

"Giving Hope, Restoring Hope to Widows and Orphans"



Widows and Orphans Empowerment Program

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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 2012 widows and orphan empowerment program RAEF, single handed spent over 10million naira to empower widows in various service delivery areas; 100 widows received one bag of 50kg rice each, 100 widows received fabrics -wrappers notably one set of 6 yards high target Holland's each, whereas 27 widows were financially empowered with cash for business start up grant. In another phase of empowerment, 400 orphans received one carton of Indomie each, while Semovita were distributed to 500 widows. However, 90 widows were financially empowered with cash for business start up grant.

2.0 BRIEF ADDRESS BY THE FOUNDER/CEO RAEF

The Founder/CEO RAEF Evangelist IG 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 widows and orphans empowerment program to support their teeming population of widows and orphans in various areas such as financial empowerment, provision of food items, sewing machines, grinding machines, education support, fabrics, other supports 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.

1. Empowerment

Beneficiaries -Lagos branch	Empowerment	Impact/Remark
100 widows	50kg bags of rice each @ 1million naira	✓ to fight hunger
27widows	Financial empowerment @N270,000	✓ business start up grant ✓ improve standard of living
27 older widows	Grinding machines	✓ small scale business ✓ improve standard of living
100 widows	Wrappers @N125,000	✓ to fight nakedness

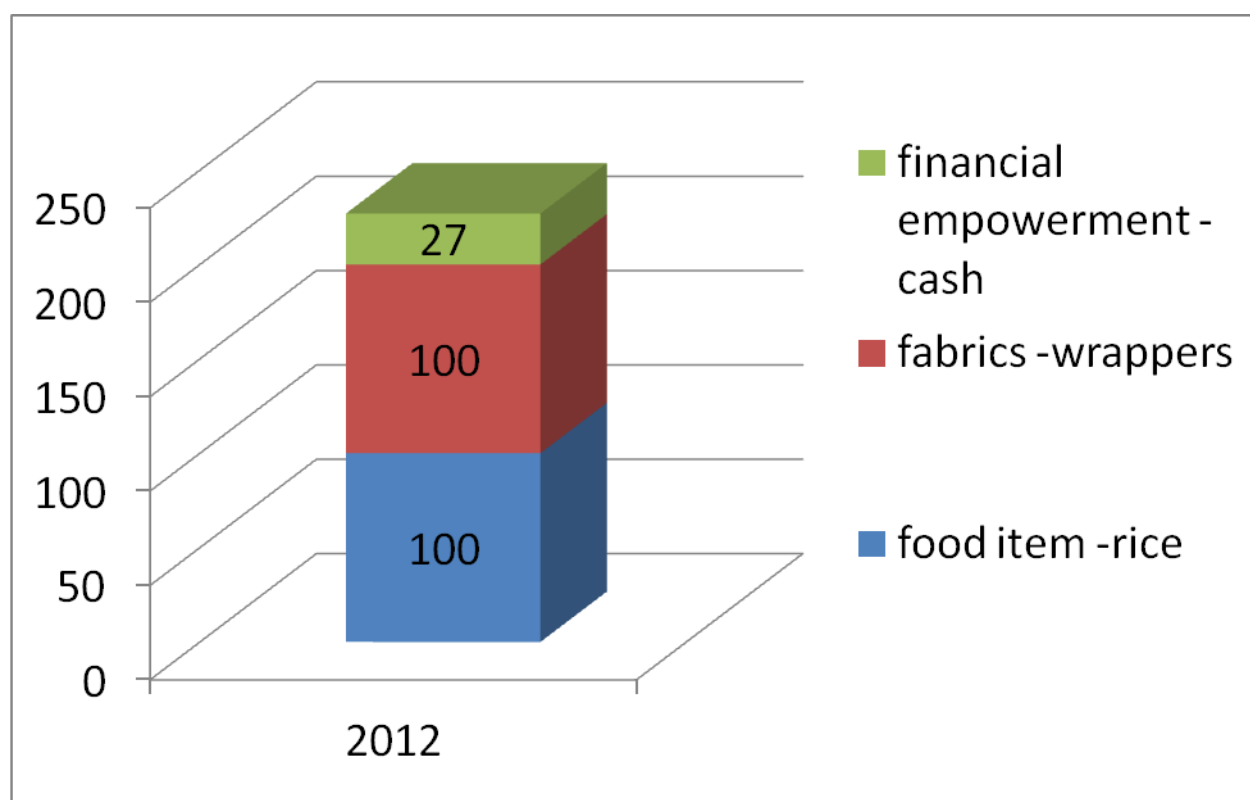


Figure 1: Widows and orphans empowerment program

From the figure above, 100 widows received one bag of 50kg rice each, 100 widows received fabrics -wrappers notably one set of 6 yards high target Holland's each, whereas 27 widows were financially empowered with cash for business start up grant.

