

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 2023

THE MONTH OF GUBER-NASS ELECTIONS AND INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

March was embodied with advocacy and monitoring visits, WSRN observatory for gubernatorial and House of Assembly elections. The different states had advocacy visits which was well documented.

This newsletter aims at showcasing the different activities in pictorials and short notes. The pictures of the observers, the Admin, Finance and Program team were uploaded to represent the events. The advocacy visits took place at Uyo-Akwa Ibom State, Cross River, Ebonyi and Enugu States. The observatory for gubernatorial and House Assembly took place in Ekiti, Enugu, Cross River and Kwara States. Below is a run-down of activities successfully conducted in March 2023.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES FROM WILPF NIGERIA TEAM ACROSS FOUR STATES

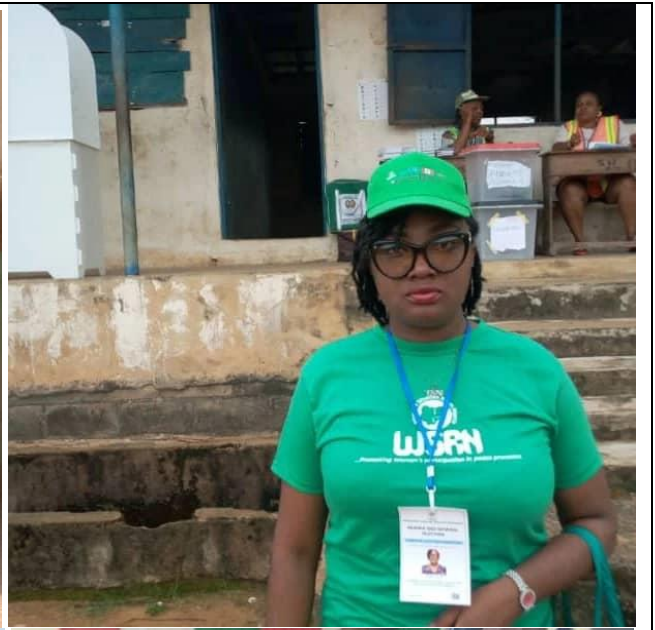
To commemorate the International Women's day on 8th March 2023, the Coalition for the protection of Women's Rights (CPWR) were at Amana Health Center Ezza South LGA Ebonyi State. They held an interactive session with the women groups. There were questions and answers on sensitive issues that affect women. The participants found the sessions satisfactory. The feedbacks from the session were positive.



A PICTORIAL ACCOUNT OF THE OBSERVATORIES IN CROSS RIVER, EKITI, ENUGU AND KWARA STATES

The Women Situation Room Nigeria (WSRN) observatory was set up in Nigeria due to the history of modern elections and the origin of women in politics. The theme is promoting women's participation in peace process. The objectives are mainly to monitor electoral processes, women participation in voting, violence and electoral malpractices. They were also meant to report using the gender lenses. Prof. Joy Ada Onyesoh and other notable women put together the situation room. There were 30 female observers in each of the 4 states under study. The four states observed by the WSRN are Cross Rivers, Enugu, Ekiti and Kwara States. Each sent in pictures and called across the toll free lines to give reports of events and incidences in the different polling units assigned to them.





WILPF Nigeria in conjunction with **SaferWorld** had a one day training on **Strengthening of Organizational Capacity** for GIDCOWAY staff and volunteers. This took place on the 23rd March, 2023 at Residency Hotel Independence Layout Enugu. Staff of an organization can function optimally when they are trained.



Monitoring Visit of WILPF's Nigeria by the Assistant Program manager (APM) to Cross River State on 25th March 2023. This visit was done to monitor and support the activities of the Coalition. She also had discussions with the beneficiaries and Women Right Organizations (WROs). The visit was conducted along-side the Project Officer and other relevant Stakeholders in Cross River State.



A courtesy Call to Women Mediation Network by the Assistant Program Manager at Uyo, Akwa Ibom State on 26th March 2023. The Platform aims at elevating the peace and security possibilities where women thrive and at same time enjoy visibility of their roles.



It was an eventful month. Greater impacts will be achieved in April, 2023