

Women Safe House Sustenance Initiative

Oyo State, Nigeria



Applications
due: April 1

[Women Safe House Sustenance Initiative](#) is a nonprofit organization that focuses on the protection from and rehabilitation of women and girls facing gender-based violence in Nigeria. Women Safe House currently runs a safe house/women's shelter in Oyo State and provides free shelter, healthcare (therapy for trauma recovery), legal aid, and financial sustenance (skill training and business startups) to women and girls of all ages who are victims of all forms of violence. Such violence includes but is not limited to rape, domestic abuse and intimate partner violence, female genital mutilation, sex trafficking, and child marriage. The organization's aim is to inspire social change to create a safe society in which all women and girls may thrive.

Learn [about Women Safe House Sustenance Initiative's Executive Director, Wuraoluwa Ayodele.](#)

This Virtual Global Internship is offered through a partnership between UVA's International Studies Office/Global Internships and the Presidential Precinct. The Presidential Precinct has proudly hosted Mandela Washington Fellows in Charlottesville since 2014. Mandela Washington Fellows are accomplished young leaders from every country in Sub-Saharan Africa. A fellowship alumna/us will serve as host and mentor of this unique Virtual Global Internship.

Description of internship:

- Student-interns with the Women Safe House Sustenance Initiative would have the opportunity to engage in the following activities: program development, social media management, strategic planning, fundraising support, virtual event planning, volunteer recruitment, and communication with stakeholders across Nigeria.
- The intern's work would contribute to the organization's strategies and capacity-building for volunteers and staff, expand and strengthen programs for women impacted by gender-based violence during the COVID-19 pandemic, and bring innovations to developing programs for women in local communities in Nigeria.

- Additionally, student- interns might engage in research on gender justice in sub-Saharan Africa and the organization's virtual storytelling and community engagement projects for women facing violence in local communities.

Preferred qualifications:

UVA requirement: All candidates must be in good academic and disciplinary standing.

- The candidate should display a strong interest and/or previous experience engaging in initiatives related to women's rights and/or gender-based violence.
- Given the sensitive nature of the Women Safe House Sustenance Initiative's work, student-interns should display high levels of empathy and emotional intelligence.
- Previous work experience with project management and report writing would be an asset.
- Intermediate proficiency with Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and video conferencing required.
- Candidates must have the strong motivation to work in diverse teams and across language barriers, if necessary, to facilitate projects in an inclusive and cooperative manner.
- Interns must be highly independent, self-motivated, and diligent so they can successfully complete projects as assigned.
- Students must be supremely flexible and willing to contribute to the changing needs of the organization in whatever ways are most useful.

Language requirements:

- English