



Top 100

Women Impacting Africa

Meet Our Founder

Tope Imasekha is a Development Economics Specialist.

As an innovative leader, strong advocate and strategist she dedicates her time to women empowerment and women's human rights.

Her passion and commitment to serving humanity led her to birth a leading grassroots humanitarian and development organization, Women impacting Nigeria (WIN).

WIN is a female run NGO dedicated to gender equality and empowerment of women in communities across Nigeria through the impact-driven solutions.

Under her leadership as the organization's CEO, Women Impacting Nigeria has impacted over 800,000 women and children since its inception.

She is an inspiration to young women, an award-winning African leader who takes it as her primary responsibility to ensure that women live a life free from hunger, violence, and discrimination.





ABOUT US

Women Impacting Nigeria Foundation (WIN) is a female-led, not-for-profit organization dedicated to women's human rights, gender equality and empowerment of women.

Our mission is to foster the empowerment of women by supporting and equipping vulnerable women and children in the areas of education, and health; and to advocate for equal representation in politics, for the advancement of the nation

A mission that will change Nigeria for the better, we believe that women empowerment and gender equality is critical to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We

want women to lead, participate in government systems, have a decent livelihood, income security, economic autonomy and live free from violence.

We offer impact-driven, community centred programs and have reached over 800,000 women and 10,000 SMEs in Nigeria alone.

We welcome you to partner with us, together we can make a tremendous impact in the lives of women and children across Nigeria. Through your support, women and girls can rewrite their stories and empower their families and give back to their communities.

Goal Setting, A Vital Requirement To Financial Freedom

Olubunmi Lawal

Nobody wants to worry about money. Sadly, only a few people ever achieve the financial freedom which we all desire.

This enlightening sheds light on valuable goal-setting tips for attaining financial freedom. Goal-setting involves creating an action plan designed to motivate and guide a person or a group towards a goal. It is an action-based process that needs to be SMART (specific, measurable, actionable, realistic, and time-bound.) Without a doubt, financial freedom stems from goal-setting.

As soon as you commit to the necessary amount of financial planning, you're a few steps towards attaining financial independence. Setting financial goals puts you in control of your finances.

Simply put, financial freedom is the attainment of financial capability by self-equipping to foot needs at any given time, without financial constraints.

In the current state of the economy, many people have fallen into the hands of loan sharks, massive debt, loss of property, and all sorts of financial jeopardy.

"Securing the bag" begins from the little self-restraint you take with whatever income you have. You must first live within your means and think long-term if you want financial freedom.

The truth is that goal-setting can improve your finances, cushion the effect of losses and prevent you from paying high-interest loans.

Here are a few things you can do

1. Get a journal dedicated to your finances, visualize and write down the financial goal you intend to achieve.
2. Be realistic yet challenging. You can do this by examining your sources of income, your total expenditure, and your investments.
3. Then you can set a weekly, bi-monthly, or monthly goal depending on your preference. The



importance is to be consistent.

4. Take actionable steps, give yourself a target, invest little, grow that investment, and expand your portfolio. Digitization has provided better ways to save and probably invest. Mobile apps like a piggy bank, AjoMoney, Chaka, Bamboo, and more make saving and investment fast and easy. Also, financial planning apps like Mint, Expensify, Budget, Spendee, all available on Google play, have made it convenient to monitor, set, and achieve financial goals at the same time. Having a portfolio allows you to diversify your income in various investment opportunities that can yield massive returns.

5. Preferably, you may join a monthly contribution group or cooperative that has passed the test of reliability and trustworthiness.

With these few tips, you will be surprised how much you make if you are dedicated.

Embrace the process. Building wealth has little to do with your socioeconomic status, but your discipline and determination.

Believe in yourself.

Start small, learn and practice but above all, start now!





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This is a first-of-its-kind African unranked compilation of leading women, drawn from different niches yet impacting their communities, countries and the continent at large. Women who are challenging the status quo and creating a trail for others to follow.

They are reshaping history, bridging inequality gaps and pioneering new innovations while lifting others.



