



EWEI NEWS

Eleven Years of Empowering Girls and Women

OUR MISSION

is to provide multi-sectoral interventions towards the empowerment of girls and women and

OUR VISION

is to achieve empowerment through enlightenment. We work towards empowering women through Capacity Building, Information Dissemination, Advocacy and Cross Cutting Community Service Projects.



MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

When Empowering Women for Excellence Initiative (EWEI) was founded in 2008, it seemed like just another addition to the numerous non-governmental organisations in existence. We were asked questions like “What will you do differently?” and “How do we know you are not in it for the money?” much too often and we found ourselves in new territory that we would have to work very hard to prove ourselves in. We are happy to say we have been waxing stronger every single year despite the many challenges on the way.

We believe that sustainable development is only achievable through investment in human capital resources and providing girls and women the opportunities and resources, they can use to improve their welfare, professionalism and well-being. Over the last 11 years, we have grown. With the support of our partners, commitment of our staff and mentors and the guidance of management, we have turned delivering multi-sectoral interventions for the empowerment of girls and women into an art. As at the end of 2018, 21,319 girls, boys, women and men have benefitted from our activities.



CEPWOP

EWEI's Civic Education and Participation for Women Project was designed as a means to address the under-representation of women and excluded groups in the political space, giving a voice to citizens' concerns and encouraging participatory governance.

With the support of IntiRaymi Fund, CEPWOP activities for 2018 included:

2 pre-project surveys engaging 100 respondents from Malali and Tum Communities.

Three-day CEPWOP Empowerment Seminar for four CEPWOP Delegates who were trained in Civic Action, Monitoring Elections, Engaging Political Aspirants, Evidence-based Advocacy and Community Mobilisation amongst others.



Step-down seminars held in Malali Community where 50 women and youth were engaged and Tum Community where 40 participants (27 women and 13 men) were enlightened.



EWEI CEPWOP Townhall Meeting held, at Hotel 17 Kaduna. Where 60 women and 15 men attended. Also present were 11 female candidates from 10 different political parties contesting for State and Federal legislative positions.



A social media campaign to encourage discuss and exchange on civic action and the upcoming 2019 elections- focusing on the need for credible and peaceful elections.

Election monitoring by CEPWOP Delegates in their communities.



ESP

Empowering Women for Excellence Initiative (EWEI) launched the Educational Subsidy Programme (ESP) to support girl child education. ESP provides subsidies and support for fees, uniforms and books to female students in public secondary schools to promote their retention and completion rates in school. In addition, ESP beneficiaries are eligible to benefit from EWEI's quarterly Empowerment Seminars.

Following the new policy of Kaduna state to provide 12 year free education (up to the end of secondary school) for female students, EWEI continues to provide support for school uniforms, textbooks and like skills capacity building through Empowerment Seminars. 10 girls are currently benefitting from the third ESP phase.

Selection: EWEI conducts assessment tests and interviews at targeted public schools.



Home Visits: Potential beneficiaries' homes are visited to confirm status and obtain parent(s)/guardian(s) consent.

Shortlisting: Internal committee deliberates and recommends shortlisting of beneficiaries.

Shortlist submitted to management for final approval.

ES

EWEI's exceptional Empowerment Seminars are designed to enlighten girls and women on topical issues. Empowerment seminars are usually tailored to meet the design of any of our other informational initiatives for example Getting Involved (MDGs and PRSP enlightenment), Know and Say No (Elimination of violence against women), CEPWOP (Civic Education and Participation for Women Project).

Empowerment Seminars are also used to pass on vital information on reproductive health, political, economic and social issues and topics. In 2018 EWEI's Empowerment Seminars benefitted 18 women and girls

EEP

Economic Empowerment Partnerships (EEP) was born out of a need to address the appalling levels of poverty in northern Nigeria. EEP is sustainable development in action. This project provides training and economic empowerment partnerships targeted at low income or out of school, girls and women through capacity building and sourcing micro- credit facilities to setup viable small and medium enterprises EEP is a practical response to SDG 1, 5, 8, 9 and 17. Four beneficiaries are currently benefitting from the 2018 EEP.



