

"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 2015 widows and orphan empowerment program RAEF, single handed spent over 12 million naira to empower widows in various service delivery areas; total of 300 widows from Maiduguri received cash and 50kg bag of rice as support to assist in fighting hunger among widows living in that geopolitical zone. On the other hand, 100 widows from Kogi were given grant for farming as well as 500 widows from Jos. The impact of each empowerment is enormous. Furthermore, widows from Abuja, Lagos, Jos, Idah, and Maiduguri branch were empowered with food items and finance such as N1.6million naira, N80,000, N540,000, N350,000, and N200,000 respectively to improve their of livelihood.

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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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	Empowerment	Impact/Remark
300 widows - Maiduguri	10kg bags of rice each @ N3million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ to fight hunger ✓ improve standard of living
500 widows - Maiduguri	Financial empowerment @N7million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ start up grant for small scale trading ✓ improve standard of living
100 widows - Kogi	Cash for farming - crop production @ N1million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ promote food production via agriculture ✓ improve standard of living
500 widows - Jos branch	Financial empowerment N1.5million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ start up grant for small scale trading ✓ improve standard of living

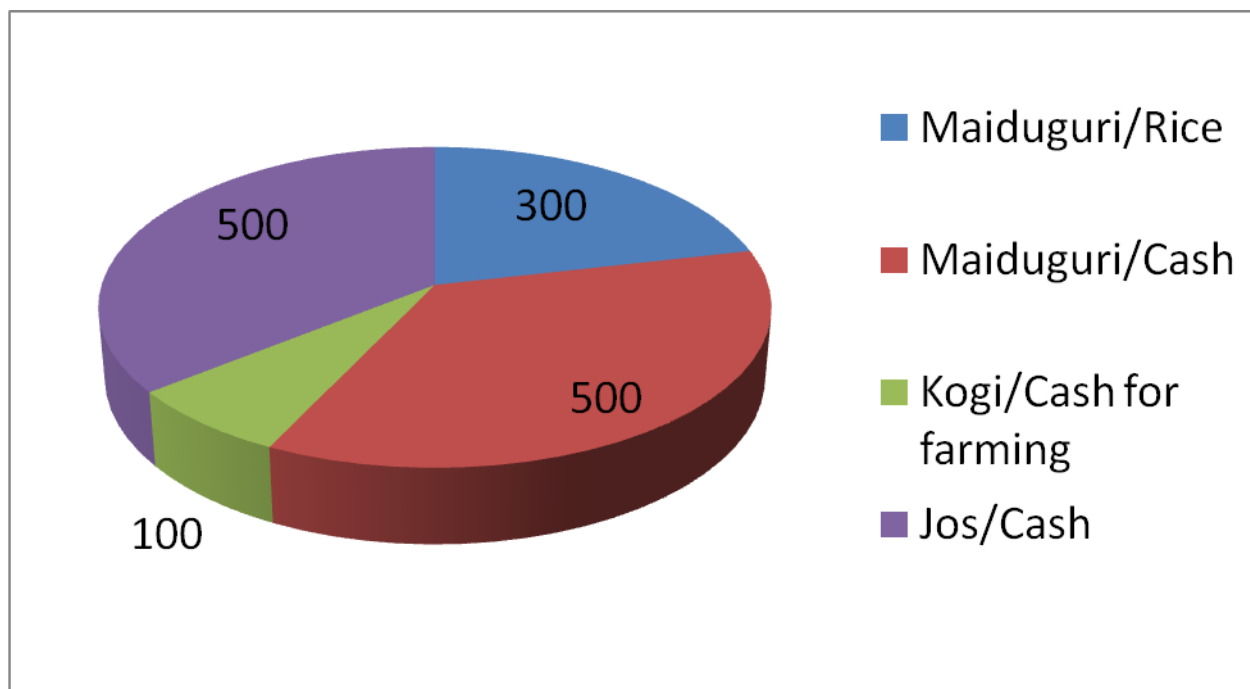


Figure1; widows and orphans empowerment program

From the figure above, 500 widows, 300 widows from Maiduguri received cash and 50kg bag of rice each respectively. On the other hand, 100 widows from Kogi were given grant for farming as well as 500 widows from Jos. The impact of each empowerment is clearly stated in the table above.

2. Empowerment

Beneficiaries	Empowerment	Impact/Remark
widows - Abuja branch	Financial empowerment & food items worth N1.6million	✓ improve standard of living
widows - Maiduguri branch	Financial empowerment & food items worth N200,000	✓ improve standard of living
Widows - Lagos branch	Financial empowerment & food items worth N80,000	✓ improve standard of living
widows -Idah branch	Financial empowerment & food items worth N350,000	✓ improve standard of living
Widows -Jos branch	Financial empowerment & food items worth N540.000	✓ improve standard of living