Aya Chebbi

Aya Chebbi, is a Pan-African activist, Tunisian diplomat and feminist.

She rose to prominence as a voice for democracy and shot to global fame as a political blogger during 2010/2011 Tunisia's Revolution. She received the 2019 Gates Foundation Campaign Award and was named in Forbes' Africa's 50 Most Powerful Women and New African Magazine List of 100 Most Influential Africans.



Ayodeji Osowobi

Oluwaseun Ayodeji Osowobi is a Nigerian women's rights activist. She is the founder of the Stand to End Rape Initiative. In 2019 she was the second Nigerian women to be named to Time 100 Next list, and she was the Commonwealth Young Person of the Year for that same year



Rebecca Enochong

"Rebecca Enochong is a Cameroonian born technology entrepreneur and also the founder and CEO of AppsTech. She is best known for her work promoting technology in Africa. Enochong has been a recipient of various awards from organizations such as the World Economic Forum

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Elizabeth Nyamayaro

"Elizabeth Nyamayaro, is an award-winning humanitarian, previous United Nations Senior Advisor on Gender Equality and founder of @heforshe movement.

Born in Zimbabwe, Elizabeth has worked at the forefront of global development for over two decades improving the lives of underserved populations and has held leadership roles at the World Bank, World Health Organization, UNAIDS, and UN Women."



Saran Kaba Jones

Saran Kaba Jones is a Liberian-American clean water advocate and social entrepreneur. She is the founder of FACE Africa, an organization working to strengthen water, sanitation and hygiene infrastructure and services in rural communities across sub-Saharan Africa with a focus on women, education, health and sustainability.



Agnes Binagwaho (Prof)

"Agnes Binagwaho is a Rwandan pediatrician and currently the Vice Chancellor of the University of Global Health Equity. Since 1996, she has provided clinical care in the public sector as well as held a number of project management, health system strengthening, and government positions, including Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health of Rwanda from October 2008 until May 2011 and Minister of Health from May



Folashade Ambrose Medebem

Fola is a consummate multi-faceted and proven business leader with an extensive background in finance, strategy, and project/change management, business development, thought leadership, sustainable development and management consulting across a wide industry spectrum in the UK, Nigeria, and Europe. She is the Founder Women Inspiring Impact Network.



Agnes Kalibata

Agnes Matilda Kalibata is a Rwandan agricultural scientist and policymaker, and president of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)

Kalibata has been instrumental in advocating for gender equality in Rwanda, emphasizing the economic benefits of encouraging women to play a more public role in society as Rwanda recovered from the 1994 Rwandan genocide that killed 800,000 people in three months and left Rwanda's population 60% female.



Amanda Mukwashi

Chief Executive Officer, Christrain Aid, Amanda Khozi Mukwashi has devoted more than 25 years to working on poverty alleviation, tackling injustice and inequalities. She has worked in both intergovernmental and non-governmental spaces, bringing in-depth experience from across the development sector.



Amina J. Mohammed

Ms. Amina J. Mohammed is the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group.

Ms. Mohammed began her career working on the design of schools and clinics in Nigeria. She served as an advocate focused on increasing access to education and other social services, before moving into the public sector, where she rose to the position of adviser to three successive Presidents on poverty, public sector reform, and sustainable development.



Ifeyinwa Ugochukwu

Ms. Ifeyinwa Ugochukwu is the CEO of the Tony Elumelu Foundation, a leading African philanthropy committed to empowering African entrepreneurs. Ugochukwu is focused on strengthening relationships between the African and the global entrepreneurship ecosystem, empowering African entrepreneurs creating jobs and wealth on the continent.



Juliet Ehimuan

Juliet Ehimuan is a Nigerian technology expert and entrepreneur who currently serves as Google's Country Manager in Nigeria. In August 2011, she was listed in Forbes "20 Youngest Power Women In Africa". She is the founder of "Beyond Limits Africa" an initiative, born out of a desire to help young people become the best versions of themselves."



