

Qualitative Assessment of GOAL Prime Organization Nigeria Interventions in Commemoration of the International Day of Charity

On September 5th each year, the world commemorates the International Day of Charity. It is a day recognized by the United Nations since 2012, dedicated to celebrating the power of compassion and giving¹. The International Day of Charity reminds us of the boundless potential for good that resides within the human spirit. It calls upon individuals and organizations worldwide to extend a helping hand to those in need, emphasizing the principles of solidarity and empathy. For GOALPrime Organisation Nigeria (GPON), this day represents an opportunity to showcase its enduring commitment to supporting the vulnerable and marginalized populations in North East Nigeria and other vulnerable communities across Nigeria.

In Nigeria's North East region and other zones across the country, where the challenges of conflict, displacement, and adversity persist, GPON stands as a beacon of unwavering commitment to the most vulnerable people and communities. With a steadfast dedication to humanitarian values and social justice, GPON, through revitalized partnerships has carved out an enduring role in supporting the most marginalized and disadvantaged groups, thus, exemplifying the true essence of this day. The successes of GPON's interventions can be attributed to visionary leadership exhibited by GPON esteemed Country Director- Chief Dr. Christopher Chinedumuije Ogeuegbu. His team building prowess has ensured a focused led organization that is goal oriented across board. One of Chiefs' cardinal pursuit is a peaceful world with prosperous communities where children, young people and care givers are safe, supported, protected and empowered. This pursuit resonates with the

¹ United Nations. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/charity-day>

goal of the International Day of Charity and this year's theme, which is "Global Solidarity to End Poverty."

GPONs charity is compassion in action. Despite the risks faced by GPON field/aid workers in undertaking charity works, in areas marred by conflict, adversity and uncertainty, GPON has continued undeterred, focusing on emplacing a better humanity for all. Daniel one of our able aid workers is an embodiment of charity and compassion, despite encountering violent non state armed groups in Borno state in the course of charity work, he is undaunted and continues to strive for a better humanity. Adaku- GPON's education coordinator SSD component, was eight months pregnant on transit through a dangerous and difficult terrain to provide support to GPONs target beneficiaries, was involved in an accident but came forth unhurt, Adaku exemplifies the resilient spirit of our aid workers in service to humanity, putting their life on the line to ensure a better humanity for all.

Through the years, GPON through its CP AoR strategies and projects has ensured improved child protection in vulnerable communities in the North East. Similarly, GPON's Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) interventions have brought succor to a significant demography of the over 70 million people with no access to basic water services and the 114 million vulnerable people without access to basic sanitation services². GPON has also been able reach through its partnership with the Nigeria Humanitarian Fund (NHF) and the United Nations Office of Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) a significant percentage of about 250,000 target beneficiaries in WASH support³. These are just a few of GPONs interventions amongst a plethora of projects that epitomizes the true essence of the International Day of Charity.

² World Bank Global Water Security & Sanitation Partnership'

³ Goal Prime Organisation Nigeria, 2023. www.goalprime.org

GPON's interventions across Nigeria are not just acts of charity; they are compassionate, transformative efforts that bring hope, dignity, and resilience to the most vulnerable communities in Nigeria. GPON's interventions in North East Nigeria epitomize the pursuit of a better humanity, going beyond immediate relief, fostering long-term resilience, and self-reliance. By supporting vulnerable communities, empowering individuals, and advocating for their rights, GPON contributes to a vision of a world where adversity can be overcome, and hope can flourish.

The enduring role of GPON in supporting vulnerable groups is a testament to the human spirit's capacity for compassion and empathy. However, the challenges facing vulnerable populations persist, and new crises emerge. As we commemorate the International Day of Charity, it is also a call to action and a reminder that the work is far from finished and that with improved collaborative efforts we can sustain interventions to vulnerable people and communities and thus, ensure a better humanity for all.

A better humanity is possible!

Happy International Charity Day

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