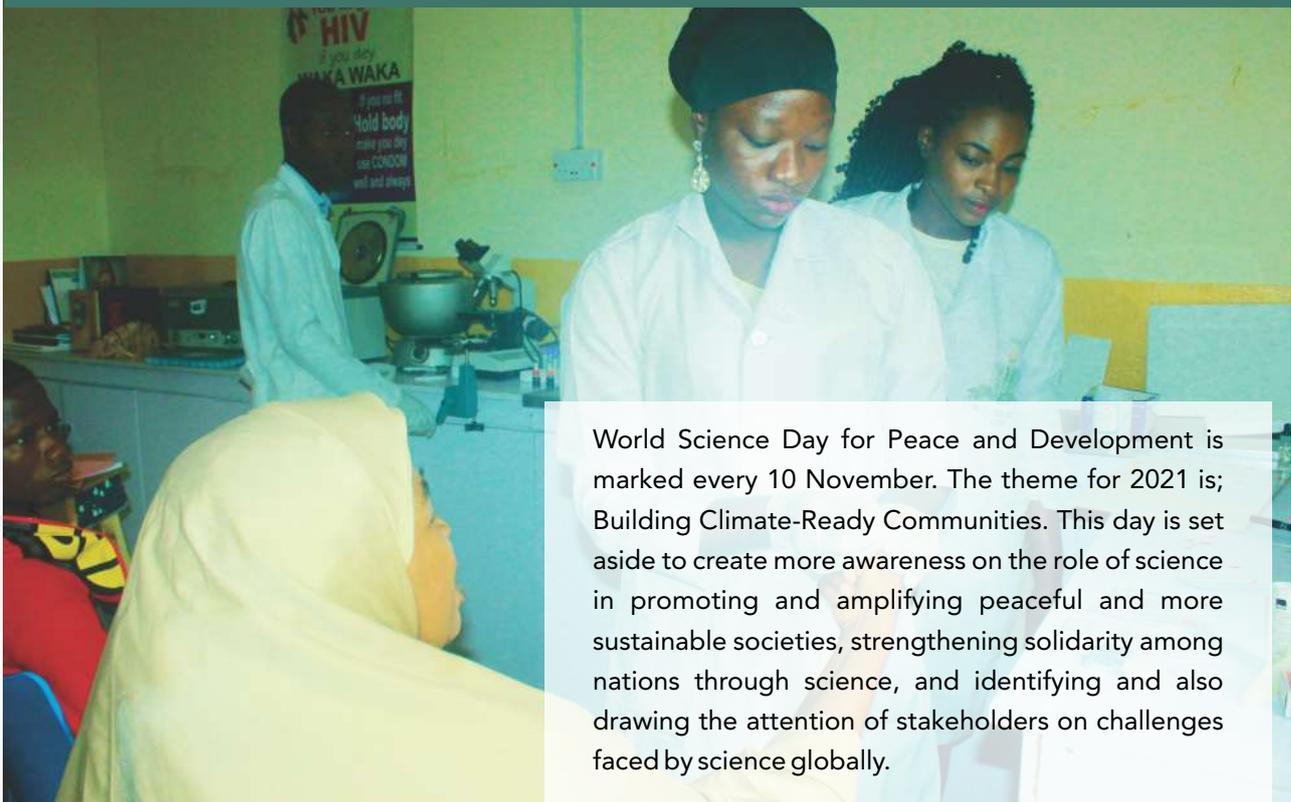


Nigeria, Africa's largest economy, has a 46% poverty rate, with 90 million of its 210 million-strong population living in extreme poverty (Development Aid 2021).

The COVID-19 pandemic has proven to be the already existing threats to progress raised by conflict and climate change. The pandemic gripped the world within the past few years and has resulted in over 3.7 million deaths and is reversing decades of progress in the fight against poverty and extreme poverty.

EWEI urges government at all level to collectively act to ensure this number do not get in anyway worse, if not better.

WORLD SCIENCE DAY FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT



World Science Day for Peace and Development is marked every 10 November. The theme for 2021 is; Building Climate-Ready Communities. This day is set aside to create more awareness on the role of science in promoting and amplifying peaceful and more sustainable societies, strengthening solidarity among nations through science, and identifying and also drawing the attention of stakeholders on challenges faced by science globally.