Angélique Kidjo

Angélique Kpasseloko Hinto Hounsinou Kandjo Manta Zogbin Kidjo, known as Angélique Kidjo, is a Beninese-American singer-songwriter, actress, and activist who is noted for her diverse musical influences and creative music videos.



Stephanie Okereke Linus

Nigerian actress, producer, and director. Convener, Extended Hands Foundation, an NGO that seeks to restore the dignity of women in Africa by facilitating free repair treatments for girls and women with obstetric fistula"



Yvonne Chaka Chaka

Yvonne Chaka Chaka is an internationally recognised South African singer, songwriter, actress, entrepreneur, humanitarian and teacher. Chaka Chaka is a champion for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and malaria, the United Nations MDG Envoy for Africa, and the Goodwill Ambassador for the Roll Back Malaria Partnership. In 2012, she was the first African woman to receive the World Economic Forum's Crystal Award.



Graça Machel

International advocate for women's and children's rights; former freedom fighter and first Education Minister of Mozambique. Former First Lady of South Africa. Graça Machel is a member of the Africa Progress Panel (APP), a group of ten distinguished individuals who advocate at the highest levels for equitable and sustainable development in Africa. As a panel member she facilitates coalition building to leverage and broker knowledge, and convenes decision-makers to influence policy for lasting change in Africa.



Kamissa Camara

Secretary-General, Mali Presidency. She has spoken about the issues of regional security and alleged human rights violations. As of December 2018, when she gave a speech to the United Nations General Assembly in Marrakech deploring the withdrawal of some countries from the Global Compact for Migration, she was the world's youngest Foreign minister. She is also the founder and co-chair of the Sahel Strategy Forum, which provides a platform for stakeholders to promote peace, security and development across the Sahel.



Ndileka Mandela

Ndileka Mandela is a social activist, former ICU nurse, and the head of a rural upliftment organisation, the Thembekile Mandela Foundation in South Africa



Tope Imasekha

A brilliant development Economics specialist. As an innovative leader, strong advocate and strategist she dedicates her time to women empowerment and women's human rights. She is the founder of Women Impacting Nigeria, a female-led non for profit organization dedicated to gender equality, empowerment of women and committed to seeing all women and girls live a life free from hunger, violence, and discrimination. Offering impact-orientated, community centered solutions, reaching over 800000 women and 10000 SMES in Nigeria alone.



Lupita Nyong'o

Aside from acting, Nyong'o supports historic preservation. She is vocal about preventing sexual harassment, working for women's and animal rights. Also in 2019, Nyong'o narrated the Discovery Channel docu-series Serengeti, which earned her a Primetime Emmy Award nomination for Outstanding Narrator. Nyong'o was cited as one of the Top 100 most influential Africans by New African magazine in 2019. Nyong'o was named among Africa's "50 Most Powerful Women" by Forbes in 2020.



Obiageli Ezekwesili

Oby Ezekwesili, is a Public Analyst/Senior Economic Advisor, AEDPI, Nigerian chartered accountant from Anambra state. A presidential candidate in the Nigerian 2019 presidential Election. Obiageli (Oby) Ezekwesili is a daring advocate who's led pioneering initiatives that challenge extremism, corruption and gender-based violence. When Boko Haram abducted 300 Chibok girls in 2014, Oby was one of the first to speak out. She co-founded the Bring Back Our Girls campaign, taking to the streets and galvanizing global calls for action. Even in the face of threats and intimidation from extremists, Oby refuses to remain silent.



Folorunso Alakija

Folorunso Alakija is a Nigerian billionaire businesswoman. Through her Rose of Sharon Foundation, Mrs. Alakija empowers widows and their children as well as orphans. In obedience to the word of God and working according to His will and purpose, she and her husband founded a house fellowship which has grown to become a full-fledged Christian Ministry known as the Rose of Sharon Glorious Ministry International.



Arunma Oteh

Former Treasurer and a Vice President of the World Bank. She became the Director General of the Securities and Exchange Commission in Nigeria in January 2010. In 2011 Oteh was made an Officer of the Order of the Niger (OON) in recognition of her contribution to economic development and to transforming the Nigerian capital markets. In 2014, Oteh won the CNBC Africa All Africa Business Leaders Awards (AABLA) Business Woman of the Year category for West Africa. In 2020, Forbes listed her among Africa's 50 Most Powerful Women.



