



Annual Report

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Center for Gender
Economics in Africa
(CGE Africa)



From the Executive Director's Desk

Dear Supporters, Partners, and Friends,



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 society where government policies, private sector strategies, and community practices are more equitable and just.

Reflecting on the past year, I am pleased to present the Center for Gender Economics in Africa (CGE Africa)'s Annual Summary Report. 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 projects that have changed the lives of many.

I thank our dedicated team, board members, 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 society where government policies, private sector strategies, and community practices are more equitable and just.

Sincerely,
Uchenna Idoko

About Us

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 African communities, governments, and private sector leaders to achieve gender equality in economic policies and practices.

Our Strategic Objectives

- To increase just and equitable policies and regulations that promote women's economic participation.
- To increase access to economic resources towards financial independence.
- To increase women's control of economic assets.
- Enhance holistic economic well-being for women of all ages.

In 2024 we implemented projects in Five States: Lagos, FCT, Niger, Enugu, and Cross River states.

Project Highlights

Project Title

Strengthening Capacities for Improving Age-Sensitive Public Transportation Service Provision to Older Women in Lagos State Project, with Funding Support from Global Affairs Canada through Action Aid Nigeria.



We launched a transformative project to improve mobility for older women in Lagos State. This initiative addressed transportation barriers that impact their independence and well-being. Key achievements included training LAMATA bus drivers to enhance safety, accessibility, and respectful engagement with older women and persons with disabilities. On International Women’s Day 2024, we hosted a roundtable discussion to share best practices, inspiring stakeholders to replicate this model nationally and globally.

As part of our advocacy, we introduced the radio program Older Women’s Well-being in Nigeria on WFM 91.7 in March. The show explored socio-economic inclusion, caregiving support, and empowerment, fostering meaningful dialogue and solutions for challenges older women face.

This project is a step toward creating inclusive and age-sensitive public services for a more equitable society.



Project Highlights

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Project Title

**WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN COASTAL FISHERIES IN NIGERIA:
Increasing Resilience to Climate Change Adaptation through Films
and Dialogues, with Funding Support from Africa Centre for
Energy Policy (ACEP)**



We implemented this initiative to empower women in coastal fisheries, enhance their economic independence, and boost climate resilience. We equipped these women with essential business skills through capacity-building events, transforming their fishing ventures into sustainable businesses. They were also introduced to sustainable aquaculture technologies like seaweed farming, oyster shell farming, and Integrated Multitrophic Aquaculture (IMTA).

The project's high point was pioneering the Annual Gender and Blue Economy Conference, with a 2024 theme, “Expanding the Horizon for Women in Fisheries and Aquaculture.” The event brought together stakeholders to explore challenges, opportunities, and innovative solutions for advancing gender equality in the blue economy.



**Africa
Centre for
Energy Policy**

Project Highlights

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Project Title

Assessment of Government Budgets for Female Inmates and Their Babies in Lagos, Suleja, and Enugu Correctional Centers in Nigeria with Funding Support from the MacArthur Foundation.



Through this project, we successfully evaluated government budget allocations for female inmates and their babies, ensuring compliance with the Nigerian Correctional Service Act of 2019 provisions. This comprehensive assessment identified significant gaps in funding and resources for these correctional centers, highlighting the need for better budgeting that will foster sustainable support for female inmates and their babies. We raised awareness among stakeholders, built partnerships,

and encouraged dialogue to address these challenges.

Experts and stakeholders exchanged best practices and developed a model budget for female inmates and their babies to secure commitments for lasting improvements. The MacArthur Foundation funded this project.



Project Highlights

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Project Title

Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB) for Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) Prevention and Mitigation in Cross River State with Funding Support from African Women's Development Fund (AWDF)



CGE Africa advanced Gender-Responsive Budgeting (GRB) as a pivotal strategy for preventing and mitigating sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) in Cross River State and resource allocation.

