



CELEBRATING

**25** YEARS  
ANNIVERSARY

**OF DEFENDING  
HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
PROMOTING  
WOMEN AND GIRLS  
EMPOWERMENT**

DATE: THURSDAY, 8  
DECEMBER, 2022  
TIME: 9:00AM  
VENUE: AMADEO EVENT  
AND RECREATIONAL  
CENTER EBEANO TUNNEL, ENUGU



## OUR VISION, MISSION AND TARGET

### OUR VISION:

A democratic society free from violence and abuse where human rights of all, especially Women and young people, are recognized in law and practice.

### OUR MISSION:

To assist in the educational, social, economic and political development of women and young people through a wide range of services: training, research, advocacy, shelter, legal and financial aid, intra-familial conflict resolution, information and library services.

### OUR CORE VALUES: COPE

C: Commitment

O: Openness

P: Probity

E: Empathy & Equity

### PRIMARY TARGETS:

Women and young people

### AREAS OF FOCUS:

- Gender, human rights/women's rights;
- Ending Violence Against Women & Girls, including harmful practices;
- Human Trafficking and Migration;
- Democracy/good governance;
- Peace advocacy/conflict resolution; and
- Library/information services; empowerment and skills building



## OUR PROFILE

WACOL was established in 1997 as an independent, non-political, non-governmental and non-profit organization; registered in 2000 as a company limited by guarantee i.e., as a charitable organization (RC: 388132) with the Corporate Affairs of Commission (CAC), Nigeria. WACOL's vision is a democratic society free from violence and abuse, where human rights of all in particular women and young people are recognized in law and practice. Its mission is to assist in the education, social, economic and political development of women and young people through a wide range of services: training, research, advocacy, shelter, free legal and financial aid, intra-familial/community conflict resolution, and information and library services. The organization works throughout Nigeria and in the West African sub-region and beyond. WACOL has established itself as a credible and committed organization whose work is well recognized beyond the shores of Nigeria. It has since 2001 an observer status with the African Union, and the African Commission on human rights, and is also an NGO Special Consultative Status with the United Nations approved in 2010 by ECOSOC. WACOL is a formidable organization that can now boast of institutional capacity for sustainable work in the field of advancing human rights, gender equality, democracy and good governance.

WACOL programme and projects are wide and varying and include: Research; Advocacy for law reform to benefit the disadvantaged, including women, children and persons with disability; Capacity building on legislative advocacy for CSOs; Promoting women's rights and access to justice under Sharia and Customary law; Legal education and awareness, including the training of paralegals; Provision of free legal aid and assistance to women and children whose human rights have been abused; Running of shelter for battered women; Establishment and running of one stop holistic Centre for sexual assault cases called TAMAR Sexual Assault Referral Center (TAMAR SARC); Engaging law enforcement officers- police, prison officers, prosecutors on human rights and the rule of law; Promoting domestic implementation and monitoring of international human rights law and access to justice; Training of administrators of justice, including judges, magistrates, sharia and customary courts officials; Campaign to eliminate discrimination and violence against women, Campaign to end human trafficking, forced labour and unsafe migration; Integrated assistance to women's victims of State torture and violent conflicts; Moot Courts on human rights and women's rights; Curriculum development and building local jurisprudence for the teaching of gender, reproductive health and rights in universities/law faculties in Nigeria; sexual and reproductive rights advocacy, peer health education, Family life education, Publication of legal literacy series (over 20 on different subject) and other simplified and reader friendly public enlightenment books and IEC's



numbering over 30 on Electoral Law, Constitution, Civic Education, trafficking, rape, women's rights, children's rights, widows rights, family life/sex education, etc. Publication of training manuals on advocacy, gender, election monitoring, international human rights law, law enforcement and human rights; popular participation in constitution-making, training manual for the judiciary, training health practitioners on gender –based violence, engaging traditional and religious leaders, etc. WACOL deploys the media and new technologies to promote awareness of human rights, gender equality and violence against women and girls (VAWG)/SGBV.