Vera Songwe

"Vera Songwe is an economist and banking executive from Cameroon who has worked for the World Bank since 1998, and in 2015 became Western and Central Africa's regional director for the International Finance Corporation. She is the first woman to head the U.N.s Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) at the level of Under Secretary-General. Songwe was involved in Africa 2.0, an initiative to bring young Africans together to aid in the continent's economic development.



Tara Fela-Durotoye

Tara Fela-Durotoye is a Nigerian beauty entrepreneur and lawyer. A pioneer in the bridal makeup profession in Nigeria, she launched the first bridal directory in 1999, set up international standard makeup studios and established the first makeup school in Nigeria. Tara has over 3,000 reps spread across Nigeria. Tara remains an inspirational role-model and mentor to make-up artists and aspiring beauty business owners across Africa."



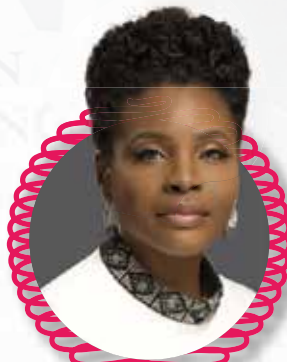
Manal Rostom

Manal Rostom is an activist and an athlete. Manal has achieved many firsts for Arab and Egyptian women on her remarkable journey; the first Hijabi woman to model in a Nike Running campaign; the first Arab to be featured in an audio guided run on the Global Nike Run Club app; the first Egyptian woman to run the Great wall of China Marathon in 2016; the first Egyptian woman to summit Mont Blanc in 2018.



Mamokgethi Phakeng

Rosina Mamokgethi Phakeng GCOB is a South African professor of mathematics education who in 2018 became a vice-chancellor of the University of Cape Town. Kgethi founded the non-profit organization Adopt-A-Learner. It was created for the purpose of providing deserving lower-income learners with financial support."



Olajumoke Adenowo

Olajumoke Olufunmilola Adenowo is an architect by profession. She is also an entrepreneur and philanthropist, a public speaker, radio host and author. CNN described her as "Africa's Starchitect" and The Guardian has described her as "the face of Architecture in Nigeria."



Winnie Byanyima

Winnie Byanyima, a grass-roots activist, human rights advocate, senior international public servant, and world recognized expert on women's rights, is currently Executive Director of UNAIDS. A world recognized expert on women's rights, she founded the Forum for Women in Democracy (FOWODE), a leading NGO in Uganda and has served at the African Union Commission and at the United Nations Development Programme as Director of Gender and Development.



Thuli Madonsela

Thulisile Nomkhosi "Thuli" Madonsela is a South African advocate and professor of law, holding a chair in social justice at Stellenbosch University since January 2018. An advocate for Gender equality and the advancement of women, Madonsela is a member of South African Women Lawyers Association (SAWLA) and Business Women's Association of South Africa (BWASA). In 2012, she was honoured with South Africa's most Influential Women Award."



Edel Were

Edel Were is a Strategy Consultant at Dalberg Advisors and co-leads Dalberg's Education and Employment platform. At Dalberg, she has advised government and non-government organizations on education and youth employment initiatives across Africa.



Millen Magese

Millen Happiness Magese is a world-renowned fashion model and humble humanitarian. The former Miss Tanzania can often be found giving her time, talents, and energy to making a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate through her significant contributions to charities such as the Tanzania Education Trust, African Rainforest Conservancy, and the MacDella Cooper Foundation. She has also established the Millen Magese foundation to empower women and girls of Tanzania.



Ibukun Awosika

Ibukunoluwa Abiodun Awosika is a Nigerian business woman, motivational speaker and an author. She currently serves as Chairman of First Bank of Nigeria



Gbemisola Osadua

Gbemisola Osadua is an experienced executive leader and manager of projects with proven records of innovation, effective communication, ability to enhance team performance and deliver results.