Through targeted workshops, we equipped civil society organizations, state MDAs, and Cross River State House of Assembly staff with GRB principles and tools to address SGBV effectively. Participants pledged to mainstream gender considerations into their plans and budget.

Advocacy meetings with the Cross River State Accountant General and the Commissioner for Women Affairs resulted in significant milestones, including commitments to timely budget releases for SGBV programs. Additionally, an action-planning workshop provided MDAs with practical guidance for jointly integrating GRB into their financial processes to combat SGBV in the state.



Strategic Partnerships And Collaborations

Partnership with the Federal Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy



In 2024, we partnered with the Federal Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy to advance gender equality in fisheries and support women in coastal fishing. Key activities included a National Working Group on Gender and the Blue Economy meeting with the Federal Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture to develop gender-responsive policies, strategies, budgets, and plans. Two senior staff from the Ministry played pivotal roles in CGE Africa's inaugural Gender and Blue Economy Conference.

CGE Africa's Executive Director also contributed to the Validation Workshop for Nigeria's National Blue Economy Strategy, organized by AU-IBAR in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Transportation/Marine & Blue Economy.

Strategic Partnerships And Collaborations

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Partnership with the Lagos Metropolitan Area Transport Authority (LAMATA)



In 2024, CGE Africa partnered with the Lagos Metropolitan Area Transport Authority (LAMATA) to improve public transport services for older women in Lagos State. The partnership addressed mobility barriers that hinder older women's active participation in daily life and affect their well-being.

LAMATA shared ongoing efforts to promote inclusivity, and CGE Africa contributed by facilitating a driver capacity-building initiative to encourage the commuting experience for older passengers.

Staff Retreat 2024



Our 2024 Annual Staff Retreat, themed "Building to Last," held on 8th and 9th of June brought the team together to reflect on the year's progress and celebrate achievements.

The retreat served as a platform to review our five year strategic plan, engage in meaningful discussions, and align on a clear path forward.

Key focus areas included leveraging past successes and integrating lessons learned to ensure the sustainability and impact of our future initiatives. The retreat reinforced our commitment to excellence and growth as a team.

Our Short Films

Watch these documentaries on our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/@cgeafricaTV>.

Documentary Title	Description	Funded by
RESPECT ON THE RIDE	“Respect on the Ride” addresses the unique challenges the aging population, particularly older women, faces when using public transportation.	Global Affairs Canada through ActionAid Nigeria.
I’M A WOMAN; I FISH!	This short film highlights the challenges faced by women in coastal fisheries and how they are building resilience and adapting to the impacts of climate change.	Africa Centre for Energy Policy
Gender Responsive Budgeting for Sexual and Gender-Based Violence	This short film documents the journey of our Gender-Responsive Budgeting for Sexual and Gender-Based Violence project in Cross River State.	African Women's Development Fund (AWDF)
Closing the Funding Gaps for Women and Babies Behind Bars	This end-of-project documentary showcased CGE Africa’s gender assessment of the government budget allocations for female inmates and their babies.	The MacArthur Foundation

