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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background to the Study

One of the complete issues finish for dress merchandise many nations accompanying allure own administration of the approximate circle is the question of reliance on banned entity with youths (Muwanzi & Mafumbate, 2018; Pinias & Enia, 2023). Students the individual are chiefly minority are legendary to abuse drugs and stimulating, likewise many studies (Azubuike thus., 2025; Khumalo, 2022). Most youths affected intoxicating in liquid arrested from plant or water cans and snort it in class while command was happen obscure to their Tutors (Gugu & Makondo, 2017). Additionally, it was erect that the junior secret in the restrooms to fume pot and take miscellaneous types of stuffs insecure to drugs.

Substance abuse accompanying youths is a growing concern inaccurate, following main public, trade-connected, and substance alliances. In Nigeria, the question is expressly perilous suitable way the increasing chance and misuse of drugs to some extent lawn, narcotic, tramadol, and additional moving the mind so concerning produce intense dreams things (Dhemba & Dlamini, 2025). Youths, being best ready mathematical, commonly attempt reliance on banned meaning for that reason peer pressure, passivity, classification disloyalty, and a inexperience about the results of reliance on criminal meaning. Social sins precluding that alcohol abuse have long endured, exceptionally

when skillful is a abundant break middle from two points a arrangement's aims and allure triumphs. Elujekwute (2019), certain that friendly sins are positions and conduct that hinder concern crowd averages and flags. In any event, sure friendly action are prejudicial. These atmospheres bar society in a joining from realising their overflowing potential. Social bent include feature like drug trades, reliance on illegitimate meaning, holding up, plan murder, rape, kidnapping, most current style, and test misconduct.

Substance abuse patterns cover all surfaces of young state's physique use, holding in what habit or approach much, when, and what incompletely bodies they use, other than place they use government, the individual they use department following, and supplementary studies. Among varying young groups, institute chemist are last feeble to component use (Tsvetkova & Antonova, 2013; Sokoto, 2021). Substance misuse and following issues pose a hazard to human crowds' substance to sustain and function. The conduct of community tipsy of wealthes or inspiring have occurred associated to a main number of hurtful insignificance and accidents (Okoye and so forth., 2024). A public issue that has fast widespread event all of our education repairing, specifically accompanying undergraduates, is detail slavery. It's a genuineness that's precariously complimentary more exhaustive in the middle of arranging freshmen (Nuepane & Kapali, 2023). It has the potential to ruin young public the individual are still advance if abandoned uncontrolled. School dropouts, harms, fatalities, characteristic destruction, moral decay,

origin misallocation, conduct, and curtailed academic standard are few of allure properties (Simatwa thus., 2014).

The reign of alcohol abuse and foolish substance disorders 'tween young friends in Nigeria, specifically in Edo State, and the productive link middle from two points reliance on illegitimate entity following young guys and adult idiotic disorders have surpassed to an exalted assign work to entity stop and early attack (Deighton thus., 2019). Prevention and early encroachment are widely recognised as last awake clothing of menacing the impact of few possibly harmful restorative condition. However, although marvellous back-and-outward contest, early mediation in adolescent health atoms a present progress (McGorry & Mei, 2018).

Ekosodin, a organization in Benin City, is standard for allure nearness to the University of Benin, making it a hotspot for teenagers-following projects, estate stuff use, many young people edge attempt confidence on illicit stuff, chief to caused rupture rates, school dropouts, nonsensical substance disorders, and supplementary public bent. The function of public traffickers in hindering this situation is fault-finding, as they supply cautioning, restoration, support, and arranging-situated invasions to help upset accouterments remodel into humanity (Pretorius & Dube, 2025, Ugiagbe, 2014). This study asks to establish cause dependence on illegal substance following youths in Ekosodin, label the sleeping cause, and judge the impact of social service interferences in

seizure the question. By understanding these operation, persuasive blueprints and plannings possibly adult to curb the menace and advance a more healthy family.

1.2 Statement of the Research Problem

Substance abuse following youths in Ekosodin has help a main public question, following trenchant results for belongings, classifications, and the organization. Despite dissension management processes and facts campaigns, the question persists, taller an increase in youth transgression, academic disaster, and suitability impediments. Many young association execute confidence on illegal distillate because peer influence, despair, commercial trouble, or a lack of having connection with sports and education significance. Substance abuse middle from two points youths in Ekosodin, Benin City, displays a more filled style visualized across Nigeria, place moving the mind so concerning produce intense dreams stuff use bear a more influential people appropriateness concern. The increasing reign of drug and alcohol addiction following young belongings has flatted associated to diversified intimate, monetary, and prosperity results. Research has shown that individual use disorders are increasing in city centers like Benin City, gift burdensome unions for humankind cyst and public care (Daikhena & Egbochuku, 2025; Obot & Shekhar, 2015).

Recent studies to some extent (Oaikhena & Egbochuku, 2025; Ogunkan thus., 2024; Omigie 2023), have stress the dreadful rate of exciting the mind so having to do with produce effective ideas element use following youths in Benin City. A first manner of

operating study followed at the Federal Neuro-Psychiatric Hospital in Benin City established that cauldron was last generally practice-making drug, bestowing reason for 73.2% of cases, followed by cheering at 9.9% and opioids at 5.4% (Ehwarieme & Emina, 2022). This file displays a main slant toward container use accompanying youths following idiotic care. Furthermore, Adeyemo thus, (2016), Obi thus., (2024), and Omale (2024), focuses drug abuse and young paraphernalia in Edo State and base that exciting was greatest often clothing-making drug, following a reign of 58.6%, assumed by tramadol at 41.4% (Uwaibi thus., 2022). These judgments plan that intoxicating and tramadol are likewise more giving essences of concern following young classification in the rule.

The Nigerian National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) was certain to combat reliance on criminal element, following the aim of menacing or eliminating it entirely. The Nigerian National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) accepts that reliance on criminal essence is a meaningful issue in schools (NDLEA, 2019). Peer demand plays a main act brief youth's conducts, as they gain and mirror peers they respect. Young adult usually supply commands their appeal to guy yearning governmental commission, that can cause progress absorbing disorders, exciting and confidence on outlawed stuff, and beating. According to Uwaibi thus., (2022), the life occurrence reign valuable use middle from two points senior pupils deliberate was 44.4%, while current reign valuable use was

68.1% in Edo State graduate society uses freedom on banned essence, ownership the use of mobile the mind so having to do with produce forceful ghosts artificial compound.

Several studies moved in the middle of school kids in Benin City (Adedeji, 2024) decorate that many abuse facets hindering that amphetamines and lawn. Their file mean a important reign main ceremony middle from two points teenager. Omage and Omage (2012) dispute that invalid confidence on criminal significance harms two together belongings and society, chief to breach, the spread of afflictions to some extent AIDS, and the trouble of future commanders. However, confidence on illegal money betwixt institute subordinate and the approximate state is a public issue. This is a all-encompassing question that influences all. Drug misuse influences all aspects of history, holding decided vanity and stances, other than making human ruin.

A study middle from two points 6th-8th grades chemist in Benin City reported ending reign rates of 55.9% for intoxicating and 9.2% for smoke use (Akanni & Adayonfo, 2014). This stresses the early start and all-encompassing purity main use 'tween juveniles in the rule. These judgments together plan that lawn, potent, and tramadol are betwixt last usually persecutes stuffs by youths in Ekosodin. The demon of friendly traffickers and remodeling programs in Benin City plans entirety are likely to curb the issue, still the influence of these invasions fragments unpredictable (Adeyemo thus., 2016). Are public traffickers sufficiently ready to handle the crawling cases of confidence on criminal body following youths? What challenges do they face in completing activity impediment and

course cure measures? How direct are their attack game plans in threatening alcohol abuse cases in Ekosodin? This research asks to bridge the information rupture by determining the reign, causes, and belongings of alcohol abuse middle from two points youths in Ekosodin while deciding the held public employees in captivating in this place place intimate menace. The verdicts will help nurturing better resistance processes and colloquium processes discharged at menacing youth alcohol abuse in the association.

1.3 Aim and Objectives of the Study

The study aim and objective is to assess the prevalence, causes, and consequences of substance abuse among youths in Ekosodin, Benin City, and examine the role of social workers in addressing and mitigating the issue. The specific objectives are:

- i. To identify the common substances abused by youths in Ekosodin.
- ii. To examine the factors contributing to substance abuse among youths in the study area.
- iii. To assess the social, economic, and health consequences of substance abuse on youths.
- iv. To evaluate the effectiveness of social work interventions in preventing and addressing substance abuse.

1.5 Research Questions

From the above background, the following research questions is to guide the study.

- i. What are the common substances abused by youths in Ekosodin?

- ii. What are the major factors influencing substance abuse among youths in the study area?
- iii. How does substance abuse affect the social, economic, and health conditions of youths in Ekosodin?
- iv. What roles do social workers play in addressing substance abuse among youths in the community?

1.5 Scope of the Study

This study focuses on judging dependence on illegal substance with youth in Ekosodin, Benin City, and the detracting acts that public peasants play in loading this issue. The study resolves the reign, causes, and results of dependence on illegal substance middle from two points young belongings circumference, expressly seeing socio-fiscal determinants, peer pressure, and foolish appropriateness influences. Additionally, the research pertaining to a focus points miscellaneous reconciliation processes occupied by friendly peasants, holding harm decline approaches, renovation programs, and society-situated drives. The earthly opportunity is limited to Ekosodin, a association famous for allure extreme subordinate sophistication for that reason allure nearness to the University of Benin, making it an ideal dispute survey teens dependence on illegal substance. The study covers the outlooks of damaged minority, intimate laborers, humankind managers, and healthcare artisans.

1.6 Significance of the Study

This study is main as it equipment realistic dossier on the predominance and impact of dependence on illegal substance middle from two points minority in Ekosodin, offering valuable intuitions for policymakers, public peasants, and various associates in planning persuasive invasion programs. The judgments will reinforce academic acting on alcohol abuse and social work attack, meal future research engaged. Additionally, the study aims to inform administration and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) on the need for suited dependence on illegal substance stop and restoration plans. It more serves as an help finish for upgraded foolish prosperity sexually transmitted disease and youth permission programs in the institution.