Specifically, on Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV), it has undertaken a number of actions in the last twenty years, including research, advocacy, legal aid and assistance to victims/survivors of human trafficking, shelter, public education and awareness of the ugly phenomenon of SGBV to break in particular the culture of silence and impunity surrounding SGBV. WACOL has contributed to the passage of laws protecting women, girls and persons with disability from violence. Notably, it advocated and got the Violence Against Persons Prohibition Law of Enugu State passed in 2019. WACOL was also part of an advocacy and network of gender-focused organizations that also worked on and succeeded in getting the Violence Against Persons Prohibition Act, 2015 passed by the National Assembly and subsequently signed into law by then President Goodluck Jonathan.

Free Legal Aid: WACOL is considered as the number one legal aid service provider for women and girls in Nigeria providing assistance to about 2,000 on an annual basis with over 4,000 drop-ins yearly. We register an average of 20 cases daily at our legal clinic. This is evidence based and well documented. From 1998 to date approximately 62,000 women and girls have accessed free legal aid and assistance services. We provide free legal services for women and young people in our offices across the country. We also ran community law centers in Katsina, Ebonyi and Anambra States, including Mobile Legal Clinics in Bayelsa, Benue, Enugu and Rivers States. The services available under the legal aid scheme include court representation, crisis intervention and counselling, information about victims' rights, shelter, home visits and other psycho-social support for victims, and referrals for other needs. These cases are on different human rights abuses, including denial of inheritance, assault/battery, child abuse/neglect, harassment/intimidation, sexual assault/rape, family maintenance and other forms of violence against women and young people.

In a bid to extend its successful women's rights programme to the northern parts of Nigeria,



WACOL embarked on a legal aid and access to justice project in Northern Nigeria to ensure an Islamic legal environment that takes into account the human rights of women. The project has so far covered thirteen northern states of Nigeria including Abuja. An important aspect of this project was the establishment of a rapid response mobile legal clinic and the training of community paralegals, which contributed to the extensive reach of the project activities.

Tamar Sexual Assault and Referral Centre (Tamar SARC) is a one-stop-shop registered subsidiary initiative of WACOL ((RC 1539768) that started in 2014 with the support of Justice for All (J4A) funded by DfID, UK. WACOL Tamar SARC focuses its work to provide rapid response and provision of integrated services (Medical, Legal, Counselling, Shelter, Financial and Psycho-social support) for victims and survivors of sexual violence in Nigeria.

**SHELTER:** WACOL started running a safe house in 1998 and in 2002, it built its own ultra-modern shelter that continues to provide safe spaces for women and girls in need, especially victims of VAWG/SGBV/HP, including survivors of human trafficking.

**#GIRL's Will:** This is an initiative of WACOL that was launched during the celebration of the 2020 International Day of Girl Child amidst COVID- 19 pandemic. GIRL's Will is a programme designed to promote girls' right to protection and participation. It aims at amplifying the voices and rights of girls everywhere in Nigeria. Importantly, the initiative through targeted actions will work to equip girls with the right skills and knowledge to defend their human rights. It will target the greater role and participation of girls in decisions affecting their survival and development, advancing their inclusion in science education and technological advancement. Follow us on #GIRLSWILL

**WEEP Not Fund-** This Women Economic Empowerment Project- WEEP not funds was started about a decade ago by the founder of WACOL Prof. Joy Ngozi Ezeilo (OON) to focus on mitigating economic hardship suffered by widows and bring succour to widows and other rural women living in extreme poverty by supporting income-generating projects, including as a cooperative that will provide livelihood sustainability.

**WACOL Zonal Women Political Empowerment** – The offices were established in conjunction with the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, then MDGs Office at the President and the Imo State Government through the Ministry of Women Affairs that donated office space. The zonal office functions as a political information clearinghouse for



women in the southeast geo-political zone. It serves as a political resource Centre and has been providing much-needed support for women to seek elective positions and other information on political participation.

