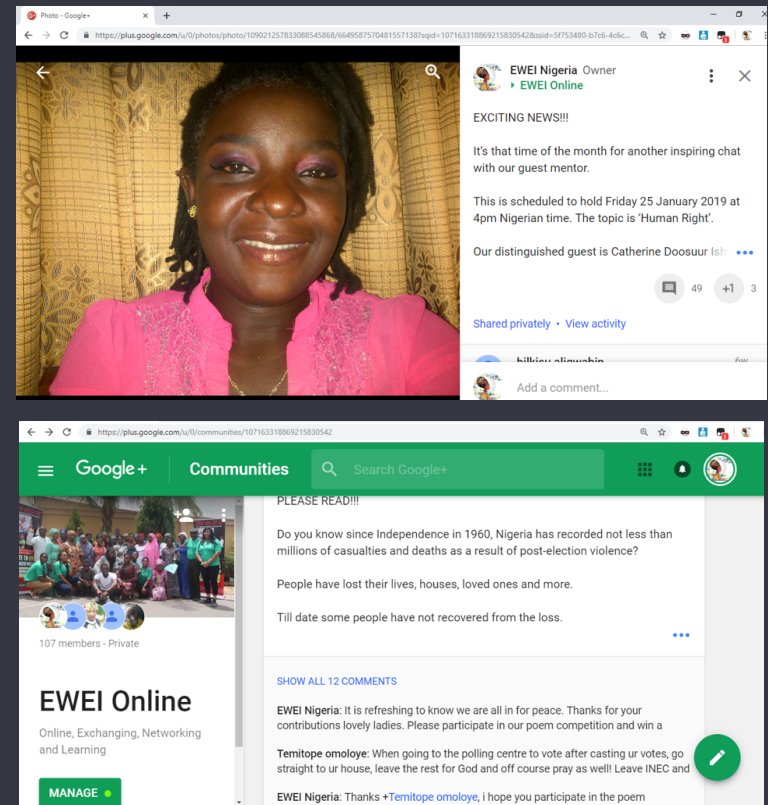


# DECEMBER 2018 - FEBRUARY 2019 UPDATES

With limited contributions over the past quarter, EWEI has channeled previous support to EWEI Online which is Empowering Women for Excellence Initiative's online chat platform for learning, horizontal exchange and mentoring. This platform was designed to provide opportunities for interaction and mentoring by young females who are studying or starting out in their careers with diverse women professionals from around the world on topics related to their educational and professional development.

Throughout December, different topics were discussed on the platform that included HIV/AIDS and civic engagement in light of the upcoming 2019 general elections in Nigeria.

On 25 January 2019, the online mentor chat centered on "Human Rights" and was hosted by EWEI Mentor and Technical Adviser Catherine D. Ishu, a legal practitioner based in Nigeria. The chat featured had 49 unique interactions despite network and accessibility problems and was very educative for the community. As at January 2019, EWEI Online hosted 107 members on the platform, an 11% increase from November 2018.



## EDUCATE, EQUIP AND EMPOWER 230 WOMEN AND GIRLS

The Educate, Equip & Empower (EEE) project is designed to tackle poverty; retention, enrollment and completion of girl child education; enable networking and mentoring between female students and women professionals around the world and provide access to opportunities for women and girls in northern Nigeria.

### Challenges

- From 1 February 2019, EWEI Online activities were stalled due to the gradual shutdown of its host Google+ following a massive data leak. Consequently, EWEI immediately began the search for an alternative user friendly and accessible platform and settled with the Slack Application. Advantages of the new platform include its real time team messaging feature to help drive high engagement as users tend to check in more and catch up on ongoing discussions. EWEI is certain that its existing and new members of EWEI Online will find this new app exciting! To re-activate the project, EWEI Online's next chat is to take place on 8 March, International Women's Day.
- Limited financial contributions to the project made it difficult to progress other aspects of the EEE Project. With more support, EWEI will be able to continue the economic empowerment aspect of the Educate, Equip and Empower 230 Women Project.