WORLD DIABETES DAY

Diabetes is a disease that occurs when one's blood glucose (blood sugar,) is too high. Blood glucose is the main source of energy in the human body from the food they eat. Hyperglycaemia, or raised blood sugar, is a common effect of uncontrolled diabetes and over time leads to serious damage to many of the body's systems, especially the nerves and blood vessels.

The disease is categorized into Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes. Type 1 diabetes (previously known as insulin-dependent or childhood-onset diabetes) is characterized by a lack of insulin production while Type 2 diabetes (formerly called non-insulin-dependent or adult-onset diabetes) is caused by the body's ineffective use of insulin.

It often results from excess body weight and physical inactivity.

In 2019, diabetes was reported as the ninth leading cause of death with an estimated 1.5 million deaths directly caused by diabetes. The health implication of Diabetes includes heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, eye problems or blindness, dental disease, nerve damage, and foot problems.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF TOLERANCE

International Day of Tolerance is annually observed on November 16 to educate people about the need for tolerance in the society and to help them understand the negative effects of intolerance.

Tolerance has always been the only positive answer to discrimination in terms of religion, race and ethnicity, racial and religious vilification diminishes dignity and sense of self-worth and belonging to the community.

On the International Day of Tolerance, the United Nations urges us recognize the mounting threat posed by those who strive to divide, and let us pledge to forge a path defined by dialogue, social cohesion and mutual understanding.

We at EWEI believe strongly that The International Day for Tolerance is a time for people to learn about respecting and recognising the rights and beliefs of others. It is also a time of reflection and debate on the negative effects of intolerance.



INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY

International Men's Day is observed globally on November 19 to acknowledge the positive value men bring to the world. One of the pillars of celebrating the day is to improve gender relations and promote gender equality.

The theme for 2021 International Men's Day is "Better relations between men and women." International Men's Day is not intended to compete with International Women's Day, but to allow boys as well as men to live a life of principles, character, values and also to encourage men to start opening up to communicate.



WORLD AIDS DAY

World Aids Day takes place every 1 December. The theme for 2021 World AIDS Day was: End inequalities. End AIDS. End Pandemics. The 2021 theme joins a growing list of challenges that World AIDS Day has alerted people to globally.

UNAIDS is leading the global effort to end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030 as part of the Sustainable Development Goals.

EWEI urges the government to move from commitment to action to promoting inclusive social and economic growth. They must eliminate discriminatory laws, policies and practices in order to ensure equal opportunity and reduce inequalities. Through UNAIDS, you can donate to help end AIDS.

WORLD CHILDREN DAY

World Children's Day was first established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day and is celebrated on 20 November each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare. The theme for 2021 was "A better future for every child"

Children around the world are endangered by the COVID-19 pandemic, child marriage, conflicts and the climate crisis adding to the already existing hunger, diseases, poor or lack of access to education and poverty. In sub-Saharan Africa particularly, the situation of the African child is considered critical: 33 of the world's 48 least developed countries are located in this region. The birth rate in the region is among the highest ever, and tragically, the infant mortality rate.

With the high rate of child mortality in Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Sierra Leone, the government and stakeholders are implored to amplify their effort in providing access to quality healthcare, free basic education and access to WASH to eliminate dangerous diseases like malaria, diarrhoeal diseases, acute respiratory infections and some specific parasitic diseases.



On this day, EWEI reminds the governments of their responsibility to protect the rights of children through the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

These rights must not be taken away from children.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



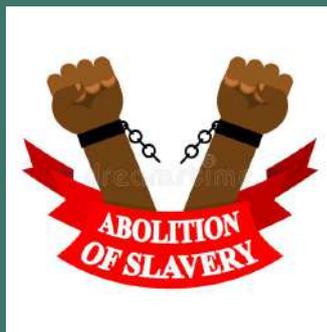
SAY NO TO GBV

November 25 marks the International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women, a day designated to highlight the issue of violence against women and girls and to call for more action to combat it. Over time, the day has evolved into a global, widespread initiative that now incorporates 16 Days of Activism and the UNITE campaigns.

The 2021 theme for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women was "Orange the World: End Violence against Women Now!"

