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Message from Chairman,

AdeGrange Child Foundation was founded on a passion to drive change especially in the area of child and maternal health in Nigeria, Africa and other parts of the world.

Though a young organization which commenced operations only in October 2010, we have made giant strides to giving quality life to children. Though we have not benefited from the benevolence of many donors, the passion and dedication of the members of the organization has made their little financial contribution go a long way in the lives of children.

We are well aware that we cannot directly meet everyone's needs but we believe that our contributions will bring about a ripple effect that will in the long run improve the quality of life of children.

The priorities of AdeGrange are as follows:

Reducing child mortality and morbidity: According to UNICEF, as at 2009, Nigeria ranked 18 on the list of organizations with a high rate of under 5 mortality, an alarming statistic. We are coming up with strategies and programs to reduce this unfortunate occurrence that is ridding Nigeria of human capital.

Protection of children against abuse, violence and exploitation: In Nigeria cases children hawking on the street, sexual and physical abuse as well as neglect are commonplace. We are working towards protecting children from abuse, and providing psychosocial help through guidance and counseling along with reintegration for children that are victims of abuse.

Provision of care and support for orphans and vulnerable children: We are of the opinion that children who are orphaned and vulnerable should have equal opportunities for development as other children; we are focused on nurturing and developing them into becoming independent adults that can sustain themselves and benefit the Nation.

In the past we have made some progress and we expect to do even more things in the future.

Sincerely

Prof. Adenike Grange

Founder/Chairman.

WHO WE ARE

HISTORY:

AdeGrange Child Foundation is a Non-Profit organization that was set up to address the growing challenges of children especially in Nigeria. Our focus is to promote better health and security for children.

AdeGrange was incorporated under the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) in August 2009. After doing some background work we commenced full operations in October 2010 and have been growing stronger ever since.

The founder of AdeGrange, Prof. Adenike Grange has made a global impact in child and maternal health, especially in the area of public health. Her professional experience of over forty years in paediatrics, as well as her experience serving on various international organizations such as GAVI, and IPA caused her to decide to bring her wealth of experience to serve her country and the world at large. It is in her bid to transfer her knowledge, and bring about a change in the area of child health that led to the establishment of AdeGrange Child Foundation.

OUR VISION: A world of healthy children, who can grow up to reach their full potential as adults and in turn give back to their Nations.

OUR MISSION: Forming strategic partnerships both locally and internationally in order to promote and achieve effective health care and ensure security and proper care for children in Nigeria and the rest of the world.

OUR CORE VALUES

- Diligence
- Integrity
- Effectiveness
- Transparency
- Justice
- Compassion
- Equity

GIVING HOPE TO THE LESS PRIVILEGED



Staff of AdeGrange Child Foundation presenting educational materials to children in Adekunle, Grammar school.

In order to achieve one of our objectives which is to provide care and support for orphans and vulnerable children, and because we know that education is the key to developing children and making them self-sustainable adults, we made a donation of text books, school bags, and stationery to pupils of some primary schools in the Lagos mainland Local Government of Lagos. We have given these children an equal opportunity to excel, though they are orphaned and vulnerable.

However beyond just donations we also focus on providing psycho-social support by creating kids clubs which help them feel loved and give them a sense of belonging. Communicating behavior change is one of our core areas of focus as we work with these children to bring about better polished individuals.



Staff of AdeGrange Child Foundation presenting Items to children from the ayetoro primary school, yaba Lagos.

This project was made possible through in-kind donations received from Global Fund. We were able to access this donation through the help of the Association of Orphans and Vulnerable Children NGOs in Nigeria (AONN).

CHILD RIGHTS AND ABUSE EDUCATION: A PREVENTION STRATEGY



Staff and volunteers of AdeGrange Child Foundation after a seminar on child rights and abuse held in Reagan Memorial Baptist school.

At AdeGrange we believe that the best form of empowerment comes from educating people, ignorance we believe is the greatest form of captivity. To this end AdeGrange embarked on a project to educate school children on their rights, and to expose them to the forms of child abuse and to teach them how to identify and help children that have been abused.

We were able to interact with these children, especially female children to find out what they know and what issues they are currently facing. What we got during feed back from the children were questions such as what does one do in the case of harassment by one's uncle and how does one

handle rejection from the parents. A particularly touching story was that of a young girl who was being molested by her uncle in her parent's home. This child unfortunately has tried to communicate with her mother but she was dismissed as her mother refused to believe her. The case of this girl is only one in the numerous or deals that these children are facing.



