

"Giving Hope, Restoring Hope to Widows and Orphans"



2011

International Widows Day Celebration

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Rock of Ages Center, 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 2011 International Widows Day Celebration organized by Rock of Ages Empowerment Foundation, over 18 million naira was spent to empower widows in various service delivery areas, 1200 widows were empowered with 10kg bag of rice each, 100 widows received sewing machines, about 600 widows were given wrappers, while 100 were empowered with frying pan. However, 30 orphans received money for school fees.

The medical component of the event of the 2012 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, involved the check of blood pressure, Clients were tested 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 1080 widows that accessed free medical diagnosis and treatment, 65% have malaria and were treated, 4% have hypertension and were treated, 3% were treated for diabetes mellitus, 7% treated for arthritis, 8% widows were also treated for eye problem cases using eye drops, and reading glasses, 6% treated for typhoid fever, 4% were treated for worm. whereas 1% with skin infection were treated as well.

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. RAEF appreciate the partnership and do sincerely hope that we will all be moved to respond in our different capacities to make our society a better place to live for widows and vulnerable populations that live around us.

2. Empowerment

Beneficiaries	Empowerment	Impact/Remark
1200 widows	10kg bags of rice each	✓ to fight hunger
100 widows	Sewing machine	✓ self reliance ✓ improve standard of living
600 widows	Wrappers	✓ to fight nakedness
100 widows	frying pan	✓ small scale business ✓ improve standard of living
10 orphans	School fees -secondary school,N5000 each	✓ education support ✓ discovery of potential
20 widows	School fees -primary school, N3000 each	✓ education support ✓ discovery of potential

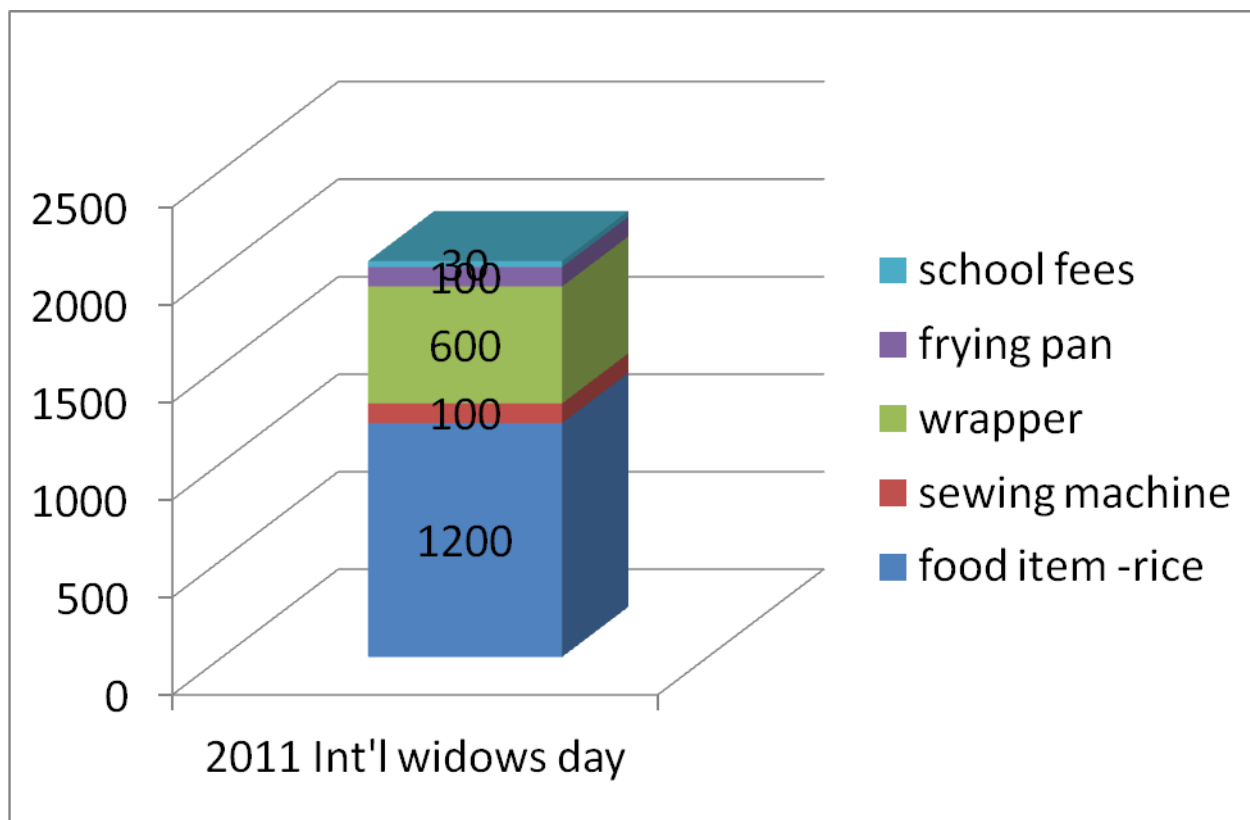


Figure 1, 2011 International Widows Day empowerment

From the figure above, 1200 widows were empowered with 10kg bag of rice each, 100 widows received sewing machines, about 600 widows were given wrappers, while 100 were empowered frying pan. However, 30 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	703	703	65%
2	Hypertension cases	48	48	4%
3	Diabetes Mellitus cases	35	35	3%
4	Arthritis symptom cases	78	78	7%
5	Eye problem cases	90	90	8%
6	Typhoid fever	66	66	6%
7	Worm cases	45	45	4%
8	Skin condition cases	15	15	1%
	TOTAL	1080	1080	100