### **Fifty-Fifty (50/50) Women Advocacy Group:**

This programme seeks to strengthen women's capacity and equip selected beneficiaries with appropriate knowledge and skills to champion their cause at community and state levels, especially advancing women's transformational leadership to collectively fight and prevent violence against women and girls (VAWG), including harmful practices, end discrimination and promote gender equality in all spheres of life. Women have been known to be great organizers and mobilizers, including agents of change, playing key roles in community development, especially in Africa. However, their skills and commitments demonstrated in many rural communities have not been harnessed and transformed towards the realization of women's rights. This project hopes to change this and sharpen women's leadership role to champion the change they want to see by driving the process and engaging with policymakers at the state level and traditional and religious institutions at the community level. The fifty-fifty Women Group members would be trained on Women's Rights, Leadership and Advocacy and supported to embark on the necessary action to raise women's voices and demand gender accountability.

Migrant Information Centre (MIC):

WACOL has established and runs the Migrant Information Centre in Edo state and is poised to upscale in other parts of the country as part of its effort to combat and prevent trafficking in persons and unsafe and irregular migration that increases people's vulnerability to human trafficking. Currently, we have functional four Centres, one in Benin City and three in our project communities namely: Sakpoba (Nomayo) in Ikpoba, Okha LGA; Urhonigbe in Orhionmwon LGA; and Uromi in Esan North-East LGA.

The MIC is pivotal to providing information and building linkages with other partners for skills and access to jobs that will empower trafficked persons and migrant returnees to shun unsafe migration and embrace local livelihood sustainability alternatives. We as an organization believe that the sustainability of anti-trafficking action hinges on connection to livelihood sustainability since desperation for survival is implicated in the push and pull factors that cause trafficking in human beings and migrant smuggling.

**WACOL networks:** WACOL is a member of many coalitions, including being a foundation



member of LACVAW, Gender Technical Unit (GTU), Gender and Constitutional Advocacy Network (GECORN) and the Network of Sexual Assault Referral Centres. WACOL pioneered and still coordinates the following networks with the WACOL office serving as Secretariat: Victims Support Club (VISUC); Survivors Watch, Widows Economic Empowerment programme (WEEP- Not); Nigerian NGO CEDAW Coalition, South East Women's Network; West African Women's Rights Coalition (WAWORC); Network for Women Living Under Religious and Customary Laws (NPWRIS); South East Human Rights Situation Room, Partners for Peace Advocacy and Good Governance; Media against Sexual Violence, Male champions for Women's Rights and Gender Equality Movement (GEM).

### **WACOL Funders/Partners include:**

The successful execution of these projects and more were made possible with funding support from JBDF- managed by the UNDP, UNDP/DGD, USAID/IFESH, UNDP, EU, UNICEF, UNFPA, UN Women, Action Aid Nigeria, Global Affairs Canada (GAC)/WVL project, Heinrich Boll Foundation (HBF); John D & Catherine T MacArthur Foundation; Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA), DFID/British Council- Nigeria Governance Fund, US, Embassy Public Affairs, Lagos, CIDA, UNIFEM/UN Women, National Democratic Institute (NDI), British High Commission, Global Opportunity Fund, Westminster Foundation for Democracy, UK, Global Rights, USA/Nigeria, Office for Transition Initiatives -OTI/USAID, Federal Ministry of Women Affairs, Swedish NGO Foundation, World Justice Project, USA, Global Fund for Women, California, USA, United Nations Voluntary Funds for Victims of Torture, Justice for All/DFID, Voices for Change (V4C/DFID), Christian Aid, UK, IFES/USAID, Swiss Government, Ford Foundation, amongst others.

Support Women's Cause by supporting WACOL

Our supporters enable us to respond quickly to women and young people's needs, uphold our objectives and find solutions

### **Annual contributions:**

Core supporters N1,000,000 (\$10,000) & above

Principal supporters N300,000 (\$3,000)

Ordinary supporters N50,000 (\$500)

Unwaged/student supporters N2,000 (\$20)

Supporters will receive copies of our publications and activity progress report.



