

Ecobank, Indomie Provide Free Midday Meal

De-United Foods, makers of Indomie noodles and Ecobank Foundation have partnered with the International Child Care Organisation (ICCO), a non-governmental Organisation, to provide free midday meals for underprivileged children.

Launching the programme at Okwelle in Onuimo Local Government Area of Imo State, where the bank announced its support, the Divisional Head, South East, Mr. Jovita OKEAHIALAM said it was in the bank's corporate plan to assist in programmes that reduce poverty and suffering among the people. He charged the initiators of the programme to spread it, so that more underprivileged people can benefit from it.

The ceremony was attended by Imo State Government officials, Traditional rulers and people from the host communities.

The Director of ICCO, Mr. Ayodeji Adelapo appealed for more support from well-meaning organisations, saying, the intervention of De-United Foods had taken a huge burden off the Organisation.

Founder of ICCO, Mrs Comfort Kechi MADUAKO stressed the need for good nutrition in children and expressed her commitment to the welfare of every child, irrespective of where they come from or their gender, as a means of preparing them for a better future. She stated that her organisation was established to strengthen traditional patterns of childcare in rural communities, where the need for proper care for children in pre-school ages, especially for the underprivileged could be assisted.

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