

"Giving Hope, Restoring Hope to Widows and Orphans"



2010
International Widows Day
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Rock of Ages Centre, Abuja

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Rock of Ages Empowerment Foundation was founded in 2007 and registered as a corporate body on the 23rd June, 2009 under the Companies and Allied Matter Act, (Part 'C') 1990 of the federal Republic of Nigeria. We carry out free medical treatment; free education support programs, youth and widows empowerment.

The Rock of Ages Empowerment Foundation believes in restoring hope, giving hope to the widows and orphans and in so doing, the foundation uses her yearly international widow's day celebration to empower widows who were trained on different skills and also provide scholarship to the orphans.

The foundation carries out research, training, outreaches and public educational campaigns about the needs for widow's empowerment, orphans and other vulnerable groups in the society. It is committed to its mission of transforming the lives of the underprivileged individuals through quality education, good medical treatments, and financial support, regardless of age, gender, race, religion or financial status.

During the 2010 International Widows Day Celebration by Rock of Ages Empowerment Foundation, over 10million naira was spent to empower widows in various service delivery areas, 1200 widows were empowered with 10kg bag of rice each, 100 widows received grinding machines, about 800 widows were given financial support, 600 widows received wrapper, while 100 widows were empowered with cooking pots and other utensils. However, 60 orphans received money for school fees.

The medical component of the event of the 2010 International widows' day celebration started with a health talk on various topics e.g hand wash, ebola control, HIV prevention messages by a trained nurse. It also involved the check of blood pressure and various tests for malaria parasite, typhoid fever, arthritis, blood glucose. There was free consultation and free drugs. There were free eye check, reading glasses and eye drops were given to various people with eye defect. Referrals were made to appropriate health facility if any.

Out of 987 widows that access free medical diagnosis and treatment, it is revealed that 70% widow were diagnosed with malaria, and treated, 7% were diagnosed and treated for arthritis and typhoid respectively. 4% that were diagnosed with hypertension were treated. 2% were treated for diabetes mellitus, whereas 9% diagnosed with eye defect, were treated with eye drops and reading glasses.

2.0 WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE FOUNDER/CEO RAEF

The welcome address was given by the Founder/CEO RAEF Evangelist IG who welcomed all present at the occasion, and he briefly summarized what the foundation stands for, its mission and vision, the impact so far, achievements and of course the success stories. In his address, He stated that RAEF was founded in 2007 and registered as a Corporate body on the 23rd June, 2009 under the Companies and Allied Matter Act, (Part 'C') 1990 of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. We believes in restoring hope, giving hope to the widows and orphans and in so doing, the foundation uses her yearly international widow's day celebration to empower widows who were trained on different business areas.

The foundation carries out research, training, outreaches and public educational campaigns about the needs for widow's empowerment, orphans and other vulnerable groups in the society. It is committed to its mission of transforming the lives of the underprivileged individuals through quality education, good medical treatments, and financial support, regardless of age, gender, race, religion and status. In delivering our mandate, the foundation focuses in the following program areas; Empowerment, Education, Agriculture and Career Counseling.

In the area of achievement, RAEF has singly handed transformed the lives of over 5000 widows and their children, through skill acquisition training, financial empowerment, monthly medical checkup and payment of school fees for children without any external sources of income. We are being moved by the plight of the vulnerable and are committed to pulling resources together towards giving a helping hand.

Our activities are growing everyday as we continuously identify areas of need in the society. We call on men and women of goodwill, Nigerians/Nigerians in Diaspora, International Partners to join us in challenging the ugly trend of poverty, diseases, marginalization, domestic abuses, illiteracy and neglect and give succor to the less privileged with grants and other financial assistance.

In conclusion, He thanked attendees who were witnesses to this historic event. However, his special thanks goes to the distinguished chairperson, Barr Mrs Chinyere Ufene, the Hon Minister of Women Affairs and Social Development, and other Civil Society Organizations presents.

2. Empowerment

Beneficiaries	Empowerment	Impact/Remark
1200 widows	10kg bags of rice each	✓ to fight hunger
100 widows	Grinding machine	✓ self reliance ✓ improve standard of living
800 widows	Financial empowerment -N10,000 cash each	✓ improve standard of living ✓ start up grant
600 widows	Wrappers	✓ to fight nakedness
100 widows	Cooking pots and utensils	✓ small scale business ✓ improve standard of living
25 orphans	School fees -secondary school,N5000 each	✓ education support ✓ discovery of potential
35 Orphans	School fees -primary school, N3000 each	✓ education support ✓ discovery of potential

