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## SEXUAL ABUSE

Sexual abuse is a form of sexual harassment or sexual violence to an inferior individual(s).

Currently, the issue sexual abuse has been a very big problem in Nigeria and worldwide also. This cruel act of sexual abuse occurs to most individuals in our everyday lives, irrespective of age, gender, status, place, etc. There are numerous forms of sexual abuse which includes; sexual harassment, child sexual abuse, rape, incest, sexual exploitation, sexual abuse of boys and girls and many more. At times, this cruel act of sexual abuse, especially rape, often leads to the murder of innocent victims by the offenders in order to cover up all forms of evidences.

Sexual abuse is an offensive act carried out by offenders via touching (fondling or sexual intercourse) and nontouching (exposing a child to pornographic materials, violence and emotional trauma) practices on the victims. Sexual abuse can also be seen in marriages (this is when a partner forcefully has sex with his or her partner against his or her wish, explicitly or implicitly denying a partner of his or her sexual rights, violation, etc), in our present days, we've seen many cases of babies, toddlers, children, teenagers, and even adults get raped (ninety five percent female) and even killed in the process. Cases of pornography, prostitution and homosexual abuse aren't also excluded.

The case of sexual abuse comes with much side effects on the individual, these includes; mental trauma, psychological

imbalance, hatred for the opposite gender, hatred for one's self, physical damage, emotional trauma, over thinking which can eventually lead to suicide, STDs, risky lifestyles (smoking, drinking, premarital sex and all forms of immortality), somatic problems, occupational problems, etc.

Therefore, I urge the government to impose more painful and long lasting punishments on abusers, create awareness for the society and so on, parents should also do their best in creating awareness and giving their children good sex education in order to ensure they don't become victims nor abusers, also, therapists, Doctors and parents should give the best talk, advice and medical attention to all sexually abused victims.

In my final analysis, we should all put heads together by putting quick notice to all forms of abuse and abusers around us and seek justice for the abused in order to end this devilish act of sexual abuse.