THE SOUND OF A COCK CROWING SIGNALS AN EARLY MORNING...

GOOD MORNING DEAR! I NEED TO JOIN THE OTHER WOMEN AT THE KITCHEN TO COOK FOR THE CHILDREN.

DEAR! SEE ME O. THE CREDIT ALERT FROM HOME GROWN SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM NEVER SHOW UP TILL NOW O! HYENN!

JUST A LITTLE BIT OF PATIENCE, I'M SURE YOU WILL BE CREDITED SOON.

I HOPE THESE MARKET WOMEN WILL BE NICE TODAY O, I DON'T HAVE STRENGTH FOR PLENTY TALK.

I TRUST YOU, THAT'S WHY WE SAY YOU SHOULD GO TO THE MARKET, NA YOU SASI FIS PEOPLE. ABEG YOUR ALERT DON SHOW?

NO O! ALERT NEVER SHOW. IT'S UNLIKE THEM BUT I WILL GO TO THE SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM OFFICE AFTER WE DON GIVE THE CHILDREN FOOD.

CHI-CHI AND MAMA JANET DISCUSS ON THEIR NEXT MARKET RUNS AS THEY PREPARE FOR THE SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMME...
Okay, abeg share wetin you find there with the rest of us here. Madam Chi-Chi.

No wahala Hajia, oya make we start to dey pack the food for van o! Morning don almost break finish.

Gling!!

Chi-Chi arrives at Amina's school just in time as the bell rings and signals her fellow cooks to start offloading packaged food from the van onto the school property.

Chi-Chi spots Amina putting an egg in her pocket and smiles...

Hmm, interesting.

Children! Please do not rush your food! There's enough for everybody.

Madam Chi-Chi, thank you again for taking care of our children. They are always happy when they see the van driving into the school gate.

Chi-Chi and co. are packing up when the school principal seeks her attention.
MADAM NA OUR WORK O. I EVEN SEE ONE SMALL GIRL PACK HER EGGS PUT INSIDE PAPER, PUT FOR POCKET, NA SO DEM PEY PO?

THAT’S NOT EVEN HALF OF IT, MORE PARENTS ARE BRINGING THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL AND LEARNING HAS BECOME A FUN GAME FOR THEM. THEY HAVE BECOME VERY ATTENTIVE AND FOCUSED.

WE ARE EVEN PREPARING FOR A DEBATE IN ANOTHER COMMUNITY AND I AM EXCITED FOR MY KIDS TO REPRESENT US.

NA GOD OF NA FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PEY USE THIS HOME GROWN SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM TO MAKE SURE OUR CHILDREN PEY LEARN WELL. WELL, MADAM PRINCIPAL, MAKE I PAY SO I FIT READY FOR THEIR FOOD TOMORROW.

WELCOME MADAM
CHI-CHI. I HAVE BEEN BUSY THESE DAYS. I HAD PLANS TO VISIT YOUR COOPERATIVE THIS WEEK SO I COULD GIVE YOU ALL THE LATEST UPDATES.

CHI-CHI ARRIVES AT THE HOME GROWN SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM OFFICE ON HER WAY TO THE MARKET.

BUT SIR, WHAT IS THE REAL CAUSE OF THIS DELAY IN PAYMENT? IT HAS NEVER HAPPENED.

THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PROGRAM IS NOW BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE MINISTRY OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS. THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT YOUR PAYMENTS WILL BE HELD UP, IT STILL CONTINUES.

SIR, HOPE ALL IS WELL? THEY USUALLY PAY AT THIS TIME OF THE MONTH, BUT WE ARE STILL WAITING.

YES THEY DO. I JUST WANT TO BEG YOU ALL FOR A LITTLE PATIENCE, I’M SURE IN A FEW DAYS YOUR ACCOUNTS WILL BE CREDITED.

HUMANITARIAN MINISTRY KWAAP BUT THE INVESTMENT OFFICE HAS BEEN DOING A GOOD JOB NOW.