On this day, EWEI stood in solidarity with everyone who stood against GBV, recovered from it, and continue to raise their voices against all forms of GBV, which plagues communities worldwide.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY



The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is marked every 2 December.

According to the International Labour Organisation (ILO) more than 40 million people worldwide are victims of modern slavery. In addition, more than 150 million children are subject to child labour, accounting for almost one in ten children around the world.

EWEI is calling on government and stakeholders to amplify efforts towards completely abolishing modern slavery of all forms.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



The annual observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons was proclaimed in 1992 by United Nations General Assembly resolution 47/3. It aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development, and to increase awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

The International Day of Persons with Disability aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

EWEI marked the International Day of Persons with Disabilities with the UN theme, Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 world.

As of 2020, over 27 million Nigerians are reportedly living with some form of disability. With the Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Act, 2018; law that prohibits discrimination based on disability and imposes sanctions including fines and prison sentences on those who contravene it, EWEI hopes to see improvement in integrating person's with Disability into the society while accelerating effort in providing accessible buildings, jobs, quality education, good health and wellbeing.

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS DAY



The 2021 theme for International Volunteer Day is; Volunteer Now for Our Common Future. It was celebrated on 5 December 2021. At EWEI, our volunteers, in their own unique way, use their wide variety of skills, knowledge and experience to support our commitment to ending gender-based violence and also amplify our mission of providing multi-sectoral interventions for the development of women and girls. It takes a whole lot of courage to step up and start changing the world. Thank you for doing it boldly and passionately through your volunteer work.

Universal Health Coverage Day was marked on 12 December 2021 with the theme, 'Leave No Ones Health Behind: Invest in Health Systems for All. This day is marked to raise awareness on the importance of health care and draw the attention of critical stakeholders to improve outreach and ensure that people have access to the health care they need without suffering financial hardship. Providing access to quality healthcare is essential to ending extreme poverty and increasing equity and shared prosperity.

While millions of people are struggling to access quality health care and, of course, affordable health insurance, EWEI is calling on all critical stakeholders to invest more in the health sector to achieve universal healthcare coverage for all.



UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE DAY



INTERNATIONAL HUMAN SOLIDARITY DAY

International Human Solidarity Day was marked on the 20 December 2021 as a day to celebrate our unity in diversity; a day to remind governments to respect their commitments to international agreements; a day to raise public awareness of the importance of solidarity; a day to encourage debate on the ways to promote solidarity for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, including poverty eradication; a day of action to promote new initiatives for poverty eradication.

EWEI stands in solidarity with every woman out there that's pushing for a better life and with all men who respect women's rights.

