

Womanity

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Our Current Project

With support from the Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA), we are currently implementing the "PAS Project" (PAS: Prevention, Accountability, Support). The PAS Project is aimed at promoting understanding of SGBV as a way of **prevention** among at-risk populations, demand **accountability** from duty bearers, while ensuring effective and holistic **support** if/when SGBV occurs.

What We Did

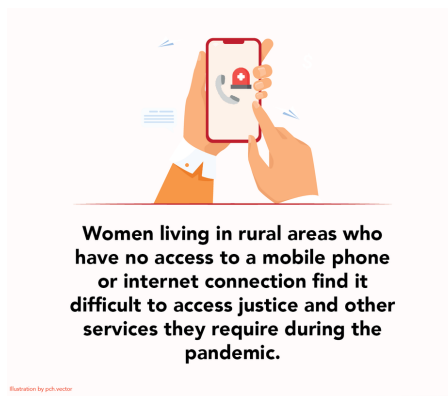
Infographics:

In March, we produced 12 infographics and disseminated them through our social media pages on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. The messages were curated after extensive research on the epidemic of sexual and gender-based violence in Nigeria, and the many ways it intersects with the lived realities of women and girls. Through March, the infographics had an extensive impression/reach of **52,600 on Twitter, 46,461 on Instagram, and 40,100 on Facebook**. In comparison to February, we experienced a 75% increase in our reach on Twitter, 122% on Instagram, and 50% on Facebook. Some of the infographics can be found below.



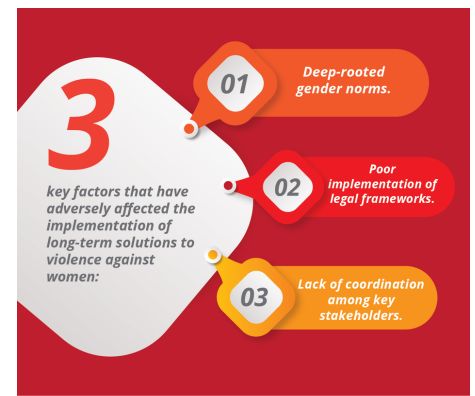
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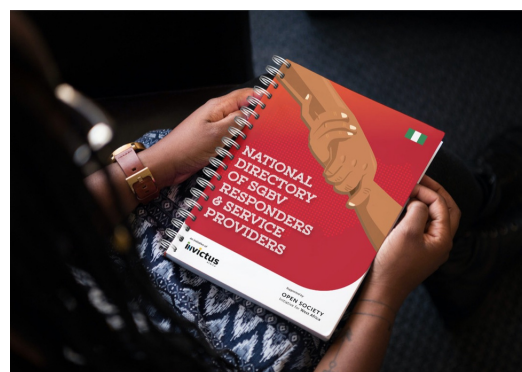


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National Directory of SGBV Responders and Service Providers

We have been working on a National Directory of SGBV responders and service providers. It is a collation of the location and contact information of individuals and organizations who respond to incidents of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and those who provide services to survivors across communities in Nigeria's 36 States and the Federal Capital Territory. The purpose of the Directory is to ensure that anyone that experiences any form of SGBV can immediately access needed assistance regardless of their location, economic status, or any inhibition. The first edition of the Directory would be released in May 2021 after we complete the verification and validation process, and we hope to keep updating the Directory in subsequent editions. The Directory would be produced and distributed as both printed and digital copies. If you fall in the category of those being enlisted in the Directory, enrol via: invictus.ng/sgbvresponders. Please share this information with others. Thank you!




#1minOnGBV

We released the second episode of our video series, #1minOnGBV, hosted on SheTV. For March episode, the topic was: "3 Myths of Rape Culture," and our guest was Udo Jude Ilo, Country Officer and Head of Nigeria Office of the Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA). In the video, he touched on the myths that marital rape does not exist, the lie that what a person wears causes rape, and the consistent disregard for the rights and body autonomy of sex workers. Udo posited that rape destroys us as a society, and reminded us of our collective responsibility to say no to rape. The March's episode of #1minOnGBV has a cumulative impression of 34,994 across our social media pages. The #1minOnGBV series is released on the last Friday of every month.

#1minOnGBV

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GUEST
Udo Jude Ilo
Country Officer and Head of Nigeria Office, OSIWA

TOPIC
3 Myths of Rape Culture

RELEASE DATE
Friday, 26th March, 2021.

