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## PROFILE

### A. BACKGROUND

HELP FOR THE FATHERLESS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION is a non-governmental, non-religious, non-political and not-for-profit organization registered with the Nigerian Corporate Affairs Commission. The Foundation is run by a versatile team of experts and veteran professionals and administrators who are committed to the vision and mission of the Foundation and are prepared to sacrifice their time, financial and other resources to realize the vision. We have a board of directors and an executive board saddled with the responsibility of policy formulation and implementation respectively.

We strongly believe that every child should be given equal educational opportunity to be the best he/she can be. Knowing that not every Nigerian child has the privilege to be sent to school by their parents, we have set out to extend the educational opportunity to the less privileged, especially the children of widowed, divorced, separated and single parent mothers.

Study has shown that hardship force these women to send their children to the streets to hawk wares in an effort to eke out a living. Most of the girl children fall victims of rape and ritual killings. Most of the boys join bad gangs. Eventually, these children brought up under these conditions end up being street touts, prostitutes, armed robbers, kidnappers and general nuisance to the society.

Their mothers, especially the widows fall victims of obnoxious traditional practices that strip them of all rights after the demise of their husbands. Most of them fall victims of all sorts of harassments from unscrupulous men who take advantage of the death of their husbands to defraud, molest and sexually abuse them.

**The Fatherless Scholarship Scheme (FSS)** arm of the Foundation helps destitute children most of whose parents fall into the categories mentioned above, to discover themselves and their potentials by giving them the opportunity to acquire proper education and become useful to themselves and to the society. We try to take these children off the streets and into the class rooms.

**The Widows Assistance Plan (WAP)** arm of the Foundation on the other hand, strives to bring hope to the widows by helping them know and defend their rights through provision of legal aids and counselling. We also organize skills acquisition seminars and talk shows during which they are thought how to locally produce soaps, creams, perfumes, and the like for sale in order to sustain themselves. Gift items in form of clothing, food items, etc, are also distributed to them at such gatherings. Generally, we try to let these people know that when it appears that no one cares, someone cares!

### B. OUR VISION

We envision an egalitarian society where every child has equal opportunity to discover his potentials by acquiring proper education. A society where no one is left uncared for! A society where justice and fair play is extended to all, whether they have anyone to speak for them or not. Consequently, a society devoid of violence, kidnaping, rape, armed robbery, terrorism and all forms of anti-social activities.

### C. OUR MISSION

The HELP FOR THE FATHERLESS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION is established to help destitute children who are raised up by destitute mothers to acquire proper education. To send the children of destitute widowed, divorced, separated and single parent mothers to school at no cost to them, with an ultimate aim of establishing

nursery, primary and secondary schools for the fatherless where these children will go to school free of charge; and to protect the rights of widowed, divorced, separated and single parent mothers, orphans and the poor vulnerable children. This Foundation gives hope to such women and children by letting them know that when no one cares, SOMEONE cares!

#### **D. OUR OBJECTIVES**

Our operational objectives include

1. To offer an education life-line to the fatherless through the award of scholarships to enable them maximize their potentials and be the best they can be in the society
2. To bring hope to destitute widows by organizing skills acquisition seminars and talk shows during which they are thought how to locally produce items that would have ordinarily cost them much to get.
3. To provide counselling services to destitute widow and the fatherless children
4. To protect the fatherless and the widows against obnoxious cultural practices by providing legal assistance to them
5. To offer suggestions to the government in aid of creative policies that will impact positively on the widows and the fatherless.
6. To liaise with government agencies and well-meaning individuals to improve on the living conditions of the widows and the fatherless, while maintaining our position of zero tolerance to corruption.
7. To promote an egalitarian society where the level of dependency is reduced to the barest minimum.
8. To reduce crime to the barest minimum by taking the mind of crime-prone children off criminal activities to potential-discovering activities.
9. Consequently, we are fully committed to the realization of the Millennium Development Goals in the socio-economic sector.

#### **E. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the Foundation is open to all good-spirited men and women of honour who are gainfully employed and share the vision and mission of the Foundation as shown in B and C above. Membership fees are paid by the members to sustain the activities of the Foundation. The Foundation does not reward members with any form of monetary gain or other gifts or payments or remunerations except that every member is entitled to:

- a. Annual general meeting of the Foundation
- b. Listing on the Partner's page of the Foundation's website if so desired.

#### **F. DONATIONS**

A small stone thrown into a vast body of water generates multiple ripples which, at times, go beyond what the eyes can see; and its beauty and effect on the mind can best be experienced. You don't need much money to light up a part to someone's destiny. The little you send in, when combined with others, can touch a life positively in such a way that you cannot even begin to imagine.

#### **G. SOURCE OF FUND/ACCOUNTABILITY**

The activities of the organization are sustained by membership fees and contributions from members as well donations from well-spirited individuals who share the vision and mission of the organization; and from charitable organizations. The Foundation operates a zero-tolerance-to-corruption policy. Any donations or contributions made towards the activities of the Foundation are strictly accounted for. The members of the organisation are gainfully employed men and women of high integrity who have decided to dedicate their resources to helping the needy. You can be one of them.