Chiamaka Uzomba

"Chiamaka Uzomba is a social justice advocate, certified project manager and researcher.

Chiamaka seeks to increase women's access to family planning, community engagement to end child, early, and forced marriage (CEFM) and female genital mutilation (FGM)."



Blessings Timidi

Blessings has over 15 years of experience working with girls and women on their Sexual Reproductive Health and rights such as Teenage Pregnancy, Menstruation, Rape, Female Genital Mutilation among others while highlighting the blurred lines between Culture, Religion and Gender Based Violence. She is committed to using research, storytelling, community mobilization and engagement to work on issues that affect girls and women.



Judicaelle Irakoze

Judicaelle Irakoze is an Afro-Political feminist activist, passionate about articulating the experiences of women and overall, the youth.



Amadi Jennifer

Gender & ReproHealth Advocate, She advocates for youth-forward policies and their implementation in SRHR with a gender lens.



Feyikemi Abudu

Feyikemi Abudu isn't just a full-time influencer on Twitter but she amplified the voice of young Nigerians during the #EndSARS movement



Odunayo Eweniyi

"Nigerian entrepreneur, founder of PiggyBank.ng.

She sits on the advisory board of TrainFuture, an Education Technology company based in Switzerland, as well as the Gender Lens Acceleration Best Practices Initiative, a collaborative effort of Village Capital, US and the International Finance Corporation (IFC)'s Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative (WeFi)."



Damilola Odufuwa

Feminist Coalition co-founder Damilola Odufuwa, a strong advocate for the empowerment of women, equality, and education



Mosunmola Abudu

"a Nigerian media mogul, philanthropist. She has been described by Forbes as "Africa's Most Successful Woman", and rated as one of the "25 Most Powerful Women in Global Television" by 'The Hollywood Reporter'."



Ola Brown

"a British-Nigerian medical doctor, healthcare entrepreneur and founder of the Flying Doctors Healthcare Investment Group and Director Greentree Investment Company, she seeks to bridge good healthcare and economic growth/employment in Africa."



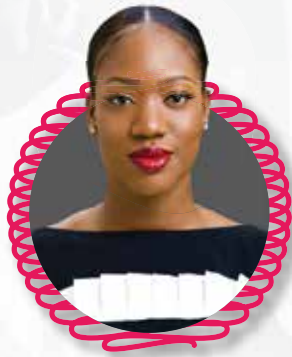
Maya Haya Famodu

Nigerian-American entrepreneur, founder and partner at Ingressive, a firm that provides market entry, technology research and market operations services for firms and businesses expanding into Africa



Elsie Kanza

Elsie is a Tanzanian Economist, She serves as the Senior Director, Head of Africa at the World Economic Forum. At the Forum the Africa Team is responsible for the Forum's Africa Strategy and champions multi-stakeholder regional initiatives, such as Grow Africa partnership initiative, Africa Strategic Infrastructure Initiative, Water Resources Group Partnership initiative, and Responsible Mineral Development Initiative in collaboration with regional organisations.



Adaku Ufere Awoonor

Nigerian Energy Professional and an international oil and gas, gender and development lawyer. Adaku also renders legal services to fight against sexual and gender-based violence, providing prevention mechanisms and supporting survivors with psychosocial services. She holds the position of the Head of Legal at STER Initiative, a Not-for-Profit organization. In 2019, STER collaborated with Nigeria's National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons, along with 15 non-governmental organisations, supported by the British Council, to set up Nigeria first ever Sex Offenders Registry.



Hauwa Ojeifo

"Hauwa Ojeifo is a Nigerian sexual Violence and mental health activist. She is known to be the first Nigerian female to have received a Queen's Young Leader Award for her work. She is the Executive Director at She Writes Woman (SWW); an award-winning movement that gives mental health a voice in Nigeria. She is the creator of Safe Place Nigeria - a virtual community for mental health-conscious Nigerians to access digital mental healthcare, self-care tools and wellness resources.