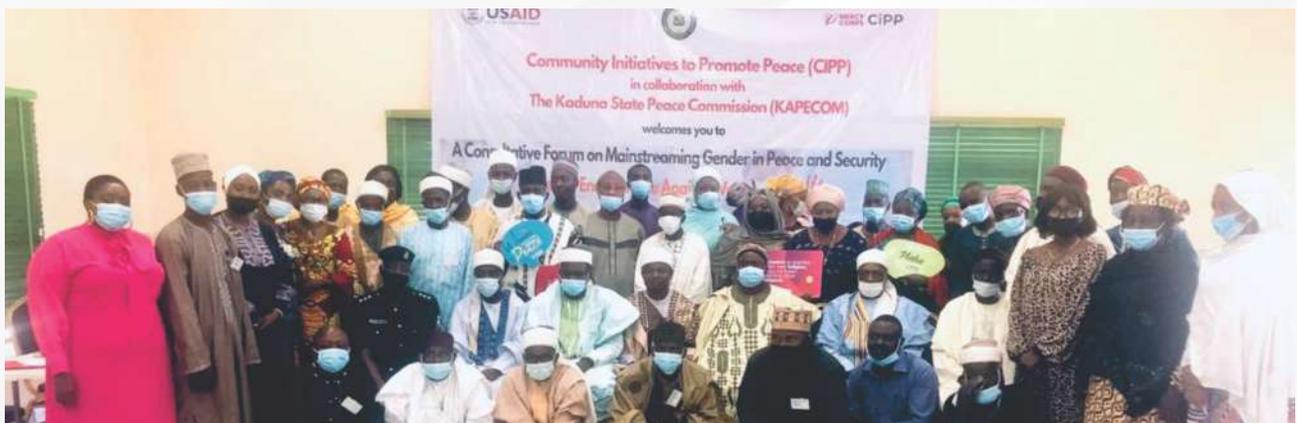
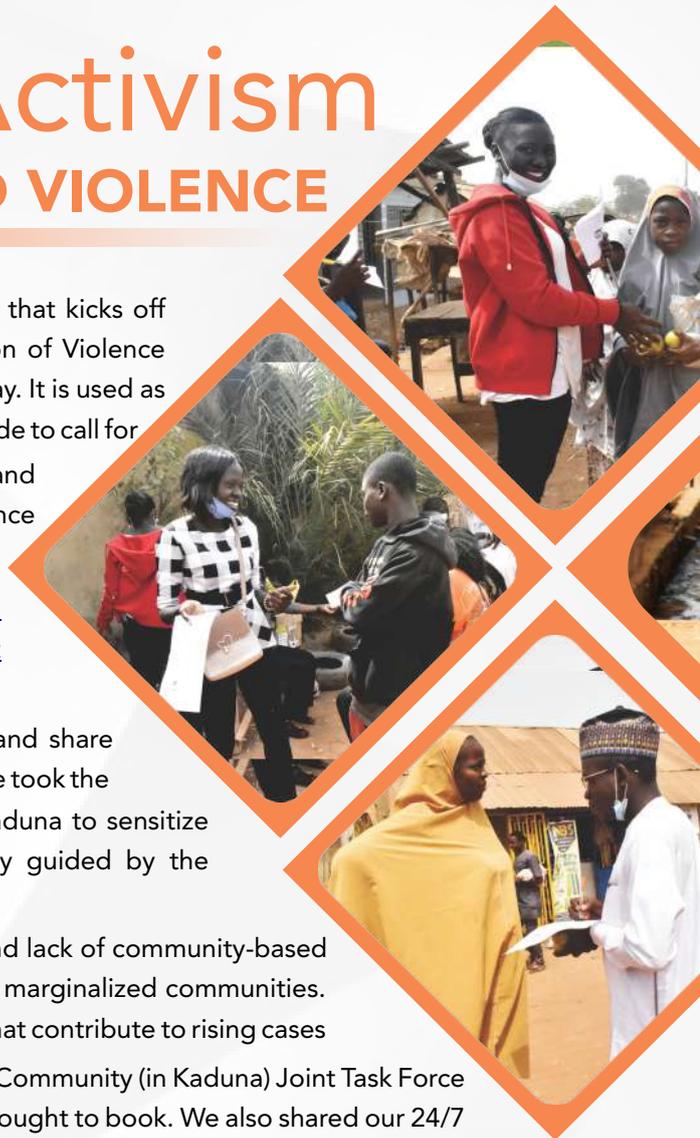
16 Days of Activism AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

The [16 Days of Activism](#) is an annual international campaign that kicks off today 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10 December, Human Rights Day. It is used as an organising strategy by individuals and organisations worldwide to call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls. The theme for 2021 is "Orange the world: End violence against women now!"

In support of this civil society initiative, the ['United Nations Secretary-Generals UNiTE by 2030 to End Violence against Women campaign](#) (UNiTE campaign) calls for global actions to

actions to increase awareness , galvanize advocacy efforts, and share knowledge and innovations. To mark the 16 Days of Activism, we took the [#orangetheworld](#) campaign to grassroots communities in Kaduna to sensitize them on Gender-Based Violence, its effect and the penalty guided by the Violence Against Persons Prohibition (VAPP) Law.

From our interaction, we learned that dilapidated buildings and lack of community-based security play a vital role in the rise of GBV cases, especially in marginalized communities. Economic hardship and poor enlightenment are other factors that contribute to rising cases of GBV. At the [visit](#), we established a relationship with Kadaure Community (in Kaduna) Joint Task Force (JTF Community Security) to ensure perpetrators of GBV are brought to book. We also shared our 24/7 GBV toll-free lines supported by the United Nations Trust Fund (UNTF) to End Violence against Women.



