

IF I COULD INVENT SOMETHING NEW

My name is Okore Godslove Uyouyo. I'm 13 years old

If I could invent something new, it would be a cure for HIV/AIDS

To invent is to design/build or create something that has never existed before to meet a challenge or solve a problem. It could also mean bringing an idea into reality through scientific experimentations and research. For an invention to be made, a problem solving mind is needed. To a large extent, most of the equipment and devices we make use of in our everyday life, are as a result of minds that saw a problem or challenge and made deliberate effort to provide solutions that solved them. In this way life has been made easier. Take a look at the telephone which is so useful that every one depends on it for communication. The great mind that invented the telephone, Alexander Graham Bells, saw a problem in distant communication and provided the solution by inventing the telephone.

There is a health challenge facing the human race. It is called Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), which can give rise to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). The disease has claimed millions of lives and millions more get infected with the disease, meaning more live are yet to be lost. Majorly adults are infested by this disease. The sad truth is that the parents of innocent young children are not spared. The death of a parent spells doom for any child. Children need their parents to be around to love and care for them unconditionally until they become adults. Sadly, the disease of HIV/AIDS has denied many children the benefits of having parents. These children become orphans who are mostly neglected and left to their own fate especially in countries like Nigeria.

Scientist have been able to discover a way to treat patients of this disease, so that they can live for longer periods. The death of the patient is only delayed, not prevented. This treatment involves a lot of drugs, therapy and the need to visit specialist medical doctors. This is a very expensive process. The high cost of this treatment process means that, only the rich and well-to-do can afford the treatment. In a country like ours, Nigeria, most patients of this disease are unable to afford the treatment that will extend their time on earth. Therefore they are left to look at death in the face and are helpless. They die leaving grieving families behind. Parents who go down with the disease leave their children with no one to provide proper care for them. The only way to prevent this from happening is to invent a cure to this dreaded disease.

It would interest you to know that, there was once no cure to Malaria. But a scientist invented the cure for Malaria. If I could invent something new, I, Okore Godslove Uyouyo, would invent the cure for HIV/AIDS so that children will no longer have to suffer as orphans.

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