

SECONDARY CATEGORY

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IF YOU WERE IN THE POSITION TO HELP THE IDPs WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Recognition of internally displaced people emerged gradually through the late 1980s and became prominent on the international agenda in the 1990s. The chief reasons for this attention were the growing number of conflicts causing internal displacement after the end of the cold war and an increasingly strict migration regime. The phenomenon of “internally displacement” is not new.

The most commonly applied definition of internally displaced people or internally displaced persons is the one coined by the former UN Secretary General’s Representative on internally displaced persons, Francis Deng and used in the Guiding principles on internal displacement; internally displaced persons are people or a group of persons who have been forced or obliged to flee or leave their homes or places of habitual residence, in particular as a result of, or in order to avoid the effects of armed conflicts, situations of human rights or natural or manmade disasters, and who have not crossed an internationally recognized state border. But Some defined “Internally Displaced Persons” as people who have been forced to flee their homes or country suddenly or unexpectedly in large numbers, as a result of armed conflict, Internal strife, systematic violation of human rights or natural or man-made disasters; and who are within the territory of their own country or another country.

The internal displacement monitoring centre (IDMC) revealed the statistics of 27.8 million displacements in 127 countries caused by conflicts, violence and disasters in 2015 alone. The total statistics shows there were 40.8 million internally displaced

persons (IDPs) in the whole world, due to conflicts and violence, while Nigeria has set a record with 3.3 million internally displaced persons In Africa. In Adamawa State, the statistics shows that 136,010 thousand persons were internally displaced in 2015. Some well recognized bodies for taking care of the internally displaced people in collaboration with the government in Nigeria include; national Commission For Refugees (NCFR), International Humanitarian Agencies, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), The Human Rights Commission And The institutes Of Peace And Conflict Resolution etc. These bodies provide basic needs for internally displaced people but yet they have not done well in ensuring that each internally displaced person gets it equally. The house of senates allocated a total budget of **₦10bn** to internally displaced people in the Northeast in order to support them both financially and materially. But with all these supports from the government and some Non-governmental association, it has not yet satisfied the need of the internally displaced persons.

The help that I can render to the internally displaced persons is by advising the government to make accountability. Accountability in ethics and governance means answerability, blameworthiness and the expectation of account giving. It also means the acknowledgment and assumption of responsibility for actions, products, decisions, and policies including the administration governance, and implementation within the scope of the role or employment position and encompassing the obligation to report explain and be answerable for resulting consequences. Lack of proper keeping of records in Nigeria has greatly affected the distribution of goods and services to the internally displaced persons, I put accountability as a way of helping the internally displaced

persons because all other forms of help like creation of employment, schools, social amenities have been provided by the government and some non-governmental associations for caring for internally displaced persons.

But yet the Internally Displaced Persons do not enjoy all these things that have been provided. The government has to ensure transparency and accountability in the use of resources meant for internally displaced persons because a lot of corrupt practices are done in the IDPs' camps. You will find out situations where resources meant for the internally displaced persons are being diverted to private individuals rather than sharing them to the IDPs. So there has to be transparency, accountability, and judicious use of money allocated to IDPs in various states. Accountability is the key to Nigeria's development plan in caring for internally displaced persons because it must be the necessary components in the nation's efforts to rehabilitate the insurgency, ravaged in the country. The country has to make a commission that will focus on ensuring that there is transparency and accountability in the use of resources meant for the internally displaced persons. This commission will take part in the sharing of goods and services meant for the internally displaced persons in order to help them both financially and materially but if this commission does not take part in the sharing of resources, some of the internally displaced persons won't have access to those resources because the resources will be diverted to private individuals and leaving the internally displaced persons in great anxiety. For these things to stop, proper keeping of records should be made so that the distribution of goods and services will be equal without partiality.

Furthermore, in order for me to help the internally displaced person's I will make committees and sub-committees among the internally displaced persons which will consist of their leaders both young and old. These committees and sub-committees will help me in discussing their problems and in return I will find a solution to their problems. The government bodies for taking care of the internally displaced persons might not always be together with them but these committees are always together with them to know their problems and also present it to me for solutions. I will also provide skill acquisition program to the internally displaced persons in order for them to be empowered and be job creators. This skill acquisition will enable them to develop themselves and also enable them to be self-employed. Again as a way of helping the internally displaced persons I will make sure that the fundamental human right of the internally displaced persons are not trampled upon or deprived. Some fundamental human rights that I will make sure they are not trampled are: freedom of association which will enable them to mingle with people and interact with them, and also right to education which enables the studies of the internally displaced persons both formally or informally.

I will also create awareness among citizens so that they will not have any form of resentments or discrimination towards the internally displaced persons because their happiness depends on the good and cordial relationship they have with citizens.

Finally to summarize my points, I want to say that accountability is one of the major things to be made in order to ensure full happiness of the internally displaced

persons because the government has already provided all basic need like employment, social amenities, food and schools, so there has to be accountability, transparency and judicious use of resources to maximally take care of the internally displaced persons.

With all these ways of helping the internally that I have mentioned above, I know that I will be able to help the internally displaced persons and have impact in their lives.