EWEI was also part of the [2-Day Community Initiatives to Promote Peace \(CIPP\) stakeholders' consultative forum on Mainstreaming Gender in Peace and Security](#). The event had the theme: End Violence Against Women Now! as it marked the 16days of activism.

The discussion at the forum addressed issues about Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and its impact on women in our communities, how violence impacts women's participation in peace and security and measures traditional rulers, CSOs and the government can put in place to address these challenges.

Traditional leaders, religious leaders, CSOs, representatives from the security sector, the peace sector, women peace council and youth groups attended the event.

The forum was hosted by Mercy Corps in partnership with other CSO's and sponsored by USAID.



As part of the [Men Engage Nigeria Network](#), our #16DaysOfActivism2021 pledge continued. EWEI was part of the daily social media campaign organised by Men Engage Nigeria Network to END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN in our communities.



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16 Days of Activism

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I strongly believe that there's **NO** excuse for Violence against women and girls. If one is provoked, they have the opportunity to disengage from any provocative conversation and Violence.

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THEME:
Orange the World: End Gender-Based Violence Against Women Now!

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EWEI 2021 PROJECT DATA



TOTAL
BENEFICIARIES

305,957



JANUARY

Oss seminar for Ungwan Romi and Ungwan Dosa - 80



MARCH

- Quarterly technical meeting - 6
- ESP-IWD March session on reading habit - 10
- OSS/IWD seminar, Inauguration of OSS Women Cooperative for U/Romi and U/Dosa - 84



MAY

- Capacity building training for staff - 15
- commissioning of U/Romi and U/Dosa cooperative societies - 106
- Monitoring visits to U/Romi and U/Dosa - 74
- Institutional risk, risk mitigation and contingency planning - 14
- Monitoring visit to U/Romi and U/Dosa - 80

ONLINE INTERVENTIONS



- Facebook - 175,654
- Twitter - 26,786
- LinkedIn - 41,090
- Instagram - 39,140
- MailChimp - 6,3058
- Website - 11,270
- YouTube - 3,2085



JULY

- ESP quarterly seminar
- STEM Study - 476

- International Youth Day - 50
- OSS project staff retreat - 20
- capacity building for staff on productivity in workspace - 21
- ESP Bi-monthly seminar - 10
- capacity building for staff on productivity in workspace - 21



SEPTEMBER

- Capacity building (workspace productivity) - 21
- Action Aid capacity assessment
- Capacity building (workspace productivity) - 21
- International Day of Peace - 115
- CSR in Action meeting with interviewees - 3
- QTM - 8
- Monitoring visit to U/Romi and U/Dosa - 61
- Team building - 21



OCTOBER

International Day of the Girl Child, Girls Digital Day (GDD)
Performance Management Capacity Building seminar



DECEMBER

- LWL Baseline - 50
- Team building activity - 21
- CSR Interview with women at the site - 2
- OSS monitoring visit to U/Romi and U/Dosa community - 32

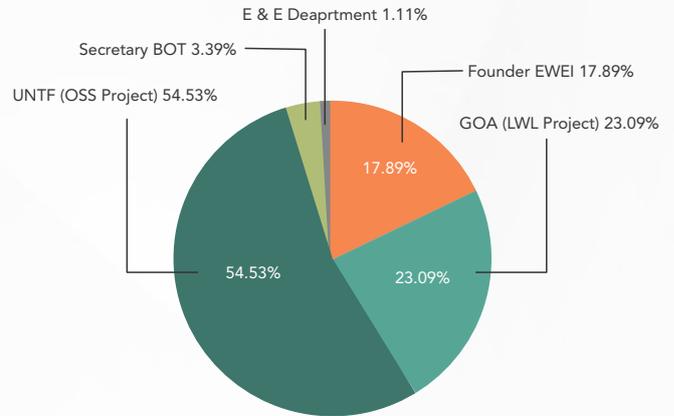
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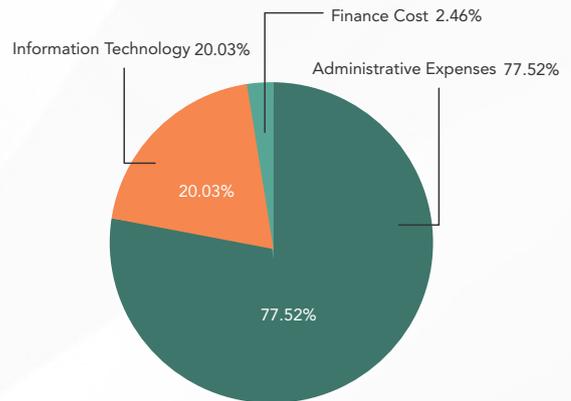
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EWEI 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

