

ECS Hands over Reconstructed Classrooms to Rural School

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A non-governmental organisation, the Education Co-operation Society (ECS) has handed over a block of four classrooms with water distiller to St Aloysius Catholic Primary School Iloti/Itamapako, Ijebu-Ode Local Government Area of Ogun State.

The project was initiated by the women of the community who took active part in its execution, in collaboration with the men to give their children a conducive learning environment.

Speaking at the event, the Chairman of the NGO, Mr. Charles Osezua, said the project was aimed at strengthening civil society in rural areas of the country by promoting rural processes that foster gender equality in communities. He said gender equality is considered a viable strategy for social development and poverty reduction. Osezua, who was represented by Mr. Soboma Ajumogobia, explained

that when men and women are involved in the development of the community, all hands are on deck for a common purpose. He added that to acknowledge equality of persons is to observe the rule of civility and to set a good foundation for equitable development.

"The project had been geared to help rural communities identify with this philosophy of equality of gender through practical approaches and the result is what is being witnessed here today.

"Women planned for their community and made a five-year development plan which they brought to the attention of their community leaders for adoption and execution. Organised community women and men worked jointly to come up with social initiatives such as the Community Development Forum (CDF) and agreed to supervise the reconstruction of this new block of classrooms for their children.