1.7 Definition of Terms/Concepts

Substance Abuse: The harmful or dicey use of moving the mind so concerning produce intense dreams factors, containing intoxicating and criminal drugs, outside limits real, intelligent, and public results.

Consequences: The negative belongings guide drug use, holding fitness decay, permissible issues, academic disaster, task disaster, and public isolation.

Youth: Individuals traditional middle from two points 15 and 35 age, as outlined by Nigeria's National Youth Policy.

Social Workers: Professionals adapted to support belongings, offspring, and societies in shipping public challenges, holding drug use conciliation and renovation.

Substance Abuse Intervention: Strategies and programs conceived for fear that, humble, and treat dependence on illegal substance, containing taxing, healing position, and organization support conduct.

Rehabilitation Programs: Structured programs that help things replace from dependence on illegal substance through warning, medical position, and intimate reintegration.

Common Substances Abused: Drugs and messages commonly persecutes by teenagers, holding intoxicating, cauldron, poison, dope, medicine drugs, and artificial systems.

Factors Influencing Substance Abuse: Various parts that help dependence on illegal substance, to some extent peer pressure, categorization scenery, financial gloom, foolish energy issues, and chance of drugs.

Social, Economic: The concern people and monetary atmospheres that permit an action influence drug abuse, to some extent inertia, want, social prejudice, and unintelligence.

Health Conditions: Physical and foolish strength issues occurrence from or donating to alcohol addiction, containing bent, liver condition, depression, worry, and HIV/AIDS.

1.8 Limitation of the Study

This study is liable to be subjected sure difficulties. First, the research is geographically restricted to Ekosodin, that permit an action limit the generalizability of day of reckoning to additional domains in Nigeria. Second, file build-up can be concerned by public value bias, as few blamed grant permission thwart to disclose their resources use conducts really. Third, talent restraints grant permission limit approach to a more adequate sample

amount, that protect influence the insight of the interpretation. Finally, the study depends self-established file, that may not steadily be correct for that reason thought recall issues or shame guide reliance on illegitimate entity.

CHAPTER TWO

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Conceptual Clarification

Kurevakwesua and so forth. (2023) claimed that psychosocial and business-related pressures, holding peer influence, inactivity, and socioeconomic challenges, considerably drive teens towards resources use. Their study stresses the essence for all-embracing mediations to tackle these hidden issues. Similarly, Uwadia and so forth. (2024) argued that determinants hindering that disappointment, want, interest, lack of motherly project, negative peer influence, and public news revealing influence the reign of reliance on criminal wealth between middle school undergraduates in Nigeria. They climax the importance of giving advice mentors in belittling these influences through guide interferences.

Social operators are inevitable in sending dependence on illegal substance accompanying youth. According to the National Association of Social Workers (2024), social merchants achieve the essential talents and information to supply psychosocial virus, holding evaluations, position arrangement, confabing, and case administration for things following body use disorders. They stress the meaning of public laborers in removing impediments to position and supporting bettering works. In the instructional foundation, school public employees play a fundamental part in alcohol addiction stop. They implement designs hindering that early describing and reconciliation, construction trust

through concealment, and hooking up accompanying persons, schoolteachers, and outside position providers to generate a all-embracing support network for junior occupied accompanying dependence on illegal substance.

Ene and so forth. (2022) focal point the experienced tales of academy pupils in Nigeria, perceiving that essence use is commonly visualized as a directing means for companionable, financial, and academic challenges. They advocate for the awake engrossment of public farmers in subsequently second arrangements to supply enjoining, support, and impediment command to graduates. Furthermore, the FIRST Court program in Port Arthur, Texas, explains a profitable attack place public laborers perform accompanying the permissible plan to support bodies struggling reliance. This program has took place helping in threatening child removal rates and boosting categorization reunification by sending dependence on illegal substance issues through confabing, conscription help, and home support.

The judgment of dependence on illegal substance with minority underlines the complex interplay of psychosocial and trade-accompanying determinants providing to this issue. Social laborers are at the eminence of sending these challenges through stop, meddling, and support plannings tailor-made to the unique needs of young belongings (Adedeji, 2024). Their parts encompass institution sensitization, bestowing recommendation, case presidency, and service accompanying additional spouses to conceive a whole approach to curb drug abuse 'tween youth.

2.1.1 Identifying Common Substances Abused by Youths in Ekosodin

Recent studies in Benin City have emphasize the reign of moving the mind so concerning produce powerful concepts stuff use with youths. A backward-looking study at the Federal Neuro-Psychiatric Hospital, Benin City, established that pot was greatest usually habit-forming drug, bestowing reason for 73.2% of cases, followed by intoxicating (9.9%) and opioids (5.4%) (Ehwarieme & Emina, 2022). Similarly, research in Edo State erect that exhilarating was last frequently habit-forming drug accompanying young belongings, accompanying a reign of 58.6%, implicit by tramadol at 41.4% (Uwaibi and so forth., 2022). These judgments desire that pot, heady, and tramadol are with ultimate customarily persecutes aspects by youths in districts like Ekosodin. Several cause influence the extreme predominance of dependence on illegal substance accompanying youths in Ekosodin. These include:

2.1.2 Common Drugs Abused in Nigeria

1, Marijuana also known as weed, is a psychoactive drug that is gotten from cannabis sativa or plant.

Figure I: Image of Cannabis



(Source: Pictures apprehended for individual Researcher all the while Fieldwork in April 2025)

2, Flunitrazepam as popular or chosen later or place Rohypnol, is a drug namely to announce ten excuse more effective than Valium and it causes laziness or collapse.

3, Molly as famous or chosen happening after or place Ecstasy, is a fake affecting the mind so as to produce vivid visions drug mainly used for having connection with sports purposes. The wanted belongings include transformed color, plans and raised substance.

4, Barbiturate as popular or named happening after or place downers enters place restricted doses. A person the one abuses barbiturates continually feels tired, disinhibited, and tipsy

5, Cocaine as popular or chosen happening after or place crack enters place form of harmonious powder drug, it is ordinarily snorted or massaged into the gums. Cocaine is devise mainly from Erythroxyllon coca Lam (coca leaves).

Figure II: Image of Cocaine

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6, Tramadol, this works like an antidepressant medications, when abused may lead to feelings of euphoria.

7, Codeine is supposed to be an expectorant, addiction to it raises the risk of opioid overdose, physical dependence, as well as dangerous withdrawal symptoms.

8, Crystal Methamphetamine, also known as a meth, is a highly addictive stimulant that affects the central nervous system

Figure III: Picture of Crystal Methamphetamine



(Source: Pictures taken by the Researcher during Fieldwork in April 2025)

9, Methaqualone, as famous or chosen happening after or place Quaalude, is a sedative and putting to sleep drug.

10, Amphetamine as popular or chosen later or place superior speed, is a main central central nervous system drug namely to reply used in the position of concern necessary difficulty in learning disorder.

11, Phencyclidine as known or named at another time or place Angel Dust, is an outlawed route drug that usually enters place a harmonious powder form, that possibly dissolved in intoxicating or water.

12, Ketamine is a very active narcotic that can cause heavy harm. It can repeated increase the boldness rate and origin pressure.

13, Heroin is an opioid drug that is a highly addictive painkiller that is synthesized from Morphine. Cocaine is a drug made from the leaves of the coca plant which is found in South America. This plant is processed in different ways to make different types of cocaine. Cocaine is a stimulant drug which means it speeds up the brain and nervous system. The effects of taking cocaine can last from a few minutes to a few hours but mostly less than one hour. Cocaine is most commonly snorted into the nose, but can be injected, rubbed into the gums, added to drinks or food. In Nigeria it is sometimes smoked with cannabis. Some people who use cocaine are dependent.

Figure IV: Image of Heroin



(Source: Pictures taken by the Researcher during Fieldwork in April 2025)

14, Jimson Weed: It is a recreational drug that causes hallucinations. Side effects includes, dry

mouth, dilated pupils, blurred vision, confusion, combative behavior, and difficulty in urinating. Sometimes, it can lead to coma, seizure and even death.

Figure: V: Image of , Jimson Weed



(Source: Pictures conquered each Researcher all along Fieldwork in April 2025)

15, Diapzom, when persecutes can cause success life-threatening respiring questions, abstinence, or even stupor.

Who various was meaningful the reproduction paracetamol, cures and anti-infirmity?

2.1.2.1 Consequences of Substance Abuse

Substance abuse in Ekosodin, a foolishly settled scholar institution friendly the University of Benin, poses many results that influence things and the more strayed institution. Health-following issues are obvious, as reliance on banned entity is associated with foolish prosperity disorders to some extent worry, despair, foolishness, and lethal thought, alongside material decay holding liver, kind, and affecting animate nerve organs damage because comprehensive use of aims like tramadol, narcotic, and pot. These repeatedly cause success bag and confidence, following customers appropriate defenseless to recantation syndromes and incessant disorders (Ukoba and so forth., 2024; Adelekan, 2000).

The reign of alcohol addiction among youths in Ekosodin, Benin City, is a main issue that demands next interference. Cannabis, heady, and tramadol wait last usually persecutes pieces, following significant intimate and appropriateness results. Addressing this challenge makes necessary a multi-sectoral approach containing intimate laborers, management instrumentalities, organization officers, and kins. Effective stop, rehabilitation, and strategies measures can help check the impact of alcohol abuse and advance a more wholesome future for the youths in Ekosodin.

2.1.3 Factors Contributing to Substance Abuse Among Youths

These hold:

Peer Pressure: Many young individuals experiment following drugs for that reason the influence of friends and public circles. Social interplays play a detracting part in forming

accomplishment, and peer pressure has happened acknowledged as a chief cause achievement stuff use with child (Okonkwo and so forth., 2023). Youths the one guide drug-utilizing peers are more willing attempt similar actions because the desire to agree, ask authorization, or hamper intimate isolation. The need for agreement inside peer groups repeatedly cancels personal calamity, chief to test and concluding preoccupation.

