Despite the ban on codeine, stakeholders are worried that the action may not check substance abuse among students and youths, report KOFOWOROLA BELO-OSAGIE, ADEGUNLE OLGUBAMILA and JANE CHIJIOKE.

Tackling drug abuse beyond codeine ban

The national government has been worried about the increase in drug abuse among students and youths. Stakeholders have been calling for more stringent measures to curb the menace. Some schools have even been closed due to the drug menace. However, the problem still persists in many schools.

There is little schools or even parents can do to stop their children from all this, it takes a personal decision. All the same the ban is the right step

The problem of drug abuse among students is not a new phenomenon. It has been a persistent problem in many schools. The problem has been attributed to a number of factors including peer pressure, lack of parental supervision, and social influence.

A teacher in a private school in Ota area of Ogun State, who spoke under condition of anonymity, said that students are usually lured into drug abuse by their peers. "They are usually introduced to drugs by their friends, who are already addicted to them. They are usually promised that the drug will help them relax.

Another teacher in a government secondary school in Ibadan, who also spoke under condition of anonymity, said that drug abuse among students is a serious problem in many schools. "The problem is not limited to the students, it also affects the teachers. We are usually asked to drop everything and rush to get the drug for the students.

A parent, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that her daughter was introduced to drugs by her friends. "She started using drugs after she was introduced to them by her friends. She said that they promised her that the drug will help her relax.

Falana to ASUU: reclaim N463bn from TETFUND

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