



Protecting Children from Bullying and Violence



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Bullying has been a big issue since it can happen everywhere such as in social media, school or even on the streets. Bullying affects millions of people and it's mostly children. Bullying is an important

problem because when it happens one or multiple people can get hurt, teased, threatened or even get excluded by someone else and do it continuously.

The United Nations views bullying not just as bad behavior, but as a violation of children's rights and a public health problem, and has been actively combating it for over 30 years. For example: UNICEF – The Convention on the Rights of the Child (Articles 19, 37): obliges states to protect children from all forms of physical and psychological violence and bullying. All UN member states have signed this convention. UNICEF did many initiatives, reports, and campaigns about bullying globally. In 2025, the focus moved to preventing school violence and combating cyberbullying.

In Nigeria many students don't want to go to school because they are afraid of bullying. Children often do not talk to their parents about the bullying they experience. FME (Federal Ministry of Education) formed a 7-member committee to stop bullying in schools by 2025 and opened tools such as phone lines, emails and WhatsApp support lines where students/parents/teachers can submit their private complaints. FME is working on a National Anti-Bullying Policy for all schools. These laws cover all forms of bullying such as physical, verbal and cyber bullying.

Nigeria is currently working on a national anti-bullying policy. The UN (specifically UNICEF) wants to adapt the best international practices to Nigeria for example creating data collections and monitoring systems. Countries accept that bullying is not just a matter of school discipline but a social problem. We can organize international warning campaigns with subjects such as "no

to violence," "children's rights," and "respect and empathy." Such campaigns must be in Nigeria because bullying is not a national problem, but a global one. Many countries have developed experience and solutions to address it. Nigeria can make this process faster by using the expertise and support of global partners.

As Nigeria we want all children to grow up safe and free from bullying.