**RT. HON. IFEANYI UGWUANYI**  
GOVERNOR OF ENUGU STATE



**LOLO CECELIA EZEILO**  
DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF ENUGU STATE



**PAULINE TALLEN**  
MINISTER FOR WOMEN AFFAIRS



## **FOUNDER OF WACOL/TAMAR SARC- PROF. JOY NGOZIEZEILO (OON, SAN)**

Professor Joy Ngozi Ezeilo (OON) and (SAN), is a distinguished Law Professor, the Emeritus Dean of Law, University of Nigeria and the former United Nations Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children (2008-2014). Prof. Ezeilo holds a Ph.D. (Nig.), LL.M (London), LL.B. (Nig.), BL, Diploma, Peace & Conflict Resolution (Uppsala). She is a versatile legal scholar recognized as a leading authority in the field of international human rights, especially on the rights of women and children in Africa. She founded Women Aid Collective (WACOL) and Tamar SARC as well as pioneered the teaching of women, children and the law in 1997, including developing a curriculum for the teaching of human rights, health law and reproductive rights in Nigerian Universities and sexual harassment policy for educational institutions and workplaces. Prof. Ezeilo is the 2019 winner of the National Human Rights Award and was also honoured on 5th March 2022 with the civil society award of excellence by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/ UN Women in collaboration with the Embassies of the United States of America, Germany, France, EU Delegation and the British High Commission to mark the International Women's Day Awards Gala 2022 held at the United States Consul General's Residence.



Professor Joy Ezeilo is a recipient of the prestigious British Chevening scholarship (1995) and a grantee of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Funds for Leadership Development (1998). She has also received several national and international awards, including being recognized by Newsweek/Daily Beast New York, USA in 2013 as one of the 125 women of impact in the world for her work to end human trafficking. She was conferred with a Nigerian Government national honour of Officer of the Order of Niger (OON) in 2006 by the then President Olusegun Obasanjo (GCFR) in recognition of her outstanding contributions in the area of nation-building, legal scholarship, advocacy, civil society movement and community service. She is also a recipient of Hon. Justice Taslim Elias Award (2019). This is a long teaching service award for Law Teachers who are Professors and have served more than 25 years in the Teaching of Law in Nigerian Universities. She is also a member, Body of Benchers, Nigeria since 2019. She was recently elevated to the position of Senior Advocate of Nigeria



(SAN), the pinnacle of the legal profession in Nigeria.

She has served as a Member, of the United Nations Civil Society Advisory Board on Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (Feb 2019 to Feb 2021). She was also appointed in December 2013 by the UN Secretary-General as a member of the 5-person Board of Trustees UN Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking managed by the UNODC Vienna, Austria. She is also the Chairperson of the Sexual Assault Referral Network (SARC), Nigeria. She mentors undergraduate students through her leadership foundation called Ngozi Joy Ezeilo Leadership Institute (NJELI). She is currently the Deputy Chairperson of the African Women's Leadership Network (AWLN) Nigerian chapter and also a Member of the Enugu State Judicial Panel of Inquiry on Police Brutality and Extra-Judicial Killings. Professor Joy Ezeilo was a former Commissioner for Gender and Social Development, Enugu State, a federal delegate to the National Political Reform Conference, and served also as a member of the Governing Council, Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA) between 2012 to 2015 and also Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS) 2018- 2021.