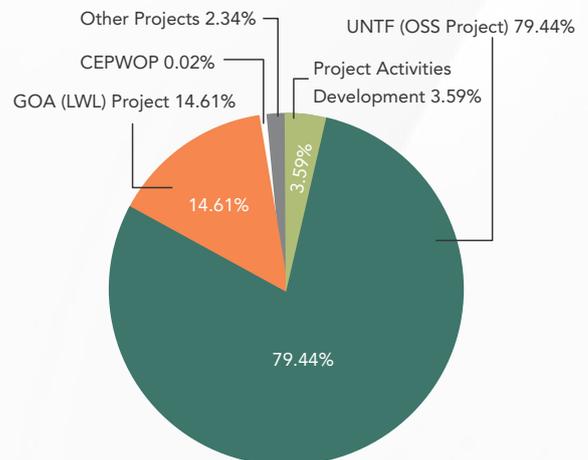
S/N	INCOME IN 2021	PERCENTAGE
1	Founder of EWEI	17.89%
2	GOA (LWL Project)	23.09%
3	UNTF (OSS Project)	54.53%
4	Sec Board of Trustee	3.39%
4	E and E department	1.11%
	Total	100%



S/N	INDIRECT COST IN 2021	PERCENTAGE
1	Administrative Expenses	77.52%
2	Information Technology System	20.03%
3	Finance Cost	2.46%
	Total	100%



S/N	DIRECT COST FOR PROJECTS /ACTIVITIES IN 2021	PERCENTAGE
1	Project/Activities Development	3.59%
2	CEPWOP	0.02%
3	UNTF (OSS) Projects	79.44%
4	GOA (LWL) Projects	14.61%
5	Other Projects	2.34%
	Total	100%



■ UNITED NATIONS TRUST FUND TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



In December 2019, EWEI secured a grant from the [UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women \(UN Trust Fund\)](#) to launch “Our Safe Spaces” a project to support women and girl survivors of gender-based violence, physical, economic violence and sexual exploitation in Kaduna state, Nigeria. Read the press release [here](#).

The UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women, managed by UN Women on behalf of the UN system, is the only global grant-making mechanism dedicated to eradicating all forms of violence against women and girls. Since its establishment in 1996 by UN General Assembly [resolution 50/166](#), the UN Trust Fund has awarded USD 139 million to 493 initiatives in 139 countries and territories. In 2018, it managed 125 projects aimed at preventing and addressing violence against women and girls in 70 countries and territories.

■ GLOBAL GIVING

EWEI was made a permanent partner on [GlobalGiving](#) in 2019. Our “[Educate, Equip and Empower \(EEE\) Project](#)” designed to tackle poverty; retention, enrolment and completion rates of girl child education; networking and mentoring between female students and women professionals around the world and provision of access to opportunities for women and girls in northern Nigeria, is featured in the crowdfunding platform.



In order to achieve the objectives of this project, EWEI participated actively in different fundraising activities on the platform including the GG June accelerator, Bonus Day, September Accelerator and Year-end campaign. This was in addition to disseminating EEE quarterly progress reports and participating in webinars to enhance the effective use of social media tools to attract donor funding locally and from all over the world.

■ OBAMA FOUNDATION'S GIRLS OPPORTUNITY ALLIANCE



The Girls Opportunity Alliance (GOA) is a program of the Obama Foundation, which seeks to empower adolescent girls around the world through education, allowing them to achieve their full potential and transform their families, communities, and countries. GOA engages people around the world to take action to help adolescent girls and the grassroots leaders working to educate them.

Girls Opportunity Alliance teamed up with GoFundMe to encourage people around the world to take action in support of girls' education. Through this initiative EWEI was able to get the needed support to commence the Learning Without Limits project (LWL).