Family Background: Adolescents from faulty kins or households following a experiences of alcohol addiction are more inclined attempt dependence on illegal substance. Studies have confirmed that motherly alcohol addiction, household intensity, and lack of parently project provide significantly to teenagers reliance on banned wealth (Adeyemi & Ogunyemi, 2021). When young individuals are developed in environment place dependence on illegal substance is normalized or place fatherly neglect lives, they are at a better risk of adopting complementary leanings as contending orders.

Unemployment and Economic Hardship: The lack of financial availability commonly drives young belongings to drug use as a managing maneuver. High rates of teenagers inaction in Nigeria have lived related to produced dependence on illegal substance, as many young community rely essences to escape the disappointment of finances inequality (Ifeanyi and so forth., 2022). Economic trouble can bring about impressions of despair, depression, and stress, making meaning use an attractive clothing to help affecting distress.

Easy Accessibility to Drugs: The chance of improper drugs in city centers, including Benin City, has accelerated the rise basically use 'tween youths. Reports display that deregulated drug markets and ineffective detectives enhance the extensive distribution of messages hindering that marijuana, tramadol, and narcotic (Nwokeji & Uche, 2023). The ease following that young population can achieve these drugs increases the possibility of test and established use.

Lack of Awareness and Education: Many young society are unknowing of the continuing strength results of dependence on illegal substance, superior to raised test and bent. Studies mean that misreport and lowered levels of drug information cause the question, as many youths visualize dependence on banned wealth as plain or fashionable (Olawale & Adesanya, 2022). Awareness campaigns and early invasion plans in schools and peoples are owned by restraining this style.

Several cause have took place recognized as subscribers to dependence on illegal substance 'tween youths in semi-city institutions similar to Ekosodin. A study in a to a certain extent-city organization in South-South Nigeria acknowledged peer pressure as the superior cause of moving the mind so as to produce intense concepts dependence on illegal substance (55.4%), accompanied by passivity, want, letdowns, and the chance of these entities almost (Isabu & Iwuagwu, 2023). These public material cause found a valuable air for dependence on illegal substance between youths. Additionally, research in Edo State registered that 50% of blamed copied peer influence as the basic reason for

habit-forming dependence on illegal substance, stress the significant role of public circles in dependence on illegal substance administration (Uwaibi and so forth., 2022).

2.1.3 Social, Economic, and Health Consequences of Substance Abuse on Youths

Substance abuse between youths leads to flexible results mobile their friendly, business-accompanying, and prosperity well-being. The study in Edo State stated barriers to some extent insane disorders, intercourse force, reliance on criminal meaning, and criminal biases guide dependence on illegitimate stuff (Uwaibi and so forth., 2022). Furthermore, alcohol addiction can influence academic decline, compulsory kin relations, and detracted business-related production, upholding eras of want and intimate inconstancy inside societies.

Substance abuse disrupts the companionable material of young belongings and their societies. It repeatedly leads to engaging attention style of behaving issues hindering that attack, malfeasance, and effective shifts, that embellish criminal ventures. Youths complicated freedom on banned entity are at a taller risk of captivating in hazardous communication behaviors, chief to accidental pregnancies and sexually ideased contaminations. Additionally, drug confidence can strain tribal networks, chief to impassioned detachment, mistrust, and household conflicts. Peer influence plays a important act in improving dependence on illegal substance, as many young things attempt dependence on illegitimate entity because peer pressure and the need to concern sure companionable groups.

From an trade-accompanying position, substance abuse significantly reduces the gain of worried youths. Many occurrence a decline in academic achievement, leaving behind distant school, and struggling to secure established conscription. This donates to a rise in inaction rates and financial confidence on blood relative members and union. Additionally, the monetary burden of purchasing drugs repeatedly leads to criminal actions hindering that theft and deception. On a best scale, peoples and governments sustain the commercial strain of drug-connected renovation programs, constables works, and healthcare duties for dependence on illegal substance disorders.

Substance abuse has abusive concrete and mental substance results. Prolonged dependence on criminal wealth damages important method hindering that the liver, being, and bronchi, superior to continual diseases and rash humanness. Psychiatric disorders, holding depression, worry, and emotional disorder, are commanding with drug purchasers, frequently lacking continuing foolish health management. Furthermore, the risk of stuff and unexplained obliteration is exhaustive, exceptionally following very practice-making entities like opioids and methamphetamines. Youths charming freedom on illegitimate wealth are repeated uninformed to hunger, harmed invulnerable plans, and occur with something contaminations in a way hepatitis and HIV/AIDS because dangerous shot practices. Substance abuse between youths is a main issue accompanying deep companionable, trade-accompanying, and well-being plans. Effective attacks in the way that knowledge programs, renovation charges, authoritarian drug control strategies,

and society-situated support makeups are unavoidable to curb this increasing question and support a more alive, more creative nation.

2.1.4 Social Work Interventions and Substance Abuse

Social work attacks play a fault-finding part in lightening dependence on illegal substance middle from two points youths. A study convergence on the Ilorin Emirate stress challenges join by social work repairing, holding unable staffing and public blaming, that prevent direct encroachment (Abdulhameed and so forth., 2024). Addressing these challenges is essential for embellishing the productiveness of social work programs. Additionally, an permission command encroachment accompanied between city childs in Nigeria explained significant reductions basically use and betterings in companionable talents, effecting the potential influence of organized teaching programs in dependence on illegal substance stop (Odukoya and so forth., 2023). Social work mediations are assisting in two together averting and sending alcohol addiction accompanying youths. By engaging a blend of restraint procedures, renovation programs, and strategies backing, public farmers help threatening the predominance and impact of dependence on illegal substance.

2.1.4.1 Preventive Social Work Interventions

Prevention is a key aspect of social work plans projected at repressing dependence on illegal substance. Social farmers advance diversified approaches to occurrence and enable youths before they attempt reliance on criminal essence. Structured teaching programs guide philosopher have justified creative in threatening signification use. For instance, the permission instruction intervention 'tween city minors in Nigeria surpassed to

significant reductions freedom on banned element and back-and-forth competition in companionable talents (Odukoya and so forth., 2023). These programs devote effort to something nurturing life capabilities, stretchiness, and critical thinking, permissive youths to fight peer pressure and form experienced determinations.

Public knowledge pushes help to ridicule imaginations circumscribing dependence on illegal substance and experience organizations on the crises of reliance on illegitimate stuff. These campaigns commonly involve studios, issuing reach, and peer command programs, advocating a auxiliary surroundings for drug stop. Social farmers preoccupy child in advocating and build mills to inspire motherly project and ideas. Family-situated mediations help address early risk cause hindering that minority blow, blood relative conflict, and neglect, that influence dependence on illegal substance between youths.

2.2 Empirical Literature

Obi and others. (2024) checked senior junior at a Nigerian institute's understanding and predominance appropriate dress. Using a pretested, self-performed asking, 771 junior juniors from the University of Benin in Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria, committed in an checking cross-detached study. A multistage examining process was used to pick the blamed, and IBM SPSS report 25.0 was used to analyse the file. The 95% security pause for mathematical aim was decided at $p < 0.050$. The average age of the bodies in the study was 23.2 ± 2.3 age. Of the responders, 664 (97.2%) had a stable understanding valuable misuse. The current reign valuable use was 68.1% (n=233), but the course

predominance was 44.4% (n=342). Significant predictors appropriate use held child type (OR: 0.240; CI: 1.215-3.118; p=0.006), strength of graduates (OR=2.320; CI=1.379-2.434; p<0.001), creed (OR: 0.452; CI: 0.048-0.282; p<0.001), newspaper yielding (OR: 0.375; CI: 1.541-6.707; p=0.002), and news appropriate use (OR: 0.235; CI: 0.075-0.740; p=0.013). A little an outnumbered group of the accused used components, although significance a continuous understanding significant slant and allure negative goods on appropriateness. Through concentrated well-being demand drives, the reign main use with this mark analytical has wanted lessened.

The purpose of the Omale (2024) study follow evaluate secondary school pupils information significant bag. The study was achieved venture rebellious schools in Benin City, holding two together various-neuter and specific-girlish establishments. Descriptive study was used to check the survey file. Of the 195 middle school pupils polled, 20.5% were between the ages of 17 and 19, 77.9% were 'tween the ages of 14 and 16, and 1.5% were 'tween the ages of 11 and 13. Of the blamed, 97.9% use epoch schools, 1.5% use crawling on schools, and 5% use institutions that presented two together age and pandemic selections. 60.5% followed assorted-semantic rules administering to nouns that imply sexuality or being schools, 10.3% followed all-women schools, and 29.2% followed all-youths schools. Ninety-eight portion branded as Christian, eight portion as Muslim, five allocation as traditionalist, and five ration as owned by another church. It was erect that 95.4% of blamed had captured alcohol addiction instruction, because 4.6%

had not. Thus, it possibly certain that prep school pupils in Benin City, Nigeria, are well knowledgeable valuable fixation..

Igbineweka and Tar (2021) inspected peer influence and pride as predictors of dependence on illegal substance by passion and school purchase between secondary school juveniles in Ovia North East Local Government Area of Edo State, Nigeria. The correlational survey research design was used. The civilization of the study contained of 11985 scholars in two together public and private senior subordinate schools in Ovia North East Local Government Area of Edo State. Simple haphazard test system was used to select a sample of 450 undergraduates. The judgments presented no main clearness in the companionship betwixt peer influence and dependence on illegal substance settled passion apart from pride and drug abuse settled passion. A main clearness in the rate of alcohol addiction was noticed in the middle of public and private schools. It was so pressed that Seminars acknowledge chance be arranged for pupils on in what way or manner to build and maintain athletic pride, while schools concede possibility guarantee that they have a busy warning centre and professional counsellors the individual can offer group and individual justifying gatherings for sufferers of alcohol addiction following more concern inclined public school's minors.

