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As we approach the conclusion of this remarkable year, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our supporters who have played an instrumental role in making our mission a reality. Your unwavering support and generosity have been the driving force behind our achievements throughout the year. With your support, we have empowered young people and girls, facilitated education, and fostered positive change in our communities. As we reflect on the milestones and challenges of the past year, we are reminded of the strength that comes from unity and shared purpose.

*As we set our sights on the future, our dedication to championing gender justice and empowering young women and girls remains steadfast. Together, we are making a lasting impact, and your continued support ensures that our mission continues to flourish.*

Thank you for standing with us and for being the catalysts of positive transformation. Your commitment has not only made a tangible impact on the lives of many but has also sown the seeds for a brighter, more equitable future.

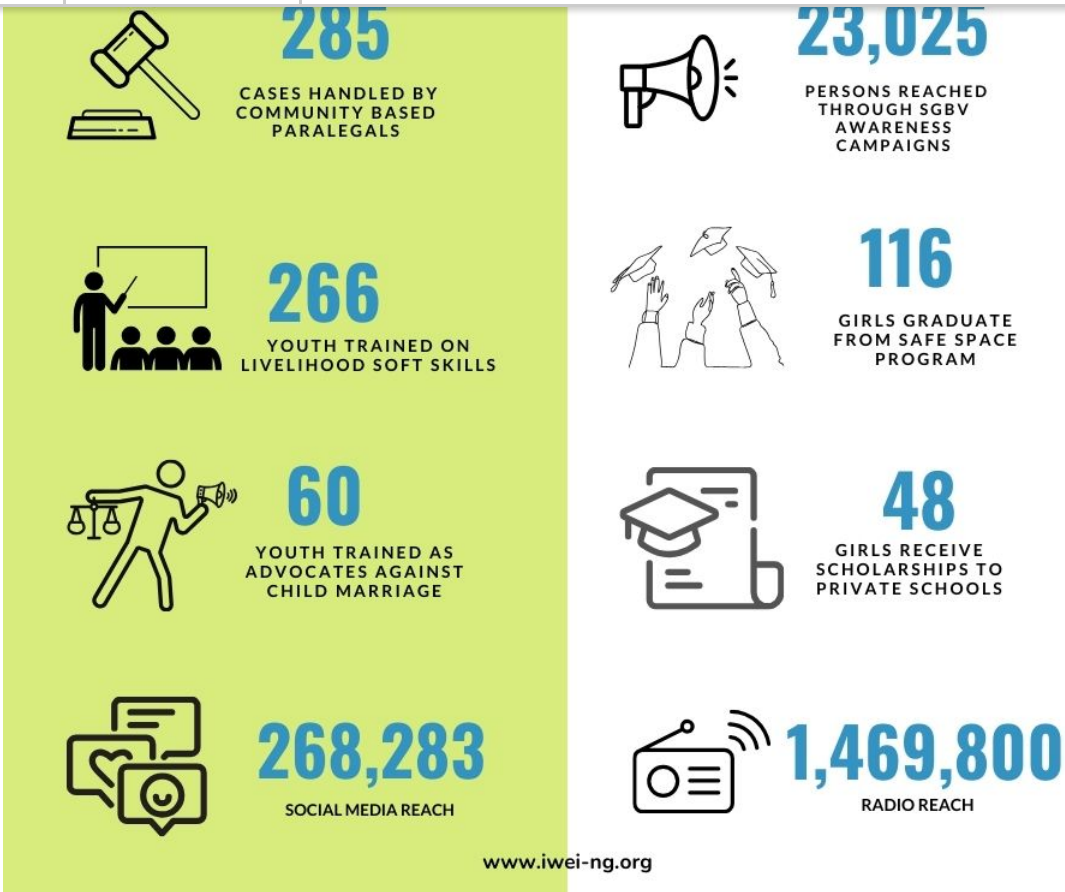
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**MAKING A DIFFERENCE: OUR IMPACT DURING THIS PERIOD!**

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## Safe Spaces for Girls

The graduation ceremony for 122 girls (7-9 years old) completing the Jean Herskovits Scholars program was a testament to the transformative power of education. Witnessing a once shy 8-year-old evolve into a confident speaker and event MC showcased the profound impact of our program. Parents and stakeholders present

skills activities gain confidence and self-esteem.



