

"Giving Hope, Restoring Hope to Widows and Orphans"



**ROCK OF AGES
EMPOWERMENT FOUNDATION**

June 23rd, 2017

**International Widows Day
@
Old Parade Ground 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.

Activities that marked 2017 Widows Day Celebration by Rock of Ages Empowerment Foundation were crop and agricultural produce exhibition, launching of ultra modern school for orphans and less privileged, distribution of food items, fabrics, and medical care for widows. *Over 1500 widows from 19 RAEF zones that were previously trained on different farm produce show cased their farm produce during 2017 International Widows Day, it was an arena for buying and selling of various agricultural produce from widows as a result, many realize huge amount of money from their sales and smiled back home with great joy. The farm produced showed and sold ranges from; vegetable, cabbage, cucumber, water lettuce, cashew nut, groundnut, garri, onions, tomatoes, pepper, pears, plantain, banana, pineapple, ginger, garlic, red palm oil etc*

There was free medical consultation and free drugs. There were free malaria diagnosis, and treatment, typhoid, diabetes, eye check, other health indicators were diagnosed and treated. Referrals were made to appropriate health facility if any. Out of 500 widows that access free medical diagnosis, and treatment, it is revealed that 62% were treated for malaria, 7% were treated for hypertension, 2% treated for diabetes, 5% were treated for arthritis and worm respectively, whereas 9% 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 7000 widows and their children, through skill acquisition training, financial empowerment, monthly medical check p 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, Dame Pauline Tallen, OFR, 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.

PICTURES SHOWING EVENTS



Widows' Agricultural fair exhibition program

Beneficiaries	Farm produce exhibition	Impact/Remark
<i>Widows from 19 zones trained on different farm produce</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ vegetable ✓ cabbage ✓ cucumber ✓ water lettuce ✓ cashew nut ✓ groundnut ✓ garri ✓ onions ✓ tomatoes ✓ pepper ✓ pears ✓ plantain ✓ banana ✓ pineapple ✓ ginger ✓ garlic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Self reliance ✓ Financial independence ✓ Commercial & subsistence ✓ Family sustenance ✓ improve their standard of living

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Table 2; Multi diseases Medical care and treatment

S/N	Indicators	Diagnosis	Treated	% treated
1	Malaria cases	313	313	62%
2	Hypertension cases	34	34	7%
3	Diabetes Mellitus cases	12	12	2%
4	Arthritis symptom cases	23	23	5%
5	Eye problem cases	50	50	10%
6	Worm cases	23	23	5%
7	Typhoid fever	45	45	9%
	TOTAL	500	500	100

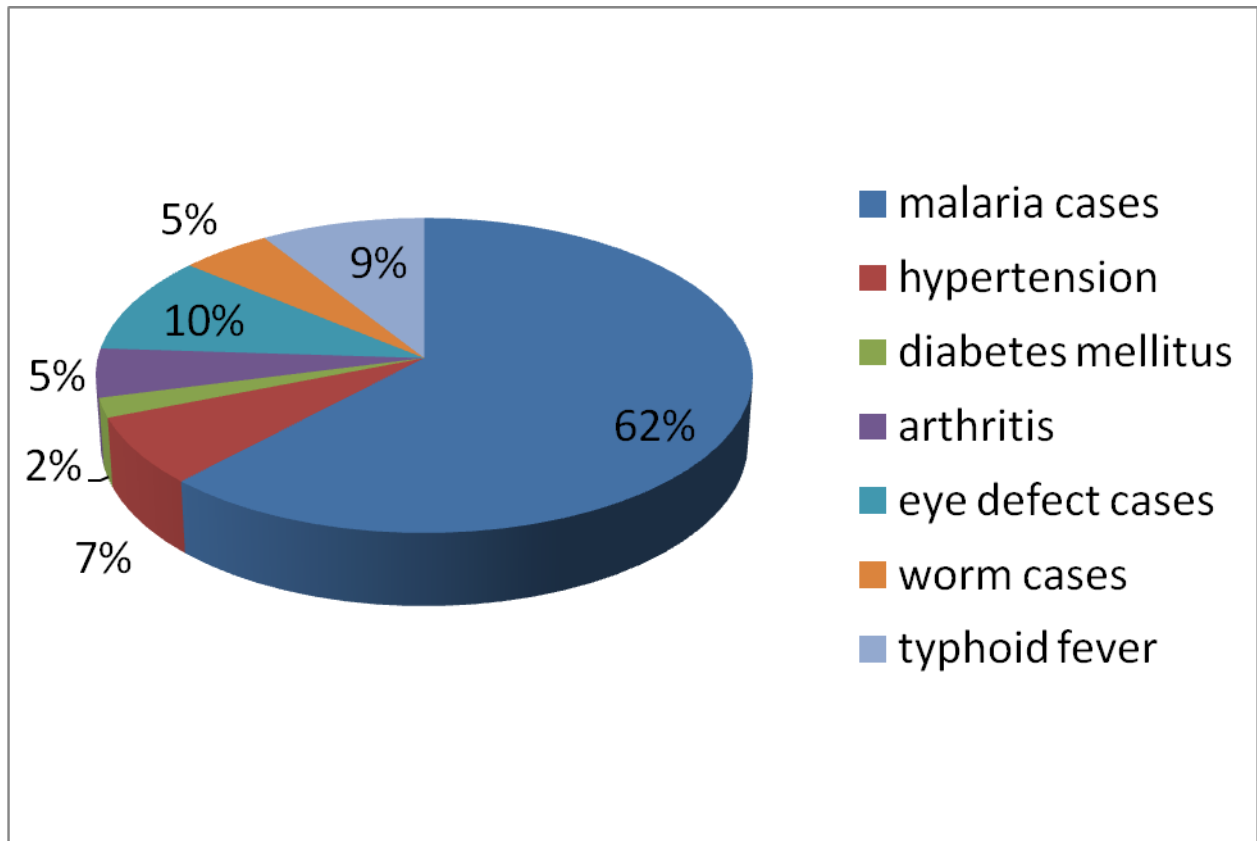


Figure 1; 2017 International Widows day Free Medical diagnosis and treatment

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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.