TEENAGERS CARE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (A.K.A TEENS FOUNDATION INITIATIVE T.F.I) REPORT ON GET-IT-RIGHT SCHOOL CAMPAIGN TO TRINITY MODEL COLLEGE

INTRODUCTION

Get-it-right campaign is an outreach program to schools to help teen students take the right decision and make right choices that will positively affect their lives and make the future bright indeed. The get-it-right campaign seeks to address negative decisions teenagers make as a result of wrong understanding of themselves and as a result of developmental changes, peer pressure resulting to social vices, and wrong views about sex and love.

OUTREACH VENUE

The outreach campaign team reached out to trinity model college with her get-it-right campaign on the 19th October, 2022. Trinity model college is a mixed secondary school located at old Otukpo road, opposite BARNADA office, Makurdi.

ATTENDANCE

Two hundred and thirteen (213) senior secondary school students (junior secondary three inclusive) were reached, seated in the school hall. Facilitators were seven (7) though a facilitator left earlier.

PRESENTATION

Though the hall had no electricity, we were able to use a projector with the help of a power bank. Microphone was also used to reach the large number of students. Presentation was divided into three sessions:

- a. Adolescent developmental changes
- b. Identity crisis, peer pressure and social vices
- c. Pre-marital sex and its consequences

Using a story format, these three (3) subjects which is the core of the tfi message were captured in an interactive mood and participants were taught how to make right choices in the light of the above for one (1) hour. Four (4) facilitators led various sessions.

RESPONSES

The message was well received judging from the responses of the students. Questions that were asked include:

- a. One of the dangers of pre-marital sex from the teaching is teen pregnancy. So if a teen gets pregnant, has she missed it? Is there hope for such a teenager?
- b. My friends say pre-marital sex is good for it will teach you how to handle your wife in marriage. What do you say about this?
- c. Can we say abortion is a way to escape pre-marital sex? What if you have no one to support you to raise the child or you were raped?

These questions were handled during interaction.

MEDIA

Media was available to help in setting up of projector, sound and taking of pictures.

CONCLUSION

Students were encouraged to visit the office, call the office lines or drop a message on our Facebook page. Announcements were made towards the next monthly mentorship forum and handbills were shared. Also talent festival was announced and forms were dropped at the principal's office. Gifts of pen were shared among group counselling was done as a facilitator was seen counselling groups of students after the program. Group photographs were taken after the outreach with students and the principal. Members also went to thank the Principal for giving us the opportunity.

OBSERVATIONS

- 1. Our projector was sharp enough to project so people couldn't see the slides from the back.
- 2. No light in the hall affected our output.
- 3. Facilitators didn't appear in uniform and this affected our uniqueness in appearance.
- 4. No counsellor on ground.
- 5. Need for facilitators to master the message of TFI and know their content well.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Need to have an alternative source of power
- Need to sensitize members of media and counselling teams to always be present during outreaches
- 3. Prayer team need to be active to help us pray before and after outreach
- 4. Uniforms should be provided for team members of every team involve.
- 5. Outreach team should have consistent meetings to master content before delivery.

FACILITATORS PRESENT

- 1. Mrs. Julie Loture
- 2. Mrs. Ruth Adole
- 3. Miss Patience Emaikwu
- 4. Mr. Paul Atinya
- 5. Mr. Kelvin Idikwu
- 6. Mr. Amos Obilikwu
- 7. Mr. Oche Jimmy