A staff of AdeGrange during a seminar on child rights and abuse with pupils of St. Agnes School, Sabo Yaba, Lagos

Due to the feedback we get from children during such seminars, we are working towards organizing such seminars for parents, so that they can be educated on child rights, and also be able to detect quickly if their children are victims of abuse.

WORKING TOWARDS AN HIV/AIDS FREE GENERATION



Children identifying the immune system in the presentation materials

AdeGrange Child Foundation in a bid to contribute its quota towards creating awareness and helping to reduce the number of people infected with HIV/AIDS held a presentation to the Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) under its care, on 1st December 2011 World AIDS Day. This presentation was also made to achieve its objective of providing Education guidance and counseling to indigent children. The objectives of this presentation are as follows. There were Twenty-Two (22) pupils in attendance, with age ranging from 9 - 14 years.

Objectives:

- I. To educate the children on HIV/AIDS.
- II. To discuss the modes of transmission.

- III. To teach prevention strategies, so that they are not infected
- IV. To discuss stigmatization, and its effects.

Expected Outcomes

- I. Behavioral Change Communication



The children with staff of AdeGrange at the end of the lecture Adekunle Anglican primary school, Makoko, Yaba Lagos.

Only one of the children present knew that AIDS was a disease, some had heard the words but didn't know what it meant, while others had never heard of HIV/AIDS. The children were educated on what their Immune system was and how HIV attacks and destroys CD4 cells in the blood which eventually leads to the breakdown of the Immune system and makes them susceptible to different diseases. They were also enlightened on the stages of HIV development which may eventually develop to AIDS.

The children were taught the modes of transmission such as sharing of sharp objects, mother to child, blood transfusion and sexual activities. They were informed of the need to prevent themselves from being infected by HIV by staying clear of the modes of transmission; they were also

advised to ensure that they are not injected with unsterilized needles and to ask questions that may affect their health.

The children were urged to transfer this knowledge to their peers.

FUNDRAISING STRATEGIES “FILM LAUNCH 1920”

At AdeGrange Child foundation we are aware that we cannot depend on kind donations from our donors forever, and we are constantly striving to create a sustainable means of raising funds for our projects; to this end, we embarked on the production of a film titled 1920, which we launched in Ijebu-Ode, Ogun State Nigeria. The funds generated from the film launch will be used to build a youth Development center, in Ogun State of Nigeria. This center will be used for business and leadership development as well as promotion and development of youths talented in sports, music, arts and science.

This youth Development center apart from just generating funds for our projects will also harness the energies, talents and creativity of youths and channel them towards positive activities such as music, sports, arts, business and leadership development. This is as part of our intervention in the current situation of Nigeria where the youths are notorious for acts such as drug trafficking, armed robbery, internet fraud and other vices. This initiative is tagged Project C.R.A.Z.Y (Creating Real Avenues for Zealous).

Project C.R.A.Z.Y will also help the psychosocial development of children; by promoting positive activities among the youth, we believe that this will trickle down to the children and hence make them better individuals.

The film launch will also take place in other parts of the country, so as to raise more funds.

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE

We cannot say that we have done all that we can do, but we are laying the foundation for greater achievements. We expect to do more in the area of health care provision for children as well as more advocacy work to ensure that government policies are created and implemented towards providing care and support for orphans and providing security for the children of Nigeria.



Children in a boat in Makoko area of Lagos State

One of our major plans for the future is to touch the lives of children living in Makoko, located in the Yaba area of Lagos state. We are currently developing projects that will help children who live in this area especially, in the aspects of Education and Health care. With support from kind donors we are positive that we shall achieve a lot.

Though we have commenced operations in Lagos State, we are already making preparations to extend our activities to other states in the country.

We have so far been limited due to lack of funds, but we expect to get help and make more collaborations with organizations with similar visions so as to make Nigeria, Africa and indeed the world a better place.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Thus far we have depended mainly on donations from members of the board of trustees for funds; having integrity as our watchword we have been able to convert donations from this source to projects that yield results. We are making plans towards more fund raising activities so that we can sustain our projects even after grants and donations from external parties are exhausted.

One of our core financial strategies is effective use and management of our resources, we ensure that the monies we have are not misappropriated but are used to bring out the best possible results. Below is a statement of our financial activities in the past year.

OUR SUPPORTERS

We wish to especially appreciate the UN Global fund for their kind support during the past year.

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