



AMUWO JUNIOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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AJEGUNLE COMMUNITY PROJECT (ACP) ITS BENEFITS TO THE STUDENTS

Ajegunle Community Project, a non-governmental organization has really created awareness on the issues of child abuse and female discrimination in the lives of the students in my community.

On inquiry, they reported very positively of the Ajegunle Community Project (ACP) According to them, "We like them" we like that programme". I have learnt a lot from them" "which time will they call us again". "Their program is educative" and other hosts of them.

So ACP has really opened the eyes of the students to the knowledge and practice of what obtains in some places on girl child which ought not to be.

With ACP the students have come to know very well that a girl child holds a lot of potentials. Therefore, women should be respected and also be given and allowed to occupy their rightful places in the community and society as a whole and not to be remanded in the kitchen.

They saw Mrs. Dora Akunyili of NAFDAC, Mrs. Ngozi Okonjo Iwuala and Mrs. Oby Ezekweesili of world bank as women who have not disappointed the nation but showed that what a man can do a woman can do it even better if only given a chance.

From ACP Programmes, the students have learnt that having indiscriminate sexual relationship is not good. Because it has a lot of vices attached to it, such vices are so terminal that one should run away from them for example HIV, AIDs, VVF, and other sexually transmitted diseases.

They have imbibed the idea of abstaining from sex until marriage.

With ACP the students have been exposed to the evils that men commit in the community against the girl-child such as sexual harassment. The girls have therefore learnt to be very careful of themselves: the way they talk, dress and not to keep late outside and that they should not pass lonely places and alone too. The boys themselves have realised that what they do atimes is not good. They is no moral in it •

They have learnt that it is better to be open and report any case of sexual harassment on them and not to hide it.

This will help take appropriate measure against the harassment and also bring serious if not permanent check on the culprits.

ACP has also educated the children on the effect and risk in early marriage as well as female circumcision. Many girls have since their outing declared against early marriage and female circumcision having learnt ^{the} their advantages.

They have also come to know and believe that leadership irrespective of sex can be given to anybody at all. This is because most times, a capable hand (female) is neglected due to gender-based problem. They contested that women can rule well as men citing examples of Margaret Thatcher of Britain, Butto of Palestine, in fact they are now very optimistic of voting for any capable woman who may declare her intention in the next coming election.

One girl said "I even taught it is for men alone. In fact I will contest one day. God will do it for me" ACP is therefore building hope in the children.

ACP has really removed the psychological fear and intimidation of being a girl from the girls. This is a confession by a girl-student.

The girls cherish the encouragement given by the ACP. This has given them the confidence and pride of their gender. They now know that they cannot easily be cheated as they can now strongly stand on their right and refuse being cheated. They can now rightfully challenge any illegitimate abuse and discrimination. It has given or created a very good opportunity for them to form ACP Club.


This has in effect granted them the opportunity to come together and exchange their views on these contemporary issues, advise and encourage themselves both boys and girls and also get advise and encouragement from their co-ordinators and ACP.

Morally, the students have been elevated. This is because in the course of teaching the ACP has also advised them to always behave well especially the girls amongst them.

In fact, good seeds have been sown in the lives of the students. These seeds so far, have yielded good fruits and the future seems brighter. With ACP they have seen that hawking is a very big abuse on the hawker-child. Parents should therefore not allow their children to hawk.

Conclusively, the students are sincerely suggesting that ACP should extend their programmes to other parts of the society making sure that the awareness is created to all and sundry.

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