

"Giving Hope, Restoring Hope to Widows and Orphans"



**23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2012**  
**International Widows Day**  
**@**  
**Echichi Garden Opposite Best Western Plus Ayuji Hotel, Behind NNPC Filing Station**  
**Gudu Apo District**  
**Theme; There is hope**

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Rock of Ages Empowerment Foundation was founded in 2007 and registered as a corporate body on the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 2012 Widows Day Celebration Rock of Ages Empowerment Foundation, over 10million naira was spent to empower widows in various service delivery areas, 1000 widows received one bag of 10kg rice each, 1000 widows were also given one bag of 10kg semovita each. 500 widows received wrapper, 500 widows were given cash of N10,000 each, 3 widows, and 2 displaced person house rent were paid, while 80 orphans school fees were paid by RAEF.

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 checks, reading glasses were given to various people with eye defect. Referrals were made to appropriate health facility if any. out of 500 widows who participated in the free medical diagnosis and treatment, 55% widows were diagnosed and treated for malaria, 13% widows were treated for hypertension, 5% were treated for diabetes mellitus and arthritis respectively. 10% widows were treated for eye defect with eye drops and reading glasses, while 12% were diagnosed and treated for typhoid fever.

### **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.

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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, 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.

## **EMPOWERMENT INDICATORS**

### *2. Empowerment*

<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Empowerment</b>	<b>Impact/Remark</b>
1000 widows	10kg bag of rice each @ N1,750,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ to fight hunger</li> <li>✓ improve family livelihood</li> </ul>
1000 widows	10kg bag food item -Semovita each @ N1,300,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ self reliance</li> <li>✓ improve standard of living</li> </ul>
500 widows	Wrappers @N1,250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ to fight nakedness</li> </ul>
80 orphans	School fees @ N400,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ education support</li> <li>✓ discovery of potential</li> </ul>
3 widows, 2 displaced	House rent @ N50,000 = N250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ shelter and self worth guarantee</li> </ul>
500 widows	Financial empowerment-cash of N10,000 =N5million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ business start up grant</li> <li>✓ improve standard of living</li> </ul>