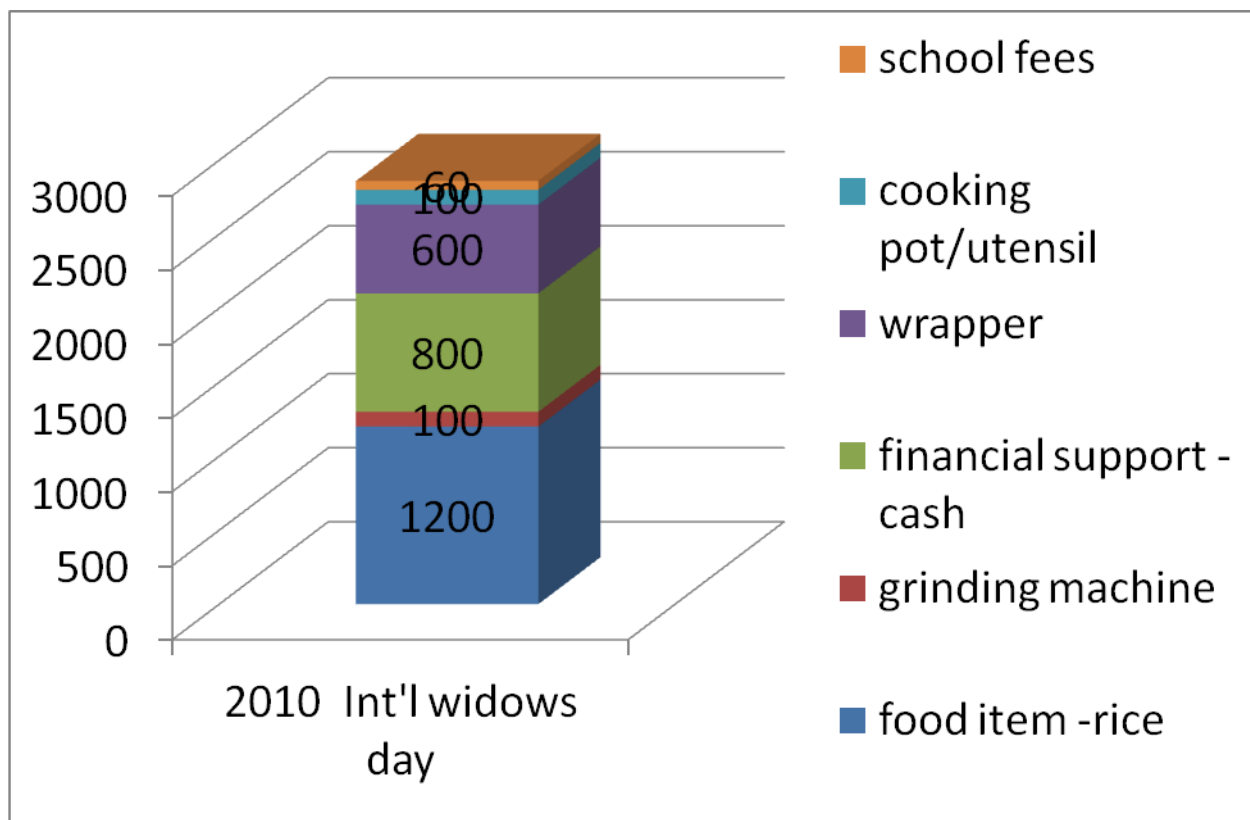


Figure 1, 2010 International Widows Day empowerment

From the figure above, 1200 widows were empowered with 10kg bag of rice each, 100 widows received grinding machines, about 800 widows were given financial support, 600 widows received wrapper, while 100 widows were empowered with cooking pots and other utensils. However, 60 orphans were received money for their school fees. The impact of each empowerment is stated in the table above.

Table 2; Multi diseases data

<i>S/N</i>	<i>Indicators</i>	<i>Diagnosis</i>	<i>Treated</i>	<i>% treated</i>
1	Malaria cases	684	684	70%
2	Hypertension cases	42	42	4%
3	Diabetes Mellitus cases	23	23	2%
4	Arthritis symptom cases	70	70	7%
5	Eye problem cases	85	85	9%
6	Typhoid fever	67	67	7%
	TOTAL	971	971	100