## Street Connected Children - Peer to Peer Learning

In collaboration with the Network of Organisations working with Street Connected Children, a 3-days peer-to-peer skills training for 51 street-connected children was conducted. From crafting reusable sanitary pads to beadwork and shoe-making, the participants both male and female not only acquired valuable skills but also discovered newfound confidence. Together, we are shaping a future where every child, regardless of their circumstances, can unlock their potential and thrive.

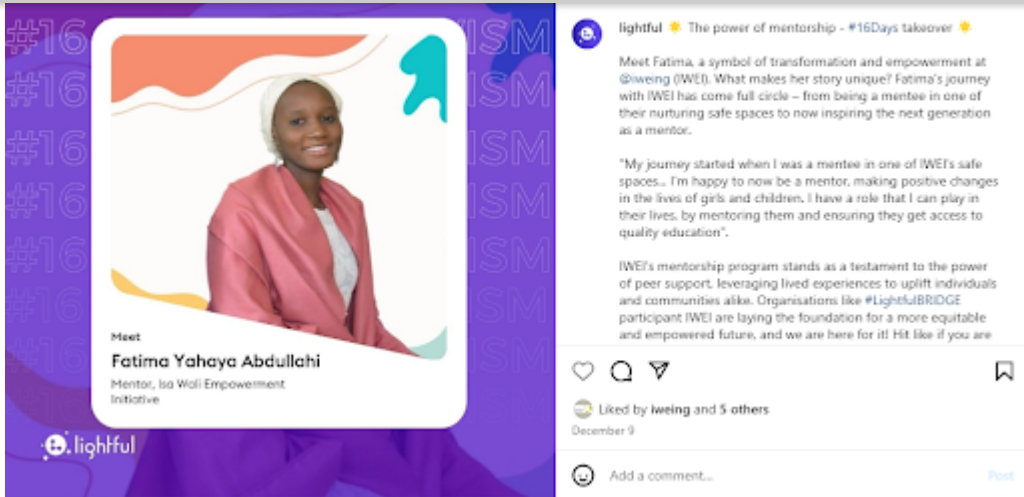


## Unlocking Potential and Transforming Lives of Youth (Up-Youth)

### Project

With support from Bank of Industries, 266 youth benefited from a series of five-day workshops that included business & financial literacy, digital and brand marketing. The participants not only gained essential knowledge but also shared powerful testimonials, underscoring the positive impact on their businesses. Many participants shared during the visioning and goal setting session that it was something they did not do. Halima a participant said: *“this workshop has opened my mind, to rethink my life, set goals and work towards achieving them consistently, patiently, and with perseverance.”* The workshops have become a catalyst for not just knowledge acquisition but also a profound shift in mindset, paving the way for lasting positive change.

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Meet **Fatima Yahaya Abdullahi**  
Mentor, Isa Wali Empowerment Initiative

lightful ✨ The power of mentorship - #16Days takeover ✨

Meet Fatima, a symbol of transformation and empowerment at @iweing (IWEI). What makes her story unique? Fatima's journey with IWEI has come full circle – from being a mentee in one of their nurturing safe spaces to now inspiring the next generation as a mentor.

"My journey started when I was a mentee in one of IWEI's safe spaces.. I'm happy to now be a mentor, making positive changes in the lives of girls and children. I have a role that I can play in their lives, by mentoring them and ensuring they get access to quality education".

IWEI's mentorship program stands as a testament to the power of peer support, leveraging lived experiences to uplift individuals and communities alike. Organisations like #LightfulBRIDGE participant IWEI are laying the foundation for a more equitable and empowered future, and we are here for it! Hit like if you are

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## 16 Days of Activism

This period was marked by collaboration and a series of impactful initiatives aimed at raising awareness and addressing gender-based violence.