Admiral Itunu Hotonu

Rear Admiral Itunu Hotonu is a Nigerian naval officer and architect. One of the first women officers and amongst the first architects in the Nigerian Navy, she has served as a staff college instructor and abroad in Liberia.



Ngozi Okonjo Iweala

Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala is a Nigerian-American economist and international development expert. She sits on the boards of Standard Chartered Bank, Twitter, Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization, and the African Risk Capacity



Betty Irabor

Betty Irabor is a Nigerian columnist, philanthropist, writer, publisher and founder of Genevieve magazine. She previously had a column in Black & Beauty magazine in the United Kingdom. She also has a foundation that promotes breast cancer awareness, early detection and treatment.



Kofo Akinkugbe

Kofo Akinkugbe is a Nigerian technology entrepreneur. She is founder and CEO of SecureID, Africa's leading manufacturer of smart cards and other identity documents. Her group of companies owns Nigeria's first SIM card production plant, in operation since December 2016. Certified by Visa, Verve and Mastercard, the company exports SIM cards to 21 other African countries."



Esther Agbarakwe

Founder of the Nigerian Youth Climate Coalition and an international climate change campaigner with experience working on environmental sustainability, social and environmental policy analysis, biodiversity conservation, justice and reproductive health and rights.



Hadiza Bala-Usman

Hadiza is a principal initiator of the Bring Back Our Girls campaign – a global online and offline campaign aimed at freeing 219 school girls abducted by the vicious Boko Haram at Chibok



Joke Silva

"Joke Silva, MFR is a Nigerian actress, director, and businesswoman. Founder of Hear Word Initiative. In accordance with the UN policy of enlisting prominent figures in art, music, film, sport and literature to assist with their campaigns, Silva's role was focused on her participation in the fight against human trafficking in Nigeria, she also worked fighting human trafficking and was part of the "I Am Priceless" campaign, which had also received support from the Nigerian authorities.



Nike Davies-Okundaye

Chief Nike Davies-Okundaye, also known as Nike Okundaye, Nike Twins Seven Seven and Nike Olaniyi, is a Nigerian batik and Adire textile designer. Chief Nike is the founder and director of four art centres, which offers free training to young artists in visual, musical and the performing arts. She is the owner of the largest art gallery in West Africa, comprising over 7,000 artworks. The centres also serve as a rich source of knowledge for traditional arts and culture to scholars and institutions.



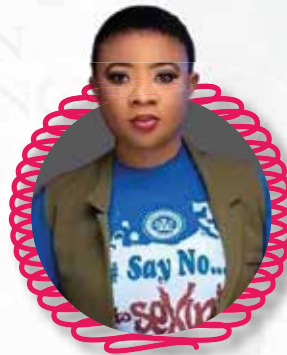
Chimuanya Dike

Shes the team lead of the millennial of Nigeria for REES Africa embarking on various environmental projects from clean ups to providing of alternative power sources for less privileged communities earning global recognition as well



Adebola Deji-Kurunmi

Adebola Deji-kurunmi is a transformational catalyst equipping a new breed of visionaries, thought leaders and social saviors for Africa's Emergence. She owns a coaching company called immerse coaching company and also a director in ideation hub. Immerse coaching company is a coaching company that has been in operation for over five years and they have been so intentional with the mind transformation of women and shift them into a higher version of themselves. Ideation hub also work with NGO who are interested in changing the Africa sector.



Chinemenma Umeseaka

She is the present special Adviser to Abia State governor on Teenage Matters. She is a seasoned teen's coach in Africa, she is the producer and host of Teen's time with Chichi on AFRICA INDEPENDENCE TELEVISION (AIT) TELEVISION, Inspiration FM Radio Lagos and FLO FM in Abia State.



Afua Osei

Afua Osei is an entrepreneur, investor and public speaker who co-founded She Leads Africa, a media company for millennial African women. She Leads Africa provides women across more than 35 countries with business and career advice and has been featured in several international publications including The Financial Times, CNN, CNBC Africa, Huffington Post, and Black Enterprise.