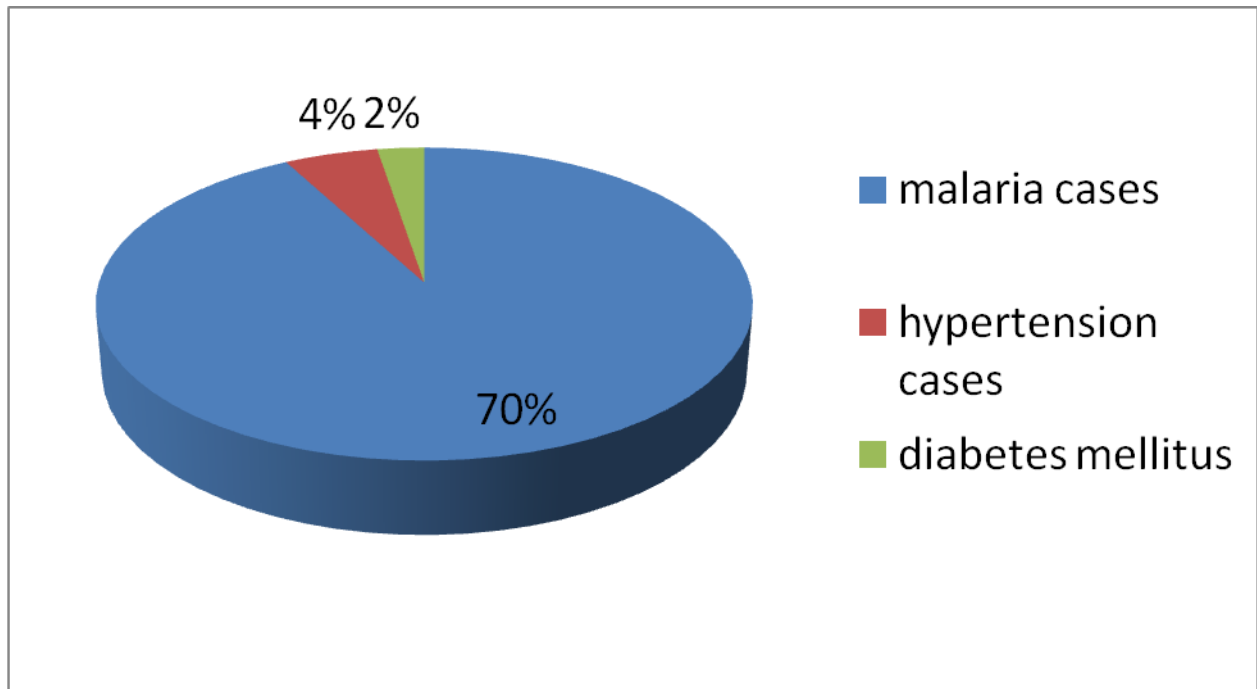


Figure 2; 2010 International Widows Day Free medical diagnosis and treatment

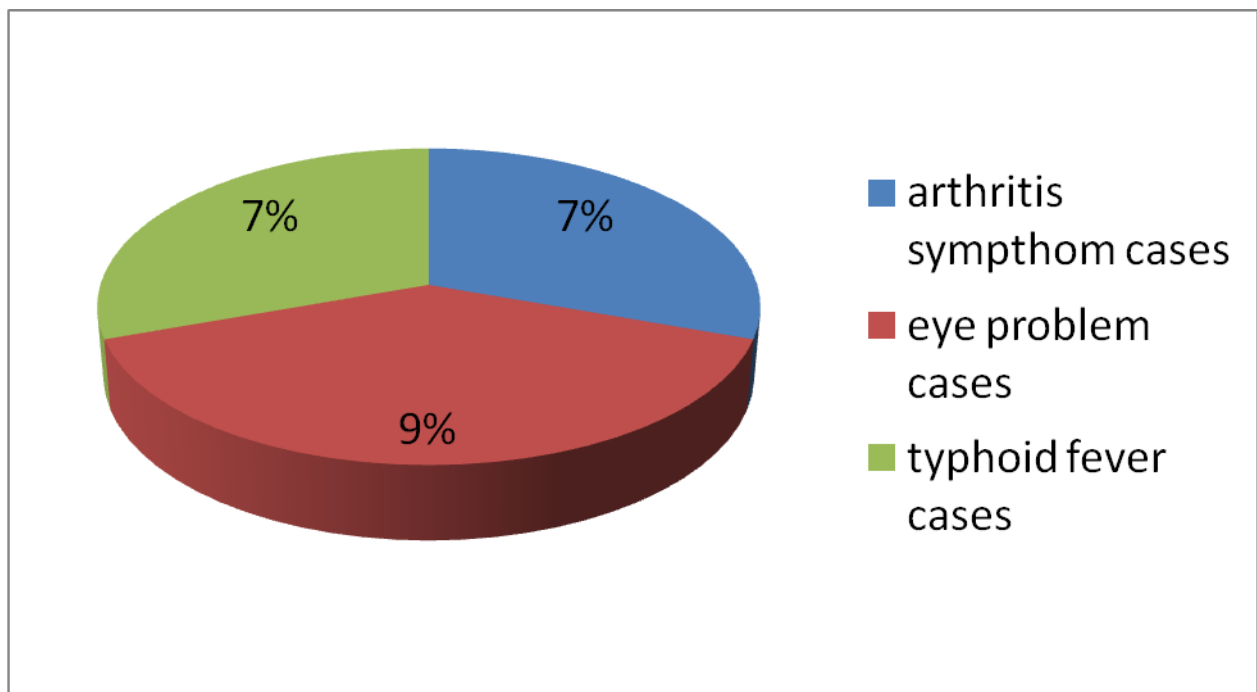


Figure 3; 2010 International Widows Day Free medical diagnosis and treatment

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3.0 ACHIEVEMENTS

RAEF has singlehandedly transformed the lives of over 7000 widows and their children, through skill acquisition trainings, financial empowerment, free monthly medical check-up and payment of school fees for their children without any external sources of income. We are moved by passion, and plight of these vulnerable groups and we are committed to pulling resources together towards giving a helping hand.