

## **I. Genesis**

In Cameroon, schools, the framework of excellence for the integral training of youth, are invaded by drugs. Painkillers (Tramol, Diazepam, D10...) in circulation and free sale in the streets, diverted from their medical use and used as a narcotic by young people in schools.

Their consumption without medical advice causes damage to the physical and mental health of young people, deteriorates the school and social climate. It is a phenomenon that is gaining momentum and calling into question education, the future of the school, the family and the Cameroonian nation.

Alerted, the Faith and Justice Association mobilized various actors and formed a platform to fight against this scourge. To his credit, two investigations on the fight against drugs in environments in young people and drug use in schools, two workshops, media actions and a conference on the "Management of the drug phenomenon in schools in Cameroon » (06/01/2018).

## **II. Target**

Through 15 target institutions, the project aims to reach more than 23,450 learners, 30 educators, plus 375 parents (grouped into 15 APEE), 25 community leaders and opinion leaders.

## **III. Means of action**

The actions of the project are of five (05) types:

- **Analysis / Reflection on the phenomenon**
- **Capacity building of schools**
- **Mobilization**
- **Sensitization**
- **Advocacy actions.**

In a multi-faceted approach, the project seeks to understand the systemic causes underlying the circulation and consumption of psychoactive drugs in schools in order to provide concerted solutions in the perspective of sustainable and integral development.

Through the actions in the media, educational talks posters and pamphlets arranged in schools it will educate students on the harmful effects of drugs in general, and parents, educators and administrative authorities on the other hand. They become aware of the issues, ensure the protection of schools and young people, and develop structures for the care and support of students confronted with drugs.

## **IV. Objective**

**The objective of the project is to promote the safety of the school environment in Cameroon against drugs.**

In other words, it is:

- Warn about the circulation and non-medical use of psychoactive drugs and other drugs in schools,
- Contribute to the reduction of the phenomenon by strengthening the capacities of school institutions in the detection and support of learners confronted with drugs,
- Create awareness among students and stakeholders at various levels.

The project wants, by a better mastery of the phenomenon,

- Solicit policies and government policies that place the fight against the non-medical use of psychoactive products in schools among their priorities and integrate it as an axis of the government's sectorial strategy for the fight against drugs and alcohol. Substance addiction.

## V. Activities

- Studies and analyses on the phenomenon
- Training of 30 project school relays
- Training of 450 peer educators
- Awareness in schools
- Actions in the press and audio-visual media
- Meetings with local leaders and opinion
- Observation and Capitalization of data
- Advocacy actions
- Meeting of the platform
- Monitoring and evaluation

## VI. Expected results

- 1) Non-medical use of psychoactive drugs, circulation and use of other drugs decreased in the project's target facilities;
- 2) The target schools of the project and the CSOs work in synergy with the institutions supporting and caring for victims for the care of students confronted with drugs;
- 3) Policies place the fight against the non-medical use of psychoactive drugs and other drugs in schools among their priorities and integrate it as an axis of their sectorial strategy.

## VII. Duration

The duration of the project is 36 months.

## VII. Partners

The Inter ministerial Committee for the Control of Cannabis and Other Drugs.

**CNLD/ « Centre La Vie », CDPJ Yaounde, OCEAC, CALBRIL, ASSEJA, NEW-LIVE, AJAC, SENECA, EDISA, F-X Vogt College, St Benedict College, La Retraite College**



**«The drug, a venom that gnaws, corrupts and kills »**

*Pope Francis, Speech at the Academy of Sciences, November 2016*

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