

**ADDRESS BY HER EXCELLENCY, CHIEF (MRS.) YETUNDE
ONANUGA, DEPUTY GOVERNOR, OGUNS STATE AT THE
CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY LIVE
ABUNDANTLY EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE AT THE LEGACY
HALL, THE AJALORUN'S PALACE, IJEBU-IFE ON SATURDAY,
26TH MAY, 2018**

Protocol!

It gives me great pleasure to join distinguished guests to celebrate our wonderful children, who are the future of our great country, as we mark this year Children's Day. I am indeed delighted that this programme is being held to commemorate the 2018 Children's Day and to raise awareness about the policies that are in place to enhance the educational and social development of our children.

2. It gladdens ones heart that individuals and organisations, like Mindful Giving Changes Lives™, the initiator of "Live Abundantly Empowerment Initiative, led by Dr. Ama Onyerinma and her crew, are in the forefront of the efforts to create a better society for our children. By this you complementing Government in its desire to educate, enlighten and empower our children to take over the mantle of leadership in the future.

3. Recent developments around the world have shown that Government alone cannot provide the needs of the people, especially when you juxtapose the available fund with the competing needs. Hence, the assistance and cooperation of well-meaning individuals and organisations are required to ensure an enabling environment for the all-round development of our children.

4. Let me however, assure you that the Government of Ogun State under the leadership of His Excellency, Senator Ibikunle Amosun CON, FCA remains unwaveringly committed to putting in place policies and programmes that will continue to ensure the development of children of Ogun State, irrespective of their location, gender and religion.

5. To today's celebrants, I want to state and stress the fact that you are a very important and vital part of the society and that the society cannot thrive without you. This is why governments at various levels are putting in place enduring policies concerning you and your future. As a government, we also recognize this, and we are leaving no stone unturned to ensure that we create an enabling environment environment for your educational development.

6. I also want to seize this opportunity to appeal to you to be more focused on your educational activities. Be more diligent and studious and take advantage of the various policies of government to better your future. While noting the recent development in technology and the ease of access to the internet, I implore you to be wary of the dark side of the internet and use only the positive side of it that can assist you to improve educationally.

7. As you listen to our guest speakers, I urge you to be attentive and make good use of this opportunity. You will no doubt benefit immensely from the papers to be presented.

8. On a final note, I congratulate you on this occasion and wish you a wonderful 2018 Children's Day. And on behalf of the Government of Ogun State, ably-led by His

Excellency, Senator Ibikunle Amosun CON, FCA, the 7.2 million good people of the State, parents in Ogun State and our wonderful kids, I want to once again thank Dr. Ama Onyerinma and members of the Mindful Giving Changes Lives™ for this lofty initiative, and wish you all the best.

9. Thank you for listening and God bless.

Chief (Mrs.) Yetunde Onanuga

Deputy Governor,

Ogun State,

Saturday, 26th May, 2018