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## EMPOWERMENT /SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR RURAL WOMEN /WIDOWS AND VULNERABLES IN RIVERS STATE

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## BACKGROUND

Youth Organization for Health and Development Initiatives (YOHAD) is a Non-Governmental Organization formed to address the Health, Academic, Moral and other Developmental Challenges that most poor and vulnerable people face in communities and society at large with special focus on young people, women and children; using the role of Community Based Organizations in mitigating these issues to the grass-root level.

## REGISTRATION

YOHAD is registered with Corporate Affairs Commission, Abuja with registration number CAC/IT/NO 42102 and other relevant Agencies and bodies.

## OUR VISION

A society with quality health and sustainable development with young people taking the lead

## OUR MISSION

Improving Community Health and Development through behaviour change activities/empowerment and raising organizations for sustainability in target communities.

## VALUES

Integrity, Tenacity, Accountability, Diligence, Entrepreneurship, Collaboration (Respect) and Knowledge

## From the Executive Director's desk



**Y**OHaD has not relented on improving the life/wellbeing of her Target Populations: The poor, Vulnerable Children/Elderly, Rural Women, Widows, Youths etc.

In partnership with NDDC, YOHAD implemented the project

'Empowerment/Support for Rural Women, Widows and Vulnerable in Rivers State', which focused on Putting food on their Tables, both raw and cooked food. Home of Elderly, Orphanage and Widows were targeted for this intervention.

In addition to developmental programmes of NDDC/YOHAD like: Skill acquisition for Youths, Infrastructural Development, Social/Health Service Delivery, and other Empowerment Programmes, this intervention aimed at providing food to these poor and vulnerable groups to keep them going and fit for Health and Developmental Programmes of the Organization. Such interventions make God happy as recorded in Matt. 25:35-40 "...when I was hungry you gave me to eat, when I was thirsty you gave me to drink"

We will continue our commitment towards providing quality Health and Sustainable Development to our Target Population and Communities and urge other well-meaning Nigerians, Groups, Organizations, Agencies and Institutions to partner with YOHAD to continue with this mission.

We express our gratitude to God Almighty for the opportunity to reach out to humanity; to NDDC for the Support, Mr. Nsima Ekere, MD NDDC; Dr. Solomon Ita, Director CRD NDDC and Mrs. Ebi M. Ake Senior Manager, CRD NDDC for all their supports in making this intervention a success. To God be the Glory.



**Emmanuel Chukwuemeka Worgu**  
Executive Director (YOHAD)

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## Program Introduction

**T**he Empowerment/Support Program which was aimed at providing food items for Rural Women/Widows; Vulnerable Children and Aged persons, was conducted in 3 Senatorial Districts of Rivers State. The program held in Phalga; Khana and Ahoada East LGAs in Rivers State, a total of One hundred and twenty-three (123) persons benefited from the Empowerment. Of the One hundred and twenty-three (123) persons reached, forty (40) were of the Home for Elderly, thirty-three (33) for Adventist Rehabilitation, Welfare and Orphanage Home while fifty (50) persons were of the Rural Women/Widows.



## Program Agenda

- Arrival/Registration
- Opening Formalities (Opening Prayer)
- Introduction/Welcome
- Speeches (YOHAD ED; NDDC Rep; Stakeholders)
- Prayer for YOHAD; NDDC; State and Nigeria
- Dedication of Empowerment items
- Group Photograph/with Empowerment items
- Empowerment of Beneficiaries
- Refreshment
- Vote of Thank/Benefactors comment
- Departure

## DAY ONE – HOME FOR ELDERLY



**T**he Empowerment/Support Program held in the Home for Elderly in Port Harcourt LGA, on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The Home of Elderly which from its existence has been a solace for the elderly had accommodation for 33 Elderly citizens before the donation of 40 rooms on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 by Salvation Ministry

The program started with a brief welcome from the Matron (Rev. Sis. Mary Jane Raphael); thereafter, an introduction of YOHAD Staff and Representative of NDDC was made.

## SPEECH

The Executive Director of YOHAD (Mr. Emmanuel Worgu) presented a brief speech of gratitude and also stated that it is part of the YOHAD/NDDC's Commitment to support the Orphans and Vulnerable in the State of which the Aged/Elderlies are involved. He then ushered NDDC Representative (Mrs Ebi Ake). In her speech, she thanked the Management for the level of coordination and encouraged the Care Givers to continually give in their best as their reward would come in due season.

Prayer Session: A prayer session was conducted for NDDC and its Management; YOHAD; Rivers State and Nigeria as a whole. Thereafter, the Empowerment items were dedicated and distributed to the Home with all necessary document duly signed.

During an interactive session with the Matron, she stated that God has been helping them in the area of food supply. However, their key challenge is on Health Issues like arthritis, Stroke, sight defect, High Blood Pressure amongst others. Although they have the services of a Medical Personnel, more still has to be done with provision of drugs.





