

Odekhoa Akhume Okaisabor Memorial Foundation



*...empowering Widows, Orphans &
Vulnerable Children*

Our Programmes So Far

In furtherance of its vision, the Foundation designed an empowerment initiative for widows for sustainable livelihood by facilitating Vocational and Entrepreneurial Training. In collaboration with the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria [SMEDAN], which provides Entrepreneurial Sensitization and Awareness Creation while the Foundation sponsors the Vocational Training of the widows and provides the widows with the start-off capital. During the Odekhwa Akhume Okaisabor Memorial Lecture held in 2009 and 2010, over 100 widows benefitted from the entrepreneurial sensitization and awareness creation conducted by the representatives of SMEDAN. Out of this number, needs assessment was conducted on 60 widows while the Foundation sponsored the Vocational Training of ten widows on cake-making and two on tailoring. The first five women who graduated from their training on cake-making received their start-off equipment from the Foundation during the Memorial Lecture in honour of Odekhwa Akhume Okaisabor organized by the Foundation on October 22, 2010. The remaining five women have also received their start-off equipment on cake-making as well as the two women who were trained on tailoring. Also on the 5th and 6th of May 2011, SMEDAN, in collaboration with the Foundation, organized entrepreneurship training for 36 widows while on the 24th of June 2011, the Foundation organized an official flag-off of the South-East Zonal Economic Empowerment Programme which featured Entrepreneurship Sensitization/Awareness Creation and Needs Assessment of widows in Ebonyi State. Over 200 widows benefitted from this exercise. The Foundation plans to run more programmes in the coming years. Plans are underway to reach out to the six geo-political zones.



Mr Levi Anyikwa, Venerable Taiwo and The Founder



Widows with the founder of the Foundation (sitting second left), the DG of SMEDAN, Alhaji Muhammad Umar Nadada (3rd Right) and the Directors of SMEDAN in May, 2010.



Members of the English Widows Fellowship during the presentation of Start-off Equipment by The Foundation in April, 2011.



The Five Widows trained in Cake Making receiving their Start-off Equipment during The Second Odekhwa Akhume Okaisabor Memorial Lecture on October 22nd 2010 in Abaka.

Programs

- Partnership with several institutions in training children



Pastry/cake making



Skill acquisition

- Training of widows in several geo-political zones





Outreach



- Empowerment

Building the Foundation





Training of widows in soap making





Empowerment of widows, needs assessment
Training of widows in bead making

Medical outreach with Doctors
and Nurses





MOU with SMEDAN

Signing of MOU



Outreach with children, women,
products made by widows





Cocktail
training

