



FUNCTIONAL COMMUNITY LEVEL & INTERVENTION STRUCTURES ESTABLISHED BY WVL PROJECT PARTNERS



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WVL NIGERIA PROJECT
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



KEY RESULTS & ACHIEVEMENTS ACROSS INTERVENTION 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

- **365** number of GBV related cases managed.
- **134** survivors provided with economic empowerment via skills and grants.
- **8** cases filed in court, **4** cases won.
- **177,911** women and girls reach through sensitization on GBV prevention and response.
- **1** Shelter set up to serve as a safe space for survivors that need safety.
- Development of GBV messaging guidelines for Christian and Islamic faith 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

- **2,489** women trained on income generating skills.
- Through collaboration, **25** cooperative groups were trained and registered with the Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC), giving them a competitive advantage and positioning them for business expansion and increased profits, via exportation.
- **2,298** women established/reactivated and still managing their business.
- **1,029** persons reached with awareness creation information on wrongful and indiscriminate taxation on businesses.
- Through collaborations with the government and other tax agencies, taxation has been reduced and monitored in marketplaces in Calabar Municipal Council Area, Bekwarra and Bakassi LGAs.
- **30** female petty traders equipped with the necessary financial literacy and business management. **26** out of them, qualified and received grants of **N50,000** each from the Federal Government to improve their businesses.



Women Political Participation and Leadership

- **12** women secured political appointments with verifiable attribution to the WVL-Nigeria project related interventions via advocacy and policy influencing between 2020 and 2024.
- **21** women contested and won political seats at State/LGA levels with verifiable attributions to WVL-Nigeria project related interventions.
- **17** women inducted into traditional council/cabinets through advocacy actions attributed to the WVL-Nigeria project.
- **3,690** women collected their Permanent Voters' Cards (PVCs) through partners' combined advocacies and sensitization activities encouraging women's effective participation and increase of women voter turnout during the March 2023 elections.
- **17** young women mentored on elective leadership skills, won elections in their respective tertiary institutions of learning including the first female Student Union President of the University of Calabar (UNICAL).



MORE RESULTS IN CROSS RIVER STATE

Frameworks, Policies and Laws Contributed Towards by WVL Project Partners



01

Advocacy, draft and submission of bill to the Cross River State House of Assembly for the signing of VAPP Law 2021.



02

Advocacy, campaign and Lobbying for the establishment of Taxation and Levy policy to support market Women at grassroots level in Cross River.



03

Development of Disability Rights Law



04

Review and update of Child Rights Law



05

Development of Cross River State Gender Policy and Strategic Framework

INTERVENTION AREAS IN CROSS RIVER STATE & REACH

Addressing Gender-Based Violence/
Violence Against Women and Girls



284,874

Women Economic Justice and
Empowerment Programmes



243,975

Women Political Participation
and Leadership



203,075

365,963
Overall direct reach in
Cross River State

731,926
Overall indirect reach
in Cross River State

6,568,094
Overall traditional & social
media reach in Cross River State