Prof. Ezeilo has worked in over 100 countries across all regions of the world. In the last two decades, she has organized and facilitated workshops and training on human rights, gender, human trafficking, rule of law/access to justice, administration of criminal justice, governance, peace & conflict management in the following countries: Thailand, Nigeria, Senegal, Slovakia, Austria, United States of America, Chile, Columbia, Kuwait, Qatar, United Kingdom, Jordan, Ethiopia, South Korea, Switzerland, Moldova, Germany, Sweden, Belgrade, France, Niger, Mali, Brazil, South Africa, Kenya, Zambia, Namibia, Uganda, Gambia, Cameroun, Congo Brazzaville, Rwanda, etc. She has carried out independent contractual work as a legal and development consultant to various UN agencies including UNDP, UN Women, UNICEF, UNFPA, ILO, UNODC, British Council, DFID/UKAid, European Union, Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption (RoLAC) Other organizations consulted for are USAID, MacArthur Foundation, Ministry of Justice- Liberia and Nigeria, International IDEA, Stockholm, National Assembly Constitution Review Committees, Nigeria, Federal Ministries of Justice, Health and Women Affairs and Social Development, Law Reform Commission, National Judicial Institute (NJI), Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA), Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Addis Ababa, GiZ, Heinrich Boelle Foundation amongst others.

Joy Ngozi Ezeilo is a visiting professor at several universities, especially in North America, including being a fellow – in-residence at, the University of California, Irvine (1999); and a regent Professor, at the University of California, Riverside (2001). She has delivered public



lectures around the world on human rights, human trafficking, gender, peace, democracy and good governance, and has published extensively in similar areas of law with over 100 academic publications and more than 300 conference papers -published and unpublished.

Professor Ezeilo's work spans the globe and she has brought global recognition to Nigeria as a nation. She is impacting thousands of lives through her humanitarian work, especially providing free legal aid and pro bono services to over 60,000 women, children and the poor in the last 25 years. Under her leadership, WACOL started running the first safe house in 1998 and through her personal efforts and dedication built in 2002, the first ultra-modern private shelter for abused women and girls' victims/survivors of sexual and gender-based violence. A project she is still very proud of as her first building experience in life. In 2014, she started Tamar Sexual Assault and Referral Centre (Tamar SARC) a one-stop-shop registered subsidiary initiative of WACOL ((RC 1539768) 2014 with the support of Justice for All (J4A) funded by DfID, UK. WACOL Tamar SARC focuses its work to provide rapid response and provision of integrated services (Medical, Legal, Counselling, Shelter, Financial and Psycho-social support) for victims and survivors of sexual violence in Nigeria. WACOL/Tamar SARC is considered the number one legal aid service provider for women and girls in Nigeria providing assistance to about 2,000 on an annual basis with over 4,000 drop-ins yearly.

Prof. Ezeilo has an enviable public service record and has served and continues to serve on the board of several national and international organizations. She is a high Chief in Igboland and she is fondly called 'triple Chief', that is Ochendo, Ada ejiejemba, and Nzeibunachi.



Lady Aku Pauline Odinkemelu



Dr. Obi Nnamuchi



Hon. Justice Nkemdirim Izuakor



Mrs. Mary Abubakar



Prof. Jerry Ugwuanyi



Prof. Joy U. Ogbazi



Prof. Obioma Grace Nneameka

**RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS BY 31<sup>ST</sup>  
DECEMBER, 2022**

1. Prof. Jerry Ugwuanyi
2. Prof. Obioma Nneameka
3. Emeritus Professor Bolanle Awe



## AGENDA

Commemoration of the 25 years silver Jubilee of Women's Aid Collective (WACOL)

Date: December 8, 2022

Venue: AMADEO Event Center Ebeano Tunnel, Enugu

09:00 Registration

09:30 Choir Rendition

09:40 Opening Prayers

09:50 National Anthem /Women's Anthem

10:00 Welcome Address– Opening remark by Prof. Joy Ngozi Ezeilo (SAN)

10:30 Goodwill Message by Funders and Partners (5 minutes each)

- Representatives of States & Federal Government
- WACOL Board Director- Hon. Justice Nkem Izuako (Rtd)
- UN Human Rights
- UN Women
- UNDP
- Action Aid Nigeria
- Ford Foundation
- Traditional ruler
- WACOL Alumni- Ifeoma Anya Ogbologu
- Representative of CSOs/NGOs/ Women's Movement: Dr Abiola Akiyode
- CBO/Faith-Based Organization Rep.
- Representative of Media

