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ACTIVITY REPORT TEMPLATE

Activity Report: Widows Cash Support Programme

1. Activity Title

Widows Cash Support Programme

2. Date and Location

- **Date:** 14 May 2023
- **Venue:** Martha Achimugu's Compound, Ugwolawo
- **LGA/State:** Ofu LGA, Kogi State

3. Background and Objective

The Widows Cash Support Programme was designed to cushion the effects of economic hardship on widows in Ofu LGA, Kogi State. The initiative commenced in 2023 as part of the Macedonian Empowerment Foundation's (MEF) commitment to promoting sustainable livelihoods and financial inclusion. The programme aimed to provide direct cash assistance to vulnerable widows in order to reduce the impact of inflation, hunger, and financial distress.

4. Preparatory Activities

A MEF Board meeting held at the Head Office in Lokoja on 3 April 2023 approved the programme and the required funding, which was generously provided by an individual donor based overseas (name withheld).

Two representatives of the National Widows Association of Nigeria, Ofu LGA Chapter, were co-opted into the planning committee to assist with beneficiary identification and mobilization.

A final preparatory meeting was held at the activity venue, during which 40 beneficiaries were selected from the eleven wards of the LGA with the support of widows' community leaders. The Board Chairman conducted a pre-visit to the venue on 10 May 2023 to confirm logistics and readiness. Cash packages of ₦15,000 were prepared in labeled envelopes for distribution.

5. Participants and Beneficiaries

- **Total Participants:** 40
- **Gender:** Female
- **Category:** Widows

Selection Criteria Included:

- Verified widowhood
- Permanent residence in Ofu LGA
- Not receiving regular support from other programmes
- Lack of stable income
- Engagement in irregular or low-income activities
- Lack of significant productive assets
- Evidence of vulnerable living conditions

6. Activity Implementation

Opening Session

The programme commenced with an introduction by the leader of the widows, who welcomed the Board Chairman and visiting MEF team members.

Presentations and Engagement

The Board Chairman introduced MEF, its mission, and the purpose of the intervention. The session included moments of cultural expression, including singing and dancing, which encouraged participation and community engagement.

Distribution Exercise

A verified beneficiary list was used during distribution. Names were called by the Secretary, and the Board Chairman presented the cash packages of ₦15,000 to each beneficiary in an open and transparent manner.

Awareness and Sensitization

Beneficiaries were informed about the source of the funding and received basic orientation on livelihood practices and financial literacy. The SDGs Team Lead also provided brief awareness on key Sustainable Development Goals and their relevance to community development.

Interactive Session

During the question-and-answer session, beneficiaries expressed appreciation and offered prayers for the sustainability of the programme.

7. Outcomes and Impact

Cash support was successfully delivered to all 40 widows in the presence of community leaders and the MEF visiting team. Beneficiaries expressed gratitude and indicated that the assistance would help improve their household feeding and basic needs in the short term.

8. Challenges

The demand for support remains high, as many widows in Ofu LGA continue to require financial assistance and livelihood support. Additionally, seven widows who were not originally invited attended the programme; their details were documented for possible inclusion in future interventions.

9. Recommendations and Next Steps

- Strengthen fundraising efforts to sustain and expand the programme.
- Extend the intervention to additional LGAs within Kogi State.
- Develop partnerships with donors and organizations to increase coverage and provide complementary livelihood support.

10. Conclusion

A total of forty widows were supported through this intervention following a transparent selection process

conducted in collaboration with community representatives and the widows' association. The programme achieved its immediate objective of providing short-term financial relief and reinforcing MEF's commitment to supporting vulnerable women. Sustaining and scaling this initiative will further enhance its impact on livelihoods and community welfare.

