

## **Educational Interventions for Remodeling and Sustainability of Homeless People in Nigeria**

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### **Abstract**

The article aimed at examining the educational interventions for sustainability and remodeling of the homeless people in Nigeria. The homeless people living situations had become a concerned issue among the among well-meaning Nigerians. The issues of concerned for the homeless people are insecurity of life, poverty, unemployment, inaccessibility to quality education, hungers, sexual harassment, hire killers', exposure to climate change and high rate of unwanted teenage pregnancy. However, the need to provide the homeless people to better life and contribute towards sustainable national development has been focus of this paper. The paper therefore, discuss the educational interventions that can be adopted towards remodeling of the homeless people for their national sustainability and development. The educational interventions examined are counseling, welfare, entrepreneurship political and security education programme that will aid remodeling exercises for the homeless people in Nigeria. It was concluded that the educational intervention will aid effective remodeling of the homeless people. It was however suggested that the remodeling and sustainability of homeless people is the responsibility of stakeholders in education, the three tiers of government, philanthropists and all meaning Nigerians.

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### **Background to the Study**

Over the years the cause of equity, justice and access to quality education and efficient social service had become the issue of concern to all and sundry. In Nigeria there are 13.3 million out of school children. Also, the socio-economic crises that had made the general public to point accusing fingers to the faulty nature of educational interventions to the citizens. However, the social crises like killing, kidnapping, raping, political theory, arson, corrupt practice, armed robbery, bully, hire killing, bandit, domestic violence, hunger indolence, poverty and mass illiteracy are the major problems that are causing high are of mistrust, insecurity and destruction of the life and properties in Nigeria. It should be noted that the socio-economic crises are caused by the menace of poverty and are all having political under tone. (Adewoye, 2019). The Nigerian government had made all things possible through introduction of free education, universalization of education and provision of free school feeding programme through the social responsibility efforts. Yet the social economic crises had been daily increase due to the problem caused by inadequate homes to accommodate all the Nigerian citizens. The problem of out of inadequate accommodation lead to the problem of out of school children, street boys, Alimanjiri betrothal of girls for earl marriage and exposure of the children and other citizens to the environmental hazards. The problem of the inadequate and no home for the citizens to live in peacefully and security of family members is called homeless. Ogundele (2012) described homeless people as those citizens that cannot afford to build and live in their building or homes or inability to hire a house to pay house rent. The inability therefore made most of the citizens to live under the bridge or uncompleted houses and living in an uncomfortable life due to the fact they are homeless, they are exposed to prostitution, raping, armed robbery, bandit, and all sort of insurgency in the society.

However, high rate of insurgency in the society had relegated the society integrity at the global level. It is therefore important to provide important education that will sustain and remodel the homeless people in Nigeria. There is the need for the republic of Nigeria to provide quality education packages that will allow the homeless people to understand themselves and be remodeled in order to contribute their quotas towards sustainable development of the Nigeria. According to Encarta (2012) defined homeless as condition of the people who lack regular legal access to adequate housing to live in.

### **Causes and Characteristics of Homeless People in Nigeria**

Many factors cause homelessness among the Nigerian people prominent among which include conflict within family sexual and socio-emotional abuse single parenthood, poor parenting which abandonment poverty inflationary trends of building materials, the lost of one parents according to Edewor (2014), homelessness are caused by unemployment, war, racial discrimination, mental or physical disability and the menace of homelessness are common among them in urban cities in Nigeria.

Maduwesi (2002) also noted that a lot of the homeless children are exposed to the series of hazardous works on the street such as thefts, commercial sex, drug trade, street begging for them to survive and make their daily need met, they are denied of basic education and health and other social services. However, the characteristics of homeless people according to

Hellandedu (2012) reflected in their street life, social-demographic and background and sexual behaviors are generally hazardous in nature. Onoyase (2010) also identifies the feature of homeless people as poor access to education, street parading, hooliganisms, girl child, area boys, political thugs and no residential of abode.

Since the Federal Republic of Nigeria (2014) had called for equal education opportunities to all and the government regarded educational provision as the only social responsibility that everyone should enjoy as a citizen of a country. Also for the fact that Ogundele (2017) noted at any nation that fail to provide quality education to her citizen such nation cannot be ranked high among the development at the global level; therefore there is the need necessary education intervention that will remodel the homeless people for the sustainable national development. Educational interventions for remodeling homeless people in Nigeria. Since homeless in Nigeria is one of the contemporary vices in Nigeria. The issues of homeless had constituted problem to the society in Nigeria. Majority of the social vices parading in the country are as a result of the homeless problem. The paper however, examines the types of the educational interventions that the education administrators can put in place towards remodeling homeless people for a sustainable national development. Prominent among the interventions identified are; Housing support for all and sundry. According to Katzuezi (2018) that there is the need to provide people with the supportive service interventions through the community based and making efforts integrated people of the highly vulnerable families and individuals in the community and addressing their basic needs for housing. The interventions will help in resolve the problem of homelessness and improve their health stability and provide adequate shelter to the homeless people in the society. The Federal Republic of Nigeria need to provide affordable housing to the people that are at the risks of the homelessness.