Meet our 2018 EWEI Online Mentors who spoke with us on:



Jelilat Abidoje: Assistant Administrative Officer, Generations For Peace, Nigeria
Topic: "The Role of Mentorship in Goal Attainment"



Kemi Otokpa: Executive Director, The Fortress Academy and Superintendent Pharmacist at Multicare Pharmacy and Stores Nigeria
Topic: The Use of Supplements



Hiba Antoun: Programme Manager, Development For People and Nature Association (DPNA) and Lead Pioneer Generations For Peace, Saida Lebanon.
Topic: Peace in our Communities (International Day of Peace)



Andrea Thomas: Interim Director of International Education and Programs, Farmingdale State College New York and Student at the Global
Topic: Hard (Technical) and Soft Skills



Cesilia Faustina: Founder and Chief Executive Officer, HybrisMedia
Topic: Do female journalists face gender-based discrimination, what can be done to address this?

EWEI Online

EWEI Online is an online chat platform and community for horizontal learning, exchange and mentorship for young women and professionals. This platform was launched in June 2018 and offers free membership and access to registered members. EWEI Online migrated to a new cool platform called "Slack" on 8 March 2019

In 2019, we featured

Mary Bassi:
 M.Pharmacy
 Topic: Obstetric Fistula

Barr. Catherine Doosuur Ishu:
 Legal Practitioner
 Topic: Human Right

Dr. Kudirat Adeniji:
 Medical Doctor, Tropical Medicine
 Topic: Malaria

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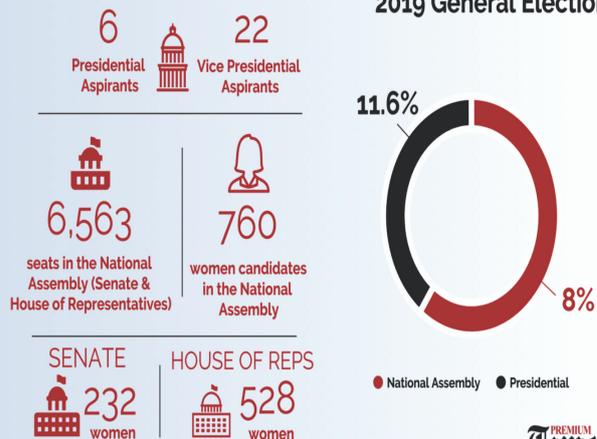
EWEI's Getting Involved was initially designed to raise awareness about the Millennium Development Goals and the National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy (NEEDS) among youth, equip them on how to effectively share this information with others in their communities, and to determine their own roles within these frameworks. This knowledge not only empowers young people to be change agents within their communities, but also contributes to transparency and accountability, which in turns supports good governance.

KSN

EWEI's Know and Say No project is concerned with raising awareness about gender-based violence as well as strengthening institutional capacities to address the pandemic of gender-based violence. Know and Say No provides a platform for effective action towards the protection of minority rights and a voice for vulnerable groups.

OUR CALL TO ACTION

Women representation in Nigeria's 2019 General Elections



2018 data shows the rates of participation in formal decision making remain one of the lowest on the continent and across the world. As at 2018, Nigerian women occupied a deplorable 5.6 per cent (86 out of 1534) of all elective positions at both the national and subnational levels. Its time to change that!

Let's start now so we are ready in 2023!

- Get involved in civic action
- Engage with your representatives about what they are doing
- Monitor and evaluate government projects
- Support qualified women politicians



AWARDS

In December 2018, EWEI was named among One of the 12 NGOs creating impact in Nigeria by Union Bank Plc.

DONORS AND PARTNERS

Thank you to our partners and donors! We especially thank Signature Global Services, Sebat Global Link Ventures and Inti Raymi Fund for their support from 2018 to 2019.

We also appreciate the varied contributions and efforts of our mentors, staff and volunteers.



Our projects are made possible through partnerships and support from individuals and organisations. We need such support to enable us successfully deliver on our promise to empower and enlighten girls and women.

Thank you for all the support so far and ask that you continue to support this initiative and play your part in making a difference in the lives of girls and women in Nigeria.



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