Omigie (2023) inspected the impact of dependence on illegal substance with youth in Uselu society, Benin City. The descriptive survey research design was occupied in executing venture this study. The state of the study complicated the teens occupying in

Uselu organization in Egor Local Government Area, Benin City. The utility imbibing pattern was used to select a sample of 706 accused that were grabbed as samples for the study. The research method was the asking, performed manually to accused. The file massed were determined resorting to explanatory enumerations. The study erect that youths attempt disorganized alcohol addiction on account of peer influence, fearsome incidents and argueing order. Youths attempt substance abuse in peer groups to act cool and are annoyed to take excessive measure of drugs. Youths in the association to a abundant importance abuse drugs in the organization following the lie of preventing stress, triumphant extreme, favorable and for sports exercises. Local experts catch records of youths through contact clues for youths used for alcohol addiction sexually transmitted disease, drug hide tests, a report from institution programs, court records and discharge reasonings from position. The types of drugs used majorly by youths in Uselu people are Indian spice, poison, tramadol and narcotic. The study approves that information campaign to experience youths and their child about the dangers of dependence on illegal substance. This sustain hold providing news on the real, emotional and public results of dependence on illegal substance. Increased approach to dependence on illegal substance stop and position responsibilities. This deliver involve conceiving a network of local healthcare providers, schools and people plans to supply protect and standard of comparison acquired immune deficiency syndrome, apart from gift all-encompassing situation programs and auxiliary bettering sexually transmitted disease.

Azubuike and so forth. (2025) study, used a survey research design, secondhand a asking as allure research system. The study's state held 8205 senior scientist from the University of Port Harcourt's 2021–2022 school old age; a sample altitude of 273 was driven utilizing the Australian sample fraction calculating machine. According to the study's judgments, Unique 88.5fm Wi-Fi programs are well persuasive at ominous public sins betwixt academy undergraduates cause they raise graduates' information of proneness, designate enough remedies to halt their spread, and order school obliging assistants on dresses to check juniors from transferring proneness. Therefore, the study indicates that because eliminate the question of companionable defect accompanying undergraduates, square Wi-Fi stations bear present more airtime to shows that honestly address these concerns. In order to be full of excitement in providing stick and junior accompanying working class forms of gullible exhorting charges, university arrangings acknowledge feasibility still build and increase their cautioning and admonishing extents.

Oaikhena and Egbochuku (2025) in their study organize that 'tween youths recorded in school, public emotional disorder is referred by constant and deliberate date in behaviours that show academic interest, causing trouble, mischievous, neutral, and mean behaviours, deficient interplay, modesty, and peer pressure. In order to validate allure reign accompanying teenagers recorded in school, this study examined the allocation similarly peer influence, desire, and persons' socioeconomic rank. This study occupied a descriptive survey approach, focused on 5,744 written pupils at various public senior

subordinate schools in Benin City. Simple haphazard test was used to pick 349 junior, 162 of whom were male and 187 of whom were female. The mechanism used to expand the dossier is the Social Maladjustment Scale (SMS). Descriptive enumerations and the Chi-square test of dissimilarities at the 0.05 level of message were used to judge the massed file. According to the study, the favorite matters were rationally maladapted even though their lust, peer pressure, or guys' financial standing. It was presented that teenagers registered in school take psychoeducation about the prejudicial chattels of rationally nonadaptive behaviours and the adeptness of curative cure in the renovation of two together fatalities and perpetrators.

Ogunkan and so forth. (2024) study revealing the shadows: examination part use between path juveniles. 384 court youths were chosen unexpected examining from nine Data Delineated Areas in three chosen ports. Questionnaires likely by interviewers were used to expand dossier on path minority's socioeconomic traits, drug ritual, and news. Frequency counts, twofold logistic reversal, and united states of america city-square tests were used to analyse the massed file. Alcohol legitimized 60% of the chemical compound used narrow street toddlers, assumed by nicotine at 40% and grass at 35%, in accordance with the report. Even though skillful was little evidence of reliance, various drug and stuff use was completely approved. A lower risk of reliance on illegitimate entity middle from two points avenue child's was connected to distinctive incidental and numerical characteristics, similarly the results of the binomial logistic reversion. In particular, those

the individual were less prone use drugs were those the individual were middle from two points the ages of 4 and 10 (90%, P = 0.000), female (80%, P = 0.000), followed school (70%, P = 0.000), gone inferior 8 hours on convinced (60%, P = 0.000), dozed at home (70%, P = 0.000), and stood rather opposing households (60%, P = 0.0001). The study climaxes the meaning of approaching resources use between roadway juveniles holistically. By joining city and local preparation following broad plans, policymakers can address the relate companionable, economic, material readiness, and teaching cause that cause success substance use. Stakeholders acknowledge chance capably assist street toddlers and lower essence use in their institutions by killing supervised mediations and processes, that will yet evolve their affluence and future period.

2.3 Review of Relevant Theories

Substance abuse accompanying teenagers is a complex issue that demands a multi-spatial understanding of the cause achievement dependence on illegal substance and hook. Various trusts offer critical observations into reason young folk in Ekosodin attempt drug abuse and by way of what public workers can mediate capably. The following believes support a institution for ironing out dependence on illegal substance and clever appropriate social service attacks.

2.3.1 Attachment Theory (Bowlby, 1969)

John Bowlby's Attachment Theory expounds that early babyhood happenings shape vehement and apparent occurrence. Youths accompanying hazardous fastenings on

account of neglect, abuse, or crippled categorization companionships are more inclined attempt drug abuse as a dress to deal with mobile distress (Bowlby, 1969). The three elementary care styles secure, eager, and avoidant influence susceptibleness to reliance on criminal entity. Individuals following worried or avoidant catch styles are at greater risk. Research plans that uncertain feeling is related to bitter dysregulation, reduced pride, and an raised current to inquire foreign directing systems, to a degree alcohol abuse (Sroufe, 2005). Anxiously ascribed belongings grant permission rely drugs to lower feelings of rejection and abandoning, while avoidant belongings permit an action use essences to govern heated distress (Mikulincer & Shaver, 2007). Studies similarly signify that a lack of parently good will and antagonistic caregiving influence maladjusted acts, holding drug reliance (Schindler, 2019).

Social laborers can help by bright categorization bonds, providing exhorting, and construction state of being an informal instructor programs. Encouraging agile person-child networks and psychological support schemes can lower the bias of teenagers curving to drugs as a argueing tool (Bowlby, 1969). Family-located invasions, in a way catch-join healing and paternal readiness programs, can support secure fastenings and increase stretchiness with at-risk youth (Cassidy & Shaver, 2016). Additionally, school and humankind-located actions that advance advantageous function posing and peer support can help belittle the risks guide doubtful affection (Zilberstein, 2014). A important number of young resources abusers in Ekosodin have a happenings of defective

child relates, neglect, or teens injury. When secure affections are absent, belongings concede possibility rely drugs to fill the delicate void or escape from pain.

Appreciation: Attachment Theory is enjoyed cause it stresses the inspiring and intellectual ancestries of alcohol addiction. Social staff members can arbitrate by providing counseling, advisership programs, and categorization reunification game plans. By invigorating cognitive support plans, public traders can help young crowd expand more agile contending wealth a advice of fixing moving to drugs. The integration of these trusts decides a all-embracing foundation for understanding youth dependence on illegal substance in Ekosodin and the function of social agents in employment the issue. By engaging behavioural invasions (Social Learning Theory), fundamental changes (Strain Theory), complete care (Bio-Psychosocial Model), and harm decline procedures (Harm Reduction Theory), friendly farmers can build persuasive blueprints to combat reliance on criminal wealth. These theories highlight the need for a flexible approach that addresses individual, companionable, and integral cause achievement alcohol abuse.

2.3.2 Social Learning Theory (Bandura, 1977)

Albert Bandura's Social Learning Theory supposes that act is intelligent through investigation, simulation, and pretending. In Ekosodin, many youths are defenseless to drug abuse through peer influence, public station, sounds that are acceptable, harmonized, and categorization nature, that classification as being example reliance on banned stuff and manage more appealing. When young things remark their peers or function models

captivating basically use and communicable public rewards (for instance, agreement, rank, or stress relaxation), they are prone copy these administration (Bandura, 1977). The radio similarly plays a meaningful burden in glamorizing dependence on illegal substance, improving the plan that it is a reasonable or desirable operation.

Social laborers can correct these negative influences by advancing sure function models, moving peer instruction programs, and leveraging humankind exceed conduct. Additionally, public issuing and delight manifestos maybe used to spread information of the risks of alcohol abuse and supply opportunities to reliance on criminal entity (Bandura, 1977). This theory is very relevant in Ekosodin cause youths are significantly troubled by their friendly environment, holding peers, child, and media. Many young classification are promoted to stuff use through public effecting, place they note companions, celebrity, or association appendages captivating freedom on criminal substance (Siqueira & Smith, 2015). Social information, sounds that are pleasant, harmonized, and delight further organize these stances, making dependence on illegal substance perform appropriate and even favorable.

Appreciation: Social education theory is valuable cause it pertaining to a focus points the importance of positive act models and wireless influences in forming teenagers administration. By boosting alternative role models and corroborating public campaigns that console certain conducts, public merchants can upset negative instruction patterns

and strengthen agile in charge. This opinion accepts for effective interventions through institution-situated direction, peer advisership, and categorization date.

2.3.3 Harm Reduction Theory (Marlatt & Witkiewitz, 2010)

Harm Reduction theory, developed by G. Alan Marlatt and Katie Witkiewitz, challenges common moderation-only approaches to dependence on illegal substance situation. It disputes that by preference disputing immediate conclusion, interferences acknowledge chance devote effort to something threatening the hurtful gear of dependence on illegal substance while determine lasting bettering (Marlatt & Witkiewitz, 2010). This approach is exceptionally appropriate in Ekosodin, place few youths may former be deeply compulsive to essences. In earlier cases, significant instant abstinence is repeatedly hopeless and can even cause success relapses or raised appropriateness risks. Instead, harm decline focuses on able, evidence-based blueprints to underestimate harm, improve happiness, and supply growing habits to improvement (Nabofa, 2021).

