



...Promoting economic equality

CENTER FOR GENDER ECONOMICS IN AFRICA  
(CGE Africa)

# ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

## 2022





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# Message from the Executive Director



Dear Supporters, Partners, and Friends,

As we reflect on the past year, we are pleased to present the Annual Report for the Center for Gender Economics in Africa (CGE Africa). Your unwavering support has allowed us to make significant strides in advancing gender equality and empowering women in many communities.

This report provides a comprehensive overview of our achievements and the impactful programs that have made a difference in the lives of many. We thank our dedicated team, partners, and supporters for making this progress possible.

As we look to the future, CGE Africa remains committed to its mission, and we invite you to join us in our ongoing efforts to create a more equitable and just society.

Sincerely,

**Uchenna Idoko**

Executive Director Center for Gender Economics in Africa (CGE Africa)

# Overview of CGE Africa

Center for Gender Economics in Africa (CGE Africa) is a comprehensive research, advocacy, capacity development, and advisory services nongovernmental organization registered in March 2011. We engage with policymakers, executives, and community people to create innovative solutions for achieving economic equality, advancing work, and creating economic security for women.

We promote the consideration of gender economic inequalities and find out exactly how they can be resolved by people of all genders in the economy. The overall goal is to strengthen institutional support, promote women's access and control to economic activities, and provide general economic well-being for women of all ages.

## Our Vision



An Africa in which all countries' economies are gender aware and equal.

## Our Mission



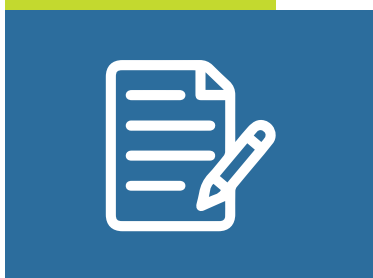
We inspire the African **communities**, **government**, and **private** sector leaders to attain gender equality in economic policies and practices.

## Our Goal



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## Objectives

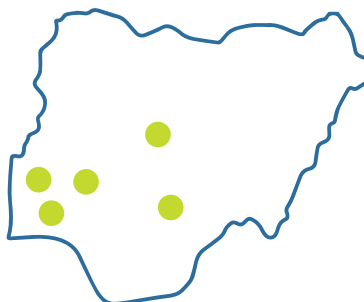


CGE Africa pursues the following objectives:

1. To increase just and equitable policies and regulations that promote women's economic participation.
2. To increase access to economic resources toward financial independence.
3. To Increase control of economic assets by women.
4. Enhance holistic economic well-being for women across all ages.

1.1 States we worked in;

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Ebonyi

Osun

Ogun

Lagos

FCT

<sup>1</sup>Assets include financial assets, businesses, lands, commitments and contracts.



## 1.2 Program Highlights

### 01 - Promoting Women's Economic Empowerment through Men's Involvement in Family Planning Service Utilization, with funding support from Pathfinder International.

In Eti Osa LGA communities, we implemented a project promoting men's active involvement in family planning, empowering them in contraceptive decisions, and supporting wives' entrepreneurship. Post-project, the Baale of Igbokusu endorsed our work, recognizing its positive impact on reshaping family planning norms and praising our commitment to community development. A significant outcome includes enhanced women's entrepreneurship and more inclusive household decision-making. Our documentary, "NOW I KNOW," showcases these transformative stories. We also attended national workshops organized by Pathfinder International.





**02 - Promoting Socio-Economic Inclusion of Older Women through Well-being parties in MAIYEGUN and ITEDO Communities, Lagos State, with funding support from Global Affairs Canada through ActionAid Nigeria.**

In 2022, we sustained Senior Women’s Associations, fostering social networking and discussions on well-being. Wellbeing Parties and a Toolkit were implemented, addressing various aspects of well-being. Community mobilizers and Party Hostesses were trained for independent facilitation. We investigated gender-based ageism in Nigeria, publishing findings and producing a myth-dispelling mini-documentary titled ‘Still Hurts.’ This project has transformed older women’s lives in Maiyegun and Itedo, fostering health, connectivity, and sustainability through empowered community leaders.





### 03- Strengthening Women’s Capacity for Resource Governance in the Mining Sector: Ogun and Osun State Nigeria, with funding support from the African Centre for Energy Policy (ACEP).

CGE Africa’s one-year project in Ogun and Osun states empowered women in mining communities. The training enhanced their understanding of mining sector barriers, risks, and opportunities. The program focused on skills in organizing, advocating, and negotiating for improved Community Development Agreements (CDAs). Participants gained knowledge on self-protection, monitoring mining activities, and engaging with the government for redress and compliance. Specialized training on Gender-Based Violence equipped women to prevent and respond to incidents. The project created safer, inclusive mining communities, evidenced by the enhanced women’s capacity for decision-making and advocacy within the sector.





