Title: The Role of Nollywood Film in Combating Sexual Violence among Female Adolescents in Selected Secondary Schools in Lagos State, Nigeria

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Abstract

Sexual violence which has a profound impact on the physical and mental health of women and girls, is one of the most widespread abuses on women’s rights. It affects the social well-being of victims and its effects may be long-lasting. This descriptive cross-sectional study therefore, sought to determine the role of Nollywood film in combating sexual violence among secondary school female adolescents in Lagos State, Nigeria. Three hundred and fifty female adolescents between the ages of 12-17 years were selected in four secondary schools in Ikeja, Lagos State, Nigeria using multi-stage sampling. Data were collected using self-administered questionnaire. The study found out that the female adolescents have not fully felt the impact of Nollywood film in combating sexual violence, majority of the respondents believe that sexual violence is still common in their community. The study recommended that campaign initiatives on sexual violence be launched through Nollywood film which is one of the most popular medium among adolescents in Nigeria.

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