Social laborers can specify guarded drug-use instruction, clean teases, and supervised annoy sites to decrease the risk of contaminations, in the way that HIV/AIDS and hepatitis (Marlatt, 2004). Overdose stop measures, in the way that the distribution of naloxone, can thwart fault-finding overdoses (Witkiewitz and others., 2018). Supervised complete and complete and sudden withdrawal from an addictive substance from an addictive meaning programs help youth change evenly and securely by preference making complete and sudden withdrawal from an addictive substance, that concede

chance increase relapse rates (Denning & Little, 2011). Outpatient and medically assisted situations (like, methadone programs) can stable belongings and reduce cravings (Wodak & McLeod, 2008). Counseling, peer support groups, and having to do with analyses readiness help teenagers adjust into humanity while directing their distillate use issues (Tatarsky, 2003). Family-located attacks can address dormant bitter and subjective generates of dependence on illegal substance (Logan & Marlatt, 2010).

Application in Ekosodin, many youths in Ekosodin face trade-accompanying disaster, peer influence, and foolish prosperity challenges, chief to substance abuse as a arguing wealth. A categorical, vindictive approach acknowledge feasibility not efficiently address the root causes of their reliance on banned entity. Instead, harm decline conduct can supply: Community outreach programs that happening teenagers on reliable dependence on illegal substance practices and renovation options. Supervised complete and sudden withdrawal from an habit-forming stuff centers that help things cancel painstakingly under curative supervision and task readiness and foolish energy assignments to designate alternative managing methods. By marrying harm decline society, friendly merchants can produce nonjudgmental, auxiliary environments that boost belongings to ask help justly of punishment or critique.

Each of these theories contributes unique dreams into the causes and judgments for drug use middle from two points teens in Ekosodin. Social instruction hypothesis justifies the influence of peer pressure and station, Strain Theory climaxes financial and concern

association disappointments, and the Bio-Psychosocial Model offers a complete view of hook. Ecological study of whole project underlines the act of society environment, sensible choice belief stresses liable processes, and Harm decline theory determines a realistic course for bettering (Igbineweka & Tar, 2021). Lastly, Attachment theory communicates the delicate and emotional ancestries of reliance on criminal substance. By joining these theories, public laborers can extend well-balanced, productive invasions that address individual, intimate, business-related, and emotional cause achievement minority alcohol abuse. A multi-hypothetic approach guarantees that attacks are not just revengeful but repeated curing, deterrent, and authorizing for young belongings.

2.4 Theoretical Framework

This study on the amount of drug use middle from two points youth and the charges of social representatives in repressing the defect selected catch theory by (Bowlby, 1969). Attachment theory, developed by John Bowlby (1969), assumes that early relations in the middle of a infant and their elementary children's nurse considerably influence their heated and public development. A secure kindness specifies babies accompanying a contentment and trust, while an precarious catch from neglect, disagreement, or confusion can cause success moving distress, have to do with style of properlingy questions, and uncovering to alcohol abuse (Bowlby, 1969). Attachment theory helps justify by way of what preadulthood occurrence shape an individual's skill to form healthful companionships and handle stress. Youth accompanying doubtful affections

permit an action count on wealthes as a habit of self-medicating their vehement pain, tension, or sense of dismissal.

Children the individual incident neglect, abuse, or inconsistent caregiving repeatedly fight accompanying sensitive systematizing, increasing their current of engaging in daring contract acts hindering that drug use (Schindler, 2019). Substance use can present exact likeness a maladapted arguing mechanism for management unmet fiery needs and emotional distress (Caspers and others., 2006). Adolescents following weak parently fastening are more prone guide peers the individual undertake stuff use, further strengthening tendency-making acts (Siqueira & Smith, 2015). Lack of maternal directing and project as a result feeble affection bonds increases disclosing to reliance on illegitimate meaning hope (Fleming and others., 2010).

Youth following catch issues can fight accompanying making agile friendships and occurrence troubles in trust and delicate verbalization, making aristocracy trusting to hook (Flores, 2004). Without interference, insecurely ascribed belongings are at better risk of cultivating continual money use disorders (Schindler, 2019). Social operators play a crucial charge in controlling youth alcohol abuse by querying catch-located attacks, holding intimate merchants can further person-adolescent remedy to repair closeness bonds and better ideas between caregivers and youth (Moretti & Peled, 2004). Implementing create programs that experience caregivers on secure emotion and bitter openmindedness can help halt alcohol addiction. Providing strain-fixated remedy to

address minority positions and closeness wounds can help minority cultivate more agile directing methods. Cognitive-action healing (CBT) linked accompanying fastening-situated approaches can help young belongings exist heated distress outside make use of wealth use (Schindler, 2019).

Social employees can connect at-risk youth following advisership programs to support psychological support and admonishing in the lack of secure parently fastenings. Peer support groups can help childs cultivate a sense of connection, lowering their assurance on essences for public compromise. Establishing school-situated mediations that advance touching dossier, athletic links, and alcohol addiction information can humble dangerous conduct. Social stockbrokers can advocate for minority-friendly processes that support foolish health and dependence on illegal substance stop conduct.

CHAPTER THREE

METHODOLOGY

3.0 Preamble

The research design involves the form predestined in forthcoming future picked in this place place study to origin and analyse file exploiting survey design. The division is subdivided in the following subheading. Research design involves order of arrangement of process for group of file from address blamed, it similarly form the overall design favorite to fuse the miscellaneous variables of the study in a clear and plausible dress.

3.1 Research Design

The comprehensive plan will be picked in this place place study. A research design is a bedrock or anticipate accompanying a research study. It outlines the forms and processes physicists use to grow, resolve, and delimit dossier. It guarantees that the study is organized, feasible, and addresses the research question capably.

3.2 Research Area

Ekosodin is a common neighbourhood in Edo State, Nigeria's Ovia North-East Local Government Area. The University of Benin (UNIBEN), individual of Nigeria's top academies, is nearby, namely allure main reason for position. Ekosodin has improve a stylish neighbourhood for young specialists, clerks, and institute undergraduates appropriate habit. There is a touch of residents, junior, and supplementary colonizers in the organization. With so many off-square mansion substitutes for graduates, UNIBEN's

proximity has an influence allure public. Because so many country with its own government are junior, allure numerical is young. Small ventures hindering that outlets, stores, and assignments for institute civilians, apart from dorms for junior, are the soul of the society. The LGA, that has allure administrative center in Okada city, spans 2,301 square kilometers (Akinbo & Okaka, 2010). It is located inside the relates of 5o 451 to 6o 151 Korean distance and 5o 151 to 6o 451 northerly opportunity, inside the principal accountability of Edo State. The culture of the Ekosodin people was assumed anticipated 7,000 as of the National Population Commission's 2006 inventory. Using a lines arrangement, this family has lied throwed to develop by 543.2%, following an presumed 45,000 society accomplished annually 2022.

3.3 Population of the Study

The community lives of all teenagers (15200) the individual are dwellers of Ekosodin Ovia North Local Government Area.

Geometric Growth Model Explanation:

The lines incident rule is:

$$P_t = P_0(1+r)^t$$

Where:

- P_t = Projected public
- P_0 = Initial humankind
- r = Annual progress rate (in part of the numerical plan form)

- ttt = Time in age

The Cancer rate that results in a 543.2% increase over 16 age (from 2006 to 2022) possibly derivative, and the throwed figures touch following the main progress in the humankind's sophistication. As of current estimates, the organization of Ekosodin organization in Ovia North-East Local Government Area, Edo State, has significantly nurtured.

3.4 Sample Size

The study adopts a sample of 150 blamed appropriating natural haphazard test arrangement. The sample is holding all the five lodging in Ekosoin will be analyzed.

3.5 Sampling Technique

Stratified chance test and valuable examining will be used. Since Ekosodin is a various senior-governed organization, people as political whole will be detached into tier (model, settled girlish, age groups, or junior vs. non-senior youths). Then, blamed will be heedlessly chosen each coating. This guarantees representativeness and minimizes examining bias. It repeated helps in equating currents across miscellaneous youth substitute-groups. Youths following legendary histories main use will help and healthcare farmers or organization civil servants capable drug-related issues in Ekosodin. Hostel colleague or landlords about the University of Benin the one suit pupils will be chosen.

3.6 Instrument of Data Collection

The power of the study will be the asking, being an appropriate fundamental origin of the group, the asking is interpreted into two portions, A and B. Section A handles the analytical numbers of participants, while section B controlled idea issues on socio trade-connected cause of wrongful reliance on banned meaning and dependence on illegal substance middle from two points in Ekosodin Community.

3.7 Validation of the Instrument

The stability of the research power will rest on test and re-test design, the physicist accompanied a stability for a conclusion of two weeks resorting to a chosen school apart from the sample for the study. Ten junior were favorite except for the point in a management sample for the study. The power will be performed to individual group and the scores sought will be split into half.

The stability unified of the form will contemplate handling test-retest design that be unavoidable yields 0.79 or more, that indicating that the implement is trustworthy and reliable.

3.8 Reliability of the Instrument

To vote the stability of the power, a transport experiment will be certified by management of the implement on twenty (20) questionnaires to the blamed in Ekosodin Community in Ovia North East LGA, Benin City, that will not exist the study. Pearson

Product Movement Correlation design will be used to select the stability estimates of the power.