### Empowering Girls: Visioning Workshop and Sustainable Solutions for Menstrual Hygiene

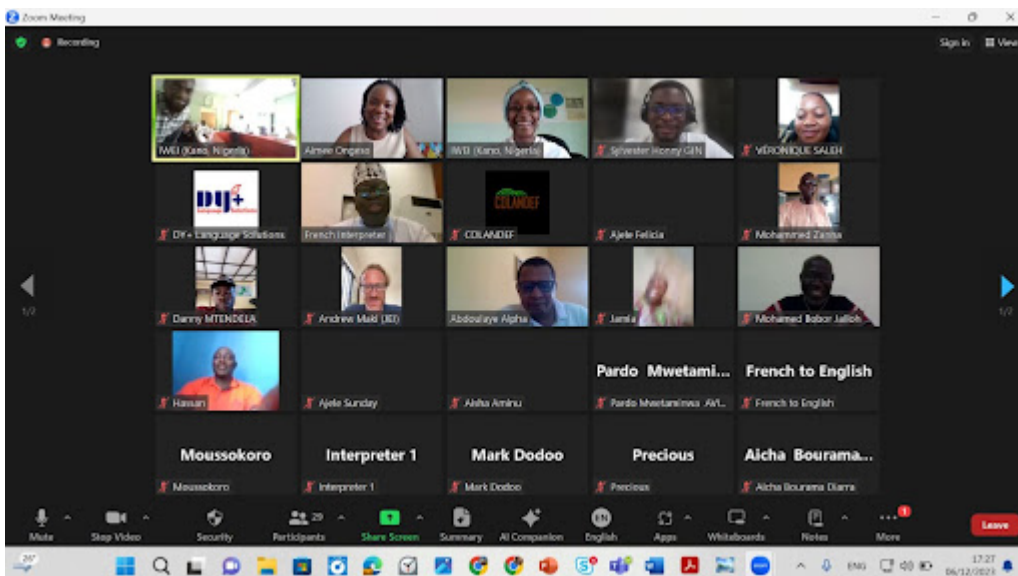
In collaboration with @FIDAKanoBranch, we actively involved and empowered a cohort of 100 secondary schoolgirls through an immersive visioning and goal-setting workshop. Additionally, our impactful initiative addressed the crucial issue of menstrual

for potential income, aligning with our commitment to holistic empowerment.



## Grassroots Justice: Equipping Community-Based Paralegals for Enhanced Access to Legal Support

IWEI together with other members of the Grassroots Justice Network Nigeria, collaborated to train 21 community-based paralegals. This empowering program equips them with the skills and knowledge necessary to provide essential legal aid services in rural communities. By fostering a network of grassroots paralegals, we aim to bridge the justice gap and empower communities with the tools to navigate legal challenges effectively. This initiative reflects our commitment to ensuring equitable access to justice for all.



## Greening the Future: Women Taking Lead on Climate Action

Continuing our commitment to impactful initiatives, IWEI with members of the Grassroots Justice Network West & Central Africa and East Africa organised a 2-day virtual event themed "Greening the Future: Women Taking Lead on Climate Action." Panelists from various African countries shared profound insights into the impact of climate change on women and girls.

The event was not just informative but also artistic, with poets and musicians expressing the adverse effects of climate change on women and girls through their craft. Together, we strive for a future where women are at the forefront of positive change.



## Campaign against child marriage in Jigawa State

IWEI's trained youth advocates held awareness campaigns in their communities against harmful practises such as child marriage and made calls for supporting girl child education.

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## Building Community Power: Empowering Voices

In a powerful display of community unity, the Community Committee and female street hawkers in 'Yar Gaya community marked the second consecutive year by commemorating the 16 days of activism. This year's event was a testament to the community's commitment to collective action. The female street hawkers, integral participants in our initiatives, assumed a pivotal role by presenting a compelling short drama that depicted GBV and walked through the community displaying a banner on GBV with phone numbers for reporting violations. Through this creative medium, they effectively educated the community on the different types of GBV and sexual violations, reinforcing the power of community-driven initiatives in fostering awareness and change.

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## We look forward to connecting with you again in 2024!

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey. Happy Holidays and seasons greetings from all of us at Isa Wali Empowerment Initiative.



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