Awards and Recognitions

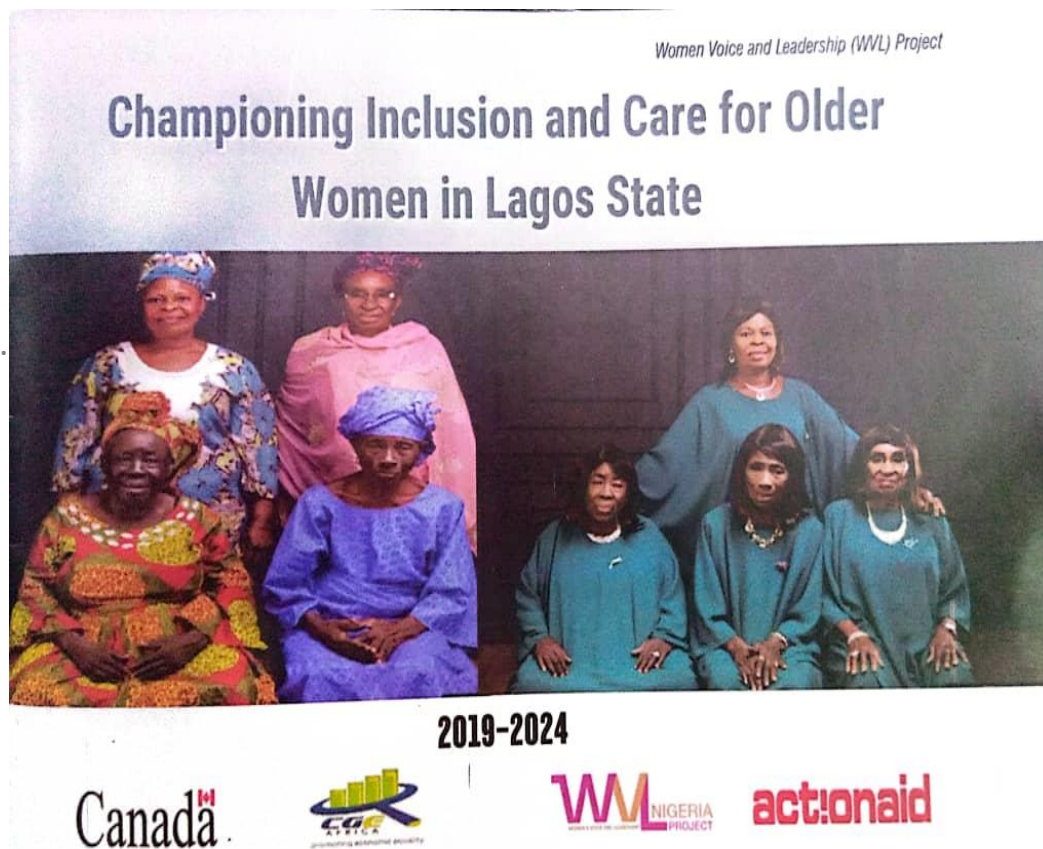
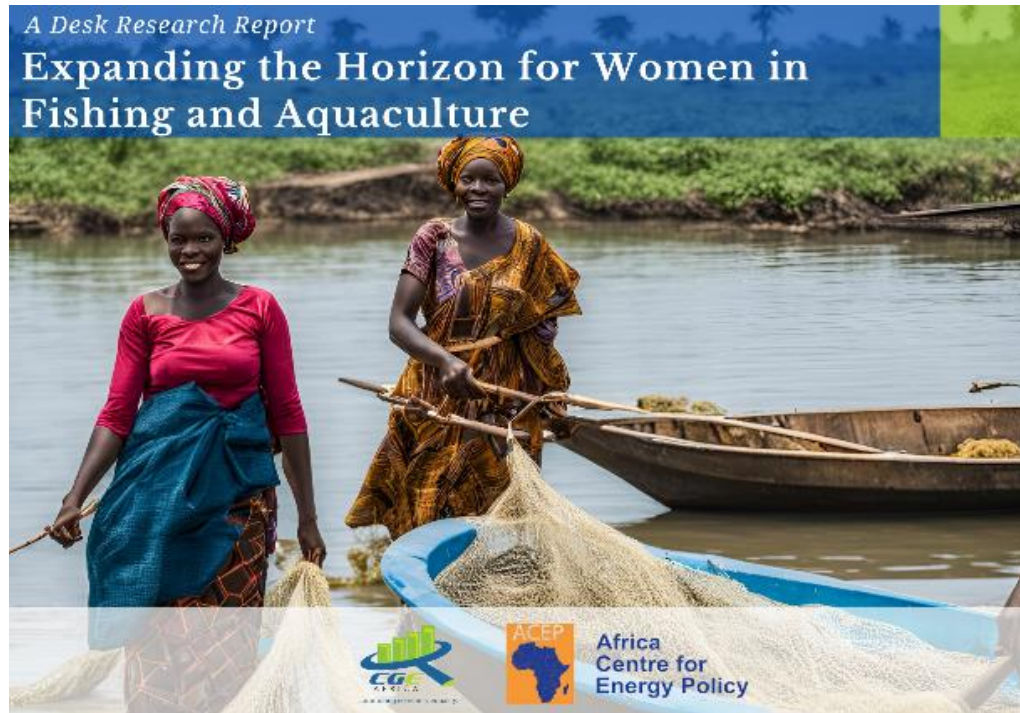