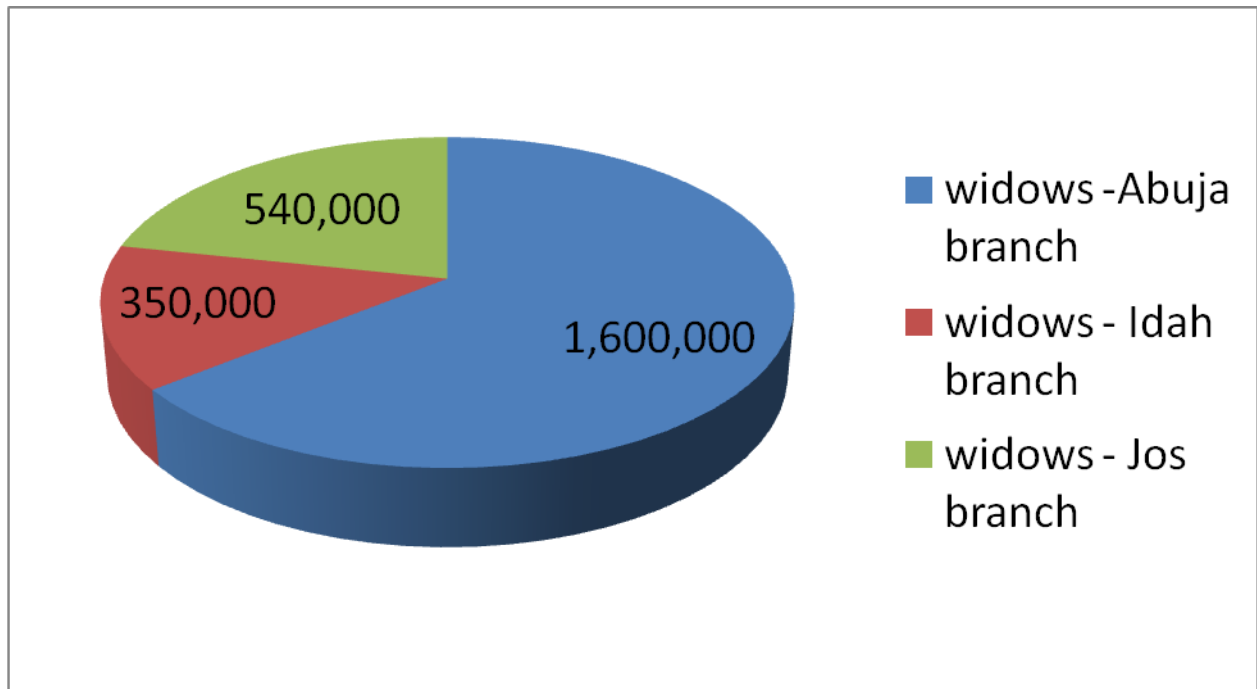


Figure2: widows and orphans empowerment program

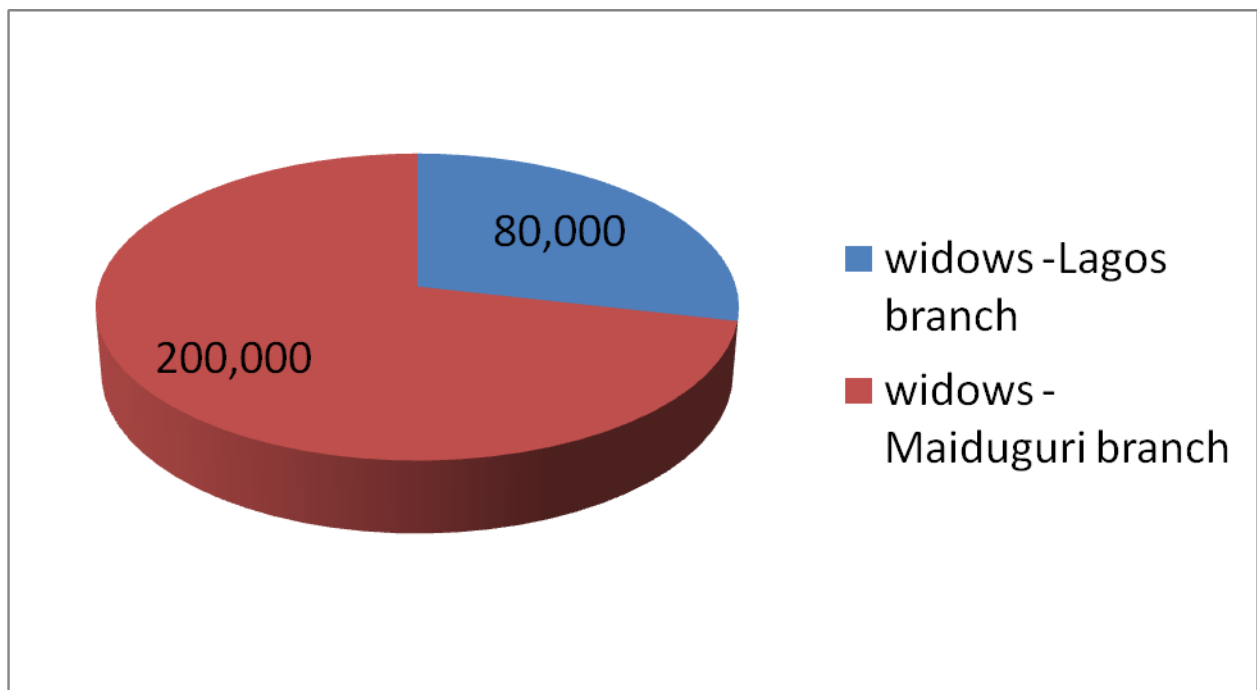


Figure3: widows and orphans empowerment program

From figure 2 and 3 above, widows from Abuja, Lagos, Jos, Idah, and Maiduguri branch were empowered with food items and finance such as N1.6million naira, N80,000, N540,000, N350,000, and N200,000 respectively to improve their of livelihood.