

CLASS: SS2
SUBJECT: GOVIC
TOPIC: DRUG ABUSE
WEEK: 5
TERM: SECOND

WAYS OF PREVENTING DRUG ABUSE

1. The government through its agencies like NDLEA NAFDAC etc, and Non-Governmental organization like African Council on Narcotics (ACON), should intensify efforts in creating sufficient awareness on the consequences of drug Abuse to the public especial those in the high risk groups (youths).
2. The government should reduce the availability of these narcotic drugs. If these drugs are not available, there will be no demand and subsequent consumption of them.
3. Parents and guardians must be actively involved in finding solutions or preventing drug abuse. This could be done by teaching their children standards of right and wrong. Also, by personal examples through role modeling:
4. Guardians should help children resist peer pressure leading to drug abuse. This is by supervising their activities, knowing their friends and being their friend, and sharing their interests and problems.
5. Youths should get themselves involved in outside activities like sports, and religious service group activities.
6. The school can play an important role in prevent drug use and abuse by punishing students for breaking school rules concerning usage of drug.
7. The school should ensure that there is a fundamental drug free or anti-drug club in the school.

FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (NDLEA)

NDLEA is a federal Agency in Nigeria charged with eliminating the growing, processing, manufacturing, selling, exporting, and trafficking of hard drugs. The Agency is established by Decree Number 48 of 1989.

The NDLEA is present in International airports, sea and land borders, and charged with:

1. Co-coordinating all the efforts of the organs of the government in the application and enforcement of all drug law.
2. Finding ways of reducing people's demand for illicit drug use.
3. Investigating, Arresting and prosecuting drug traffickers
4. Carrying out enlightenment campaigns on effects of the use of hard drug on the individual and the nation as a whole.
5. Enforcing drug laws on drug use and trafficking with the aim of eradicating it.

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Drug trafficking is a global illicit trade which involved the cultivation; manufacturing, distribution, storage and sales of substances which are subject to drug prohibition laws. It is an illegal way of importing and exporting fake, harmful and prohibited drugs.

REASONS FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING

1. **Poverty**: Due to high level of poverty and high rate of unemployment that results to economic hardship, many people now engage in drug peddling so as to enrich themselves over night and such ill-gotten money does not last.
2. **Ignorance**: Majority of the people involved in this illegal and illicit businesses are unaware of the effects and consequences of drug trafficking.
3. **Peer influence**: Some people are in drug trafficking simply because their friends and colleague are into it and have suddenly enriched themselves so they too could do so.
4. **Unemployment**: People, who have been unemployed for so long, sometimes can succumb to the pressure of peddling drug.
5. **Lack of Self discipline**: Self-disciplined person are strong-will people who cannot be lured into committing crime. People who lack self-discipline do otherwise.

CONSEQUENCES OF DRUG TRAFFICKING

1. It brings bad reputation and image to the individual's family and the nation as a whole.
2. Once the drug trafficker is caught in the act, he will be sentenced to jail term not less than ten years.
3. Sometimes, the culprit can face death penalty depending on the country where he is caught.

Assignment

Write on the punishment given to drug traffickers in at least five countries.