11. Documentation:

- Photographs taken:

- List of the widows:

- Media coverage (if any)

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Secretary,

Attachments:

List the widows:

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WIDOWS SUPPORT PROGRAMME IN OFU LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA, KOGI STATE, NIGERIA

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SELECTED WIDOWS

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MARTHA ACHIMUGU'S COMPOUND, BESIDE UBE/RCM SCHOOL,

UGWOLAWO CENTRALOFU LGA, KOGI STATE

SUNDAY 14 MAY, 2023

EXTENDED LIST OF BENEFICIARIES

S/N	NAME	TEL. NO.	ADDRERSS	AMOUNT	Remarks
1	AGIH GRACE	09153664502	AKPAGIDIGBO,OFU LGA, KOGI STATE	N15,000	Paid
2	PAUL NAOMI	07030298452	AHI OLOFU,UGWOLAWO, OFU LGA,	N15,000	Paid
3	AMEDU GRACE	09052182147	SABONGARI, UGWOLAWO,OFU LGA,	N15,000	Paid
4	HARUNA RABI	08077558907	OLOFU,UGWOLAWO,OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid
5	ALHAJI ALAMI	07058065834	ADULA, UGWOLAWO,OFULGA	N15,000	Paid
6	ATTAH MARY	08073932124	CENTRAL AREA,UGWOLAWO,OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid
7	ALIKALI JOY	08053310946	SABONGARI, UGWOLAWO,OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid
8	ABALAKA ONAYE	08078339670	OLOFU,UGWOLAWO,OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid
9	YAKUBU AIBETU AFOR	08083620138	AHI-ALIJOBU,OFU LGA,KOGI STATE	N15,000	Paid
10	MATTHEW RUTH	08079961925	ALA-EJIMA,OFU LGA,KOGI STATE	N15,000	Paid
11	KEBE ESTHER	08116183551	EFEKPE, UGWOLAWO,OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid
12	OMALE ASIBI	08078844508	AHI OLOFU, UGWOLAWO, OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid
13	MUSA CECILIA	08145659986	EFEKPE,UGWOLAWO,OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid
14	ABUH LUKE HANNAH	08070675549	CAMP AREA UGWOLAWO OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid
15	IBRAHIM REKIYA	08073253422	AHI-ALIJOBU,OFU LGA,KOGI STATE	N15,000	Paid
16	JAMES MARY	09071413806	AHI-ALUJOBU,OFU LGA, KOGI STATE	N15,000	Paid
17	IBRAHIM BELIKISU	08082870055	AHI-ALUJOBU,OFU LGA, KOGI STATE	N15,000	Paid
18	JAMES HANNAH	09042744375	AHI-ALIJOBU,OFU LGA, KObGI STATE	N15,000	Paid
19	OMALE ESTHER	08159949741	ADULA, UGWOLAWO,OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid
20	PETER K. HELEN	08110127848	AHI OLOFU, UGWOLAWO, OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid
21	AUGUSTINE JUMAI	08165000220	CENTRAL AREA,UGWOLAWO,OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid
22	OMATA BELI	07036847526	AJEDIME,UMOMI, OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid
23	AMEH FAITH	08114093315	AJEDIME,UMOMI, OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid
24	OPALUWA SERAH	08034062415	OJUWO-OCHA,OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid
25	DANIEL SERAH	08126282875	AHI-ALUJOBU,OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid
26	DAVID RACHEAL	0882870055	AHI-ALUJOBU,OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid
27	ITANYI COMFORT	08084012268	AHI-ALUJOBU,OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid
28	AKWU RUTH	09048099066	AHI-ALUJOBU,OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid

29、	JAMES LYDIA	08081484867	AHI-ALUOBU,OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid
30	MOSES NAOMI	09014504596	AHI-ALUOBU,OFU LGA	₦15,000	Paid
31、	ITANYIMARY	09046401534	AHI ALUOBU,OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid
32	HASSAN MARIA	08126213215	AHI-ALIJOBU,OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid
33~	AGONOAGNES	07014468334	AHI ALUOBU,OFU LGA	15,000	Paid
34	OBACA JOY	07086485361	AH1-ALUOBU,OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid
35	UMORU ADICHETU	08082870055	AHI-ALUOBU,OFU LGA	₦15,000	Paid
36	ITANYI AJARA	08026489130	AHI-ALUOBU,OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid
37、	ETU RHODA	08085253649	AHI-ALIJOBU,OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid
38	IDENYI ROSE	09021744143	AHI-ALUOBU,OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid
39	NOAH SALOME	08082870055	AHI-ALIJOBU,OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid
40	ADEMU ESTHER	08077259323	AHI-ALUOBU,OFU LGA	N15,000	Paid

Photographs:

Across section of beneficiaries



MEF Board Chairman with some widows

