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Harsh Economic Realities in Nigeria: Way Forward

Nigeria as a country has been facing with a lot of economic problems in the recent years. Governance issues, lack of policy directions on the part of government, corruptions, over-reliance in crude oil, lack of economic diversification, spate of violent and with most recent one, which is the removal of fuel subsidy are the major causes of Nigeria's economic problem.

President Bola Tinubu, at his inauguration as the 16th president of Nigeria, pronounced that the fuel subsidy has ended, which triggered hike in the fuel pump price and by extend more economic hardship to Nigerians. The effect is badly noted on all sectors in the country, in every way; transportation has increased. Expenses get increased daily, life is technically more difficult because we can't do anything conveniently any longer

The situation of artificial fuel scarcity caused by private marketers, right now is really telling on Nigerians, "It's quite frustrating when one is yet to get something to eat but the transportation cost continues to increase due to the hike in the price of petroleum products.

Prices of food stuff has also increased, the shop owners are also complaining about the high price of petrol (PMS) which also result to high price of good and services to the consumer, thus causing untold hardship on the citizenry.

The immediate effect, especially without a robust price control system and palliatives in place is definitely going to be harsh and tough for the next few months until the market recovers. It is going to be tough for most households as even to feed properly prior to the subsidy removal is something they cannot boast of. The impacts if there are no palliatives will be negative in all the facet of the society.

However, there are ways that can be used to cushion the negative effects of this harsh economic realities. First of all, the Government should put in place a robust price control taskforce, allow modular refinery to have sufficient



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There should also be palliatives in form of allowance for poor households, more women should also be added in the work taskforce since most of them shoulder their family responsibilities and are the worst hit.

The Government should strategize and block any leakages and if there are saboteurs among the marketers such people should be exposed to the wrath of the law. Government should also be more proactive to stop these issues permanently. Budget adjustment that can align with the current day realities should also be considered. Gender sensitive policy implementations and more infrastructures should also be given top priority.

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WEPBI COMMEMORATES WORLD MENSTRUAL HYGIENE DAY

The issue of poor menstrual hygiene is one that have not been given the needed attention, many young girls and women, especially those in the rural areas are mostly the worst hit and this is caused by lack of education, persisting taboos, stigma, limited access to hygienic menstrual products and poor sanitation.

WEPBI through it's One girl one pad project, visited Community Secondary School Obeagu Awkunanaw, in Enugu South Local Government Area of Enugu State, in commemoration of world menstrual hygiene day, to educate the students on the need to ensure good menstrual hygiene before, during and after periods.

The ONE GIRL ONE PAD PROJECT which is a brain child of Women Empowerment Education and Peace Building Initiative(WEPBI) was borne out of the organization's passion to ensure that young women especially those in the rural areas have access to good menstrual hygiene. By getting involved, you can create a world where every girl and woman can access the resources and knowledge they, in ensuring that they manage their menstruation safely and with dignity.

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When there is gender balance in governance and leadership, the quality of lives amongst the populace is greatly improved, It's been four years since the W.V.L-Nigeria project started and the number of women in decision making spaces have tremendously increased.

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