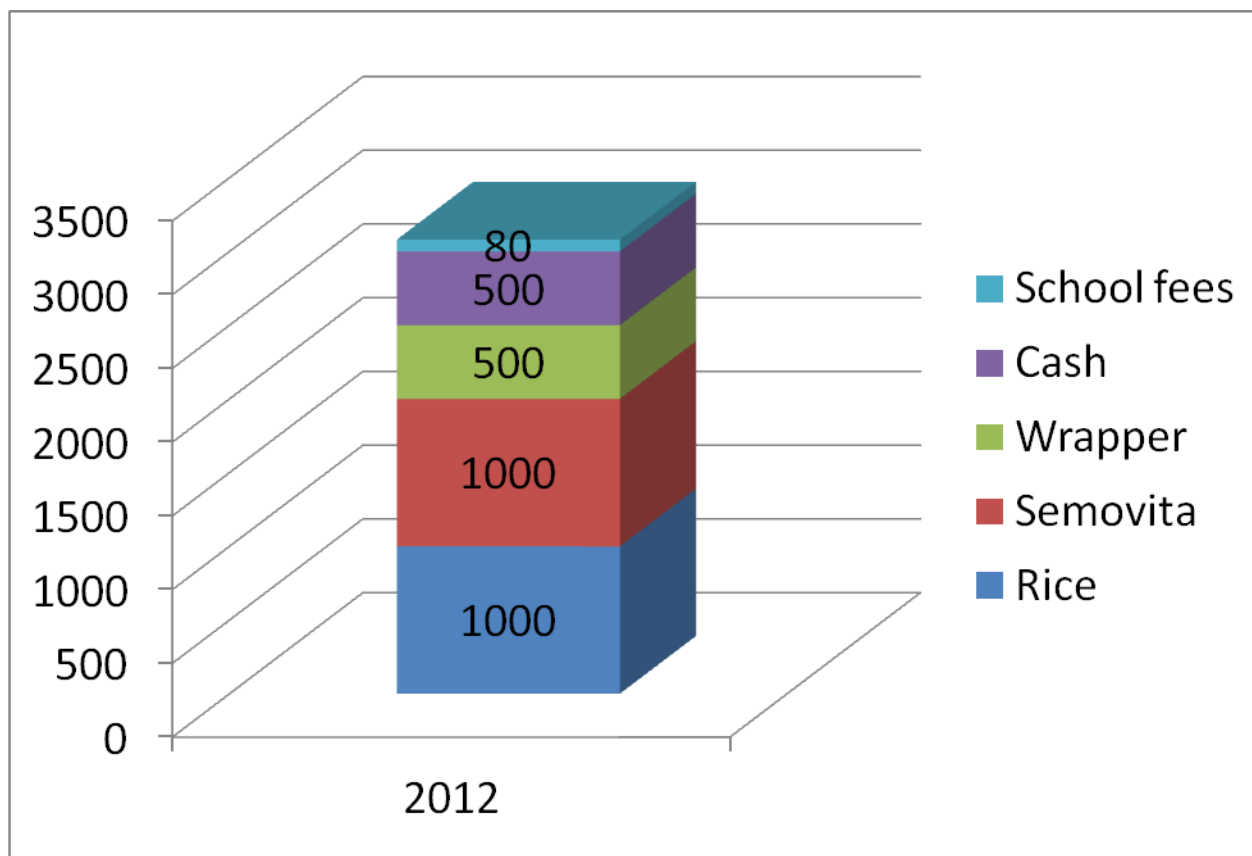


Figure 1: 2012 International widows day

From the figure above, 1000 widows received one bag of 10kg rice each, 1000 widows were also given one bag of 10kg semovita each. 500 widows received wrapper, 500 widows were given cash of N10,000 each, 3 widows, and 2 displaced person house rent were paid, while 80 orphans school fees were paid during widows and orphans empowerment program. The impacts of each empowerment were stated on 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	274	274	55%
2	Hypertension cases	65	65	13%
3	Diabetes Mellitus cases	27	27	5%
4	Arthritis symptom cases	24	24	5%
5	Eye problem cases	50	50	10%
6	Typhoid fever	60	60	12%
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>100</b>

