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ACTIVITY REPORT TEMPLATE

Activity Report: Widows Cash Support Programme

1. Activity Title
Widows Cash Support Programme 2025

2. Date and Location
- **Date:** 15 July 2025
- **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 began in 2023 as part of the Macedonian Empowerment Foundation's (MEF) commitment to promoting sustainable livelihoods and financial inclusion. The 2025 intervention aimed to provide direct cash assistance to vulnerable widows to help mitigate the impact of inflation and food insecurity.

4. Preparatory Activities

A MEF Board meeting held at the Head Office in Lokoja on 10 June 2025 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 support beneficiary identification and mobilization.

A final preparatory meeting was held at the activity venue, during which 54 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 7 July 2025 to confirm logistics and readiness. Cash packages of ₦15,000 were prepared in labeled envelopes for distribution.

5. Participants and Beneficiaries

- **Total Participants:** 54
- **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 event commenced with an introduction by the leader of the widows, who welcomed the Board Chairman and visiting MEF team.

Presentations and Engagement

The Board Chairman introduced MEF, its mission, and the purpose of the programme. The session included moments of cultural expression, including singing and dancing, which created a warm and participatory atmosphere.

Distribution Exercise

A verified beneficiary list was used during distribution. Due to budget constraints and an increase in beneficiaries from 40 in 2023 to 54 in 2025, each pair of beneficiaries received ₦15,000. Names were called by the Secretary, and the Chairman presented the envelopes openly to ensure transparency.

Awareness and Sensitization

Beneficiaries were informed about the funding source 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 well-being.

Interactive Session

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

7. Outcomes and Impact

Cash support was successfully delivered to all 54 widows in the presence of community leaders and the

MEF team. Beneficiaries expressed gratitude and indicated that the support would help improve household feeding and basic needs in the short term.

8. Challenges
The demand for support significantly exceeds available resources, as many widows in Ofu LGA remain in need of 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 fifty-four 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:

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Secretary,

Attachments:

List the widows:

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OFU LGA WIDOWS CASH SUPPORT PROGRAMME 15TH JULY,2025

LIST OF BENEFICIARIES (54)

SET	NAME	TEL NUMBER	VILLAGEOF RESIDENCE	AMOUNT	REMARKS
1	GRACE AGBALI	08147432499	AHI OLOFU, UGWOLAWO, OFU LGA, KOGI STATE	₦15,000	Paid
	AGIH GRACE	09153664502	AKPAGIDIGBO,OFU LGA, KOGI STATE		
2	COMFORT ILANI	8071699331	AHI OLOFU, UGWOLAWO, OFU LGA, KOGI STATE	₦15,000	Paid
	AMEDU GRACE	09052182147	SABONGARI, UGWOLAWO,OFU LGA, KOGI STATE		
3	ABIGAIL ADEGBE	07039316380	CENTRAL AREA,UGWOLAWO,OFU LGA,KOGI STATE	₦15,000	Paid
	ALHAJI ALAMI	07058065834	ADULA, UGWOLAWO, OFULGA, KOGI STATE		
4	FAITH ENE-OJO	08070437478	AHI OLOFU, UGWOLAWO, OFU LGA, KOGI STATE	₦15,000	Paid
	ALIKALI JOY	08053310946	SABONGARI, UGWOLAWO,OFU LGA, KOGI STATE		
5	BLESSING AMINU	08156397491	AHI OLOFU, UGWOLAWO, OFU LGA, KOGI STATE	₦15,000	Paid
	YAKUBU AIBETU AFOR	08083620138	AHI-ALIJOBU,OFU LGA, KOGI STATE		
6	RUTH SULE	07051656990	CAMP AREA UGWOLAWO OFU LGA,KOGI STATE	₦15,000	Paid
	KEBE ESTHER	08116183551	EFEKPE, UGWOLAWO, OFU LGA, KOGI STATE		
7	ALADI PAUL	07030298452	AHI OLOFU, UGWOLAWO, OFU LGA, KOGI STATE	₦15,000	Paid
	MUSA CECILIA	08145659986	EFEKPE, UGWOLAWO, OFU LGA, KOGI STATE		
8	NAOMI JAMES	08077945845	AHI OLOFU, UGWOLAWO, OFU LGA, KOGI STATE	₦15,000	Paid
	IBRAHIM REKIYA	08073253422	AHI-ALIJOBU,OFU LGA, KOGI STATE		
9	OMALE ASIBI	08078844508	AHI ALIJOBU	₦15,000	Paid
	IBRAHIM BELIKISU	08082870055	AHI-ALIJOBU,OFU LGA, KOGI STATE		
10	AJALA IKANI	07032603184	AHI OLOFU, UGWOLAWO, OFU LGA, KOGI STATE	₦15,000	Paid
	OMALE ESTHER	08159949741	ADULA, UGWOLAWO, OFULGA, KOGI STATE		
11	MUSA LARE	09072104025	OFOKOPI, OFU LGA, KOGI STATE	₦15,000	Paid
	AUGUSTINE JUMAI	08165000220	CENTRAL AREA,UGWOLAWO,OFU LGA,KOGI STATE		
12	HARUNA REBECCA	08075110501	AKPAGIDIGBO,OFU LGA, KOGI STATE	₦15,000	Paid
	AMEH FAITH	08114093315	AJEDIME,UMOMI, OFU LGA, KOGI STATE		
13	ABUKA RABI	08111857825	ATODA UGWOLAWO,OFULGA, KOGI STATE	₦15,000	Paid
	DANIEL SERAH	08126282875	AHI-ALIJOBU,OFU LGA, KOGI STATE		
14	IDAKWOJI RUTH	08050569733	ATODA UGWOLAWO,OFULGA, KOGI STATE	₦15,000	Paid
	ITANYI COMFORT	08084012268	AHI-ALIJOBU,OFU LGA, KOGI STATE		
15	MATTHEWMARTHA	09058914996	ATODA UGWOLAWO,OFULGA, KOGI STATE	₦15,000	Paid
	JAMES LYDIA	08081484867	AHI-ALIJOBU,OFU LGA, KOGI STATE		
16	IBRAHIM MARY	08102180894	ATODA UGWOLAWO,OFULGA, KOGI STATE	₦15,000	Paid
	ITANYIMARY	09046401534	AHI-ALIJOBU,OFU LGA, KOGI STATE		
17	YAKUBU JOY	09155098827	ATODA UGWOLAWO,OFULGA, KOGI STATE	₦15,000	Paid
	AGONOAGNES	07014468334	AHI-ALIJOBU,OFU LGA, KOGI STATE		

Photographs:

Across section of beneficiaries

A beneficiary holing her cash