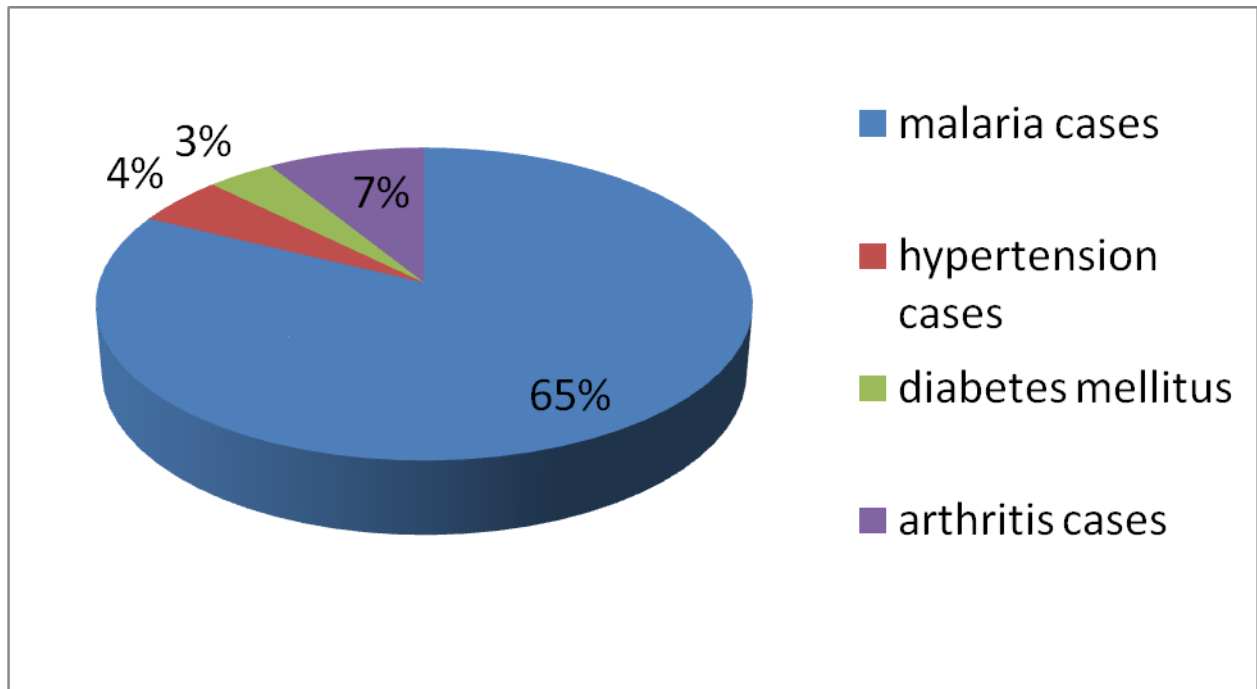


Figure 2; 2011 International Widows Day Free medical treatment

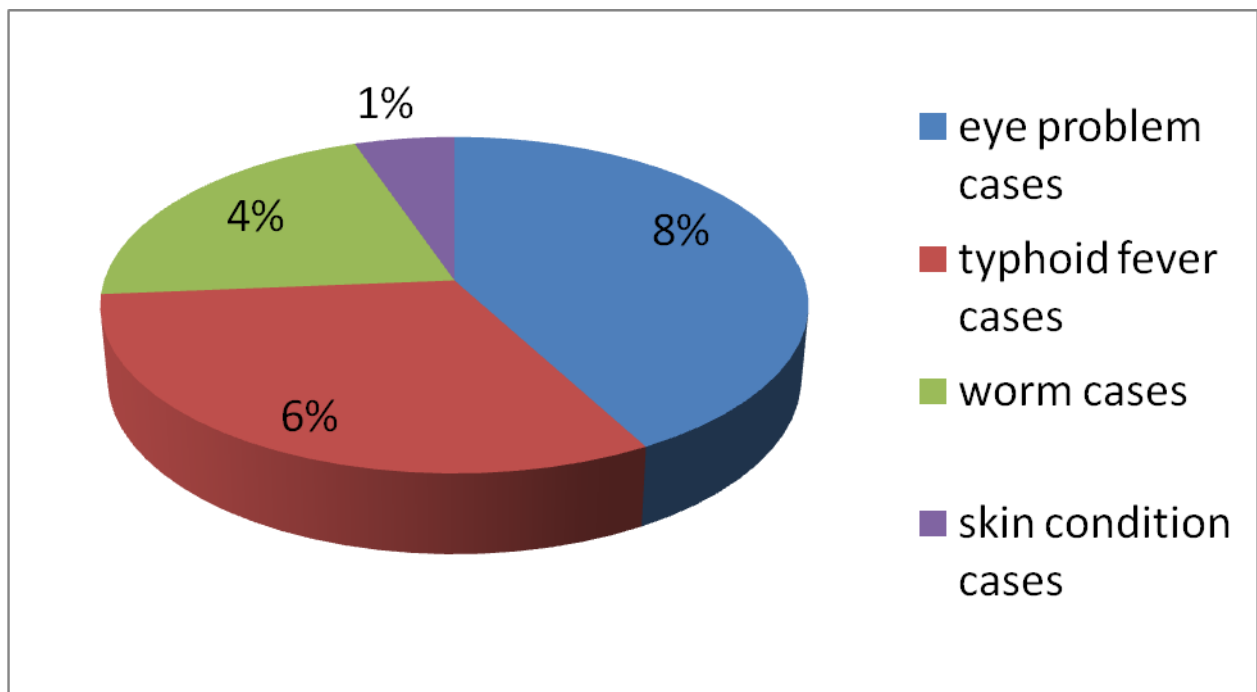


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3.0 ACHIEVEMENTS

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.