



Eradication of Drugs in Our Communities

#“Save our children and our communities from being held at ransom by substance abuse & drug usage”

Usage of drugs (substance abuse) has become a big problem in our communities. There are several reasons why this is happening including but not limited to:

- Break down of family (the nucleus of a society) units leading to children being traumatized
- Absence of guidance from adults that children need
- Poverty and unemployment experienced by young adults leading to them wanting to disassociate themselves with the reality they are facing (even if for a little while when they are high).
- Break down of cohesive communities and emergence of individualism leading to not caring for each other (absence of Ubuntu)
- Ease of availability of drugs in our communities

Call for action by communities

As a community member, you are not small/insignificant to act against the proliferation of drug use in your community.

- Form a committee against drug use (action committee) or be part of a similar structure (on your street leading later on combination of streets and later the community).
- As a committee, call for a street (homes on your street) meeting to assess the extent of the problem (later combine with other streets and later the entire community).
- Based on the meetings you will get to know the extent of the problem in your community, the specific reasons for the problem in your community and how drugs get into your community.
- Agree on an action plan as the street/s committee/s
- Request assistance from relevant stakeholders e.g churches, traditional leaders, law enforcement, social workers (social development) municipality etc
- Be consistent in implementation of your action plan
- Publish your problems/challenges and success on social media platforms so you can get the benefit of feedback by members of other communities

“we shall not be victims of circumstances”
“We will take back our power to determine our own future”
“we are not incapable but capable”
“We will be our brother’s and sister’s keepers”

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