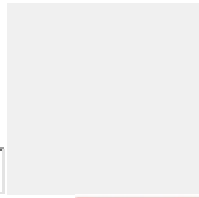


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2018 World Orphans' Day: Dame Okowa Puts Smile On Faces Of Orphan

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To mark this year's 2018 World Orphans Day and in keeping with the philosophy of the 05 initiative, the wife of the Delta State Governor Dame Edith Okowa yesterday put smiles on the faces of orphans in the state.

This took place at the Government House, where Dame Okowa distributed food items, including bags of rice, beans, garri, Jerrycans of palm oil and groundnut oil, crayfish, tubers of yams, bags of salt, cartons of tomatoes and funds to transport the items for onward distribution to 38 registered orphanages and three adopted families in the state.

Addressing the guests, Dame okowa noted that a special day has been set aside by United Nation to draw attention to the needs of orphans suffering from discrimination, violence, poverty and deprivation from education and to encourage the promotion of the right to a healthy and fulfilled life, urging the society to actively participate and help raise awareness, support and funding for orphans.

She said the celebration called for 'self-examination on how to treat those under our care.'

Dame Okowa lamented that orphans, more often than not, were subjected to maltreatment and urged the perpetrators of such acts to turn a new leaf.

The Governor's wife, who disclosed that for the past three years, the 05 Initiative has taken the issue of 38 registered orphanages and three adopted families seriously by providing their basic needs, especially food, said that it was part of their mission to feed the hungry and provide shelter for the homeless.

While thanking all the care givers who took care of the children, she appealed to them to make sure they lived in a conducive environment, a home filled with laughter, peace and love and ruled by the fear of God.

She commended and thanked all their partners who contributed to the success of the celebration, urging all to do something, no matter how little, to help make the difference in the life of an orphan by showing a little love, a little care and giving a little support and by so doing, "we can change our world, one person at a time".

In her opening remarks, the Director- General 05 Initiative and wife of the Secretary to the State Government (SSG) Mrs Oghenekevwe Agas, thanked all who contributed to put smiles on the faces of the orphans and prayed that God in His infinite mercy, would reward them manifold.

She said that 05 Initiative is not relenting in the good work 'because the commission is anchored on the scriptures of Mathew chapter 25 verse 35 _36. Speaking, some of the care givers, Mr Emmanuel Olutu of the Children's Revolutionary Foundation, Rev.sist Agnes Effiom of the Mother of Divine Grace ,Pst Emmanuel Oluwadaire of the City of David, Mrs Stella Obianke of the Victoria Okowa Orphanage, among others ,commended the governor's wife for her kind gesture saying impacting the vision of 05 Initiative could never be over -emphasised 'because since three years of the present administration so many good things' have been coming to them, adding that the children were also thanking God for Dame Okowa's life.

They said that Okowa's administration is the only government that moves round to the interior to to know actually the needs of the people.

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