■ ILLUMINATING NEW SOLUTIONS AND PROGRAMMATIC INNOVATIONS FOR RESILIENT SPACES (INSPIRES)

Resiliency+ Project

USAID's Enabling and Protecting Civic Space (EPCS) INSPIRES project seeks to increase knowledge and capacity to respond to growing restrictions on democratic freedoms of association, assembly, and expression around the world.

With civic space shifting rapidly around the globe, faster and more potent interventions are critical for bolstering local civil societies. Internews is the prime implementer of the Consortium of six additional partners: The International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL), DevLab@Duke, PartnersGlobal, Results for Development (R4D), CIVICUS, and ZINC Network.

INSPIRES will produce innovative learning on civic space dynamics and interventions in 3 areas:

- 1) Forecasting: conducting analysis through machine learning to deepen understanding of civic space drivers and inform programmatic priorities for civil society;
- 2) Prevention: testing programmatic interventions to boost civil society resilience to shifting space;
- 3) Response: empowering local partners to address civic space shifts through flexible support.

EWEI is being supported on the second area which centers around the implementation of Partners Global's Resiliency+ process. As a critical part of the Resiliency+ process, EWEI received a grant to fund the interventions outlined in its Resiliency Roadmap.

OUR TEAM



EWEI is governed by a 5-person Board of Trustees and a structured hierarchy of operations. Our 5-person Board of Trustees (BOT) are seasoned professionals in their respective fields and strong supporters and advocates for girls and women's empowerment. EWEI's BOT consists of 3 women and 2 men.

EWEI has a four departmental structure namely, Communications, Finance and Supplies, Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) and Organisational Development and Partnerships, each headed by a Programme Officer under the supervision of the Programme Director.

EWEI is also supported by Technical Advisers in the areas of Finance, Legal Matters, Organisational and Human Resource Development and Programming.

In 2021, there was a significant increase in the EWEI workforce, enabling us to reach a 70:30 female to male ratio in the organisation. New staff members went through the onboarding process and integrated into the team. [Meet our team here.](#)

13th YEAR ANNIVERSARY *Celebration*



Celebrating thirteen years of consistently working towards the empowerment of girls and women in Kaduna State, Nigeria, on 6 June 2021, we marked [THRITTEEN years of actively empowering girls and women with the support of our friends and partners](#). The [Thirteen-year anniversary edition](#) of [EWEI NEWS](#) was published and we had an online event for our 13 Annual General Meeting held on 8 June 2019.

Since EWEI's founding in 2008 till 2021, 27,179 girls, boys, women, and men have benefitted from our activities and we are going strong: ready for the next phase of our growth.

In thirteen years, we have grown, with the support of our partners, commitment of our staff and mentors and the guidance of management, and have turned delivering multi-sectoral interventions for the empowerment of girls and women into an art. We want to say a special thank you to all who have supported us throughout this journey.

- Check out 13 things EWEI can do for you via the slide show [here](#)
- Check out how EWEI can be of service to you [here](#)

LEADERSHIP AND CAPACITY BUILDING

EWEI as an organization whose values include sharing knowledge, information and making impact, we hold the belief that everyone has the potential to be a leader with the right encouragement and support. For this, EWEI focuses on ensuring that its staff has the support, skills and resources to effectively direct and represent the organisation

In 2021, EWEI conducted 4-Week long training on Workplace Productivity Capacity Building for staff and Performance Management for Supervisors. Special thanks to the management of EWEI and our Technical Adviser Human Resources and Development, [Enoch Nalado](#).

CHALLENGES

Like other nonprofits, EWEI is not without challenges. Some of the major challenges we faced in 2019 as an organisation are;

- Limited funding
- Government policies
- Security
- Limited engagement with state actors
- New staff settling into roles

We tackled these challenges by:

- Continually sourcing for funds through grant writing, crowdfunding and income generation activities.
- Adapting into the shrinking and changing civic spaces
- Developing contingency and risk mitigation framework to be adopted
- Learning more about state actors' priorities and where opportunities for collaboration and support could lie to feed into our annual planning for 2019 and strategic plans. We also engaged state actors in some of our 2019 activities

Onboarding, capacity building and intensive mentoring to support new staff's transition into their roles.

Thank You



Thank You to all our Partners and Donors.

