

Dear friends and members of Adesuwa,

### **Devastating economic situation in Nigeria**

The Nigerian economy has been hard hit and is decreasing from month to month – with catastrophic consequences for the people. Prices have doubled or even tripled, people are losing their jobs, the value of the Naira, the Nigerian currency, has fallen dramatically and food is becoming scarce. The reason for this misery is the low global oil price. Seventy percent of all state revenues come from the oil industry. Because the price of oil has dropped from \$114.00 to \$30.00 per barrel on the global market, the government has only one quarter of the revenues compared to the previous year. The government has reacted by reducing the gas price subsidies and by banning the import of some food products such as rice – the staple of the Nigerian diet – in an aim to strengthen the domestic market. As a result the price of gas – which is used for transport and electricity - has risen by 70%. The people can no longer afford many kinds of food such as rice and are suffering from malnourishment. No way out of the crisis is forthcoming. To the contrary, the “reforms” are exacerbating the crisis and therefore the suffering of the people. .

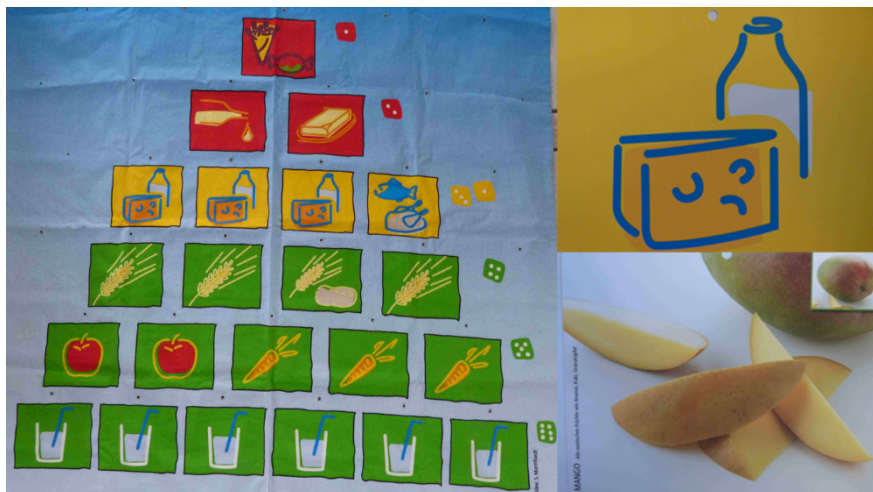


Current pictures of the Nigerian economic crisis

Because children cannot learn on an empty stomach, Adesuwa will provide the children we sponsor and their families with an urgently needed food package consisting of a few pounds of rice and beans. Although the package can only slightly alleviate the families' situation, we can at least help to prevent the children's malnourishment.

### **Esther in Coker Village: Easter Project Days 2017**

Our Project Days in 2017 are also dedicated to the support of our Coker Kids and their families in this difficult time. With our food packages we want to offer immediate help to minimize the precarious situation for them. In addition our Adesuwa member Tine, a qualified ecotrophologist, developed a concept for teaching the kids about basic nutrition and how to optimally use the food at their disposal to eat a relatively balanced diet in this time of scarcity. Using learning materials about the different kinds of food groups based on the local food pyramid, the kids playfully learn how they can reduce malnourishment. The materials and the learnings from the Project Days aim to support the families in making more conscious decisions on how they can allocate their limited food budgets for a more balanced nutrition. Our Adesuwa member Kecci arrived in Nigeria early in April in order to help Esther with the preparations for the Project Days. Shortly before Easter the two women travelled to Coker to teach the kids about nutrition and to distribute the food packages to our children. We will keep you informed!



Photos of the workshop material