Yasmin Bello Osagie

"Co-founder she leads africa, creating the best digital content and offline events to help young African women build amazing careers and businesses, serve as community leaders and influencers, and eventually take over the world. In 2015, Belo-Osagie took five female entrepreneurs to China to meet with successful women entrepreneurs and China-based investors interested in Africa.



Anita Kemi DaSilva

Anita Kemi DaSilva is a specialist Obstetrician and Gynecologist with a medical background that extends to Public Health. She is also the founder of Women at Risk Foundation, one of the nation's foremost anti sexual violence organizations that raises awareness and addresses the prevalence of rape and gender based violence in Nigeria through the development and implementation of a series of initiatives



Bola Tinubu

Bola is a Partner in the law firm of Olajide Oyewole LLP (a member of DLA Piper Africa) and leads it's Corporate Practice. She has over 25 years' experience in advising businesses as an expert on company law. Bola is also the founder of The Cece Yara Foundation, an award winning non-profit organization, which established Nigeria's first free Child Helpline and first Child Advocacy Centre, providing free legal, medical and psycho-social services for children who have been sexually abused.



Chidi Koldsweat

Chidi Koldsweat is an international development professional and the founder of Donors for Africa. She is a recipient of numerous awards including CEO Global's Africa most influential woman in management, business & public service (civil society category)



Jennifer Riria

Jennifer Riria, is a Kenyan business-woman, corporate executive, banker, and academic who serves as the group chief executive officer of Kenya Women Holding Group, a microfinance, banking and insurance group serving nearly one million mostly rural Kenyan women.



Louise Mushikiwabo

Louise Mushikiwabo is the fourth and current Secretary General of Organisation internationale de la Francophonie. She previously served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Rwanda from 2009 to 2018. She also served as Government Spokesperson. She had previously been Minister of Information



Waris Dirie

Waris Dirie is a Somali model, author, actress and human rights activist in the fight against Female Genital Mutilation. She is also the Founder Desert Flower Foundation



Glenda Gray

Glenda is a South African physician, scientist and activist specializing in the care of children and in HIV medicine



Precious Motsepe

Precious Moloi-Motsepe is a South African fashion entrepreneur and a philanthropist of Tswana descent. Her company ran the Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week in Johannesburg and Cape Town



Hajer Sharief

Hajer Sharief, 25 year old human rights advocate from Libya, she is also the co-founder of "Together we build it"



Ilwad Elman

Ilwad Elman is a Somali-Canadian social activist. She works at the Elman Peace and Human Rights Center in Mogadishu alongside her mother Fartuun Adan, the NGO's founder. Beyond her duties at Elman Peace; Ilwad is an advocate for the Kofi Annan foundation's latest initiative called Extremely Together, where she and 9 other youth leaders under the mentorship of Mr. Kofi Annan are Preventing Violent Extremism by inspiring, engaging and empow-



Fartuun Adan

Adan is the Executive Director of the Elman Peace and Human Rights Centre, a Mogadishu-based NGO established in honour of her late husband.[4] She serves as the organization's Executive Director, while their daughter Ilwad works alongside her.

Through the center, she also co-founded Sister Somalia, the country's first program for assistance of victims of sexual violence.



Judy Dlamini

Judy Dlamini is a South African entrepreneur, medical doctor, philanthropist, and author. She is the Founder and Executive Chairman of Mbekani Group. Also, she is the first black female Chancellor of the University of the Witwatersand.

Aside the Mbekani Group, Judy and her husband, Sizwe are also co-founded Mkhiwa Trust; a family Public Benefit Organisation (PBO) with a focus on rural development and education.



Tsitsi Masiyiwa

Tsitsi Masiyiwa is an African philanthropist and social entrepreneur who has devoted her life to empowering the lives of young people through education.



Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf is a Liberian politician who served as the 24th President of Liberia from 2006 to 2018. Sirleaf was the first elected female head of state in Africa.



Mayowa Adegbile

"Mayowa Adegbile is a Nigerian Philanthropist known for excelling as one of the three Nigerians that made it to the top 10 finalists in the year 2014 Google Africa Connected competition. Mayowa currently serves as the CEO of Ashake Foundation, a Non-Governmental Organization that focuses on the plight of widows and their children with various relief services in their businesses, children's Educational supplies and Educational financing.