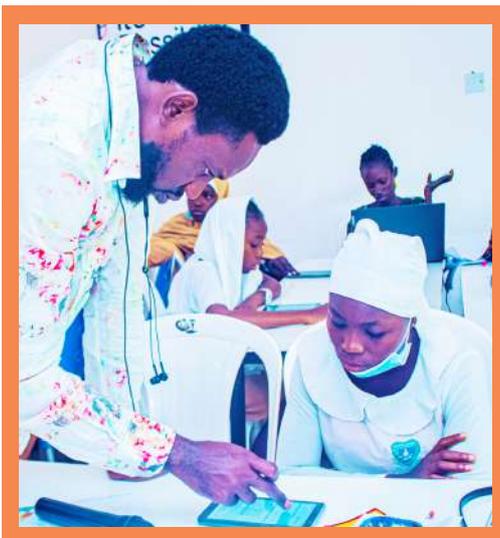
Your continued support has led us to achieve huge success over the last 13 years.

SUPPORT US

EWEI's projects are supported through partnerships and support from well-meaning individuals and organisations. We require such support to 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.

Since 2008, EWEI has received the support of individual donors and partners to fund her work. EWEI has expanded her funding model to include grant writing, events, crowdfunding and income generation activities. Please contact us for information on how to partner with us and support our work.

Send us an [email](#) for more information.



You can support EWEI by:

- Becoming a mentor or [volunteer](#).
- Donating: Let us know if you want to support a specific [programme](#) or if support is for core organisational costs.
- Linking us to a donor or telling us about funding/support opportunities on any scale.
- Social media engagement on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Pinterest, Tumblr, Twitter and YouTube. Please spread word about us online!
- Sending us supplies and equipment like stationery, books and relevant resources in simple English, visual aids, laptops, printers and cameras.
- Sending us articles or blogs, host and mentor on a live chat.

Support our global giving project: [Educate, Equip and Empower \(EEE\) Project](#)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS



[Safiya Ibn Garba](#), was awarded an Outstanding Citizen Honour Award by His Excellency Faruk Malami Yabo MFR, Ambassador of Nigeria to Jordan on 1 October 2021, which is Nigeria's Independence Celebration Day.



Our Founder and Programme Director, Safiya Ibn Garba received accolade from [Amazons of Arewa](#) for her efforts in girls and women empowerment.



Safiya Ibn Garba was also nominated for the [#FemiList100](#), of The Gender Security Project. This was a list of 100 influential women from the Global South working in fields of peacebuilding, activism and development

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EWEI is organising an International Conference themed “Increasing Women's Participation in Addressing Global and Local Challenges.”

The key goal of the conference is to Support Participants' Understanding and Application of how to Address Challenges Limiting Women's Participation and Leadership from the Grassroots to the Global Level.

The conference seeks to explore a variety of topics including but not limited to: Mental Health, Disaster Risk Reduction, Food Security, Poverty, Education, Peace and Conflict, Gender Discrimination, Information, Learning and Development, Leadership, Climate Action, and Emergency, Cancer, Infrastructure, Extractive industries, Entertainment, Media, Governance, STEM, Causes and Movements, Positive Deviance, Resilience, Business, and Communications.

The conference objectives are:

- To contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, specifically SDG 5
- To provide opportunities for limitless interaction and exchange between speakers and participants
- To share knowledge and ideas on addressing emerging challenges
- To mark significant observance days by highlighting relevant issues related to the observance days
- To establish and promote a professional network of global speakers identifying with the cause of gender equality
- To strengthen our communities of practice including EWEI Online, Ending Violence Against Women and Gender-Based Violence and Kabilun Africa, EWEI's Think Tank.
- To share information about EWEI's multi-sectoral interventions and services including our GBV Tool Free Lines.

Scope:

The conference will be virtual, hosted 100% online on Whova an award-winning conference platform from 1 to 31 October 2022, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the United States. The conference will feature at least 500 participants, 75 speakers from 25 countries and 6 continents in 80 interactive sessions. Sessions will typically last for one and a half hours to allow time for extensive presentations and discussions. Sessions will consist of 30 – 45 minute presentations and time for questions, comments and interaction. The conference audience will include academia, civil society, the corporate world, foundations, donors, media, multi-lateral agencies, state actors, students, diverse professionals and more.





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