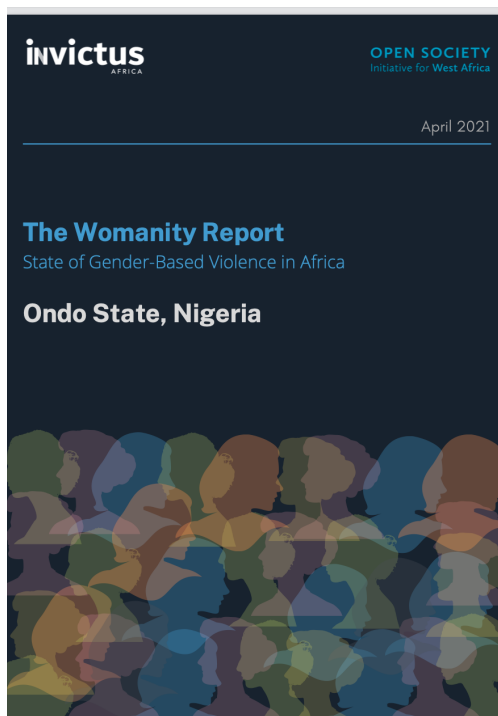
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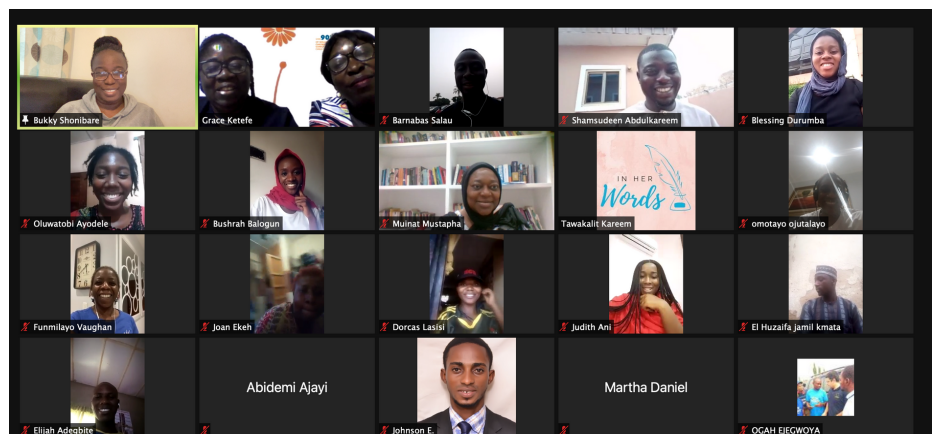
Fieldwork: Ondo State, Nigeria

As build-up to *The Womanity Scorecard* to be released in October 2021, we commenced fieldwork in the States to be profiled in the maiden edition – Ondo State being the focus for March. The exercise is towards collecting qualitative and quantitative empirical evidence, including stories and lived experiences of victims and survivors of all forms of gender-based violence. The outcome from each State is being produced as the State-focused *Womanity Report*, containing data and information that helps to understand the peculiar context and incidents of GBV in the State; use the data and information as basis for driving accountability and galvanize actions by actors and duty bearers; serve as basis upon which actionable recommendations are proffered; and the needed documentation for tracking, evaluating, and reporting on implementation of actions.



Webinar for Parents of Children Under 18: "A - Z of Sexual Abuse"

On the 27th of March, 2021, we held an interactive webinar tagged "A-Z of Sexual Abuse," aimed at educating parents and guardians of children under 18 years on child sexual abuse; its different expressions, and ways to protect children. The co-facilitators were Mrs. Grace Ketefe and Bisi Ajayi-Kayode, Executive Director and Assistant Director of the CeCe Yara Foundation - a child-centered non-profit organization focused on preventing child sexual abuse and providing support for child survivors of abuse. The facilitators provided a rich and engaging session on 5 steps to protect children from sexual abuse, how to report cases of child sexual abuse including mandatory reporting, a guide for parents/guardians on providing intentional and age-appropriate sexual education, and how they can provide support to children who have experienced abuse. The session was wrapped up with an engaging and enlightening Questions and Answers session, through which participants got answers to their specific and general questions on the topic.



What We Will Do Next

For April, we will implement another online engagement in our #MindTheGap series, where we host a subject matter expert on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence. On the last Friday in April, we will release the third episode of our #IminOnGBV video. We will also disseminate a video where our Executive Director, Bukky Shonibare, deconstructs the P.A.S project, sharing our framework for implementation. On April 24, we will hold our second interactive webinar for a key segment, boys, educating them about the realities of SGBV and actionable ways through which they can be a part of the solution. You can also expect dissemination of our comic illustration on our #KnowTheVAPPAAct series.

Appreciation

Huge thanks to OSIWA Nigeria for funding the PAS Project. We also thank Udo Jude Ilo, Mrs. Grace Ketefe, and Mrs. Olabisi Ajayi-Kayode who were guests on our #1minOnGBV program on SheTV and Facilitators at the interactive webinar for parents, respectively. We also appreciate the work of our Field Officers who worked in some parts of Ondo State, Oyedele Olusola Dorcas and Odunfa Basirat Olukemi.

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