

WFP and YSP Togo: Awareness Campaign Young People - Equipped for a Fulfilled and Responsible Life

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On October 4, 2023, the WFP-Togo, in partnership with YSP Togo, conducted an awareness campaign at the "Prince Emmanuel" school complex. Spanning from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. GMT, the event was divided into three sessions tailored for primary, middle, and high school students with a total of 518 students participating.



The primary focus was on addressing prevalent issues among the youth: sexuality, homosexuality, substance abuse, peer and familial relationships, and the pitfalls of seeking shortcuts in life. The discussions delved into the repercussions of these behaviors, such as unwanted pregnancies, STDs,

academic failures, and more.

The latter part of the event provided students with practical advice. Recommendations included practicing abstinence until marriage, avoiding substance abuse, and maintaining open communication with parents. Students were also encouraged to respect their teachers, view them as parental figures, and report any instances of harassment or inappropriate advances.



Furthermore, the importance of sibling relationships was highlighted, emphasizing mutual respect and shared responsibilities. Boys, in particular, were encouraged to participate in household chores, ensuring their sisters also had ample time for their studies.

The event concluded with the announcement of a forthcoming club dedicated to promoting excellence, love, and peace. This initiative aims to provide ongoing character education and introduce students to Divine principles.

Plans to engage parents in similar awareness programs were also discussed, especially focusing on open communication about topics considered taboo in many African cultures. Several interviews were conducted during the event, capturing insights from the school's founder and the participating students.