2. Empowerment

Beneficiaries -	Empowerment	Impact/Remark
Maiduguri branch 500 widows	10kg bag of Semovita each @ N625,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ to fight against hunger ✓ improve standard of living
90 widows	Financial empowerment @N900,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ business start up grant ✓ improve standard of living
400 widows	Indomie, 1 carton each @N320,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ fight hunger against ✓ improve standard of living

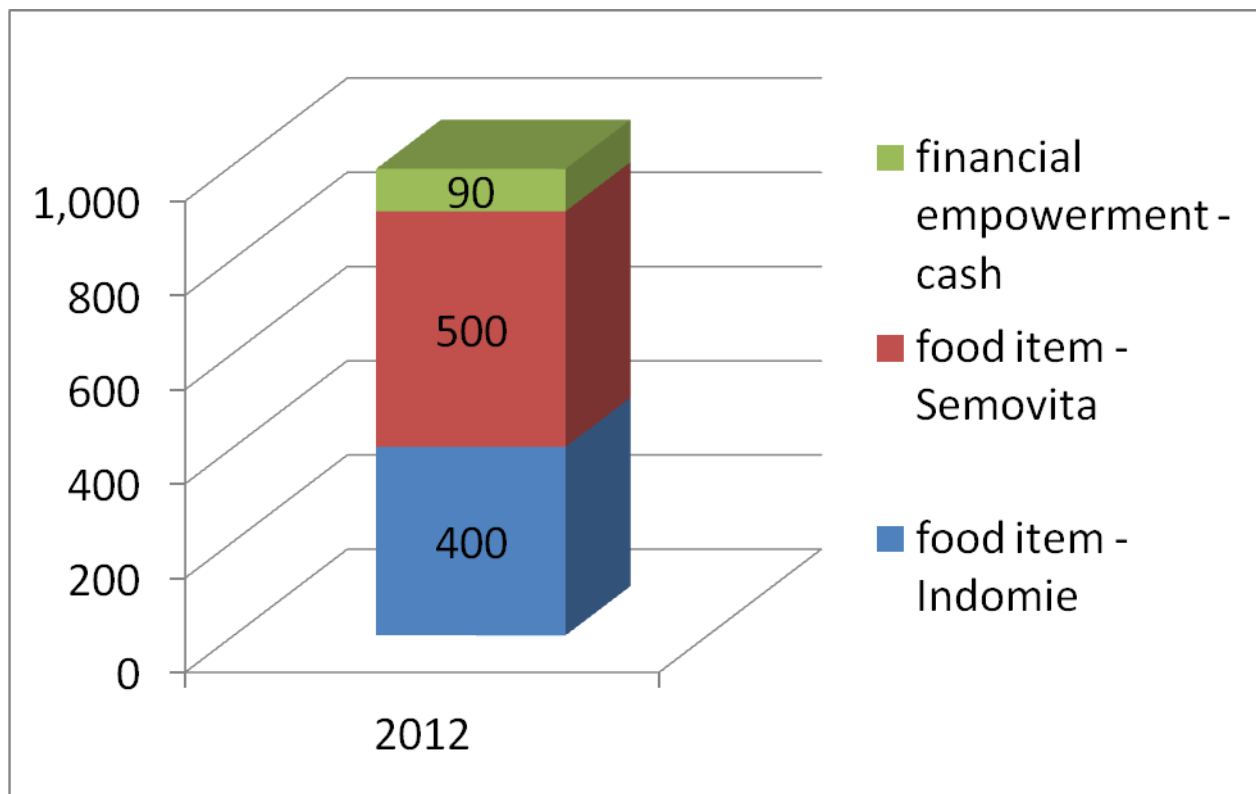


Figure 2: Widows and orphans empowerment program

From the figure above, 400 orphans received one carton of Indomie each, while Semovita were distributed to 500 widows. However, 90 widows were financially empowered with cash for business start up grant. The impact of each empowerment is stated on the table above.