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WOMEN IN IDP CAMPS: NURTURING GROWTH AND STRENGTH



Annual Report

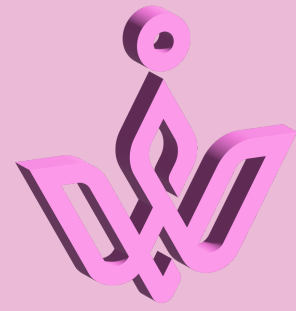


“We cannot all succeed when half of us are held back.”

Malala Yousafzai



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The **Women in IDP Camps: Nurturing Growth and Strength (WINGS) Initiative** is a grassroots, community-based, and gender-focused initiative aimed at addressing the educational, economic, and psychosocial needs of internally displaced women and girls in Nigeria. Implemented through the Wadi Ben-Hirki Foundation (WBHF), the project was launched in 2024 with support from the Youth Innovation Fund (YIF) of the World Bank to test its concept. Following successful implementation, it was awarded further funding in 2025.



At its core, WINGS embodies three key pillars:

- Empower women through knowledge, mentorship and tools.
- Engage communities to foster inclusive and supportive development.
- Reaffirm the voices and self confidence of displaced women for sustainable change.





Our Vision

A world where displaced women and girls are empowered to lead dignified, independent, and resilient lives.

Our Mission

To provide safe spaces, skills, and psychosocial support that foster long-term empowerment, peacebuilding, and self-sufficiency for women and girls affected by displacement.



Objectives:

1

Build women's capacity through vocational and soft skills training.

2

Strengthen resilience through psychosocial and mental health support.

3

Create linkages for employability and financial inclusion, and promoting gender equality and women-led peacebuilding.

LETTER FROM THE TEAM LEAD



Oluwatomilola Olowokure
Team Lead, WINGS Initiative

"Empowerment is not given, it is nurtured, grown, and sustained by the resilience of those who refuse to be defined by their situation, and aspire for a better life."

In a world increasingly defined by conflict, inequality, and displacement, the stories of women and girls in crisis too often go unheard. Each day, new headlines remind us that peace remains fragile, and human lives are the cost of instability, and this continues to rise. Yet within these realities, we also see resilience, the quiet strength of displaced women who continue to dream, nurture, and rebuild against all odds.

When we began the WINGS project, our vision was simple; to create spaces where displaced women are not only seen as victims aspiring to be beneficiaries of aid, but as drivers of recovery, leaders of change, and symbols of possibility.

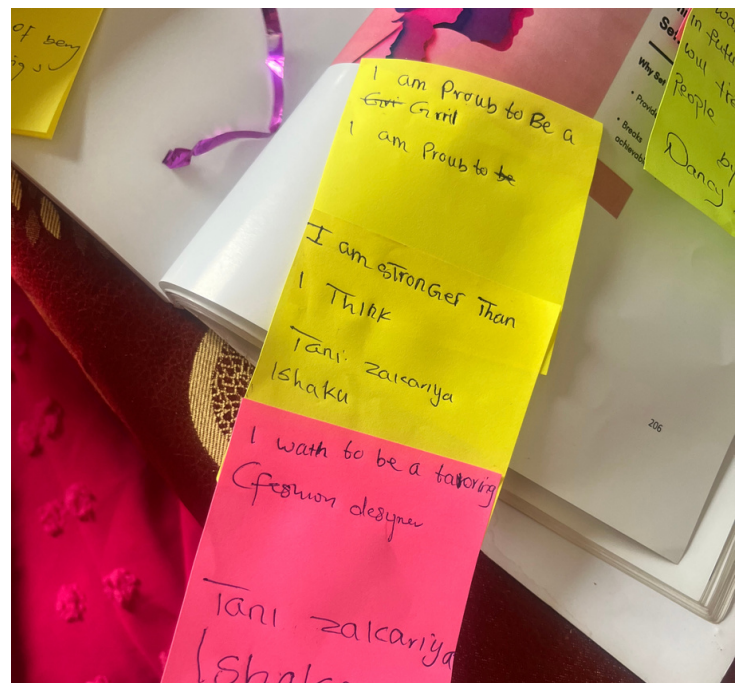
What started as a grassroots empowerment initiative in the New Kuchingoro IDP Camp has now grown into a movement that embodies the spirit of the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly: 1, 5, 8, and 16, ending poverty, achieving gender equality, promoting decent work, and building peaceful, inclusive societies

WINGS has continued to stand at the intersection of humanitarian response and development action; supporting women and girls in reclaiming themselves through context-specific, thoughtful and robust interventions, but this year's journey has not been without its challenges.