Itoro Eze-Anaba

Founder Mirabel Centre the first Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) in Nigeria, and the second in West Africa. Established and managed by the Partner for Justice; a programme by the British Council to provide holistic and high quality medical and psychosocial services to survivors of sexual assault and rape.



Ayisha Oshori

Ayisha is a lawyer, consultant and communication strategist with 18 years experience in the public and private sectors. In the last four years she has consulted for the World Bank, United Nations Development Fund, United Nations Children's Fund, the Department for International Development, the Royal Institute of International Affairs and the National Centre for Women's Development on gender equality, women's empowerment, research on women's economic opportunities in the North East post -conflict and gender mainstreaming of development, peace and recovery plans in the North East.



Arc Lola Ibrahim

An innovative professional whose outstanding expertise cuts across agriculture and social entrepreneurship, environmental services, construction, gender advocacy and she counsels on sexual and gender based violence in schools & marginalized communities. She is the founder of WAVE Foundation and Stop the Cut Initiative, a program that seeks to end FGM in Africa.



Liya Kebede

Liya Kebede is an Ethiopian-born model, maternal health advocate, clothing designer, and actress. She has appeared on the cover of Vogue three times. Kebede has served as the WHO's Ambassador for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health since 2005.



Oreoluwa Somolu-Lesi

She is the founder and executive director of Women's Technology Empowerment Centre (W.TEC), a non-profit organisation that empowers women and girls socially and economically through education in Information technology.



Hafsat Abiola-Costello

Founder of Kudirat Initiative for Democracy (KIND), a not-for-profit organization based in Lagos, Nigeria, aims to empower democracy and development in Africa by strengthening organizations and creating initiatives dedicated to the advancement of women



Evon Benson Idahosa

R. Evon Benson-Idahosa, the founder and Executive Director of PJI, is a Nigerian native, a leading expert and thought leader on the subject of modern day slavery in sub-Saharan Africa and a trained English Barrister and American lawyer



Uloma Ogba

Uloma is Gender and Financial Inclusion Specialist at MarketShare Associates, she is also the Co-founder of Give Girls a Chance an organization established to increase access to quality education for girls across Nigeria.



Dr Hauwa Balami

Dr Hauwa is a medical doctor with a keen interest in public health and health policy. A cofounder of GIVE GIRLS A CHANCE FOUNDATION, She is passionate about gender equality, girl child education, creating opportunities for girls and women in all areas of their life (health, education and leadership) and making a difference in her niche.



Toyin Saraki

Toyin Ojora-Saraki is a global health advocate, healthcare philanthropist and the Founder-President of Wellbeing Foundation Africa



Nndidi Nwuneli

Nndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli is a social entrepreneur, author and speaker. She is the co-founder of Sahel Consulting, a private equity and investment advisory firm. She has effected changes and shaped agriculture policies and strategies in West Africa through Sahel. She is also the founder of Leap Africa, a nonprofit that inspires, empowers and equips a new cadre of African leaders by providing the skills and tools for personal, organizational and community transformation.



Mary Olushoga

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Lola Omolola

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Aminetou Mint El-Moctar

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Isatou Touray

Isatou Touray is a Gambian politician, activist, and social reformer. A noted campaigner against female genital mutilation, she became the first female Gambian presidential candidate in 2016, before dropping out to endorse Adama Barrow and Coalition 2016.



Leymah Roberta Gbowee

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Bisi Adeleye Fayemi

First Lady of Ekiti State, Nigeria as wife of the Ekiti State Governor 2019-2023. A British-Nigerian feminist activist, writer and policy advocate, in 2001 she co-founded the African Women's Development Fund (AWDF), the first Pan-African grant-making organisation. She serves as a UN Women Nigeria Senior Advisor, and was appointed as a Visiting Senior Research Fellow at King's College, University of London in 2017. She is CEO of Above Whispers Limited, and runs an online community called Abovewhispers.com.



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