

"Giving Hope, Restoring Hope to Widows and Orphans"



June 23rd, 2016

**International Widows Day Celebration
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National Centre for Women Development Central Area District Garki 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 2016 International Widows Day Celebration Rock of Ages Empowerment Foundation, over 20 million naira was spent to empower widows in various service delivery areas, *1300 widows were empowered with 10kg bag of rice each, 500 widows received wrappers, 200 widows were given frying pan, 100 widows received cooking pots, 20 widows were given grinding machines, whereas 50 widows each were empowered with hair dryers, ovum toasters and sewing machine respectively.*

The medical component of the 2016 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, skin condition, worm cases. There was free consultation and free drugs. There were free eye check, reading glasses were given to various people with eye defect, and other health indicators were diagnosed and treated. Referrals were made to appropriate health facility if any. Out of 745 widows that took part in the medical diagnosis and treatment, it is revealed that 60% widows showed signs and symptoms of malaria fever, and were treated, 5% were diagnosed and treated for hypertension and arthritis respectively, 2% were treated for diabetes mellitus. More so, 12% were treated for eye defect with reading glasses and eye drops. However, 4% were treated for worm, whereas 11 % widows were 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; Showing Pictures of the Events



Table 1; Empowerment

Beneficiaries	Empowerment	Impact/Remark
1300 widows	10kg bag of rice each @ N3,315, 000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ to fight against hunger ✓ improve family livelihood
100 widows	Cooking pots @ N8million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ business start up

		grant ✓ improve standard of living
200 widows	Frying pan @ N8million	✓ business start up grant ✓ improve standard of living
500 widows	Wrappers @N1,25,000	✓ terminate nakedness ✓ improve standard of living
20 widows	Grinding machines @N700,000	✓ business start up ✓ improve standard of living
50 widows	Sewing machines @N750,000	✓ business start up ✓ improve standard of living
100 widows	50 Hair dryer,50 Ovum toaster	✓ business start up ✓ improve standard of living

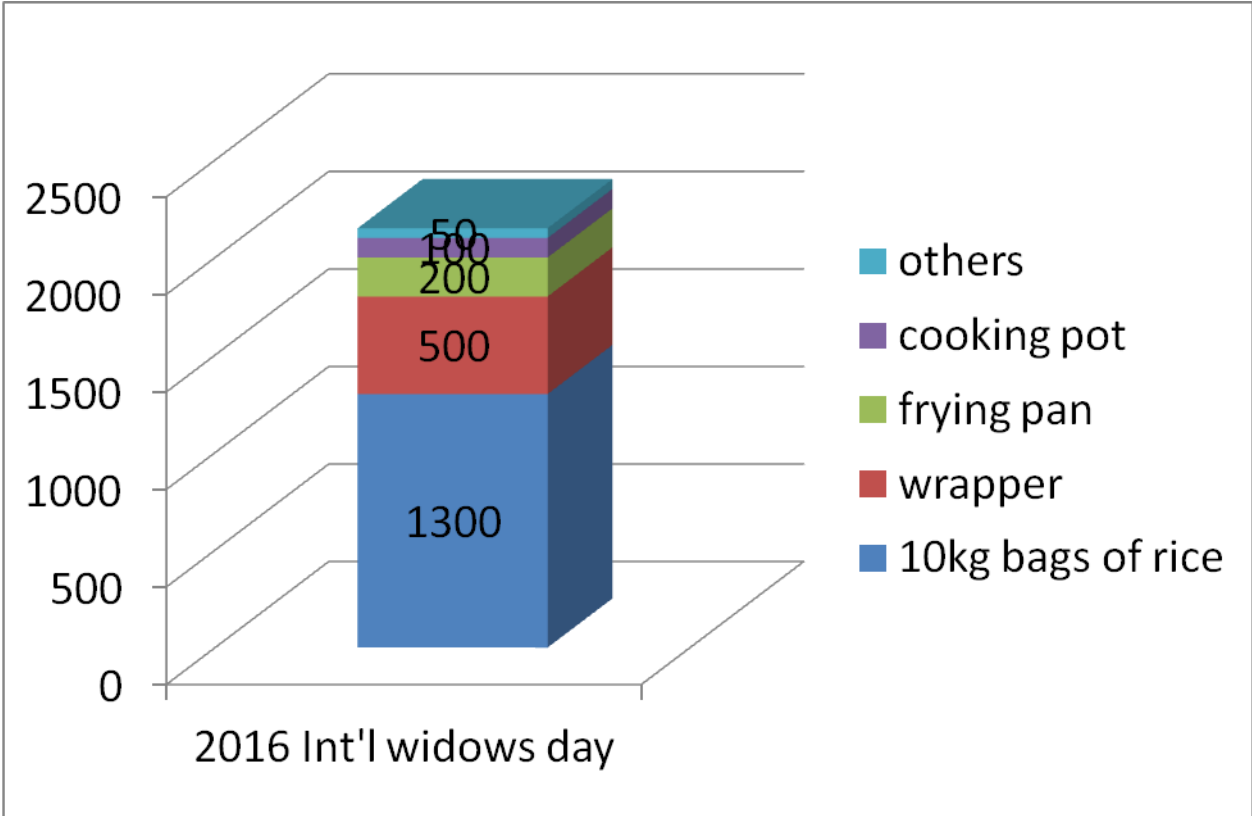


Figure 1, 2016 International Widows Day empowerment

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grinding machines, whereas 50 widows each were empowered with hair dryers, ovum toasters and sewing machine respectively. The impact is displayed on the table above.

