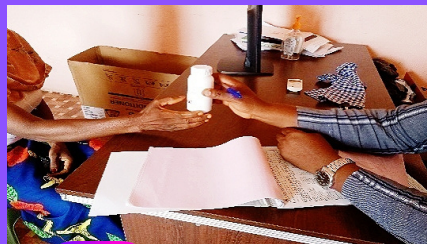




## ABOUT US

Global Women's Health, Rights and Empowerment Initiative (GWHREI), is a community based non-profit organization led by a bisexual sex worker and was founded to advance the health and rights of sex workers, LBT+ women, and other marginalized/minority groups of women in the community, state and national level. Our mission is "to promote the rights of marginalized/minority groups by creating an enabling environment through capacity improvement and collaborative partnerships". GWHREI came to existence as a result of stigma and discrimination surrounding sex workers, marginalized and minority groups and their inability to access needs based health and rights services as well as livelihood development opportunities.



## Vision

A society where women's rights are respected and protected.

## Mission

To champion the rights of diverse women by advocating for their sexual and reproductive health and rights, and creating an enabling environment for meaningful participation in the decisions made about their lives.



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# GLOBAL WOMEN'S HEALTH, RIGHTS AND EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE (GWHREI)

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# ORGANIZATIONAL APPROACHES

- Human Rights approach.
  - Gender approach.
    - Feminism.
- Sexual diversity approach.
  - Intersectional approach.
- Decentralization approach.

## ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS

- Increasing economic opportunities for marginalized/minority women.
- Decreasing gender-based violence among marginalized/minority women.
- Decreasing unsafe abortion to the barest minimum
- Increasing access for diverse women to fully and equally exercise their sexuality and reproduction, while knowing their rights and making autonomous decisions and building equality in diversity

## ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES

- Integrity.
- Consistency/coherence.
- Transparency.
- Connection.
- Inclusiveness.

# HIV TESTING SERVICES

GWHREI has been playing a significant role in handling HIV and AIDS issue in Benue and Gombe state, the organisation not only ensure prevention of the spread of HIV and AIDS but also its treatment and support for those living with the disease and as well as working towards removing the stigma associated with it.

GWHREI reached a total number of 7889 female sex workers with HIV testing services in the last 3 years. This activity was done to foster behavioural change and to provide information to increase and improve the knowledge that will enable the key populations to make informed decisions about health using minimum prevention package intervention (MPPI) among KPs. Also, this was done to provide female sex workers and LBQ women With the opportunity to know their HIV status.



## HUMAN RIGHTS SERVICES

GWHREI, just like numerous organizations around the world devotes its efforts to protect human rights and eliminating human rights violations.

GWHREI maintain substantial documentation on violations and calls for remedial action, both at a governmental and grass-roots level.

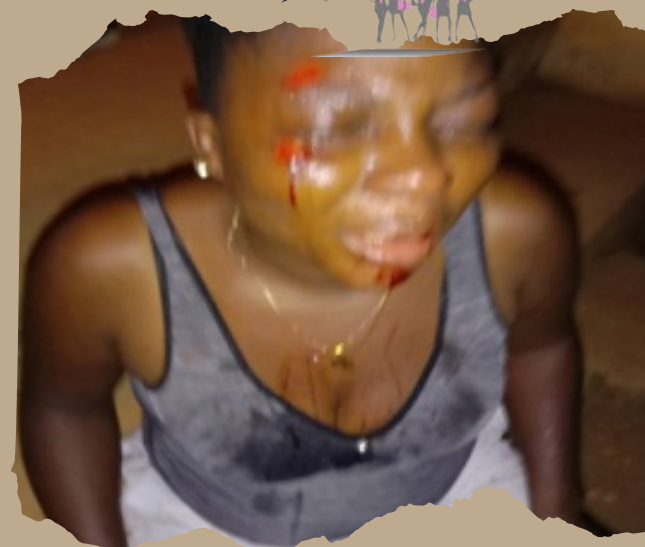
Global Women's Health Rights and Empowerment Initiative has documented 179 incidents of physical/emotional violence, 24 cases of sexual violence and conducted gender norms with 1504 persons.

Cases of rape and domestic violence among others are attended to till survival gets Justice through pro-bono lawyers. We provide psycho-social support to victims of Violence of any kind. Provide a safe space for victims and empower them Over time. Survivors are counselled also.

## GBV SURVIVORS



Fact has been established that the rights of female sex workers, LBQ and marginalised women are often violated as a result of their sexual orientation and sexual identities. At GWHREI we do case finding (visit to Brothels and Hot spots.), documenting cases of GBV, and gender norm sessions. We also offer GBV services such as psychosocial support, Clinical services Legal/pro bono services.





# SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & RIGHTS SERVICES



To improve the health and rights of girls and women, in all their intersecting identities, Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights is placed as a priority in GWHREI as it is one of our roles to improve the health of the marginalised and minority groups in our communities. This has been improved over time as a result of constant advocacy, sensitization and awareness creation in our communities. Because millions of girls are compelled into unwanted sex or marriage, putting them at risk of unwanted pregnancies, unsafe abortions, sexually transmitted the state, we adopted and developed an inclusive Benue State SRHR policy..



## Cohort sessions with young women adolescent girls and campus girls



After equipping the peers with accurate information and knowledge of SRHR, a baseline and endline assessment is given to peers. Winners go home with a crested shirts With "Bodily autonomy" messages.





# SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Support group meetings are held quarterly and monthly. This is an avenue where clients who were unable to pick up their drugs on their scheduled days get refill of their ARV. Also during support group meetings, clients due for viral load are attended to. GWHREI ensures that clients linked to care have good adherence and retention rate. More so, it is an avenue to provide people living with HIV/AIDS information on reinfection and the spread of the virus. This meeting serves as a platform for people who are positive to share their experiences and console each other which helps in dealing with stigma and discrimination among people living with HIV/AIDS.



# VIRAL LOAD SAMPLE COLLECTION



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# STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT

Stakeholder engagement is one of the core strategies to create an enabling environment for female sex workers. This level of engagement helps further sensitize key stakeholders on GWHREI's work and services offered as well as acceptance of FSWs at the community level. This also falls in line with GWHREI's mission to create an enabling environment for FSW's community-based programming through advocacy.

GWHREI has also built and sustained relationships with various government and private sector stakeholders. Over the years, GWHREI made a concerted effort to strengthen these relationships and ensure that the underserved and vulnerable population GWHREI have access to health and rights services.



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## STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT WITH CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND CCCRN



## STAKEHOLDERS' ENGAGEMENT WITH APIN PUBLIC HEALTH INITIATIVES



## STAKEHOLDERS' ENGAGEMENT WITH THE POLICE FORCE





## STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT MEETING WITH LAWYERS ALERT



## STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT MEETING WITH LOCAL ACTION FOR COMMITTEE ON AIDS



## SKILL ACQUISITION

Over time, GWHREI has trained close to 150 Female sex workers and LBQ women in various skills acquisition such as liquid soap making, baking, tailoring, beading, hairdressing and make-up and has supported them with capital to start their business. Empowerment is extremely essential for marginalised and minority groups due to their vulnerability.

GWHREI empower female sex workers and LBQ women to enhance sustainability. FSWs and LBQ women are equipped with knowledge that makes people more mindful thereby creating a better environment to excel.

They are engaged in several creative activities that can improve their total well-being. This has helped them, Carter, themselves and their families.





# CAPACITY BUILDING

In order to develop and strengthen the capabilities, instincts, and abilities, of the staff of GWHREI, training and workshops are organised for the organisation to survive, adapt, and thrive in a fast-changing world and also to ensure Capacity development among staff members of the organisation.

Over time, the staff members of GWHREI have undergone several trainings and workshops, these training and workshops helped the staff to make and implement decisions and perform functions in an effective, efficient and sustainable manner.





# CELEBRATION OF NOTABLE DATES

We celebrate Notable dates in GWHREI, we use that as an avenue to sensitize the public on human rights issues, and health issues among others.



# FOODSTUFF AND OTHER ITEMS DISTRIBUTION





# ONE ON ONE COUNSELLING

GWHREI offers Psychosocial Support, and clinical and legal services to survivors of Gender-based violence, HIV counselling, testing and referral to treatment for HIV-positive clients.



Women's rights  
are human rights.

Accurate information  
on SRH is highly  
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## OUR THEMATIC AREAS

1. Health: GWHREI works to provide holistic care for the community they serve through service provision and destigmatization advocacy efforts in mainstream healthcare spaces. Many sex workers and LBT+ women face the possibility of violence, legal involvement, and social stigmatization. As a result, they also experience increased risk for health complications and mental health disorders. Given these risks and vulnerabilities, GWHREI provides:

- Contraception
- Abortion care
- Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE)
- Prevention and management of HIV and other Sexually Transmitted Infection
- Referral and linkage to services

Psychosocial support  
We educate clinicians on sex work and sexual and gender diversity, creating platforms to describe the unique struggles faced by the community we work with, and vulnerability factors that clinicians must consider; we address common myths about diverse women that perpetuate stigma, and advance programmatic efforts that can optimize health care engagement and utilization within the diverse women community.

2. Gender-based Violence (GBV): Sex workers and other marginalized/minority women are disproportionately affected by gender-based violence especially sexual and physical GBV and other human rights violations. These mostly take place in homes, locations where sex work takes place such as brothels, bars and on the street; public spaces such as parks, streets and public transport, health care centers, police stations and even religious centers.

GWHREI pioneers best practices and policies to address the unique health needs of survivors of violence and promote prevention. From provision of a 24-hour hotline violence response to document and address violence, to trainings of the community we work with and technical assistance to improve health care providers' response to domestic violence, to innovative partnerships that make health care more accessible to survivors when they need it most. We provide access to the latest training and resources to improve the health care response to domestic violence

3. Gender and Economic Justice: Several structural, institutional and socio-cultural barriers continue to hinder women's access and entitlement to economic opportunities, benefits and rights. This is especially worse for diverse women who do not fit into the cis-heteronormative rhetoric and/or society's moral theories. They lack collateral to secure loans and have very limited opportunities to enable them to be financially literate.

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5. Education: GWHREI carries out iterative awareness and advocacy programs to shift harmful social discourse through different events such as workshops, seminars, walks, knowledge forum, social media campaigns etc., to raise awareness around social issues and sensitize relevant stakeholders and the public. We also develop different type of promotion materials such as pamphlets, brochures, calendars, booklets etc. to disseminate messages both in the textual as well as visual form at grass root level. Awareness raising and advocacy has always been an important component of almost all the projects executed by GWHREI.



We work to enhance their participation in businesses, help them sharpen their innovativeness, register their businesses, and provide finances for startup and working capital or even to expand their businesses. This enhances socio-economic empowerment and powerful negotiation skills.

4. Human Rights: GWHREI works to empower the community we serve for enjoying their legal and human rights guaranteed through national and international laws to bring them into mainstream development. For this, GWHREI mobilizes its community and works with other social movement actors/organizations in general for holding accountable different government and non-government institutions on marginalized community issues in