11:30 Speech by the Special Guest of Honour. His Excellency, the Governor of Enugu State, Hon. Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi

11:40 WACOL in 25 years: Our vision and how it evolved –Prof Joy Ezeilo (SAN)  
Documentary on WACOL

12:10 Special rendition by Soloist (10-person rendition Choir)

12:20 First Panel Discussion – Men Unite: End Violence against Women

12:50 Inter- Secondary Schools Debate

13:10 Inter- Secondary Schools Drama competition



13:30 25th Commemorative Anniversary WACOL Awards/Recognition

14:00 Testimony by WACOL's Star Widow

14:20 Performance by the CWO Umudim dance group.

14:30 Art Exhibition

University Students

Secondary School Students

15:00 Second Panel Discussion – Human Rights as Women's Rights / Children's Right.

15:20 Special rendition by the Choir (Anglican Church Choir)

15:30 Closing remark

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## **AMBASSADOR OF WOMEN'S RIGHT AWARD PRESENTED AT THE OCCASION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF WACOL (1997- 2022) 8TH DECEMBER 2022.**

### **A. Funders/Partners of Impact in Promoting Gender Equality & Women's Empowerment (GEWE)**

1. UN Women, Nigeria & ECOWAS
2. UNDP, Abuja, Nigeria
3. MacArthur Foundation, Africa
4. Action Aid Nigeria
5. ROLAC
6. NAPTIP, Abuja
7. Dr. Tony Ojukwu, OFR, SAN
8. Ford Foundation, West Africa
- B. Extraordinary Global ICON, Ambassador of Nigeria & Life transformer
9. Dr. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

### **C. GENDER SENSITIVE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF HIGH IMPACT**

10. H.E. Rt. Hon Dr. Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi (Gburugburu)
11. H.E. Hon. Cecilia Ezeilo, Deputy Governor of Enugu State
12. H.E. Dame Pauline Tallen, OFR; The Hon. Minister for Women Affairs
13. H.E. Mrs. Monica Ugochi Ugwuanyi, Wife of Governor, Enugu State
14. H.E. Erelu Bisi Fayemi
15. Mr. Miletus Eze, Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Enugu State
16. Mr. Tony Ani, SAN
17. Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Ebonyi State
18. Ministry of Women Affairs, Cross River State

### **D. Traditional Rulers**

19. HRM, Obi of Onitsha- Igwe Nnaemeka Alfred Achebe, CFR, mni (Agbogidi)
20. HRM (IGWE) Ambassador Igwe L.O.C Agubuzu, CFR
21. HRH Igwe Barr. R.S.N Ezeh (Ochendo)



### **E. Outstanding Male Champions**

- 22. Dr. Augustine Ezenta Ezeilo (Posthumously)
- 23. Dr. Malachy Ochei
- 24. Dr. Obiajulu Nnamuchi

### **F. Pro Bono Lawyer**

- 25. Hon. Justice G.C. Nnamani, President of the Customary Court of Appeal
- 26. Barr. Rita Osuorah

### **G. Women Exemplary Leadership and Governance**

- 27. Dr. Favour Ngozi Ugwuanyi, mni
- 28. Rt. Hon. Lynda Ikpeazu
- 29. Dr. Oby Ezekwesili
- 30. Chief Mrs. Maria Okwor
- 31. Ms. Onyinye Ndubuisi
- 32. Prof. Edith Nwosu
- 33. Prof. Ifeoma Enemo, mni
- 34. Mrs. Miriam Menkiti
- 35. Prof. Joy Onyesoh (Iyom)
- 36. Dr. Abiola Akiyode-Afolabi
- 37. Prof. Stella Okunna
- 38. Prof. Ogugua Ikpeze
- 39. Barr. Ebere Ifendu
- 40. Prof. Ifeyinwa Anthonia Achike
- 41. Emeritus Prof. Obioma Nwaorgu

