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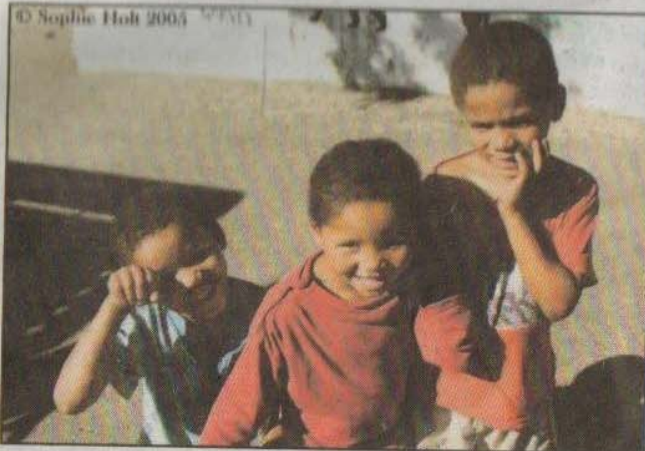
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## LSJ Lecturer establishes effort to feed the hungry

Lincoln School of Journalism lecturer Dr Ola Ogunyemi launches 'Shepherds Food Ministry'



A senior lecturer at the University of Lincoln has established a new charity in an effort to supply food, medical supplies and empowerment to poverty-stricken people in Nigeria.

Dr Ola Ogunyemi, senior lecturer at the Lincoln School of Journalism (LSJ), founded the Shepherds Food Ministry last month and has already received tremendous help from students at the university.

The equivalent of the population of Britain - over 60 million people - are currently living in poverty in Nigeria - with the majority being chronically hungry, meaning that they often go without food for up to 48 hours at a stretch.

"This dreadful state of affairs has inspired

me to establish Shepherds Food Ministry (SFM) in Nigeria which aims to help eliminate hunger, reduce preventable diseases and empower people to overcome the vicious circle of poverty," Dr Ogunyemi told the LSJ website.

SFM aims to donate food and resources to widows, the elderly, orphans, single parents, and the chronically hungry by working with multi-faith religious organisations in Nigeria and other parts of Africa, and will engage in large-scale but sustainable agriculture to ensure consistent supply.

Nigeria has been called both one of the wealthiest and one of the poorest of African nations. Though the country brings in billions

in oil revenues, the U.N.'s Human Development Index ranked it 136th out of 162 countries.

Due to this, 45% of the country's population is currently living below the poverty line - and it is these people that so desperately need the help of organisations such as SFM.

Dr Ogunyemi has stated that the response from the students of the university has been tremendous so far - with several teams working on fundraising, promotion and building SFM's website, which is hoped to be launched soon.

If you would like to assist SFM, please contact him on: [oogunyemi@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:oogunyemi@lincoln.ac.uk)