

REPORT OF COVID-19 SUPPORT TO MEMBERS OF THE OVIE BRUME FOUNDATION YOUTH CENTRE NDI UNIT

INTRODUCTION

The economic effects and uncertainties caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic outbreak can not be overemphasized. It has caused a significant global economic recession, in addition to its immediate impact on health outcomes and tragically on lives. During the first few months of the outbreak, the government focused on managing the spread of the disease through stringent transmission control measures. The lock-down led to the suspension of all forms of work for weeks hence, vulnerable and low-income families faced the risk of penury, starvation, and deprivation. With very little or no savings and poor social security, families were having fewer meals, borrowing money, purchasing on credits, and defying the safety guidelines and threat of police to go out and work to be able to put food on their table.

Against this background, the Ovie Brume Foundation with support from GlobalGiving COVID-19 Emergency Food Support provided food relief materials for the Ovie Brume Foundation's Youth Center members. Seventy (70) economically disadvantaged families were identified in Orhuwhorun community in Udu LGA, whose children are members/beneficiaries of the Foundations' Youth Center.

REPORT

In line with the set objectives of the project, members of the Foundation were contacted and evaluation conducted to ensure that the most vulnerable families were prioritized to receive the palliatives. This exercise was carried out on the 6th of July. A list of 70 families was collated and grouped into three batches to ensure that beneficiaries would be able to get to the Foundations' office within the hours allowed by the government and to avoid crowding thus observing the rule of social and physical distancing.

Palliatives were distributed on the 7th,8th, and 9th July from 10am to 12noon daily in the ration of 25:25:20. Families were overwhelmed with joy and full of praise for the Foundation. Below are some of the comments of beneficiaries:

Mrs. Abudu: Am grateful to the foundation for the food relief, I was planning to buy rice on credit when I received the SMS to come to pick food items at the Foundation Youth Centre.

Mrs. Adewale Opia Ruth: May God bless the Foundation for this show of love and care, my children and husband are full of joy.

Mr. Ovakpor: I want to thank Ovie Brume Foundation for this COVID-19 Emergency food support. God bless Mama and everyone that brought this food relief at a time like this to us.

Mrs. Oteri Roli: Sincerely, may God bless the Foundation, they never cease to surprise me with all the free things they do for my child. May God continue to increase the Foundation.

Mrs. Otono: Since the lockdown, feeding has been a major challenge. I want to say a very big thank you to the Foundation, may Almighty God bless the Foundation abundantly.

CHALLENGES

Some of the other families that were not enlisted but heard about the project felt left out. The Foundation was able to support an additional 10 families while others were shortlisted for another opportunity.

CONCLUSION

There are no known foods or dietary supplements that can prevent COVID-19 infection, however, maintaining a healthy diet is an important part of supporting a strong immune system. It is important that interventions that ensure survival is paramount, it is imperative that basic essentials that promote human dignity are not overlooked. Hence, the provision of relief food support items is necessary for low income families within the communities where we work.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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45	OVIE	5	Collected
46	PEREZIDE	7	Collected
47	ROBINSON	5	Collected
48	SINIKE	13	Collected
49	TEI-TEI	3	Collected
50	TIAGHA	6	Collected
51	UGOCHUKWU	6	Collected
52	OKE	8	Collected
53	PEACE	6	Collected
54	UMUKORO	4	Collected
55	URHOBOFERERE	6	Collected
56	UWAOMA	5	Collected
57	UYAFUWA	3	Collected
58	UZOR	7	Collected
59	WILLIAMS	5	Collected
60	YOUNG	8	Collected
61	APHIPHEN	5	Collected
62	CHARITY	5	Collected
63	DAVID	8	Collected
64	EXCEL	4	Collected
65	EZECHI	8	Collected
66	GEORGE	9	Collected
67	MUKORO	8	Collected
68	OJAVO	7	Collected
69	SAMSON	7	Collected
70	ZUKIF	7	Collected
Total	70		









Youth Center members and their families with Food Paliiatives.