

"Giving Hope, Restoring Hope to Widows and Orphans"



**23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2014**

**International Widows Day Celebration**

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**National Centre for Women Development Central Area District Garki Abuja**

**Theme: Joy to the Widows**

## **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 2014 Widows Day Celebration Rock of Ages Empowerment Foundation, over 12 million naira was spent to empower widows in various service delivery areas, *2000 widows received one bag of 10kg rice each, 140 widows received finance and sewing machine each, 300 widows were finance and training on how to make liquid soap , whereas, 500 widows were given one fabrics -wrapper.*

The medical component of the event of the 2014 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, other health indicators were diagnosed and treated. Referrals were made to appropriate health facility if any. *Out of 1200 widows that took part in the free medical diagnosis and treatment, it is revealed that 49% were diagnosed and treated for malaria, 5% widows were diagnosed with hypertension and treated, 2% were diagnosed and treated for diabetes mellitus, 7% were treated for arthritis, eye defect cases, and worm respectively, 1% were treated for skin condition cases, whereas 11% were treated for dental cases and typhoid fever respectively.*

## **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 check up 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 widows carting away with items, and cheques**





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## EMPOWERMENT INDICATORS

*Table 1; Empowerment*

Beneficiaries	Empowerment	Impact/Remark
2000 widows	10kg bag of rice each @ N3.5million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ to fight against hunger</li> <li>✓ improve family livelihood</li> </ul>
140 widows	Cash and sewing machine @ N3.5million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ to fight against hunger</li> <li>✓ improve family livelihood</li> </ul>
300 widows	Cash and training for liquid soap making @ N6million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ business start up grant</li> <li>✓ improve standard of living</li> </ul>
500 widows	Fabrics - wrapper @ N750,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ business start up grant</li> <li>✓ improve standard of living</li> </ul>
1200 widows	Free medical treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ good health</li> <li>✓ elimination of morbidity and sudden mortality</li> </ul>

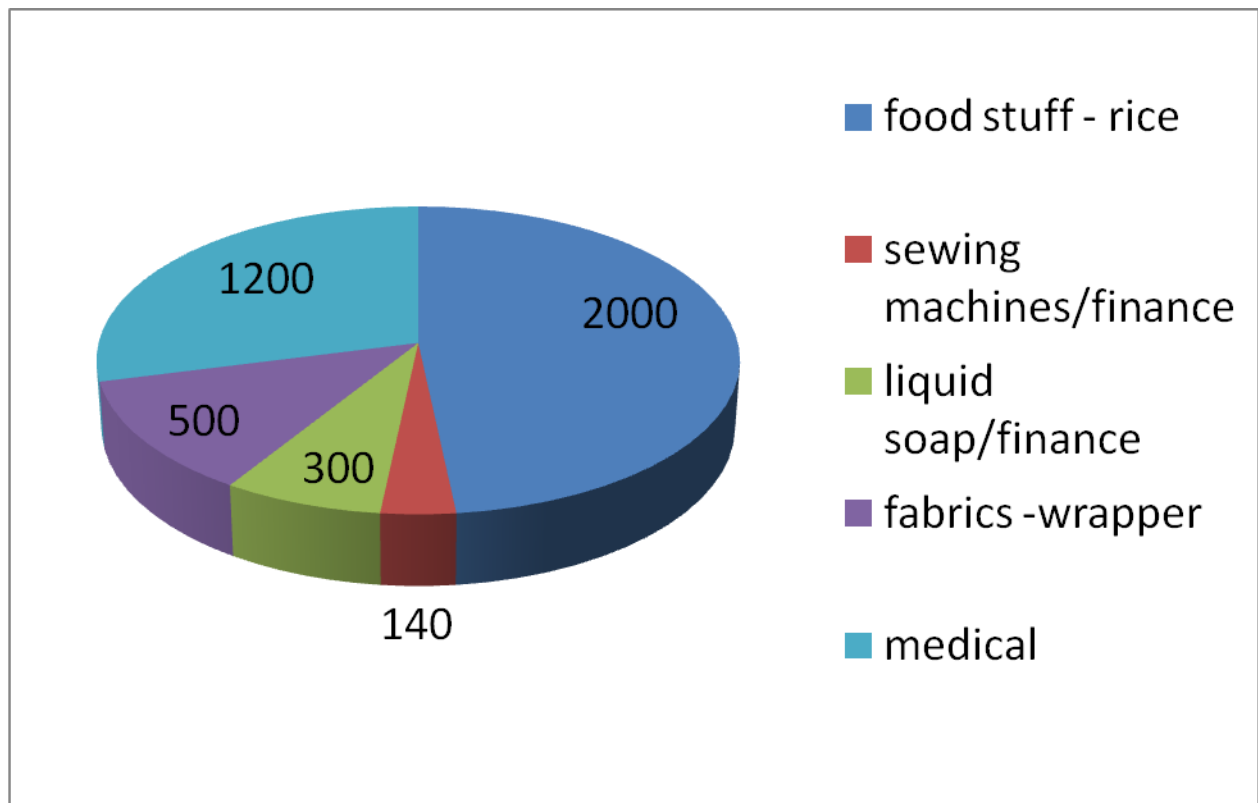




Figure 1; 2014 International Widows Day

From the figure above, 2000 widows received one bag of 10kg rice each, 140 widows received finance and sewing machine each, 300 widows were finance and training on how to make liquid soap , whereas, 500 widows were given one fabrics -wrapper, about 1200 widows were given free medical treatment.