3.9 Method of Data Collection

This study will use two together comprehensive processes to draw all-embracing file on the reign, causes, and appurtenances of dependence on illegal substance accompanying youths in Ekosodin. A organized, self-performed asking will present exact likeness the fundamental finish for comprehensive file group, joining Likert-scale questions to draw data upside-down count, patterns main use, visualized causes and peer influence, academic, friendly, and substance-following results, apart from information and use of encroachment burdens. The questionnaires will open or open taking advantage of a flaky chance test approach to guarantee photograph across miscellaneous youth subgroups, to a degree pupils and non-pupils. Finally, non-participant remark will complete activity at acknowledged hotspots in a way hostels, resturants, and wager centers to capture candid-occasion behaviours, peer interplays, and material causes success had relates accompanying drug abuse.

3.10 Method of Data Analysis

The file calm will have in mind and gave appropriating tables, percentages. The chi-square was used in experiment the hypotheses.

CHAPTER FOUR

PRESENTATION AND ANALYSIS OF DATA

4.0 Preamble

The file conduct in this place place disconnection is settled field surveys transported protect Benin City localities. The study used Ekosodin in Benin City as a record of what took place. The study examined "an judgment of alcohol addiction accompanying teenagers and the parts of public stockbrokers in confining the sins in Ekosodin, Benin City". A sample of 150 questionnaires was executed appropriating chance plan. One hundred bearing 50 of entity reached questionnaires were brought and rebuilt later being brought all along all of the survey.

4.2 Presentation of Results

Table 4.2 Age of Respondents

Age	Frequency	Percentage (%)
8-12 years	68	45.65
13-15 years	55	36.67
16-and above years	27	17.78
Total	150	100
Sex	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Male	98	65.56
Female	52	34.44
Total	150	100
Religion	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Christianity	65	43.33
Muslim	48	32.22
African Traditional Religion	25	16.67
Others	12	7.78
Total	150	100

Source: Field survey, 2025

Table 4.1 above shows that 68 blamed serve as an power 45.65% were 8-12 age, 55 blamed illustrating 36.67% were 13-15 age, while 27 blamed reflect 17.78% were 16 age and above age. The table also shows that 98 blamed interpreting 65.56% were male, while 52 blamed delineating 34.44% blamed are female. The table further revealed that 65 blamed outlining 43.33% were Christian, 48 blamed delineating 32.22% were Muslim, 25 blamed illustrating 16.67% were African Traditional Religion, while 12 blamed presenting 7.78% were supplementary pleading.

4.2 Analysis of Respondents Characteristics

Research Question I: What are the common substances abused by youths in

ITEM	Common substances abused by youths in Ekosodin	OPTION			
		SA	A	SD	D
S/N	QUESTIONS				
1.	Alcohol is one of the most commonly abused substances among youths in Ekosodin.	49 (32.22%)	55 (36.67%)	33 (22.22%)	13 (8.89%)
2.	Marijuana consumption is widespread among youths in the community.	77 (51.11%)	38 (25.56%)	15 (10%)	20 (13.33%)
3.	Many youths in Ekosodin abuse prescription drugs such as Tramadol and Codeine.	32 (21.11%)	90 (60%)	20 (13.33%)	8 (5.56%)
4.	Hard drugs like Cocaine and Heroin are easily accessible to youths in Ekosodin.	67 (44.69%)	66 (44.20%)	10 (6.67%)	7 (4.44%)
5.	The availability of these substances in the community contributes to their abuse among	65 43. 44	60 (39.89%)	15 (10%)	10 (6.67%)

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Source: Field Survey, 2025

The study of answers to Research Question I told detracting concepts into the pieces usually persecutes by youths in Ekosodin. A most of blamed, 68.89%, either strongly agreed (32.22%) or approved (36.67%) that heady is individual of last regularly persecutes entities in the organization. Similarly, 76.67% of bodies unquestioned that grass eating up is thorough, following most (51.11%) authority suit or acceptable. The abuse of cure drugs such as tramadol and narcotic was more stress, as 81.11% of accused agreed or authority adapted the charge, effecting allure reign between youths. Even comparative is the approachability of hard drugs like crack and narcotic, following 88.89% of blamed declaring their ease of chance.

Furthermore, 83.33% of blamed agreed that the chance of these meanings in the institution significantly donates to their abuse. These verdicts certainly exemplify a effective accord that youths in Ekosodin are captivating in the abuse of various significations, grazing from heady and cauldron to formula and hard drugs. The answers further emphasize the function of chance as a substantial driver appropriate abuse in the region. Consequently, this demands next humankind-based mediations, more powerful process administration, and the exercise of impediment social work blueprints projected at threatening youth access to and use of these harmful individuals.

Research Question II: What are the major factors influencing substance abuse among youths in the study area?

ITEM	The major factors influencing substance abuse among youths	OPTION			
S/N	QUESTIONS	SA	A	SD	D
1.	Peer pressure is a significant factor influencing substance abuse among youths in Ekosodin.	82 (54.44%)	43 (28.89%)	15 (10%)	10 (6.67%)
2.	Unemployment and financial hardship drive many youths into substance abuse.	46 (30.88%)	38 (25.56%)	23 (15.20%)	43 (28.36%)
3.	Family background and parental neglect contribute to youth involvement in substance abuse.	67 (44.45%)	50 (33.33%)	18 (12.22%)	15 (10%)
4.	Exposure to movies, music, and social media promotes substance abuse among youths.	57 (37.98%)	71 (47.58%)	17 (11.11%)	5 (3.33%)
5.	Easy access to drugs and alcohol makes substance abuse a widespread problem in Ekosodin.	107 (71.11%)	40 (26.67%)	3 (2.22%)	- -

Source: Field Survey, 2025

The interpretation of responses to Research Question II identifies the main cause doing alcohol addiction with youths in Ekosodin. Peer pressure arose as a main influence, following 83.33% of accused either authority concurred (54.44%) or approved (28.89%) that it considerably donates to money use with youths. This focal points the powerful act of companionable influence inform teens behaviour. Regarding business-related cause, 56.44% of blamed agreed that inactivity and finances calamity drive many youths into alcohol addiction, even though a notable 43.56% (28.36% differing and 15.20% authority clashing) signified dissent, suggesting a more divided understanding on the impact of commercial calamity.

Family heritage and motherly neglect were also deliberate persuasive, following 77.78% of accused recognizing their assignment in teens dependence on illegal substance (44.45% authority agreed and 33.33% agreed). This stresses the significance of early categorization influence and fatherly trouble. A forceful profusion (85.56%) approved that exposure to face, sounds that are acceptable, harmonized, and public issuing provides to dependence on illegal substance with youths, signifying the impact of television content and mathematical style on teenagers act and selections. Finally, an overpowering 97.78% of accused trustworthy that smooth approach to drugs and intoxicating significantly fuels drug use in Ekosodin, accompanying 71.11% authority suit or appropriate and 26.67% agreeing. This award strengthens former backlashes from Research Question I and emphasizes the critical part that chance plays basically misuse styles.

The judgments imply that peer influence, offspring childhood, transmission disclosing, and particularly smooth approach to drugs and intoxicating are greatest main determinants doing youth alcohol abuse in Ekosodin. While trade-connected catastrophe is repeated approved, assumption are more different. These observations climax the need for a multi-dimensional approach in calling teenagers drug use individual that integrates blood relative-reduced attacks, group of same rank date, more absolute directing main access, and liable issuing use, alongside point in a management social service game plans.

Research Question III: How does substance abuse affect the social, economic, and health conditions of youths in Ekosodin?

ITEM	Substance abuse affect the social, economic, and health conditions of youths	OPTION			
		SA	A	SD	D
1.	Substance abuse has led to an increase in crime and violence among youths in the community.	70 (46.67%)	45 (30%)	15 (10%)	20 (13.33%)
2.	Many youths who abuse substances struggle with financial difficulties.	72 (48%)	75 (50%)	3 (2%)	- -
3.	Substance abuse negatively affects the academic performance of youths in Ekosodin.	45 (30%)	67 (44.44%)	23 (15.56%)	15 (10%)
4.	Youths who abuse substances often experience serious health issues, including mental illness and addiction.	100 (66.67%)	42 (27.78%)	5 (3.33%)	3 (2.22%)
5.	The effects of substance abuse place a financial burden on families and society.	77 (51.11%)	63 (42.23%)	5 (3.33%)	5 (3.33%)

Source: Field Survey, 2025

The reasoning of the dossier shows that substance abuse considerably influences the social, business-related, and well-being conditions of youths in Ekosodin. In reaction to the article “Substance abuse has led to an increase in felony and intensity among youths in the society,” 76.67% of accused agreed (46.67% powerfully concurred and 30% agreed), while 23.33% clashed. This displays that a strong most of accused trust there is a link betwixt alcohol abuse and increased misdemeanor and intensity among youths. The judgment implies that drug use can be forceful antisocial behavior, superior to profound insecurity and disturbance in the society. For the item “Many youths the one abuse stuffs struggle with commercial troubles,” an overpowering 98% agreed (48% powerfully

concurrent, 50% agreed), accompanying only 2% differing. This consensus focal points a powerful perception that alcohol abuse leads to commercial instability, perhaps on account of drug-related giving, deficit of employment, or connection in permissible issues.

Regarding the item “Substance abuse otherwise influences the academic conduct of youths in Ekosodin,” 74.44% agreed (30% powerfully concurred, 44.44% agreed), while 25.56% clashed. The main view is that substance abuse impairs academic accomplishment, likely creating poor aggregation, absence, and higher hippie rates with students. On the part “Youths the one abuse substances frequently occurrence serious fitness issues, containing emotional disorder and addiction,” a important 94.45% concurred (66.67% strongly concurred and 27.78% concurred), while only 5.55% disagreed. This overpowering harmony underscores the weighty fitness impacts of substance abuse, containing two together physical environments and mental disorders. It also points to the need for enhanced approach to health care and restoration duties for affected things. “The belongings of alcohol abuse place a financial burden on offspring and institution,” 93.34% agreed (51.11% powerfully concurred, 42.23% agreed), while 6.66% argued.

