PATTERNS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD BULLYING AMONG ADOLESCENTS IN AGBOWO COMMUNITY, IBADAN, NIGERIA.

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Bullying occurs everywhere in the world.

Bullying may be an overt, covert or latent power relation as explained by power theory.

Agbowo community is located in Ibadan, the largest city in Nigeria, it has a number of social institutions for peer grouping, however, it is known for series of cult clashes as reported in the newspaper (the Nation, 2015).
MAP OF AGBOWO DIVIDED INTO NORTH-EAST, NORTH-WEST, SOUTH-EAST AND SOUTH-WEST.
Source: Geography Department, University Of Ibadan, Nigeria, 2016.
METHODOLOGY

- Study population and sample size estimation.
  - Quantitative: 516 adolescents (prevalence: 28%, design effect: 1.5).
  - Qualitative: In-depth interviews (12 adolescents and 6 parents).
    Case studies (4 adolescents; 2 bullies, 2 victims).

- Sampling technique.
  - Quantitative: Multi stage sampling (cluster, simple random, systematic).
  - Qualitative: Purposive sampling.

- Mixed method of data collection was used.
  - Qualitative: In-depth interviews and case studies.
  - Quantitative.

- Data collection method.
  - Quantitative: Questionnaire (modified from literatures).
  - Qualitative: In-depth interview guides and Case Study guides (self-developed).

- Data management method.

- Ethical approval.
RESULTS- 1

- Victims were bullied relationally (64.1%) with males (39.3%) higher than females (33.7%) (p>0.05).

- Half of respondents perpetrated more verbal bullying with males (24.8%) higher than females (21.5%) (p<0.05).
Symbolic bullying: it is complex, symbols are used as tools for intimidation.

The meaning of the symbol and code must be understood by the bullying ‘clique’.

The victim must be capable of deciphering or decoding the code for it to have an effect on him.

“Bullying is not until someone beats somebody or harasses them, there is a way that someone looks at you and you feel very scared and intimidated”.(BULLYING BY LOOKS AND GESTICULATIONS)
“…they call bullies chin chin (hard to grind), Apola (club), Jagaban (streetwise) and Alteco (glue)”. THIRD-PARTY BULLYING.

“…one day my children came home sad, when I asked what went wrong, I was told by my first child that our neighbours came back from Lagos with his children and when they went to greet the children, they were treated badly”. BRAT BULLYING

“one day, one boy came out from that street, he saw a boy a bit smaller than him, he began harassing and intimidating him, they boy was frightened and took to his heels”- PUNKING
“Bullying is everywhere, it is rampant in this neighbourhood”

“If you walk through a particular path you will see what they will do to you, I always run back to where am coming from, so they don't beat me, I don't take the path of wherever they are gathered”

(Study proof the existence of neighbourhood bullying.)

Patterns of bullying occurred beyond literatures.

Prevention plan should considered using social ecological means.
RECOMMENDATIONS

- Interventions should go beyond schools.

- Development of interpersonal skills and problem solving skills.

- Parents education and sensitization.

- Further local researches is required
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