

# OMALE JEFF EJUOJO

## Endurance Trek to Create Awareness to Eradicate Poverty in Nigeria

In view of the excruciating times and season when the society no longer value the truth and listens to the voice of the oppressed a social right crusader and convener of United Association of Campaigners Against Suicide, Comrade Omale Jeff Ejuojo, has resorted to trekking across the country to make his points clear and attract the attention of the Federal Government, the State Government and the local authorities to listen to the plea and vision of his Non-Governmental Organisation which is the propagation and promotion of a healthy life and Poverty free Society without Suicide.

According to the social right crusade 'I have been working tirelessly to eradicate poverty and reduce chronic diseases to the minimum level but, it seems not yielding tangible and desirable result. We have written several letters to the government, intergovernmental agencies corporate organizations and individuals and yet nobody seemed to be interested in our laudable vision. This is why I and some of my team members have decided to declare endurance trek across the country to create a public awareness for Poverty Eradication and Chronic Diseases Prevention from starting from AYA roundabout in Abuja through Kogi-Olamaboro-Enugu route to Agulu in Aniocha LGA of Anambra State as I and my team can no longer withstand the suffering of the millions of Nigerians living in Nigeria who are now facing a high risk of food insecurity, starvation, chronic diseases that could precipitate suicide.

'My team and I were in AIT in 2022 to tell our story and encourage the Government to intensify action against poverty during the World Poverty Eradication Day in Abuja, Nigeria. We have also been moving from one organization to the other telling them about our vision and encouraging them to key in to help eradicate poverty and hunger which is presently starring the citizens at the face. Our endurance trekking mission across the six –geo-political zone starting from the North Central has taken us to the Agenyi Ata Igala, Chief (Deacon) Ogwu James Onoja who encouraged us and promised to support our noble cause.

The crux of our message is that we believe that the country has a vast and fertile lands for Agriculture and that if the Government at both Federal, State and Local can aggressively invest in Agriculture while using the instrumentality of the massive

population of unemployed youths an end will certainly come to poverty because there will be abundant yield that will be enough to feed the nation and even export some as the need arises. Let us assume the Government of a state like Kogi decides to empower its teeming unemployed youths with the financial resources and arable land to cultivate different species of Agricultural products like Cassava, Yam, Potatoes, etc under close supervision by an organization like ours you can imagine the volume of Agricultural produce that will be produced in a particular period of time. Besides, if this idea is replicated across the country by all the state Governments you can imagine the volume of Agricultural yields in different produce that will accrue to the nation. The value chain will be such that poverty will be totally eradicated from Nigeria because of the huge volume of harvest. This is the area my NGO is focused on that is eradicating poverty through massive cultivation and production of Agricultural Products with direct involvement of all the tiers of Government while using the massive population of Nigerian youths as instruments to achieve this. You know when the Government is involved there will be provision of farming implements and machines like tractors, fertilizers, quality seedlings and the rest of it. The land is vast across the nation, the unemployed youths are massive, all we need is to harness and bring them together under a special and well supervised intervention programme and poverty will be gone.

According to Comrade Omale the NGO will not rest on our oars until we get the attention of the three tiers of Government to key into this laudable initiative. He said that they are making moves to reach out the first lady of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; Senator Oluremi Tinubu whom they believe will encourage and support their initiative. Comrade Omale also said that the NGO is making

effort to reach out to good spirited individual and philanthropist in the country who will be disposed to help see their dream through. He also used the opportunity to call on Mr Peter Obi the Presidential Candidate of Labour Party to deploy his goodwill to help complete the FUTO Ultra Modern Cassava Processing Factory which when completed will be capable of addressing the basic Cassava by-product like fufu, chips, flour, garri, animal domestic feed, barmy and local starch. In his final appeal, the leader and founder of Unified Association of Campaigners Against Suicide Comrade Jeff Omale said the Organization is open to constructive dialogue, recommendation and assistance that will be of help to the organization in order to achieve its vision of operation wipe out poverty.