## 04- Empowering Women in Mining Communities in Ebonyi State Through 'Community Coalitions for Livelihoods'.

The project, 'Empowering Women in Mining Communities in Ebonyi State Through 'Community Coalitions for Livelihoods' was initiated to address challenges faced by women in mining communities, including patriarchy and gender-based violence. The objectives aimed at creating a more inclusive environment, increasing women's involvement in decision-making to at least 10%. The project improved women's understanding of Community Development Agreements (CDAs), empowering them to advocate for their needs.

Additionally, it raised awareness of the impacts of mining hazards, addressing gender-based violence exacerbated by the influx of foreign workers and recognizing the vulnerability of women and girls engaged in vending at the mining sites. At the end of the project, we had established women's mining cooperatives in the two communities where we worked.





## 05- Impacting Gender and Nutrition through Innovative Technical Exchange in Agriculture (IGNITE).

IGNITE project aims to bolster African agricultural institutions by integrating nutrition and mainstreaming gender into their operations. We supported enhancing some institutions' capacity to integrate gender and nutrition-sensitive approaches, promote women's empowerment in agriculture, and equitable access to nutritious diets. We represented Tanager for the IGNITE Project as a local service provider in Nigeria.

Other notable activities include a one-week IGNITE Local Service Providers (LSP) Summit in Kenya, a two-day training on Gender and Nutrition, and another week-long IGNITE LSP Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, with CGE Africa team actively participating in all these impactful events. These activities mark significant steps toward transforming agricultural practices for a more inclusive and nutritious future.





### 1.3 Strategic Partnerships and Collaborations

#### Partnership with Lagos State Ministry of Women's Affairs and Poverty Alleviation (WAPA)

Reflecting on a transformative year, 2022 marked a meaningful collaboration between our organization and the Lagos State Ministry of Women's Affairs and Poverty Alleviation (WAPA).

**Waste to Health Workshop:** In January, we actively participated in a one-day training workshop organized by WAPA. Themed "Waste to Health: A Tool to Eradicating Poverty," the workshop explored innovative ways for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to generate income through waste recycling. This insightful session set the tone for our collaborative journey throughout the year.



**Year-Long Partnership with WAPA:** Building on the momentum from the workshop, our collaboration with WAPA continued to flourish throughout the year. Through joint efforts and shared goals, we contributed to initiatives to empower women and alleviate poverty within the Lagos community.

#### Grants-in-Aid Recognition CGE Africa:

Africa was honored to be selected as one of the recipients of Grants-in-Aid, recognizing our commitment as a women-focused NGO in Lagos state. This acknowledgment further fueled our dedication to positively impacting the lives of women in the region.

As the year concludes, we thank the Lagos State Ministry of Women's Affairs and Poverty Alleviation for the invaluable partnership.

Together, we've taken strides toward creating opportunities, fostering empowerment, and making a lasting difference in women's lives.



#### Partnership with Rotary Club of Victoria Garden City:

Engaged in fruitful discussions with the Rotary Club of Victoria Garden City, District 9110 leaders, exploring the potential for a meaningful partnership focused on the well-being and care of older persons. We are poised to make a more significant impact by combining our collective efforts and resources. By aligning our work strategies, we aim to enhance the quality of life for older individuals, ensuring they receive the care, support, and attention they rightfully deserve. This collaborative venture represents a powerful commitment to creating positive change in the lives of older persons, emphasizing the strength that unity and shared goals bring to our collective efforts.



## 1.4 National and Regional Networks Affiliations:

CODMAP- Coalition for the Domestication of the Maputo Protocol.

CGE Africa is a member of CODMAP- Coalition for the Domestication of the Maputo Protocol. CODMAP is a cohort of state actors and feminist organizations actively advocating for the domestication and implementation of the Maputo Protocol in Africa. The coalition is founded and coordinated by the Alliance for Africa (AFA) to work in synergy, stirring up conversations, strategic lobbying, and advocacies to relevant stakeholders aimed at the domestication of the protocol in African union countries and ensuring that the implementation of all the provisions is accessible to all women and girls in Africa.



## Nigeria Feminist Forum (NFF):

Our Executive Director forged a close collaboration with the Nigeria Feminist Forum (NFF) throughout the year, culminating in her being invited as the guest speaker at a significant virtual event. During this impactful session, she delivered a compelling talk on the pressing issue of the Intersection of Gender-Based Violence and Women's Economic Status in Nigeria and Beyond.

Her insightful presentation shed light on the intricate connection between gender-based violence and the economic empowerment of women, not only in the Nigerian context but also on a broader international scale. By addressing this intersection, she highlighted the need for comprehensive strategies beyond conventional approaches, emphasizing the importance of fostering environments that empower women economically and protect them from violence.

This collaboration signifies our commitment to leveraging partnerships with influential coalitions like the NFF to amplify our advocacy and create awareness of critical issues affecting women.