#### **H. HOW CAN I JOIN?**

There are two ways to join the Foundation:

1. Go to our website [www.help4dfatherless.org/membership](http://www.help4dfatherless.org/membership) and complete the online form

2. Go to our office, collect and complete the membership form

**Then** pay your membership fee through our bankers viz-a-viz:

Bank: Access Bank Nigeria Plc  
A/C Name: Help for the fatherless Scholarship Foundation  
A/No. 0059560012 (Naira Account) OR 0059559616 (Dollar Account)

**OR** Pay at the office and collect your receipt of payment

#### **I. I DON'T WANT TO JOIN, I JUST WANT TO MAKE A DONATION**

No problem. There are also two ways to make your donation to the Foundation:

1. Go to our website [www.help4dfatherless.org/membership](http://www.help4dfatherless.org/membership) and complete the online form
2. Go to our office, collect and complete the Donation form

**Then** make your donation through our bankers viz-a-viz:

Bank: Access Bank Nigeria Plc  
A/C Name: Help for the fatherless Scholarship Foundation  
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**OR** Pay at the office and collect your receipt of payment

#### **J. REFUND POLICY**

Please note that the income and property of the HELP FOR THE FATHERLESS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION wherever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the activities of the Foundation as set forth in the constitution viz-a-viz:

1. To send the children of destitute widowed, divorced, separated and single parent mothers to school at no cost to their mothers, with an ultimate aim of establishing nursery, primary and secondary schools for the fatherless where these children will go to school at no cost.
2. To protect the rights of widows, orphans and the poor vulnerable children.
3. To collaborate with government agencies, corporate bodies, donor and charitable organizations (national and international), and the general public to provide help to such women and children.
4. To advance other charitable work.

*To this effect, there shall be no refund of any donation made or membership fees paid to the Foundation or its activities, once such payments have been received by the Foundation.*

#### **K. CONTACT US**

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# PROJECT PROPOSAL

## PROJECT TITLE

Take them off the streets to the classrooms

## PREAMBLE

Every child should be given equal educational opportunity to be the best he/she can be. Knowing however, that not every child has the privilege to be sent to school by their parents, the project seeks to extend the educational opportunity to the less privileged, especially the children of widowed, divorced, separated and single parent mothers. Study has shown that hardship force these women to send their children to the streets to hawk wares for survival. This should not be. Every child deserves proper education, good food and a happy life. This project is aimed at letting the fatherless children and destitute widows know that when no one cares, someone care!

## WHAT PROBLEMS DOES THE PROJECT ADDRESS?

**a.** Vulnerable fatherless children are sent to the streets to hawk wares by their mothers to find what to eat, while their fellow children from privileged parents are in school. Most of the girl children fall victims of rape and ritual killings. Most of the boys join bad gangs. Eventually, these children brought up under these conditions end up being street touts, prostitutes, armed robbers, kidnappers and general nuisance to the society; that is, if they survive the streets!

**b.** The destitute single mothers especially the widows fall victims of obnoxious traditional practices that strip them of all rights after the demise of their husbands. Most of them fall victims of all sorts of harassments from unscrupulous men who take advantage of the death of their husbands to defraud, molest and sexually abuse them. Most of them pass through these horrible experiences without anyone to speak for them.

## HOW WILL THE PROJECT ADDRESS THESE PROBLEMS?

**a.** This project will strive to assist the fatherless children most of who fall into the group of Orphaned and Vulnerable Children (OVC) to discover themselves and their potentials by giving them the opportunity to acquire proper education and become useful to themselves and to the society. The project will try to take these children off the streets and into the classrooms

**b.** Also, this project will strive to bring hope to destitute widows by helping them know and defend their rights through provision of legal aids and counselling. Additionally, skills acquisition seminars and talk shows will also be organized for them during which they are thought how to locally produce soaps, creams, perfumes, and the like for sale in order to sustain themselves. Gift items in form of clothing, food items, etc, will also be distributed to them at such gatherings. Generally, the project will try to let these people know that when it appears that no one cares, someone care!

## WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT?

Primary beneficiaries of the project include the fatherless children who want to go to school but cannot afford the cost of going to school and the destitute widows who have no voice in their suffering.

Secondary beneficiary is the society at large, as this project will aim at reducing to the barest minimum, societal violence and vices by taking the children off the streets and to the classrooms.

## HOW WILL THE PROJECT BE FINANCED?

- a. The project is primarily funded by the annual membership dues of the Board Members of the Help for the fatherless Scholarship Foundation.
- b. Donations from public spirited individuals and organizations are also welcome.
- c. The project intends to build a community of people who are willing to re-invest into humanity by giving back to the project with time. It is expected that one who is trained in school free of charge will, with time, have the mind to donate to the project that saw him/her through school.

### Annual Budget total

#### Expenses

##### Fatherless Scholarship Scheme:

*10 Secondary School Students @ \$562.5 per student	=	5625
**10 University Students @ \$406.25 per student	=	4062.5

##### Widows Assistance Plan:

50 Pieces of wrapper for 50 widow	=	600
Skills acquisition training for 50 widows	=	750
Skills Take-off grant (50 widows @ \$93.75 per person)	=	4687.5
Staff salaries (3 persons @ \$2250 per staff per Annum for the first year)	=	6750
Travels & Transportation	=	2250
Security	=	2500
Miscellaneous	=	1250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>28475</b>

#### Expected income:

From membership dues	=	7000
From Donations	=	21475
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>28475</b>

**\*Note that barring increase in school fees, this will run for a period of 6 years being the number of years it will take for the student to graduate bringing the total sum to a total of \$33750**

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