

Governor's Wife Raises Alarm Over Rate Of Abandoned Babies

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Wife of Cross River State Governor, Mrs. Obioma Imoke, has decried the growing rate of abandoned babies in the state.

Imoke was reacting to the dumping of a baby boy, Sunday, at a refuse bin at the 11-11 Round-about in Calabar by an unknown person.

The baby died before medical attention could be offered to it. Besides, officials of the state government were not informed early enough by members of the public who first spotted the abandoned baby.

Daily Independent investigation revealed that the baby was abandoned by a young mother who did not want to wean it.

Mrs Imoke, who spoke through her personal assistant on Non-governmental Organization (NGO) and Special Projects, Mrs. Mary Ogar, told *Daily Independent* that she was shocked at the sight of the baby who was dumped in the refuse bin.

Imoke advised parents to give their children sound moral training to prevent them from engaging in illegal activities that would result to unwanted pregnancy.