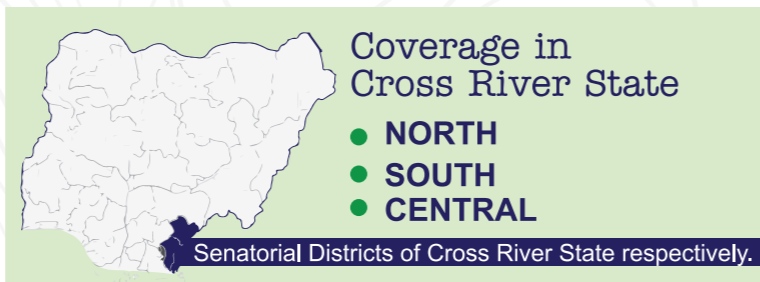


Financial Investment made via Granting (2019 to date):

**N273,133,075.99**



#### FUNCTIONAL COMMUNITY LEVEL & INTERVENTION STRUCTURES ESTABLISHED BY WVL PROJECT PARTNERS



#### INTERVENTION THEMATIC AREAS IN CROSS RIVER STATE



**REACH**



**148,153**

Overall direct reach in Cross River State



**6,350,024**

Overall indirect reach in Cross River State

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WOMEN'S VOICE AND LEADERSHIP

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## Women's Voice & Leadership Nigeria Project CROSS RIVER STATE FACTSHEET

**Project Title:** Women's Voice and Leadership Nigeria (WVL-N) Project

**Donor:** Global Affairs Canada (GAC)

**Implementer:** ActionAid Nigeria

**Duration:** 5 years (2019 - 2024)

**Partners:**

**15**

**Partners:** 3 LWROs & 12 CBOs

Local Women's Rights Organizations

**Location:** Implemented Across 10 LGAs in Cross River State

#### PROGRAM STRATEGIES

#### Trainings/Capacity Building

Granting

Research & Documentation

Networking & Alliances

Advocacy

Case Management

#### MULTIPLE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Multi-year Grant

Strategic Opportunity Fund

COVID-19 Response Grants

Strategic Innovation Fund

#### TAILORED CAPACITY BUILDING

**TRAININGS**

**TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

**MENTORING & COACHING**

**SUPERVISORY MONITORING**



# RESULTS & ACHIEVEMENTS ACROSS INTERVENTION/THEMATIC AREAS

15 partners (3 LWROs and 12 CBOs) currently demonstrate capacity to implement women's rights and feminist interventions in Cross River State.



## Addressing Gender-Based Violence/Violence Against Women and Girls

- GBV Response Services provided to about 304 persons.
- 12 Divisional Police officers in greater Calabar trained on the uptake of VAPP law and prosecution of perpetrators enabling them to effectively carry out their tasks.
- 30 faith leaders of Christian and Islamic faith trained and are currently addressing GBV in their respective faith communities, using their holy books to mainstream GBV messages to their sermons.
- GBV messaging guidelines for Christian and Islamic faith, developed using their holy books to mainstream GBV message to their sermons.
- Formation of CSO-GBV COVID-19 Working Group who promoted awareness creation interventions on GBV through bulk SMS and massive media outreach in 3 radio stations and 2 TV stations across cross river and Akwa Ibom State. Over 1,000,000 persons were reached.



## Women Economic Justice and Empowerment Programmes

- Empowerment of 74,076 women and girls in CRS with a wide range of income generating skill and supported start-up materials either start new business or improve and sustain on already established businesses.
- Through collaboration, 25 cooperative groups were trained and registered with Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC) and provided with materials for production and packaging.
- Through further collaboration, 56 women from various cooperative groups were trained on branding and packaging of products and e-marketing.
- 21 women trained by the cooperative unit in social welfare. Eight functional women cooperatives now have a registered trade name, branded products with better quality which they now supply to retailers e.g Osiomama cosmetics and VEWA food etc. 6 groups experienced increased profitability of their businesses and reduced risk of noncompliance in export regulations.
- Sensitization of female business owners and market women on taxation and registration of Tax Identification Numbers; through collaborations with the government and other tax agencies, taxation is reduced and monitored; 11 women now have registered Tax Identification Numbers, Reduced taxation in Ijom community of Yakurr LGA, and women now record the amount of tax paid per day for record purpose, In Bekwarra and Bakassi LGA, collaborations have been made with the market masters to ensure there is no more harassment of women in the market place.
- Equipped over 30 female petty traders with the necessary financial literacy and Business management and basic knowledge needed (Basic Bookkeeping, Customer Service and Stock Control) This has led to twenty-six 26 female petty traders accessing grants of N50,000 each from the Federal Government, with another 30 waiting for disbursement from the Cross River State Government. 5 registered women-based cooperatives by NCF are also in process with State Ministry of Commerce.



## Women Political Participation and Leadership

- A one-day consultative meeting with female heads of political parties, Excocos of political parties and political aspirants led to female politicians volunteering to mentor upcoming female political aspirants in readiness for 2023 elections and this resulted to female political leaders such as Princess Felia Henshaw and Pastor Hon. Stella Archibong contesting elections as Governor and Party Chairman respectively.
- The contribution by GADA involving the interactive meeting with the Governor's wife on women's Political participation put women on the pedestal of leadership which produced 4 female chairmen and 12 vice chairmen during the governor Benedict Ayade's tenure.
- The 'Orange Show' is the first gender exclusive radio show in Cross River State attributable to the WVL project. The show has been sustained and running on its own till date even without GAC funding. 63 episodes of the orange show' on radio aired to provide sensitization and awareness on gender conversations and active female political participation with over 3.7million streaming per episode through the HitFM App.
- 8 young women formally apathetic to leadership in tertiary institutions vied and contested for different leadership positions both in and outside school and won their elections through the capacity building trainings and mentorship for young women and girls provided by GADA in University of Calabar, University of Cross River and College of Health technology. 3 have currently been added to the total.
- 690 women provided with technical support by GADA to register women for their permanent voters' card (PVC), collect and vote during the 2023 elections.
- Rt. Hon. Rita Agbo Ayim massively publicized on GADA's billboards to call for greater female representation prior to the 2023 elections contested and won election at the State House of Assembly representing Ogoja constituency during the just concluded 2023 elections and by extension, Senator Akon Eyakenyi, also triumphed as the Deputy Governor of Akwa Ibom State.
- 12,909 million listenership on radio and over 140,260 social media reach was achieved in our\ different social media handles on encouraging women's political participation, leadership and decision making.
- 4,034 reached during GADA's "Register and Vote" campaign and voter education to encourage women to register for their PVC, collect them and use them to exercise their franchise during the 2023 elections.
- 131 women collected their Permanent Voters' Cards (PVCs) through GADA's advocacies and sensitization in encouraging women's effective participation and increase of women voter turnout during the March 2023 elections.