

Podcast Transcript
Ambassador's Small Grants Award Ceremony

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Remarks: Ambassador McCulley: We have brought three separate funding streams together in this type of project launching, and it will certainly be an annual event, absolutely.

Question: What is your name sir, and your organization?

An swer: I am Engineer Ndukwe Uduma. I am the programs director of Save Motherhood Ladies Association in Ebonyi State.

Question: What programs would you use these small grants for?

An swer: We are doing an Orphans and Vulnerable Children's (OVC) program, looking after 450 orphans. And in one of the primary schools, we discovered that all the classroom blocks are damaged, so we are going to renovate one of the classroom blocks for that school, where our OVC's attend. In addition, we have twenty women, who will be trained on soap making, and give them little money (capital) to start making soap and selling them in the community. We hope that they will return the money, so that we can continue to empower our care givers of our OVC's in this community. They have now formed a network of Community-based Organizations (CBOs) that can work

together and partner together. If we exchange views on the projects that we have, that will be an opportunity, to start developing these various projects in the district. What the Embassy has done is really big, but calling it small. And it is going to continue to be sustainable till infinity. We are very grateful for the small grants project, and we are saying that even though the Ambassador said it is a small grant, it is really big because what they have done is to plant mustard seeds in various parts of Nigeria, which will grow into big trees.

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