### **Conceptual Literature**

**Health Care Intervention:** The people that are homeless need to have access to comprehensive health care delivery service. The health education interventions should be part of the educational administrators that will ensure access to the quality. Health care delivery should be educational administrator response. It should be noted that the intervention of health education will improve the healthful living and serve a plate form for consistent health care delivery services of the homeless people in Nigeria. According to Wick & Ham (2020), the health educators should create awareness strategies to support healthy child and youthful development and there is the need for regular testing to avoid the second wave of pandemics in which the homeless people are proud to (Adeoti, 2019).

**Educational Pedagogical Interventions:** There is the need to help the vulnerable to mitigate the impacts of the homelessness so that the children will not lag behind academically and be compatible to the other children and be able to achieve the future goals. According to Ubits Shim and Bell (2018), the intervention will help to support the vulnerable children for adequate school enrolment, the barriers to enrolment would be removed and encourage access and retention to the basic quality education programme in Nigeria (Sambo, 2018 and Yakubu, 2010).

**Security Education Interventions:** Through integrating security consciousness, it will reduce the criminal justice involvement among the homeless people and help to return the people to better homeless justice in Nigeria. However, according to Manga (2011) there is the need to strengthen solid partnership between the law enforcement and homeless service delivery system. The efforts will help to combat the criminality of the Timeless people. The security education intervention will surely reduce the barriers to housing, employment and promote positive services for the people towards remodeling for achieving sustainable national development in Nigeria.

**Entrepreneurial Education Intervention:** The need of the Educational stakeholders to assist the homeless people including the adults and vulnerable children to develop specific skills of their interest. Ogundele and Sofoluwe (2015) called on the need to integrate entrepreneurial skills acquisition to the national youth programme in Nigeria. It should be noted that the intervention programme will help in remodeling of the harmless people and contribute their quotes for sustainable national development in Nigeria. The homeless people, through entrepreneur education will skillfully developed and will encourage self-employability, employers of labours and remodeling integrity and behaviors. The effort will create initiative for building of home for self and for the members of the families.

**Environmental Education Interventions:** The Educational stakeholders need to provide necessary environmental maintenance, consciousness for the homeless people. The environmental education programme will enable to think of making use of the environment they find themselves and be able to maintain environmental health, effective waste management practices and be able to prevent any form of pandemics and epidemics in the society (Ugbola, (2020).

**Counseling Education Intervention:** The stakeholders need to provide the necessary counseling intervention services to the homeless people in Nigeria. Among the counseling programme are carrier counseling. Moral education cognitive restricting emotional and psychological counseling. All the counseling services efforts will enable the homeless experiencing people and children to understand themselves and be initiated for a positive change. The effort will aid positive change for effective remodeling and be able to contribute for the sustainable national development in Nigeria. (Lannap (2014), Durosaro, (2019) and Subhant, (2011).

**Students Residential Intervention:** Introduction of Boarding Systems and Guest house for the students. The intervention will enable the youths to be camped in the boarding house and be able to live together with other students mindless of other of their socio –economic background in the society. The intervention will enable the youths to have access to quality health care delivery in Nigeria. Amodu (2014).

**Disaster Management Practices Intervention:** Since the reasons for homelessness ranged from affordable housing to Job loose to extreme poverty and natural disasters. However, the following are the disasters management strategies for effective remodeling of homeless people

towards sustainable national development in Nigeria. According to Ogundele (2020), the strategies are channelization to avoid building collapse, provision of security to monitor all the environmental hazards and effective road construction. The problem will aid effective management of the homeless people in Nigeria.

### **Suggestions**

The following are strategies for providing efficient educational interventions that will remodel the homeless people to contribute their quotas for sustainable national development.

1. Provision of guidance and counseling programme: The guidance and counseling provided will enable the homeless youths and people to understand themselves capabilities interest and abilities and would be able to contribute to sustainable national development.
2. Entrepreneurial skills acquisition program: Also, the educational stakeholders will initiate entrepreneurial skills acquisition programme for the homeless people in Nigeria. The efforts will remove them from the labour markets. The efforts will also encourage them to become employer of labour instead of job seekers. The effort will remodel them towards sustainable National development.
3. Universalization of educational programme for all and sundry: The Federal Republic of Nigeria need to make the education programme to be at the reach of poor and less privileges in the society. The government should help to provide equitable educational opportunities and access to quality education of all and sundry. The efforts will aid effective remodeling of the homeless people for sustainable national development in Nigeria.
4. Mass Education campaign: There is the need for the non-governmental organization to initiate mass education campaign in Nigeria society towards enhancing hopes for having homes of abode and reduce the homeless people exposure to all sorts of security challenges like kidnapping, prostitution, killings banditry, sexual harassment, armed robbery.
5. Introduction of free education at all levels: Federal Republic of Nigeria should reduce the cost of the building materials and help increasing the numbers of the low-cost buildings that will make homes to be affordable to the reach of every member of the society. The effort will help to reduce the number of the homeless people in Nigeria.
6. Provision of housing loans: Finally, the federal mortgage banks and other commercial banks should initiate housing loans for the building construction and the communities need to establish cooperative society to cater for all and sundry to have their own personal homes. The issue of the homeless people will be eradicated and every one will be able to contribute their quotas for sustainable national development.



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