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Kata Kata is an authentic African cartoon magazine with both online and printed versions. In a humorous way, Kata Kata tries to discuss and sensitize typical African / global socio - political issues, mainly through illustrations, animations etc. Furthermore, through its social network (Kata Kata Community), it tries to keep those cultural entities alive by stimulating personal interactions and exchange of ideas amongst the readers.

At the same time, Kata Kata equally offers a maxim that life is perhaps not all about seriousness. One needs some laughs and relaxation to face serious challenges in life.

The duality of Kata Kata is such that it tries to discuss serious issues, at the same time, it offers a therapy for the problems through laughter.

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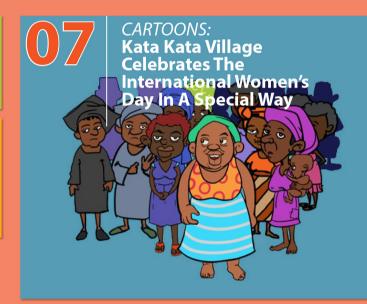
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Publisher's note

Minorities and their rights

t is often said that the level of democracy in a country is measured by the position of the minorities in that country. Are minorities - women, foreigners, blacks, handicaps, homosexuals etc. - accorded the same rights and privileges like other groups? Do they have the same opportunities as others? What about their level of access to the position of power, authority and the production of discourse?

Let us use women in Africa as an example. What is the position of women in African countries? Are women still treated as second-class citizens and appendix to men, despite their enormous contributions to the African economies? Are they still denied their basic rights, delegated and segregated to homes as potential mothers and sex objects? What about the male-female relationship? Who controls who in such a relationship? Sadly, the situation is sombre in Africa. Male's controlling and superiority attitude towards women encourages the treatment of women as a minority, which leads to less recognition of women's potentials and achievements. This mistreatment of women does not boost economic advancement in a country.

The masculine attitude is rooted in the culture, which encourages beliefs in gender inequality. Definitely, women are and have potentials in any country. Their contributions are unmissable in Africa. Think of women's efforts in raising children, productivity, businesses, farm etc. Despite their achievements, women still face gender bias, child marriage, lack of economic empowerment, less education opportunity, limited access to employment market and production, low managerial position. For example, few women have access to or owe their farms; hence less control over food production. All these disadvantages have effectively rendered women to a background position in many African countries.

Clearly, women have come a long way despite all the gender barriers and challenges they face. We must effectively transform the lives of women and other minorities if we want to reap their positive contributions to the economy. We must first appreciate women's achievement both in rural and urban areas. When one is recognised or praised for their achievements, that motivates them to do even more.

We must not only recognise the achievements of the minorities. We must equally focus on their activities in the rural area, as well as empower them wherever they are - both in urban and rural areas.

Definitely, women, for example, especially in the rural area, are untapped labour and a huge source of economic strength if empowered. Once their lives are transformed, they bring out their potentials, which will transform Africa countries.

Kata Kata Village actively recognises the achievements of women and calls for gender equality. If you are in favour of the minority rights, let us put hands together to achieve this noble task.

Yours in Kata Kata, Ogo Ubabukoh Editor in chief / Publisher

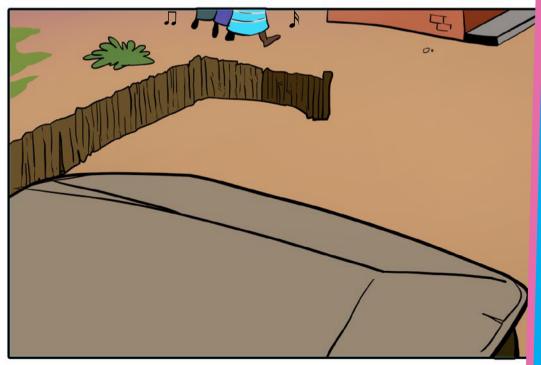
KATA KATA VILLAGE CELEBRATES THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY IN A SPECIAL WAY











BRIEF HISTORY OF WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day, commemorates and recognises the achievement of women and calls for gender equality.

The first day of International women's Day was observed in 1902 in the USA as a labour day, however, the campaign has gained popularity globally aimed at advancement of women's right in the areas of justice and equality.

