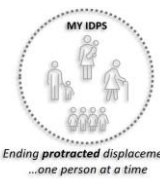


They taught me how to plait hair and now I have a salon ~ Rashida



Rashida had been living in the camp for more than five years. She participated in the multisectoral self-reliance programme, where she received a combination of counselling, hairdressing training, and a business grant.



During her training and project presentation, she shared her dreams of opening a salon.

"Now, I look forward to opening my salon in Asokoro or Maitama in Abuja.", said Rashida

Only a few months after her training, Rashida sold two hair wigs for N10,000 (\$US32.78) and N7,000 (\$US22.95)

"I have started a business. I made two hair wigs for sale and I got good money.", said Rashida

Rashida has now left the camp and moved into her house in a neighbouring community. She said, ***"I built a house outside the camp with toilet and kitchen, and I bought a big mattress."***

She started with her home-based salon, but due to the low number of customers, she decided to open a bigger salon with her friend in a new location where her services include braiding, hair washing, and wig making.



Rashida travelled to Lagos and bought a wrapper worth N6,000 (US\$19.67) as a gift for the female leader in the IDP camp where she previously lived. Mama said of Rashida, ***"She is one of the women I am so proud of; she makes use of any skill that she is taught. She is hardworking, and her children are equally hard working. I encourage her to teach the other women who are not doing anything the way to do business, and she always teaches them and advises them."***

Rashida is now able to take care of herself and her family.