PEMS PROGRAGRAMME

Observably, Boko Haram terrorism has traumatized many young Nigerians and threatened their future. Thousands of young people have lost their lives either as terrorists or victims of terrorism-related violence. Over 200 schools were destructed in a region that is struggling with educational infrastructure and qualitative manpower to improve on the standard and quality of education.

Many of the students that survived the attacks are likely to suffer severe emotional trauma that may not only affects their learning, but also their ability to develop emotional awareness, empathy, self-esteem and basic problem solving skills. Left unchecked, many of these students will grow up believing that violence is the only solution to coping, and as a result, many of them become vulnerable to extremist viewpoints.

The objective of the Peace Education and Mentorship for Students (PEMS) programme is to enable the students learn how to better cope with emotional trauma, reject violence, respect one another, and to embrace the values of peace in their everyday living.

The main objectives include:

1. To teach students the basic concepts of conflict and peace, their relevance to everyday living, and how to engage in conflict resolution.
2. To mentor students on how to better cope with the emotional trauma many of them suffer from previous exposure to violence.
3. To encourage teachers to support the incorporation peace education in school’s curriculum.

Therefore, we organized this program successfully to the Safe School Initiative students of Federal Government College, Kiyawa, Jigawa State of Nigeria.