Recipient UN organisations: UNDP | UNICEF | UN Women | UNESCO | UNFPA

Other partners: Ministry of Budget and Planning; Women Affairs and Social Development; Health; Justice; Finance; Education, Office of the Senior Special Assistant to the President on the Sustainable Development Goals, National Orientation Agency, National Bureau of Statistic, National Human Rights Commission at Federal and State level, Office of the Vice President

Context

The Spotlight Initiative project, which began in 2019, has led to notable progress towards gender equality in Nigeria

Nigeria has climbed 16 places in the 2022 GGGR Global Gender Gap Report, ranking 139th out of 159 countries. This represents a substantial improvement from its ranking of 155th in 2020.

Spotlight Initiative’s Response

Strategic expansion of its reach to include marginalized groups such as Persons with Disabilities (PWD), socio-economically disadvantaged individuals, adolescent girls, and women.

Improved collaboration between the Federal and state Ministry of Women of Affairs on the One-Stop centres (OSC), GBV Data Situation Room, DNA forensic lab, young mum’s clinic, & Maternity Waiting Homes (MWH).

In and Out of School 2022 Reach

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GBV Girls Clubs established in over 80 Schools in the FCT.
**Key Results**

**Strengthened and developed, gender-sensitive laws and legislation (Pillar 1: Policies and Legislation and Pillar 2: Institutions)**

- **6 VAPP ACT**
  - Spotlight initiative focus states have adopted, passed, and begun implementing the VAPP ACT.

- **Developing and implementing a five-year State Action Plan (SAP) 2023-2027 that will contribute to the elimination of GBV in both Ebonyi & Cross River states.**

- **5,682** government officials & parliamentarians have been trained to respond effectively to sexual violence and GBV cases.

- **367** Government
  - **234** Women’s groups, and statisticians, strengthened with the capacity to collect data on VAWG and for policy making.

- **The project also ensured that 34 States have domesticated the Child Rights Act (CRA) to protect women and girls from violence.**

**Improved access to services, information collection, and GBV data use (Pillar 4: Services and Pillar 5: Data)**

- **The Child Protection**
  - Protection Information Management System was also established.

- **from 6 to 36 States + FCT**

- **4,595** Women & girls accessed essential services and

- **1,390** Service providers had their capacities strengthened to deliver quality essential services including SRHR.

**Pillar 3: (Prevention)**

- **Engagements with 1,535** faith-based and religious leaders using the stepping stone methodology to take practical and tangible actions towards ending VAWG.

- **Establishment of 80 new Community Survey Teams in Ebonyi, Cross Rivers, Adamawa state, and Sokoto.**

- **Programme has reached 256,792** young people with SRHR and GBV prevention information in 2022 through one-on-one, group, and online outreaches.

**One Story of Impact: Second-Chance Education and Livelihood Support for Survivors**

- **13,175** Adolescents benefitted from SRHR information and

- **1,821** adolescents on quality SRHR services from the Youth Friendly centres.

- **The Spotlight initiative empowered over 4102 survivors of GBV with the necessary skills to improve their employment opportunities and set up their own businesses.**