

2017 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: IRC DECRIES IMPUNITY FOR PERPETRATORS OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE.

YOLA, ADAMAWA, NIGERIA., March 12, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The 2017 edition of the International Women's Day was celebrated on the 8th of March at the Girei Local Government Secretariat in Adamawa State.

The celebration, under the theme "Be bold for Change" rounded up a series of week-long activities which included radio discussion programs, prayers, press briefing and a solidarity march.

In his keynote address to participants at the ceremony, the Honorable Commissioner for Women Affairs and Social Development, Alhaji Aliyu Bello Tola noted how important women are in the development of the society and

called on everyone to take the bold step for a change of attitude towards women in our societies.

In her own speech, the president of the Widow's Council Mrs Hilda Makanto urged participants present to promote women's engagement in peace and security in Northern Nigeria, emphasized the need to always involve women from all strata of societal development in decision making. "Women are everything in the world, no woman, no world" she added.

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Sarah Ndikumana, IRC Nigeria, Country Director.

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) represented by its Women Protection & Empowerment (WPE) Manager, Rosemary Ogunjobi joined other representatives from UN Women, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNFPA, IOM, DRC, National Council of Women societies (NCWS), and the National Association of Nigerian Women Journalists (NAWOJ) in presenting goodwill messages at the occasion.

The International Rescue Committee in its own goodwill message signed by the Nigeria Program Country Director, Sarah Ndikumana, recalls that while much has been done to promote and bridge the gap between men and women in Nigeria, much remains to be done. "We call for justice for survivors of gender- based violence and fight against impunity for perpetrators of such crimes. Women, girls men and boys deserve to live in an environment that is free from physical and sexual violence and where services are provided for them to access without limitations" the message concluded"



A cross-section of participants at the International Women's Day Celebration

management, individual counselling to survivors of [gender-based violence](#), prevents and mitigates the incidence of emotional abuse through training and economic empowerment activities for women.

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Rosemary Ogunjobi delivering IRC's goodwill message at the ceremony

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