**NFF** NIGERIAN FEMINIST FORUM

FORD FOUNDATION

**The Intersection of Gender Based Violence and Women's Economic Status**

**UCHENNA IDOKO**  
Executive Director  
Centre for Gender Economics in Africa.

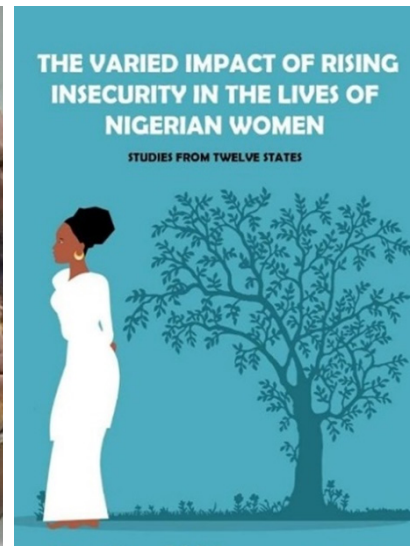
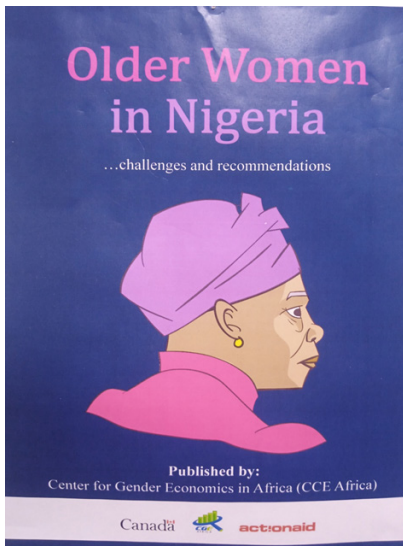
**ONYINYE OKECHUKWU**  
Feminist/Social Justice Activist

**Date** Friday, 2nd December 2022 **3:00 PM**

**Venue:** Twitter Space @Nff2008



## 1.5 Publications



## 1.6 Watch these documentaries on our YouTube channel:

[www.youtube.com/@cgeafrica](http://www.youtube.com/@cgeafrica)

Documentary Title	Description	Funded by
<b>Still Hurts!</b>	The impact of gender-based violence can last throughout an individual's lifetime.	Global Affairs Canada through ActionAid Nigeria
<b>Now I Know</b>	Men now recognize the importance of supporting family planning for their wives' increased involvement in economic activities and well-being.	Pathfinder International
<b>Uncertain Hopes</b>	Despite government promises to assist women in artisanal mining to formalize their work, their optimism remains uncertain.	Urgent Action Fund

## 1.7 Staff Photos of the Year





# Happy International Women's Day 2022



From all the women of  
**Center For Gender Economics in Africa (CGE)**

#BreakTheBias against Gendered Ageism



**ARISE NEWS** INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR OLDER PERSONS

Center for Gender Economics in Africa

## Virtual Workshop Series

**Theme:**  
**THE IMPACT OF MINING ON WOMEN AND YOUTH IN NIGERIA**

REGISTRATION IS OPEN AT:  
<http://tiny.cc/jweouz>

Friday, February 25th, 2022  
11:00 am - 12:30 pm  
ZOOM

**Panelists:**  
 - Mrs. Elizabeth Okonkwo, Country Director, Gender Rights Development  
 - Dr. Faith Olanbiyi, Engagement Specialist, Research & Development, Gender  
 - Mrs. Jide Oluwalana, Project Specialist, Gender  
 - Ucheoma Nkwo, Executive Director, Center for Gender Economics in Africa  
 - Host & Moderator

**GIRLS CORNER SPARK DISCUSSION**

**Topic:**  
**CARING FOR OUR AGING PARENTS IN TODAY'S BUSY WORLD**

**UCHENNA IDOKO**  
Guest Speaker

**VIVIAN EMESOWUM**  
Host

7-8pm  
Tuesday  
5th April, 2022

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Live  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/ljeq1RaTXvJ7rV0kU0vgG5>



## 1.8 Support us:

### Financial Contributions:

Consider making a financial contribution to support our ongoing projects and the development of new, innovative initiatives.

### Spread the Word:

Follow us on our social media and engage in our posts. Your voice can raise awareness and inspire others to fund our cause.

**Volunteer:** If you have the time and skills to contribute, consider becoming a volunteer. Your hands-on involvement can make a significant difference in the lives of those we serve.

### Stay Connected:

Subscribe to our newsletter, visit our website, and stay updated on our work.

## 1.9 Our funders:



**Africa  
Centre for  
Energy Policy**

**PATHFINDER**



**URGENT  
ACTION  
FUND +  
AFRICA**  
FOR WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS

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Website: [www.cgeafrica.org](http://www.cgeafrica.org)