This judgment reveals that drug abuse is visualized as having widespread financial implications, moving not just things but also their offspring and the roomier community through raised healthcare costs, allowable expenses, and reduced output. Overall, the verdicts clearly show that drug abuse among youths in Ekosodin has weighty friendly, economic, and energy associations. Socially, it contributes to climbing violation rates and

declining academic conduct. Economically, it results in private and family economic adversity and strains public resources. In conditions of strength, it causes two together physical diseases and insane disorders, including hang-up. These consequences highlight the essential need for a multi-spatial intervention action, that should involve society policing and conflict judgment programs, teens-focused instruction and advising initiatives, approachable insane well-being and addiction improvement duties, and supportive kin and financial empowerment blueprints.

Research Question IV: What roles do social workers play in addressing substance abuse among youths in the community?

ITEM	Social workers play in addressing substance abuse	OPTION			
		SA	A	SD	D
1.	Social work intervention can counsel youth against drug abuse that could lead to mental health problems	78 (52%)	37 (24.67%)	13 (8.67%)	22 (14.67%)
2.	Social work intervention help illicit drug abuse victims from further abuse	47 (31.33%)	73 (48.67%)	21 (14%)	9 (6%)
3.	Social workers can adopt counseling and therapy to rehabilitate illicit drug abuse victims	45 (30%)	67 (44.44%)	23 (15.56%)	15 (10%)
4.	Social workers are to employ family support to help who are involved in illicit drug abuse	80 (53.33%)	42 (28%)	15 (10%)	13 (8.6%)
5.	Social workers are to employ continuous education of victims of illicit drug abuse	74 (49.33%)	62 (41.33%)	2 (8%)	2 (8%)

Source: Field Survey, 2025

This disconnection survey the seen parts of intimate attendants in focusing on drug use accompanying youths in the Ekosodin institution. For the article “Social work attack can counsel teenagers against reliance on banned essence that commit bring about foolish substance questions,” a total of 76.67% of blamed agreed (52% authority concurred and 24.67% agreed), while 23.34% dissented (8.67% powerfully clashed, 14.67% clashed). This shows that a main multiplicity trust advocating by companionable farmers is essential in obstructing the insane fitness results of reliance on criminal wealth with youths. It repeats the meaning of early psychosocial meddling. In answer to the

testimony “Social work interference helps wrongful dependence on illegal substance sufferers from further abuse,” 80% of blamed agreed (31.33% powerfully approved, 48.67% approved), following only 20% in disagreement. This desires that most blamed trust public laborers play a detracting part in breaking the era of bent, possibly through cautioning, social work, and referrals to appropriate instrumentalities. Regarding the report “Social farmers can adopt cautioning and remedy to modernize unauthorized dependence on illegal substance fatalities,” 74.44% agreed (30% authority concurred, 44.44% agreed), while 25.56% clashed (15.56% authority disagreed, 10% disagreed). This signifies the plan that cure and psychosocial support are critical finishes for renovation and reintegration, and climaxes the assignment of friendly agents in easing bettering. For the part “Social farmers search out interconnect categorization support to help those the individual are complicated in illegal reliance on criminal essence,” 81.33% of blamed concurred (53.33% authority agreed, 28% agreed), while 18.6% disagreed. This underlines the meaning of categorization connection in the bettering process.

Social laborers are visualized as key facilitators of ideas, reconciliation, and composite healing inside overwhelmed kins. Finally, in reaction to “Social laborers search out catch continuing direction of casualties of improper reliance on criminal substance,” a total of 90.66% agreed (49.33% powerfully agreed, 41.33% approved), while only 9.34% clashed. This powerful wholeness pertaining to a focus points the

visualized importance of unending information and information programs in forestalling relapse and boosting more wholesome performances.

4.4 Discussion of Findings

The results signify extreme levels of abuse of intoxicating, lawn, medicine drugs (like tramadol and narcotic), and even hard drugs (in a way narcotic and crack) accompanying youths. Over 88% of blamed agreed that hard drugs are easily friendly in Ekosodin. These verdicts resonate following whole of Adeyemo and so forth. (2016), the individual base a extreme predominance of exhilarating and pot use with institute graduates in Benin City. Akanni & Adayonfo (2014) also stressed the installation point charge of lawn and cough syrups among minors in Benin. In the permanent color, Obi and others. (2024) and Ehwarieme & Emina (2022) seen thorough misuse of tramadol, narcotic, and marijuana accompanying undergraduates and inmates at neuro-foolish hospitals in Benin.

Consequently, the function valuable chance, habitual by 83.33% of blamed, supports Ogunkan and so forth. (2024) and Isabu & Iwuagwu (2023) the individual accentuated that refer to practices or tactics that do not otherwise affect the atmosphere approach and ineffective organizing hand out stupidly to teenagers drug abuse. This

signifies Becker's (1968) realistic choice opinion, that means that if essences are friendly following reduced visualized results, practice will rise. The study climaxes peer pressure (83.33%), offspring scenery/neglect (77.78%), television influence (85.56%), and smooth approach (97.78%) as key motorists. While inaction had a various answer, over half of blamed still proverb it as a appropriate cause. The powerful link between peer pressure and alcohol addiction is situated Bandura's (1977) Social Learning Theory, that supposes that belongings select practices noticed in their intimate circles. Similarly, Igbineweka & Tar (2021) and Uwaibi and so forth. (2022) established peer pressure and dysfunctional kins as predictors of reliance on criminal meaning accompanying youths in Edo State. Media influence is formal following Pinias & Enia (2023) and Kurevakwesua and so forth. (2023) who famous that glamorization of drugs in sounds that are acceptable, harmonized and related to the WWW plateaus boosts youth test. The irresistible agreement on the chance of components ties back to whole of Nabofa (2021) and Ogunkan and others. (2024), the individual stressed that stuff approach in deregulated road corners, pharmacies, and markets plays a principal act in claiming abuse middle from two points youths.

The verdicts show severe negative personal possessions on intimate stance (76.67% concurred alcohol addiction increases case and force), business-related prosperity (98% concurred it leads to marketing difficulty). Health and lecturers (94.45%

and 74.44% established disadvantage and academic bankruptcy separately) These touch following Omigie (2023) and Okoye et al. (2024) the individual established nurtured engrossment in adulteration, feeble school adeptness, and substance complications accompanying drug-persecuting youths. Also, Daikhena & Egbochuku (2025) and Obot & Shekhar (2015) enact meaning earlier happening after or order a effective balance of friendly emotional disorder and AWOL. Health impacts are fixed accompanying studies by Flores (2004) and Schindler (2019), that associate drug misuse following appetite and occur with something emotional disorder. Engel's (1977) biopsychosocial model excessively supports this view, suggesting that strength outcomes are an interplay of natural, intelligent, and public variables improving the flexible harm appropriate use.

Respondents trust friendly stockbrokers play main parts in cautioning (76.67%), renovation (74.44%), categorization date (81.33%), and neverending direction (90.66%). This idea is situated Denning & Little (2011) and Tatarsky (2003), the individual advocate for harm decline psychotherapy, an approach that helps clients control reliance outside shame. The judgments too reveal the exhorting of National Association of Social Workers (2024), that emphasizes that companionable farmers are awake in stop, position, and reintegration of belongings following essence use disorders. The extreme acceptance in the educational and deterrent parts of public farmers joins following Dhemba & Dlamini (2025) and Pretorius & Dube (2025), the individual underscored that school

social service, must pass mediation to include early instruction and claimed psychosocial support. Furthermore, Bronfenbrenner's (1979) Ecological Systems Theory supports the need for social work date across diversified arrangements child, school, peers, and TV set to combat substance abuse holistically. The verdicts from Ekosodin mirror collective and general concerns concerning teenagers dependence on illegal substance. The file augment that abuse of intoxicating, grass, cure, and hard drugs are thorough, compelled by peer influence, wireless, categorization neglect, and smooth approach. The results browsing from crime, academic failure, restriction, to trade-connected accident demand inclusive social work attack. Evidence-situated strategies hindering that harm decline, brainy-behavior therapy, child support, and restraint demand are key pathways to talking this society health challenge.

CHAPTER FIVE

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS, CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

5.1 Introduction

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5.2 Summary of Findings

The judgments from the study mean that ultimate usually persecutes entities with youths in Ekosodin include heady, cauldron (frequently refer to as lawn or Indian marijuana), and cure drugs such as Tramadol and Codeine. These stuffs are repeatedly persecutes for their affecting the mind so as to produce vivid visions effects, following many young belongings charming in settled or relating to sports use. The misuse of these drugs has enhance normalized accompanying many youths, commonly visualized as a form of entertainment, escape from stress, or peer catch.

In addition, the study climaxes that hard drugs like poison and dope, though frequently intentional less prevailing in country or worm preview-city precincts, are effortlessly friendly inside the community. This approachability significantly increases the risk of abuse, expressly with dangerous and unemployed youths the individual may lack

intelligent support means. Respondents authority concurred that the thorough chance and lack of arranging or enforcement having to do with the purchase and conclusion of these entities provide significantly to their extreme rate of abuse between the teenagers community. The conception of deregulated drug origins and occasional markets infuriates the change, making hurtful stuffs surely doable by even underage belongings.

The file implies that dependence on illegal substance with youths in Ekosodin is multi-new, preventing from two together private and fundamental cause that write in complex tendencies. Peer pressure arose as a main influence, as many young things select wealth use depictions in an attempt to gain intimate compromise or claim links inside their group of same rank. The fear of forbiddance or ridicule commonly pushes young society to trail concurrence or instructions group standards, even when these contain hurtful dresses like reliance on illegal stuff. Unemployment and trade-accompanying accident were likewise acknowledged as detracting operators. The lack of task occasion and limited habit of occupation make necessary few youths to count on drugs as an escape from disappointment, apathy, or despair. Substance use improves a managing plan in the lack of creative date or fiscal privilege.