YEP, THEY HAVE MADAM, I TRULY UNDERSTAND YOUR FEARS BUT THE SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMME IS AN EFFECTIVE PROGRAMME. IT’S NOT GOING ANYWHERE ANYTIME SOON.

OKAY SIR, THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT CLEAR. I’LL EXPLAIN IT TO THE WOMEN IN THE COOPERATIVE. I’LL BE ON MY WAY NOW. SEE YOU.

MY FELLOW WOMEN, I GET SMALL UPDATE FOR UNA ABOUT THIS PROGRAMME.

I HEAR SAY YOU GO VISIT STATE COORDINATOR, I HOPE ALL IS WELL?

BYE, THANK YOU FOR COMING, I’LL VISIT THE COOPERATIVE SOON.

CHI-CHI SPEAKS WITH OTHER WOMEN AT HER COOPERATIVE MEETING.

EH OH HE TALK SAY THE PROGRAM PEY GO ONE NEW MINISTRY WHY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BEEN CREATE AND NA THEM GO PEY TAKE CHARGE OF ALL THE MONEY PEM SUPPOSE PAY, SO NA WHY WE NEVER SEE ALERT BUT E GO SOON COME. MAY UNA NO WORRY.
WETIN DO THE MINISTRY WHERE E PEY NOW?

HE TALK SAY ISSUES NO GO PEY, MAY WE JUST PEY PATIENT, SO MAY WE JUST WAIT.

YESTERDAY THEY TALKED ABOUT THIS OUR VERY PROGRAM FOR TV O, SAY NA GOVERNMENT PEY COLLECT ALL THE MONI WEY PEOPLE BEEN THIEF FROM US PEY USE AM TO DO BETTER FOR OUR PEOPLE.

I HOPE SAY THIS NEW MINISTRY GO UNDERSTAND THAT ONE O, BECAUSE MY FAMILY PEY USE THIS PROGRAM TAKE CHOP FOOD O, O TO SEND TUNDE GO SCHOOL.

NO WORRY, WE PEY KAMPE, MAKE WE GO REST FOR OUR CHILDREN TOMORROW, UNA BYE BYE O.

YES O, NA THAT ONE BE THE ANTI-CORRUPTION FIGHT, NA TO BETTER WE THE NIGERIAN PEOPLE.

OGA MARK, GOOD PAY, PLEASE EH, TOMORROW WE’LL BE SERVING THE CHILDREN WITH EGGS. I HOPE YOU CAN MEET UP TOMORROW?

DON’T WORRY MADAM, I WON’T FAIL, JUST PREPARE MY MONEY.

CHI-CHI CALLS OGA MARK AHEAD OF TOMORROWS FOOD SUPPLIES...

I’M NOT BOtherED, YOU’RE MY PERSON NA, SO WE ARE IN IT TOGETHER, THE PROGRAM HAS ADDED THE GROWTH OF MY BUSINESS, SO THAT’S NOT A PROBLEM.

WE HAVE SUFFERED A BIT OF DELAY IN PAYMENT, SO PLEASE, LET THIS ONE BE ON CREDIT. BUT ONCE THE ALERT SHOW, I WILL PAY YOU. GBE, HELP ME.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, LET ME CALL HASSAN FOR PALM OIL SO YOU HELP ME BRING IT ALL AT ONCE. I’LL EXPLAIN TO HIM ABOUT THE DELAY IN PAYMENTS.

NO PROBLEM, SEE YOU TOMORROW.
She gets home and her husband sees how worried she looks...

Welcome back, you stayed long today. You look worried, is anything the problem?

Hm, I don't know. I'm just a little worried. I went to the market and also branched to the national school feeding program office.

Okay, is there hope for payment?

For now there is a slight delay. Most important thing for us to know is leadership is changing and the program is being transferred to another ministry.

My problem be say make this change no come mean say my account no go get money and Chidera no go write her exams. As government don put food for our mouth, make them no comot am again o. Abeg.

I'm sure this will work out for the best. Just be hopeful. We will smile at the end.

My dear all will be fine.

The End.