Table 2; Multi diseases Medical care and treatment

<i>S/N</i>	<i>Indicators</i>	<i>Diagnosis</i>	<i>Treated</i>	<i>% treated</i>
1	Malaria cases	450	450	60%
2	Hypertension cases	48	48	5%
3	Diabetes Mellitus cases	17	17	2%
4	Arthritis symptom cases	34	34	5%
5	Eye problem cases	90	90	12%
6	Worm cases	27	27	4%
7	Typhoid fever	79	79	11%
	TOTAL	745	745	100

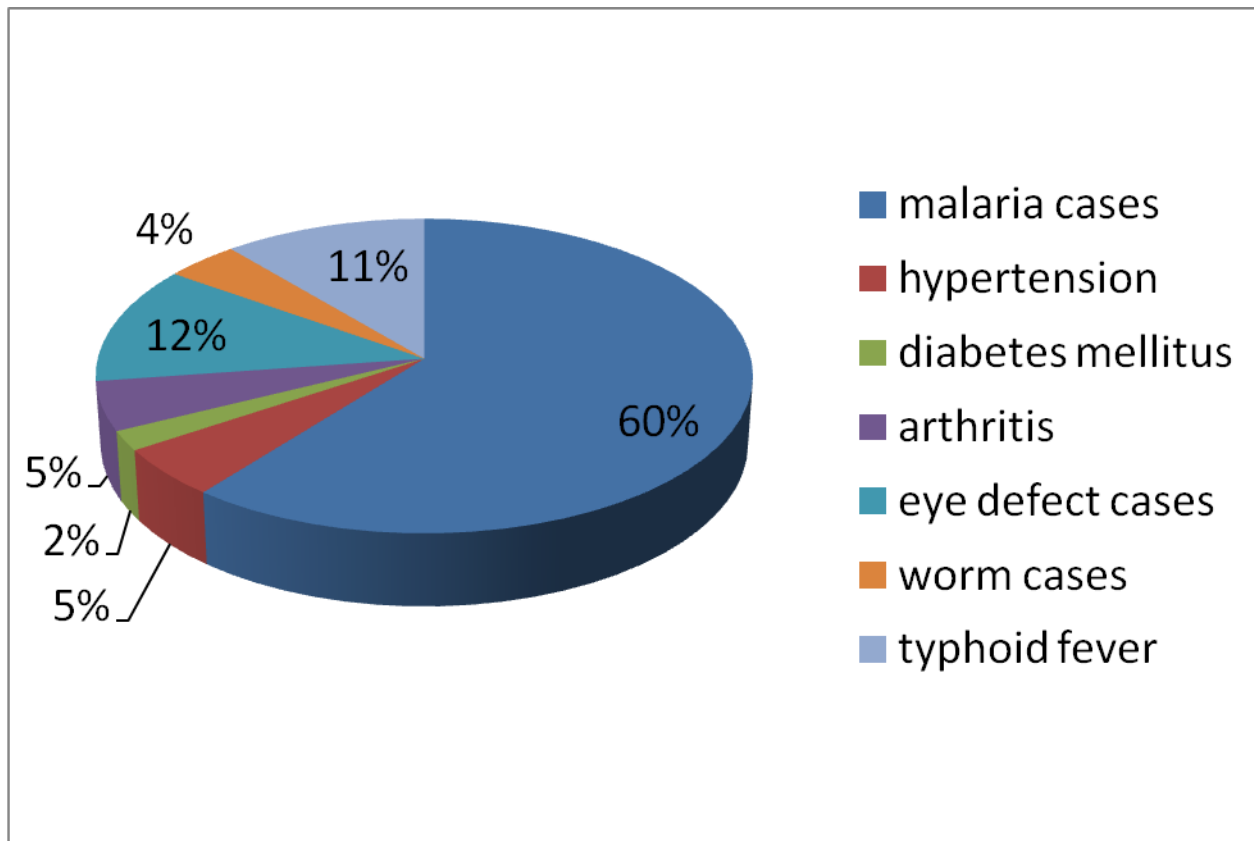


Figure 2; 2016 International Widows Day empowerment Free Medical diagnosis and treatment

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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.