Awards and Recognitions

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2024 Publications



Newspaper Articles

FG should prioritize women in coastal fisheries' welfare, biz – Idoko

Ebunoluwa Sessou

Vanguard Newspaper, March 8, 2024

Stakeholders seek investment in elderly women as cost of care hits \$1.8b

Kingsley Jeremiah

The Guardian Newspaper, April 7, 2024

Cross River MDAs Tasked on Gender-based Violence Prevention

Richard Ndoma

Leadership Newspaper, May 4, 2024

Centre harps on gender-responsive budgeting for Nigeria correctional service

Ene Oshaba

Blueprint Newspaper, April 27, 2024

Why Nigeria needs gender responsive budgeting for correctional centres – CGE Africa

Ernest Nzor

The Guardian Newspaper, May 4, 2024

Why women must embrace opportunities in aquaculture — Experts

Ebunoluwa Sessou

Vanguard Newspaper, May 6, 2024

CGE Africa partners LAMATA on age awareness public transportation

Ebunoluwa Sessou

Vanguard Newspaper, May 21, 2024

CGE Africa partners LAMATA

Charles Okonji

The Nation Newspaper, May 26, 2024

Aquaculture: Why we need to expand capacity before 2050 – Stakeholders

Ebunoluwa Sessou

Vanguard Newspaper, June 18, 2024

Centre seeks more women in fishing, aquaculture

Charles Okonji

The Nation Newspaper, June 8, 2024

Group Tasks Cross River on Funds for GBV Prevention

Richard Ndoma

Leadership Newspaper, June 20, 2024

NGO calls for priority queue for older adults

Ebunoluwa Sessou

Vanguard Newspaper, July 2, 2024

Why female prisoners, pregnant, nursing mothers suffer mental disorder, depression

Ebunoluwa Sessou

Vanguard Newspaper, July 27, 2024

FG targets gender inclusion to save N138b on fish importation

Kingsley Jeremiah

The Guardian Newspaper, July 30, 2024

GBEE-WOG, CGE partner ministry to support women in coastal fishing

Ebunoluwa Sessou

Vanguard Newspaper, August 5, 2024

Group Advocates Creation of Multi-stakeholders GBV Tracking Committee

Richard Ndoma

Leadership Newspaper, September 17, 2024

CGE Trains 50 CRHA Staff on Gender Responsive Budgeting, Prevention, Mitigation

Nsan Ndoma-Neji

National Compass Nigeria, September 7, 2024

NGO Advocates Specialised Courts on GBV Cases

Richard Ndoma

Leadership Newspaper, September 7, 2024

Group Advocates Gender Mainstreaming into MDAs Budget

Nsan Ndoma-Neji

National Compass Nigeria, October 18, 2024

Fund Your Policy Statements, Promises on Gender, Group Tells States, FG

Richard Ndoma

Leadership Newspaper, October 18, 2024

CGE advocates shadow budget for female inmates, babies in NCoS

Ebunoluwa Sessou

Vanguard Newspaper, November 18, 2024

CGE Africa launches project to empower women in fisheries

Ebunoluwa Sessou

Vanguard Newspaper, December 16, 2024

TV News Reports

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