**Table 2; Multi diseases Medical care and treatment**

<b>S/N</b>	<b>Indicators</b>	<b>Diagnosis</b>	<b>Treated</b>	<b>% treated</b>
1	Malaria cases	592	592	49%
2	Hypertension cases	65	65	5%
3	Diabetes Mellitus cases	23	23	2%
4	Arthritis symptom cases	89	89	7%
5	Eye problem cases	80	80	7%
6	Skin condition cases	14	14	1%
7	Worm cases	79	79	7%
8	Dental cases	126	126	11%
9	Typhoid fever	132	132	11%
10	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>100</b>

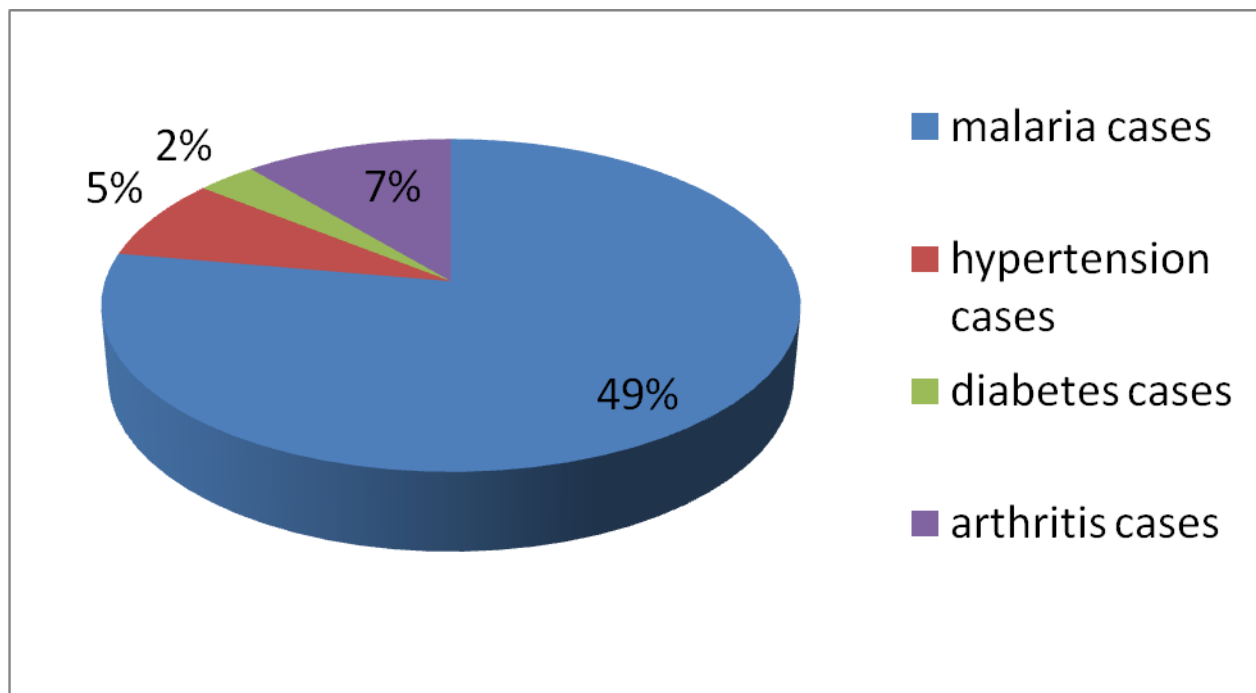
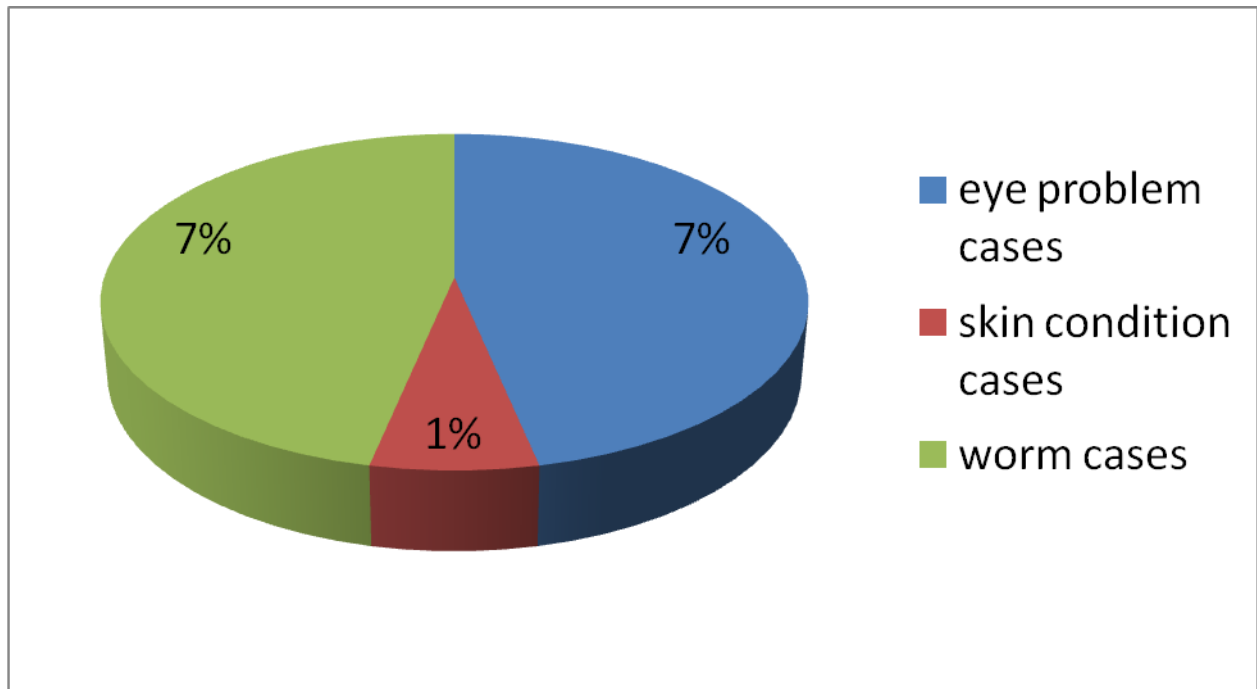
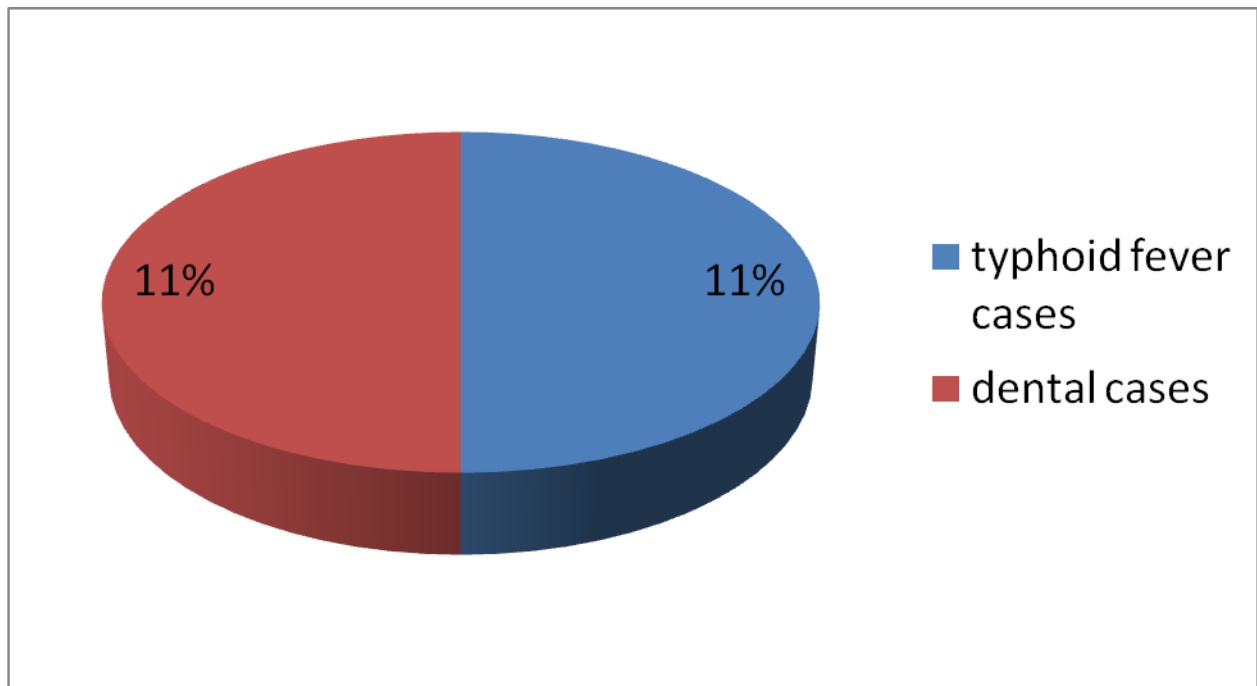


Figure 2; 2014 International Widows Day Free Medical diagnosis and treatment



*Figure 3: 2014 International Widows Day Free Medical diagnosis and treatment*



*Figure 4: 2014 International Widows Day Free Medical diagnosis and treatment*

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*with hypertension and treated, 2% were diagnosed and treated for diabetes mellitus, 7% were treated for arthritis, eye defect cases, and worm respectively, 1% were treated for skin condition cases, whereas 11% were treated for dental cases and typhoid fever respectively.*

### **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.