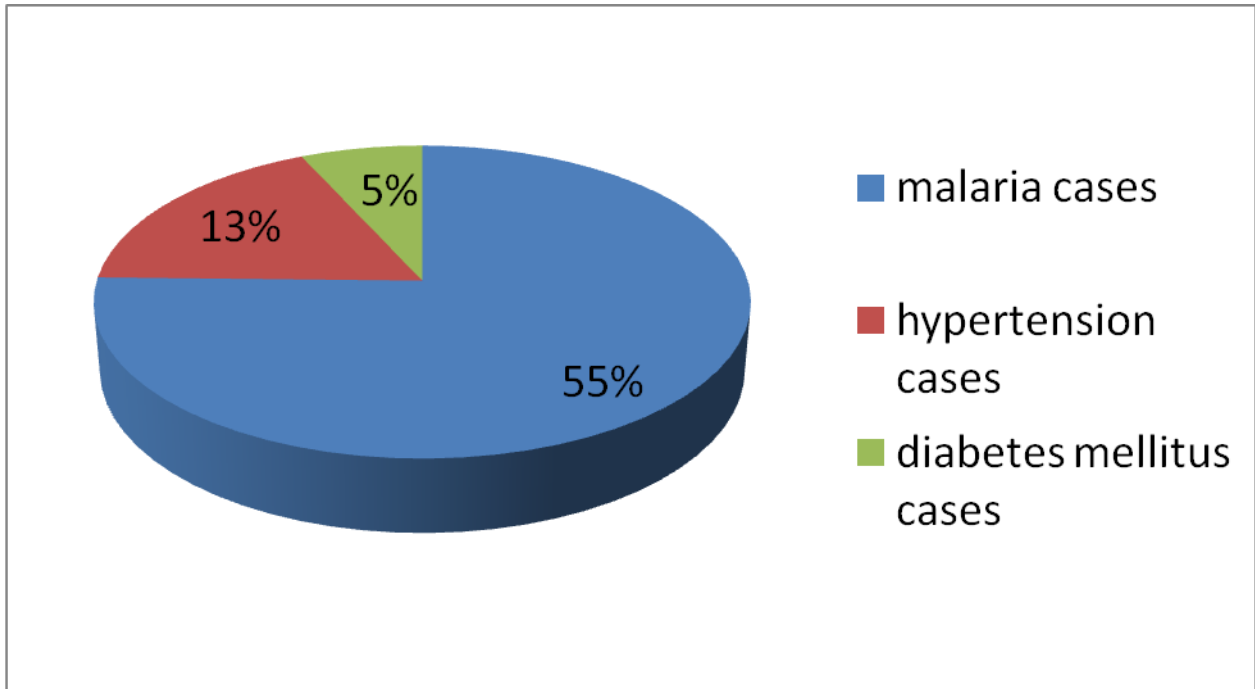


Figure 2; 2012 International Widows Day Free Medical diagnosis and treatment

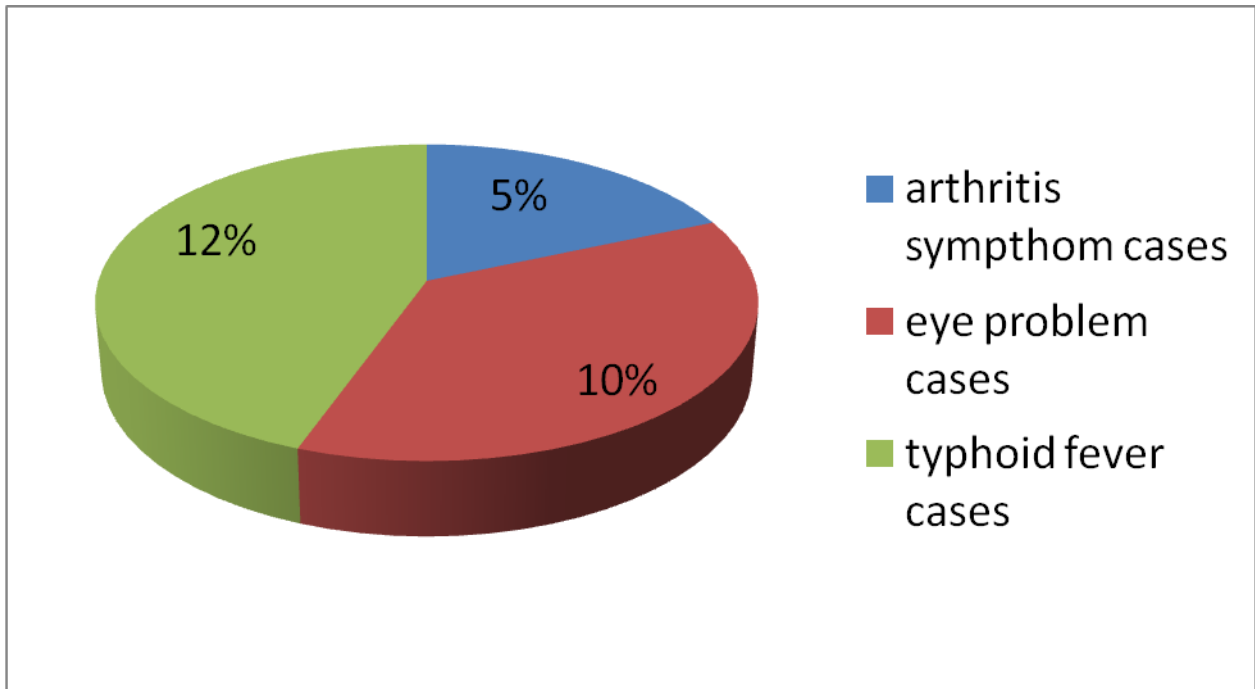


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From the figure 2 and 3 above, out of 500 widows' access free medical diagnosis and treatment, 55% widows were diagnosed and treated for malaria, 13% widows were treated for hypertension, 5% were treated for diabetes mellitus and arthritis respectively. 10% widows were treated for eye defect cases with reading glasses, while 12% were diagnosed and treated for typhoid fever.

### **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.