The realities of limited resources and systemic barriers remind us that empowerment must go beyond aid and subsistence. It must translate into long-term sustainable inclusive development. Therefore, with every story of transformation, every shared lesson, and every hand extended in solidarity, WINGS continues to soar.



As we look ahead, our commitment remains clear: to reaffirm women's voices aspirations and ambitions, strengthen partnerships for sustainable development, and build bridges between displaced communities and the futures they hope to attain for themselves. Together, we can trade displacement for dignity, afflictions for aspirations, and vulnerability for vision.





2025 Highlights

1. Conducted **Baseline Survey** (Nov 2024) to assess the socio-economic needs of displaced women.
2. Consulted professionals to **design contextualized curriculum and trained field volunteers** to disseminate knowledge to the beneficiaries. (Jan 2025)
3. **Launched field implementation** with a robust and contextualized curriculum.
4. Organized the “**Farm in Your Yard**” event to promote climate resilience awareness and inform beneficiaries on profitable ways to preserve the planet.
5. **Further funding awarded in 2025** under the Youth Innovation Fund (YIF) of the World Bank.
6. **Collaborated with other non-profits and private businesses** to commemorate international celebrations such as: World Charity Day, World Clean-Up Day, PCOS Month, and International Day of the Girl Child.
7. **Hosted WINGS Brown Bag Lunch (BBL) Information Session at the World Bank Abuja Office**, engaging participants from development agencies. (Oct 2025)
8. **Strengthened partnerships** with government agencies, youth-led private sector businesses, social enterprises, donors, and civil society groups to enhance sustainability.

Lessons Learned

As WINGS continues to empower displaced women and girls, several challenges have emerged that reflect the broader development realities tied to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These lessons highlight both the resilience of our participants and the need for deeper, multi-stakeholder action.

SDG 1 – No Poverty

Challenge:

Economic Instability Among Displaced Women

Many displaced women in camps continue to live below the poverty line, struggling to meet basic needs amid limited livelihood opportunities and unstable shelter conditions.



WINGS' Response:

WINGS launched a livelihood aspiration program, supporting the aspirations of beneficiaries through tools provision and partnered skills training, alongside financial literacy and entrepreneurship coaching. Through mentorship and seed-support linkages, participants are beginning to turn their skills into microenterprises, gradually moving from constant dependency to sustainable self-sufficiency.



SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-being

Challenge:

Limited access to healthcare and psychosocial support remains a major concern for displaced women and children. Many live in temporary shelters with inadequate sanitation and minimal reproductive health awareness.

WINGS' Response:

WINGS hosted the *WINGS for Women's Health outreach* in September 2025, providing free medical check-ups, menstrual hygiene education, and mental health sensitization. By integrating wellness into empowerment, WINGS continues to emphasize that health and dignity are integral to recovery and resilience.

SDG 4 – Quality Education

Challenge:

The New Kuchingoro IDP Camp faces dilapidated classrooms, and buildings, inadequate learning materials, and limited access to education, especially for girls. These barriers continue to affect children's learning continuity and women's literacy advancement.

WINGS' Response:

Through advocacy and community mobilization, WINGS promotes inclusive education for women and girls. The team also collaborates with local educators and NGOs to improve access to basic learning, while introducing functional literacy modules into women's empowerment sessions.



5 GENDER EQUALITY



SDG 5 – Gender Equality

Challenge:

Early marriages and gender-based violence persist, as early and forced marriage become survival coping mechanisms among displaced communities. Cultural and economic pressures often limit women's agency and voice in decision-making.

WINGS' Response:

WINGS facilitates safe spaces and awareness campaigns addressing gender norms and promoting women's leadership. The project's psychosocial sessions and peer-mentorship model have helped participants reclaim confidence, advocate for their rights, and build collective resilience.

SDG 16 – Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions

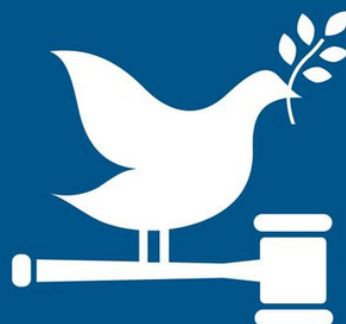
Challenge:

As displaced populations remain on privately volunteered land in the Kuchingoro camp, long-term security and access to justice remain uncertain. The lack of structured documentation also affects service coordination.

WINGS' Response:

WINGS collaborates with local government institutions and humanitarian partners to advocate for durable solutions, including proper documentation of beneficiaries and policy inclusion. The WINGS Brown Bag Lunch (BBL) held at the World Bank Abuja office in October 2025 created a dialogue space between policymakers, development organizations, and grassroots actors to discuss sustainable reintegration.