### **H. Media Reporter**

- 42. Mrs. Maureen Atuonwu
- 43. Mr. Ralph Edeh
- 44. Ms. Uche Akaolisa

### **I. WACOL Alumni of Impact/Change Agents**



- 45. Ms. Nkechi Ilochi- Kanny
- 46. Barr. Gozie Udemezue
- 47. Mr. Oliver Onwubunta
- 48. Mrs. Ifeoma Anya- Ogbologu

**J. Clients/Survivors (Star Widow)**

- 49. Mrs. Helen Ezeh

**K. Most Efficient and Professional Auditor**

- 50. Mr. MacDonald Egbufor

**L. Long Standing WACOL M & E Consultant**

- 51. Prof. Josephine Alumanah

**M. Long Standing WACOL Director**

- 52. Prof. Jerry Ugwuanyi
- 53. Prof. Obioma Nnaemeka
- 54. Prof. Bolanle Awe

**N. Change Nolly Wood Actor**

- 55. Stephanie Okereke- Linus

**O. Longest Serving Staff**

- 56. Ms. Nneka Okwor
- 57. Mrs. Anulika Ezennia

**P. Long Standing Rural Woman Leader/Mobilizer**

- Mrs. Augustina Onyigbuo

**P. Special Honorary Award of Excellence**

- 58. HRH Igwe Ambassador G.N. Ekoh (Posthumously)
- 59. Prof. C.O. Okonkwo, SAN (Posthumously)
- 60. Mrs. Ijeoma Jessica Uzoeshi (Posthumously)



## STAR WIDOWS

*25 Widows selected for special palliatives (The widows have been profiled and listed). Food items and cash donation will be handed out to commemorate WACOL 25th Anniversary and in line with our vision for the WEEP Not project.*

1. Mrs Janneth Chukwu
2. Mrs Eucheria Nwafor
3. Mrs Ugo Clara
4. Mrs Nkemdirim Chukwu
5. Mrs Monica Okeke
6. Mrs Maria Erua, Okeke
7. Mrs. Otiel Chinyere
8. Mrs Maria Ezema
9. Mrs Onyishi Elizabeth
10. Mrs Omeke Fidelia
11. Mrs Onjia Celestina
12. Mrs Ngozika Eze
13. Mrs Janeth Eneh (Mama Amaoge)
14. Onyia Rose
15. Mrs Chinwendu Oma
16. Mrs Victoria Ngozi Agbo
17. Mrs Mary Iyija Ugwu
18. Mrs Eze Oluchi
19. Mrs Omeke Josephine
20. Modester Okaria
21. Mrs. Chinazo Okwor
22. Mrs. Ifeoma Nnaji Nwobodo
23. Mrs. Chukwu Martina
24. Mrs Anikwe, Umudim
25. Mrs. Ezeilo Christiana



## **WACOL DONORS/FUNDERS 1997 TO 2022**

1. ActionAid International, Nigeria
2. African Women Development Funds (AWDF)
3. American Bar Association, USA
4. British Council/Nigeria Governance Fund
5. British High Commission Abuja (Global Opportunity Fund)
6. Centre for Democracy and Development
7. Centre on Housing Rights (COHRE)
8. Christian Aid, UK,
9. CIDA/ Canadian High Commission, Abuja
10. Democracy and Governance Section of the US Embassy, Lagos
11. ENSACA/World Bank Democratic Institute
12. EU-ACT: Challenge Fund and Development Fund
13. European Union (EU) Delegation, Nigeria
14. Family Health International (FHI)
15. Ford Foundation, West Africa
16. French Embassy
17. Global Affairs, Canada (WVL)
18. Global Fund for Women, California, USA
19. Global Opportunity Fund, United Kingdom
20. Global Rights/International Human Rights Law Group/USA
21. Heinrich Boll Foundation
22. Hesperian Foundation, USA
23. IFES/USAID
24. International Foundation for Education and Self Help (IFESH)
25. IPAS
26. John D & Catherine T MacArthur Foundation
27. Joint Donor Basket Fund (JDBF) & UNDP/DGD
28. Justice for All/DFID, United Kingdom
29. National Democratic Institute (NDI)
30. National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)/ International League for Human Rights, USA



