DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AMONG NIGERIAN SECONDARY EDUCATION STUDENTS: CAUSES AND MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

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Abstract
This paper examined domestic violence among Nigerian secondary education students: its causes, effects and the management strategies. The study was as much concerned on the high rate of domestic violence being perpetrated by the teenagers in Nigeria. However, the study examined the concept, types cause, effects and management strategies of the available different types of domestic violence, like raping, sexual harassment, killing, kidnapping, gender discrimination, arson, divorce and destruction of life and properties. It was however suggested that effective counseling and moral values be integrated into the secondary education and that entrepreneurial skills acquisition be enforced by the secondary education administrations in order to reduce the high rate of domestic violence being perpetrated by the teenager and secondary school students in Nigeria.

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Introduction
Over the years, there are series of special crises in Africa as a continent which had been global of concerns. These constitute threats to the socio-economic life of the society. It should be noted that in the traditional society both the children and the wives are protected against any forms of attacks or disasters caused by the natural environment. Both the physical and social; environments are effectively modified to suit the peaceful co-existence of the people in the society. However, the sudden existence of various forms of violence in the society became the issue of concern in Nigeria in particular and at the global level at large.

Hegarty, Hindimarsh and Gellies (2002) define violence as a complex pattern of behavior that are being perpetrated by individuals either intentionally or non-intentionally which causes a
lot of destruction to the life and properties of the citizens. According to the World Health Organization (2015), violence is an intentional use of physical force or power or threats against one self, another person or against a group of people or the entire community which results to injury death, psychological harmed and deprivation:

Steve (2004) classified violence into physical violence, decimal violence, physiology violence, and collective violence. These dimensions of violence according to the author constitute what he called Domestic violence. The author however noted that the domestic violence takes a form of behavioral attack against the women and children. The domestic violence however include rape, killing acid attack, molestation wife beating burning electronics pouring of hot water, sexual harassment, kidnapping, child trafficking, unwanted pregnancy, psychological training, child abuse, shooting stabbing bulling, torturing, burning false accusation, hitting detention without trial. Vandalism threats, John (2014) noted that the violence emanated right from home and later entered into the school system. It was noted that the domestic violence can be checked in the secondary education. The author further identified the available domestic violence in the school system as bullying, fighting, beating, uprooting of trees, kidnapping, burning, sexual checking harassment and abuse and child abuse and raping kicking, punching, trapping and raping.

In Nigeria today the issue of domestic violence has become an issue of global concern. There are many types of the domestic violence at the global level. This violence has constituted a sort of insecurity to all citizens whose life and properties are no more secured. The domestic violence has constituted a lot of problems to the education system and at the family level. Today more than ever the domestic violence has created series of problems like broken homes, destruction of family properties, deaths divorce, intimidation, unwanted pregnancies, criticizing school dropout humiliation out of school children, street boys and high rate of abandonment and abduction in the society. According to Kufolator (2020) that the total number of domestic violence in Nigeria of different types between 2018-2019 was 124,00 from different parts of Nigeria. However, the author noted that the highest rate of domestic violence took place in 2019 due to the domestic attack of the corona-virus (Covid-19) lockdown.

However, the basic for this paper is to examine the perpetration of domestic violence in the secondary education, its concern effects and the management strategies for the benefit of the total reduction in the society.

Causes of domestic violence in the society
It is disheartening to note that high rate of domestic violence had been coursing series of unrests and insecurity to the life and properties of the masses. However, and masses are scared of peaceful living and the issues of interpersonal co-existence is at stake in Nigeria as a nation. One continues to ask: what is the root cause of this demonic attack on a country that has been peaceful right from the traditional society? Therefore, the following are the major causes of domestic violence in the secondary education level in Nigeria. High poverty level in Nigeria: Nigeria citizens had been experiencing high rate of poverty in all sort of life. Many citizens cannot afford to provide three square meals to their families; some cannot provide the basic necessities of life, like education, clothing, shelter, food, portable water and security.
Some of these parents or individuals who cannot provide these needs put themselves on the lane of unhappy life to extent that they constitute themselves into threats at the wake of any attempt by the wife or children to request for anything in the house. This situation leads to domestic violence like fighting, anger and even burning of essential domestic properties. This view is in line with Ogunsaju’s (1998) which is that a hungry man is an angry man in the society. The anger in the house leads to the transfer of aggression to all and sundry in the society including the school system.

Social media usage by the youths constitute root cause of domestic violence in the society
It should be noted that the use of social media like Google, WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Telegram, YouTube, Zooms, Skype etc. expose the youths to different forms of violence that are frustrating life through fake news. The life therefore creates hopeless situations in the individual. This type of situation can make life to be meaningless. The meaningless of life caused by domestic violence can result in suicide ideation, killing and poisoning by the individuals, among other immoral vices.