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Investment Impact



Through the **Women in IDPs: Nurturing Growth and Strength (WINGS) Project**, girls received direct mentoring, informal education, livelihood development kits, and curriculum support tools worth **USD 13,000** – 84% of the total Youth Innovation Fund Grant amount entrusted to the Task Team. The remaining 16% of the grant amount was dedicated to monitoring and supervision, research and reporting, and administrative fees to the partner foundation, Wadi Ben-Hirki Foundation. This level of impactful intervention was provided over the course of one year, with each beneficiary experiencing direct individual support worth USD 500 each.



The investment in restoration is a worthwhile investment

The model shows that the longer and more intentional efforts towards members of the IDP community can be more beneficial and sustainable than the conventional handout or cash transfer methods applied in such settings.

The dedication and prioritization by the Task Team show that investing in the development model directly meets the needs of internally displaced persons, through knowledge acquisition, skills development, and emotional regulation, while also influencing positive mind shifts within the larger IDP community.



☀ Impact Stories

Loosely translated to English

"Before I follow WINGS, wahala too much for my side! But now, hope don dey and I believe say I fit make am, not just for business, but for school too."

Ladi, 17

"With WINGS, I found my voice again. The class helped me build my confidence and start small savings." – Victoria, 29.

"WINGS helped me with my feelings and taught me how to find peace and talk when i need help. I know i am not alone." Naomi, 22

"I didn't know how to use a computer before, but WINGS taught me. Now I assist with data work with an NGO. I'm proud of myself." Youhanna, 24



These stories represent the transformative power of empowerment, one woman at a time.



Way Forward



In the next phase, WINGS aims to:

- Expand training to additional IDP camps
- Extend training to women and girls aged 13-17 and 18-29, ensuring that younger girls are equipped with essential life skills early, reducing the likelihood of forced early marriage and increasing their opportunities for education and economic contribution to their households.
- Enhance financial literacy, support livelihood aspirations, and

improve livelihoods through digital innovation and AI.

- Continue to promote Psychosocial support through contextualized curriculum, linkage to Sexual Assault Referral Centers, safe spaces and professional organizations.
- Strengthen monitoring systems for measurable impact.
- Formalize partnerships with public and private institutions for sustainability.

WINGS Task Team



Behind WINGS is a dedicated group of individuals who give their time, energy, and passion to make our vision a reality. Each member brings unique strengths and an unwavering commitment to building a stronger community.



WINGISTS! Thank you for being the heart of this movement. Your dedication is what makes WINGS fly.

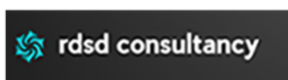
Partnerships & Collaborations

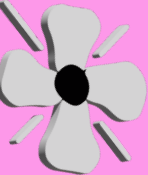
At WINGS, we believe that meaningful change is built through collective action. Our work continues to thrive because of the organizations, networks, and individuals who share in our vision of empowerment, for dignity, and resilience.

This year, our collaborations and partnerships helped us host community dialogues, an excursion, commemorate global development and advocacy days, and create platforms for policy-level engagement, including the WINGS Brown Bag Lunch Information Session at the World Bank Abuja Office, which brought together experts and stakeholders across various sectors.

These alliances continue to deepen sustainability and amplify the voices of displaced women as leaders in their own development journey. We are grateful for every institution, donor, volunteer, and ally standing with us. Together, we are not only responding to displacement—we are shaping futures filled with hope, opportunity, and possibility.

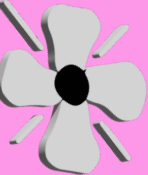
A HUGE THANKS to all our collaborative partners!!!

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ENDLINE SURVEY RESULT

Indicator	Challenge Targeted	Achieved
No of beneficiaries who completed the knowledge program	Vocational skills Training	24
Percentage of beneficiaries who attended more than 60% of trainings	Livelihood skills training	80%
Number of beneficiaries who required and accessed Sexual Assault Referral Centers	Psychosocial Wellbeing	0
Number of psychosocial support sessions held	Psychosocial wellbeing	4
Number of beneficiaries with more than 70% completion of the Business skills and financial education module	Socio economic wellbeing	24
Percentage of beneficiaries with increased savings/earnings	Financial literacy and inclusion	50%
%with improved digital skills (able to use basic apps)	Digital literacy	67%



ENDLINE SURVEY RESULT

Indicator	Challenge Targeted	Achieved
% of girls reporting improved confidence (self-reported)	Psychosocial wellbeing	23
No of community members who attended Graduation / Trade Fair	Social cohesion	113
Number of community residents who attend awareness events	Social cohesion	124
No of awareness/advocacy events held (clean-up, charity day, PCOS month etc.)	Collaborations	6

All Data reflects consolidated program records from Nov 2024 – Dec 2025, including attendance sheets, volunteer reports, and endline surveys.

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