31. Nigerian Lawyers in Diaspora
32. Office of Transition Initiative (OTI); USAID
33. Open Society Initiative West Africa (OSIWA)
34. Partnership for Transforming Health Systems (PATHS)/DFID
35. Royal Netherlands Embassy
36. Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Programme (RoLAC)
37. Security, Justice and Growth (SJG)/DFID
38. Share Institute
39. Strengthening Nigeria's Response (SNR) to HIV/AIDS; EU; DFID; CIDA and UNDP
40. Swedish NGO Foundation for Human Rights, Stockholm
41. Swiss Government (FDFA)
42. UNDP Abuja
43. UNFPA
44. UNICEF
45. United Nations Electoral Assistance
46. United Nations Voluntary Funds for Victims of Torture (UNVFVT Geneva)
47. United Nations Women/UNIFEM
48. Voices for Change (V4C/DFID)
49. Westminster Foundation for Democracy, UK
50. Women's Health Project; School of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa
51. World Bank
52. World Justice Project (WJP)
53. World Justice Project, USA amongst others



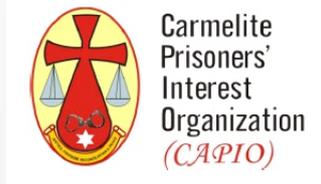
## GOODWILL MESSAGES FOR WACOL'S 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



- **Civil Resource Development and Documentation Centre (CIRDDOC) Nigeria**

We the entire members of the Board, Management and Staff of Civil Resource Development and Documentation Centre (CIRDDOC) Nigeria wish to felicitate with the Founding Executive Director of WACOL-Tamar SARC Prof. Joy Ezeilo, OON (SAN), The Board, Management and entire Staff of Women Aid Collective (WACOL) on the occasion of the commemoration of the 25 years Anniversary (1997 – 2022) of WACOL.

We pray that the Almighty and good Lord will bless all your efforts in serving humanity, and also give you every day strength, good health, clarity of vision and wisdom to continue to square up with the challenges of working for the betterment of women and humanity in general. The Sky is the beginning of your success and achievement  
We wish WACOL a successful and fruitful 25 years Anniversary as we heartily share in your joy on this Special and memorable occasion.



Dear Prof,

### **CONGRATULATIONS ON THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF WACOL**

Carmelite Prisoners' Interest organization (CAPIO) is a Not-for-profit, Non-Governmental Organization that promotes efficient criminal justice administration in Nigeria through effective advocacy. CAPIO advocates to protect the human rights and dignity of inmates, relieve victims of crime and prevent crime among youths. Our interventions focus mainly on the provision of basic needs for inmates, as well as providing free legal, medical and rehabilitation services across Nigerian custodial centres. CAPIO also facilitates rehabilitation and social reintegration programmes for returning citizens.

CAPIO is pleased to be associated with WACOL and the work that you do. On this occasion of your 25th anniversary we salute the courage of WACOL in advancing the course of women and young people and for protecting the rights of women and young people. CAPIO salutes your continued commitment to keep the wheels of justice running for women and young people despite the difficult conditions under which you work. CAPIO congratulates the entire WACOL family on the impactful 25 years of service to women, young people and the society.

May God bless you all and send you helpers and support as you continue to serve humanity. Congratulations once again.

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### *GOODWILL MESSAGE*

The ideals and values of any and every society are upheld when organizations take a stand against all odds for what is right.

This, you have done these twenty five years, defying all odds, and standing up for the rights of those who couldn't fight for themselves.

You have pushed the frontiers of human rights like no other organization in the South East, and as you celebrate this milestone, we are pleased to be associated with you.

Congratulations in anticipation of greater heights!

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