The Drug and Alcohol abuse cause domestic violence
According to Burnett (2018), the abuse and use of Alcohol are associated with the addicts and drunkards becoming violence perpetrators and victims. The author noted that the use of drugs by the household members cause high rate of domestic violence and death risks in the homes and in the larger society. Many of the citizens who are the perpetrators of domestic violence in Nigeria are into drugs and alcohol addictions. The ugly phenomenon also affects the implementation of the secondary education programmed in Nigeria.

Cultural factors
The bad cultural practice of female genital mutilation is one of the major aspects of domestic violence in the society. This practice has affected many women and girls adversely and infected them with disease, trauma, humiliation, mutilation, excessive bleeding and in some cases death. This female genital mutilation should stop in order to advance female health and dignity.

The outbreak of Corona Virus (covid-19) Pandemics which lead to the total lock down
The lockdown disallowed the citizens to move out for complete four months. The lockdown also called for the total close down of the hotels and other social houses. However, for the fact that many men cannot hold their sexual moods, many of the men therefore engaged in sexual harassment, rape, the inability of many parents to provide for their family needs also lead to bulling and social and physical violence in various homes. The problem however translates to the violence in the school system, Alhie (2010).

The stinginess of some citizens in the society
The society is full of series of incompatibility of behaviors. The difference however leads to both the stinginess and ability to provide enough for other people; the problem therefore causes envy, jealousy and heart burn behaviors. The behavior leads to violence in the society including the schools (Hol Schuly 1996).
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Effects of domestic Violence on the Educational System
There is nothing good about the domestic violence on the socio-economic development of any nation. The following are the effects of domestic violence on the educational system in Nigeria.

There is total loss of life of the victims of the violence. Millions of properties have been destroyed due to the violence in the society. According to Idogo (2011), the domestic violence had led to the destruction of the necessary education equipment both at home and in the schools

Domestic violence increases the total number of out of school children, drop out and high rate of internal inefficiency in the secondary educational system. The high number of domestic violence decreased the level to which the parent responsible for the educational provision of their children due to the existence of mistrust between the two parents, it should also be noted that the death of parent due to the domestic affect the quality of the education of the children (Popoola, 2019).

Domestic violence also affects the internal efficiency of the children. It should be noted that the existence of domestic violence leads to late coming to schools, truancy, record keeping and mass students failure in both the internal and external examinations in Nigeria. Even some of the student find it difficult to defend their acquired certificates (Ogundele, 2019).

Finally, Domestic violence leads to the high rate of unwanted pregnancies among the teenagers in the school system. The existence of the domestic violence lead to hunger irritated or frustrated homes living, the parents cannot provide the basic necessity of life for their family which lead to abandonment of homes and force the teenagers to go foe early marriage instead of becoming early graduates for the benefit of the society. In short, domestic violence is the root cause of rape, sexual harassment, bandits, kidnapping, social crimes and other problems that can be emanated from broken homes and other social violence from the homes (Dienye, 2009).

Management Strategies of Domestic Violence in Educational Interest in Nigeria
Domestic violence has caused devastating effects on the life of citizens and their properties and on socio-economic development of Education in the country. In view of this, the following management strategies can be adopted to reduce or eradicate the trauma of domestic violence in Nigeria.

Effective Counseling Services can be used to curb the issue of domestic violence in the society. The counselors should organize mass education campaign to curb the perpetrators of the domestic violence; the culprits should be effectively counselled to enable them to understand themselves for better change (Alaku 2020).

The groups like Foundations, Associations, Clubs, and Religious Bodies need to stage peaceful protest as advocacy for the eradication of all forms of domestic violence and to encourage the
society to “Say No” to raping, sexual harassment, female mutilation and killings in order to maintain peace and orderliness among the Nigerian citizens (Ogundele M., 2004). Legal action should be taken on the perpetrators of the legal violence in the society. It should be noted that anyone caught by engaging on the domestic violence should be imprison and let them face the wrath of the law.

Also quality education is a tool for effective peace initiation in the society. Any nation that toy with quality education provision for her citizens such nation can never be ranked high among the developed nations at the global level. Violence perpetrations have baneful effects on socio-economic development at the global level. Quality education can be used to advance national transformation and development (Salako, 2013).

Finally, the perpetrators of any form of violence should be imprisoned; in some very grave cases even death sentence can do for the perpetrators to serve as a deterrent to others (Abioye, 2016).

Conclusion
This paper examined the prevalence of domestic violence on Nigerian Secondary Education students; it also discussed the causes and strategies to be used in curbing it. Domestic violence has negative impacts on the secondary schools students and the entire educational system. Therefore, all hands must be on deck in order to stop the perpetration of the domestic violence on the secondary education students especially in Nigeria.

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