Family practice and fatherly neglect grant significantly to minority exposure. Homes from feeble fatherly project, suppressed categorization constructions, or guys the one themselves abuse ingredients frequently build environment place drug test improves

normalized. Children in earlier environments permit an action lack enjoining, menu, and psychological support. Media influence specifically through lineaments, sounds that are pleasant, harmonized videos, and public revelation plateaus form charismatic dependence on illegal substance and effortlessly advance it by way of of handle stress or realizing companionable rank. Youths are unusually naive to these plans, that can shape their stances and practices towards intention use. Consequently, smooth and deregulated approach to exciting and narcotics inside the society serves as a main planner. The closeness of forbidden drug peddlers, the open auction of intoxicating, and impractical organization control methods continue the day of abuse and create a fertile ground for slant to bloom.

Substance abuse accompanying youths in Ekosodin has had trenchant results across various ranges public, trade-related, teaching, and appropriateness-accompanying. There is a clear increase in criminal conduct and severe presence, commonly affiliated to drug-inferred stance or the need to fund a practice of action clothings. Youths inebriated acknowledge chance attempt theft, assault, and additional nonparticipating conduct that advise society freedom. Many worried belongings face chronic marketing shortcoming, either on account of inactivity belittled by part dependence or artless bestowing on drugs. This repeatedly leads to private debt, alleged kin connections, and nurtured confidence on men or guardians the one permit an action earlier be under monetary stress. Academically,

drug abuse takes a main toll. Many youths abandon of school or fail under pressure for that reason declined collection, state of not being present, or brilliant degradations had relates accompanying dependence on illegal substance. This instructional decline detracts their future availability and strengthens the stage of want and marginalization. On the comfort front, dependence on illegal substance is guide weighty real and cognitive appropriateness issues. These include liver and sort damage, respiring disorders, foolishness, despair, and other foolish sicknesses. Addiction itself reinforces a incessant condition that demands complete negotiation and support.

Families and people lax bring a significant commercial burden not only in environments of curative position and restoration costs but further through the deficit of creative potential accompanying young country with its own government and the nurtured need for protect, friendly works, and well-being administration services. The chain of cause and effect of youth dependence on illegal substance longers beyond the individual to complete organizations. Social farmers in Ekosodin play a important part in belittling the challenges guide minority dependence on illegal substance. They are energetically busy in the exhorting and rehabilitation of drug-dependent youths, contribution support through restorative conferences, existence-abilities readiness, and reintegration approaches. Their work helps reconstructing youths restore their lives and reach a sense of purpose and contentment in friendship.

Through information campaigns and instructional surpass, public farmers inform two together young people and community limbs about the instabilities of dependence on illegal substance and the significance of stop. These exertions include school-located attacks, workshops, and cooperations with rigorous and society plans. However, their influence is obstructed by many challenges. Chief 'tween these are insufficient capital, unskillful conveniences, lack of governmental support, and driven concern institution stigma circumscribing preoccupation. Many intimate laborers conduct following minimal resources and face overwhelming caseloads, making it worrisome to answer enduring impact. Respondents in the study accentuated the detracting need for better government relation and strategies support.

This contains arrangement usefulness, providing of grants, establishment of sufficiently outfitted rehabilitation centers, and legal foundations that allow friendly stockbrokers to act efficiently. Despite these restraints, humankind-situated mediations begun by public traders have showed wonted influential. Initiatives in the way that peer command programs, school-located clubs, and agreements accompanying local influencers have confirmed expectant results in threatening the rate of drug use and supporting more agile teenagers practice.

5.3 Conclusion

The reign of alcohol addiction accompanying youths in Ekosodin is rooted in a complex mesh of companionable, financial, and concrete cause. This issue eclipses individual choice and indicates deeper fundamental challenges in the way that want, busted kins, inertia, peer operation, and the lack of direct directing. The results are extensive, with negative advice for demand, society fitness, public merger, and business-connected happening.

While public staff members have built praiseworthy everything in stop, restoration, and backing, their ability waste compulsory by fundamental hurts. A whole, multi-shareholder approach is so essential. Government instrumentalities, non-governmental plans, scrupulous bodies, common institutions, and local executives must work collaboratively to address the root causes, dictate drug control associations, support liable youths, and build a people environment that dispirits drug abuse. Only through earlier accompanying exertions can enduring determinations to teenagers dependence on illegal substance in Ekosodin be achieved.

5.4 Recommendations

(1) Providing teenagers following alternative courses to accomplishment can decrease the current of delinquent behaviour by sending individual of the root causes lack of excuse.

Engaging teens in ability-building conduct also boosts their pride and future help prospects.

(2) Implement offspring support programs that offer enjoining, create workshops, and conflict fate plannings. These programs bear be conceived to spur offspring makeups and designate individuals accompanying finishes to control and support their babies efficiently.

(3) Family movement, unusually broken neighborhoods and feeble parently project, were labeled as key compares of juvenile misconduct. By gift offspring-situated attacks, the humankind can address these issues at their beginning, concession to establish resistant, auxiliary atmospheres for youth. The local police officers instrumentalities sustain correct society protect designs by advocating tighter companionships following the humankind, specifically accompanying youth groups. Establishing a visible lawman neighborhood in the people can help lower fear and build trust middle from two points the lawman and the tenants.

(4) Effective guard can check youth from captivating in delinquent behaviour. When the society feels careful and the lawman are visualized as partners by preference rivals, skillful is a larger chance of service and a decline in horror rates. Establish advisership programs that pair young kin following helpful part models in the institution, containing

favorable scholars, managers, and association managers. These advisership programs continue more devote effort to something guidance occurrence, society date, and individual adulthood.

5.5 Social Work Implications of the Study

Social farmers can play a fault-finding duty in advancing for better procedures and programs that address the fundamental causes of juvenile malfeasance and youth restlessness, hindering that want, ignorance, and kin shortcoming. They can support local masters to guarantee that youth aids, holding instruction, cautioning, and having connection with sports usefulness, are prioritized in society occurrence plans. Social laborers in Idoḡbo can engage in direct reconciliation following upset teens, offering cautioning, crisis support, and conflict judgment duties. This accomplish involve talking issues to some extent dependence on illegal substance, blow, and insane energy, that commonly compare following delinquent behaviour . Social sellers can likewise offer blood relative medicine virus to hearten companionships and improve plans within classifications.

Social traffickers can represent bridges middle from two points humankind accessories, constables, and other spouses. They can facilitate association gatherings to define youth issues, assist in the design and implementation of organization-situated programs, and

guarantee that the voices of marginalized teens are seen uncertainty-making processes. Through this, they can help build powerful communities place youth feel supported and treasured. Social representatives can help explain early negotiation programs that identify at-risk teenagers before they attempt delinquent behaviour. By alive accompanying schools, organization plans, and families, intimate laborers can nurture stop blueprints that aim cause to a degree academic misfortune, lack of helpful act models, and uncovering to force. They can also help link minority to materials used in the production of goods, to some extent after-school programs, foolish appropriateness sexually transmitted disease, and task arrangement excuse.

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APPENDIX
QUESTIONNAIRE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am 400 students of the Department of Social Work, “**An Assessment Of Substance Abuse among Youth and the Roles of Social Workers in Curbing the Vices in Ekosodin, Benin City**”.

You are kindly requested to respond to this questionnaire as honestly as you can. Your opinion or information supplied will be used purely for the academic purpose intended; and such information will be treated with utmost confidentiality.

Thanks for your anticipated cooperation’s.

Yours faithfully,

Researcher

Demographic Characteristic of Respondents

Section A:

1. Age: (a) 8-12 years (), (b), 13-15 years (), (c) 16 and above years ().

2. Sex: (a) Male (), (b) Female ()
3. Religion: (a) Christian (), (b) Muslim (), African Traditional Religion (), Others ().
4. Level of Education: Primary [], Secondary [], Others [].

SECTION B: AN ASSESSMENT OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AMONG YOUTH AND THE ROLES OF SOCIAL WORKERS IN CURBING THE VICES IN EKOSODIN, BENIN CITY

Strongly agree (SA), Agree (A), strongly Disagree (SD), Disagree (D)

SECTION I.

ITEM	Common substances abused by youths in Ekosodin	OPTION			
		SA	A	SD	D
S/N	QUESTIONS				
1.	Alcohol is one of the most commonly abused substances among youths in Ekosodin.				
2.	Marijuana consumption is widespread among youths in the community.				
3.	Many youths in Ekosodin abuse prescription drugs such as Tramadol and Codeine.				
4.	Hard drugs like Cocaine and Heroin are easily accessible to youths in Ekosodin.				
5.	The availability of these substances in the community contributes to their abuse among youths.				

SECTION II

ITEM	Major factors influencing substance abuse among youths in the study area	OPTION			
S/N	QUESTIONS	SA	A	SD	D
1.	Peer pressure is a significant factor influencing substance abuse among youths in Ekosodin.				
2.	Unemployment and financial hardship drive many youths into substance abuse.				
3.	Family background and parental neglect contribute to youth involvement in substance abuse.				
4.	Exposure to movies, music, and social media promotes substance abuse among youths.				
5.	Easy access to drugs and alcohol makes substance abuse a widespread problem in Ekosodin.				

SECTION III

ITEM	Substance abuse affect the social, economic, and health conditions of youths in Ekosodin	OPTION			
S/N	QUESTIONS	SA	A	SD	D
1.	Substance abuse has led to an increase in crime and violence among youths in the community.				
2.	Many youths who abuse substances struggle with financial difficulties.				
3.	Substance abuse negatively affects the academic performance of youths in Ekosodin.				
4.	Youths who abuse substances often experience serious				

	health issues, including mental illness and addiction.				
5.	The effects of substance abuse place a financial burden on families and society.				

SECTION IV

ITEM	Roles do social workers play in addressing substance abuse among youths in the community	OPTION			
		SA	A	SD	D
S/N	QUESTIONS				
1.	Social workers play an important role in counseling and rehabilitating youths affected by substance abuse.				
2.	Awareness programs organized by social workers help in reducing substance abuse among youths.				
3.	Social workers face significant challenges such as lack of funding and support in addressing substance abuse.				
4.	There is a need for more government involvement in supporting social workers in combating substance abuse.				
5.	Community-based interventions by social workers have been effective in reducing substance abuse				