Amongst the distributed items, cash support was also given to them.

**VOTE OF THANKS:**

The Matron expressed her gratitude and prayed that God will blessing every individual who have supported this Empowerment program.



# ADVENTIST REHABILITATION AND WELFARE CENTER



## SPEECH:

The Executive Director of YOHaD (Mr. Emmanuel Worgu) presented a brief speech of gratitude and also stated that it is part of the YOHaD/NDDC's Commitment to support the Orphans and Vulnerable in the State. He then ushered NDDC Representative (Mrs Ebi Ake). In her speech, she thanked the Management for the level of coordination and encouraged the Care Givers to continually give in their best as their reward would come in due season. She further expressed her joy over the existence of the institution in that part of the State.

## PRAYER SESSION:

A prayer session was conducted for NDDC and its Management; YOHaD; Rivers State and for our great country Nigeria. The prayer was centred on granting the various Leaderships the desired wisdom to pilot the affairs of the various institutions. Dedication of Empowerment Items: One of the children (Ms. Stella Obi) anchored the dedication of the items provided. Thereafter, the Empowerment items were handed to the Orphanage Home with all necessary document duly signed.

**T**he Empowerment Program held at Adventist Rehabilitation, Welfare and Orphanage Home in Edeoha Community, Ahoada East LGA on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The Program featured representative of NDDC; YOHaD Staff; LACA and some Community Volunteers in Ahoada East LGA.

The program started with a prayer and an introduction thereafter a welcome remark was giving by the Coordinator (Mr. FT. Freedom. Thereafter, the children made a rendition in songs.



In addition to the food items, a cash support was donated to them.



## VOTE OF THANKS

The Coordinator (Mr. FT. Freedom) thanked everyone present and also stated that upon notification of this visit, he was not expecting such an enormous occasion as surprising as it is. He expressed his gratitude and thanked NDDC and YOHaD for remembering the Children and prayed that the good Lord would equally remember them at every point of need.

He further stated that YOHaD/NDDC visit was God sent as they just ran-out of food in their store before the visit. Amongst other challenges stated were lack of fund for payment of staff; kidnapping/militancy which scares people from coming to visit them; far distance of the Public School the children attend from the Centre which require transportation. He therefore concluded by appreciating NDDC once again for repeating their good will as the only source of Power Generator they have was donated by the Commission.



## EMPOWERMENT OF RURAL WOMEN/WIDOWS IN RIVERS EAST SENATORIAL ZONE



**Y**OHaD team in partnership with NDDC conducted the empowerment/support in Rivers East Senatorial Zone on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018 for Rural Women/Widows in the Zone, of which Buan Community in Khana LGA was used as the venue. The empowerment program pulled fifty (50) Rural Women/Widows across the Senatorial District.



The program started with an opening prayer by (Pst. Wisdom). The anchor (YOHaD PM-Mr. Odu, Max Isaac) welcomed everybody and the Women by Zone and he introduced all YOHaD Staff; Representative of NDDC and the host (Amb. Mercy Gani).

### SPEECH:

The Executive Director of YOHaD (Mr. Emmanuel Worgu) presented a brief speech on the inception of YOHaD; its Vision and Mission. Of which he stated the Mission as "Improving community health and Development through Behaviour Change



activities; Empowerment and raising Sustainable Organizations in target Communities". He further stated that Rural Women/Widows are amongst the Organization's target groups, and through NDDC the day's event aimed at putting foods/smile on the faces became a reality. In his speech the NDDC representatives Mr. Fineface addressing the women stated the need to engage YOHAD which share a common vision with NDDC in reaching out to the needy/vulnerable in order to put food on their table.

### PRAYER SESSION:

A prayer session was conducted for NDDC and its Management; YOHAD; Rivers State and for our great country Nigeria. The prayer was centred on granting the various Leaderships the desired wisdom to pilot the affairs of the various institutions. Dedication of Empowerment Items: Thereafter, the Empowerment items were dedicated and distributed to all the Women present with all necessary document duly signed. D women as part of their appreciation engaged in songs and dance to appreciate the Almighty God for the good will through YOHAD/NDDC. In addition to the distributed items, a cash support was given for their transport.

### VOTE OF THANKS:

The Women Coordinator (Mrs. Mary Chibor) thanked everyone present and appreciated NDDC and YOHAD for their support. She further stated that they will continually pray for God's protection upon their lives.

### SUMMARY

The Empowerment/Support program which started on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> through Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018 successfully came to an end touching One hundred and twenty-three (123) lives.

The entire Staff and Management of Youth Organization for Health and Development Initiatives (YOHAD) is grateful to the

Commission for touching lives and putting smiles on the faces of people through her Organization.







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