

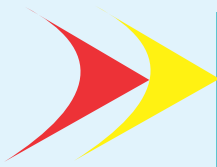
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WANEP NIGERIA WORKING PRINCIPLES



Vision:

A Nigeria characterized by just and peaceful coexistence among communities where dignity of the human person is paramount and where the people can meet their basic human needs and decide their own direction.

Mission:

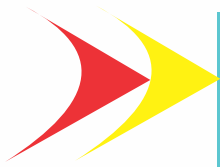
To enable and facilitate the development of mechanisms for cooperation among civil society based peacebuilding practitioners and organizations in Nigeria by providing cooperative responses to violent conflicts; providing structure through which these practitioners and institutions can regularly share experiences and information on peacebuilding, conflict transformation, social, ethno-religious and political reconciliation and tolerance; and promoting cultural values as resources for peacebuilding.

Goal:

To build a sustainable peaceful coexistence amongst all the various sectors and groups of the Nigerian community; thereby creating an enabling environment for national growth and development

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WANEP-Nigeria is a national Network of the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding, West Africa regional Network with headquarters at Accra-Ghana. It provides an organized platform for collaborative peacebuilding by indigenous Non Governmental Organisations for conflict transformation and development in Nigeria.



Objective of WANEP-Nigeria

- Strengthen the Peacebuilding capacities of organizations and practitioners to actively engage in the prevention and/or peaceful transformation of violent conflicts in Nigeria.
- Increase awareness and use of non-violent strategies as a proactive response to conflicts in order to avoid violence
- Promote principled and responsive leadership in the country within context that appreciates the culture of non-violence, advocates for just social, political structures and relationships
- Engender conflict prevention and peacebuilding issues in the country
- Harmonize and develop conflict prevention through peacebuilding activities by networking and coordination of WANEP members into viable networks and mechanisms

Operating Principles and Values

- Belief in mutual respect for one another;
- Transparency and accountability;
- Gender equality and zero tolerance to discrimination (sex, tribe/ethnicity, race, HIV-AIDS status etc);
- Collegiality, teamwork and dedication to duty;
- Tolerance and respect for diversity;
- Justice for all;
- Quality delivery;
- Collaboration and consultation

Established since 2001, WANEP-Nigeria is the largest peacebuilding Network in Nigeria with a membership spread of 120 Community Based on Non Governmental Organizations operating in the 36 States of Nigeria including the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

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WANEP-Nigeria: Who We Are and What We Do

West Africa Network for Peacebuilding Nigeria (WANEP-Nigeria) was established out of necessity to provide an organized platform for collaborative Peacebuilding for social change and stable democracy in Nigeria by indigenous organizations working in the area of conflict transformation, Peacebuilding and good governance. Its operational framework was designed along the visions of the regional network operating in West Africa, Chad and Cameroun with the ultimate goal of building sustainable peace for growth and development in the region.

WANEP Nigeria operations are structured along the geo-political constellation of Nigeria and targets grassroots ownership of Peacebuilding initiatives through its member organizations in all the thirty six (36) states of Nigeria including the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). Membership of WANEP-Nigeria, pursuant to constitutional provisions is for organizations with 40% conflict transformation and peacebuilding initiatives. Some of these organizations however have other areas of competence other than Peacebuilding. WANEP-Nigeria has over 200 member organizations spread across the six geo-political zones of the country.

Intervention programs of the Network are divided into five basic thematic areas; Conflict Prevention; Women in Peacebuilding; Active Non Violence and Peace Education; Democracy and Good Governance; Research and Documentation.

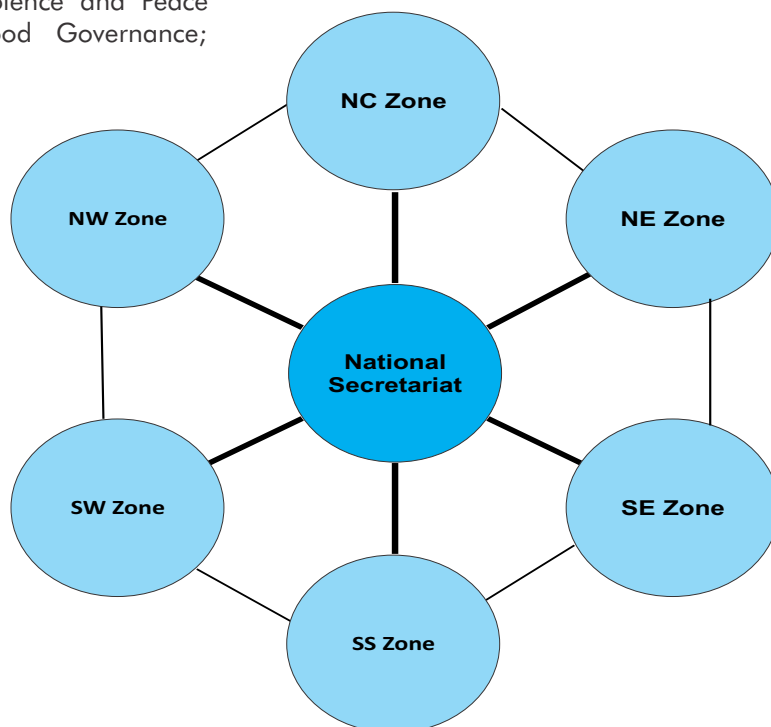
Active Non-Violence and Peace Education: Strives to institutionalize non-violence and peace education in Primary, Secondary and Tertiary institutions in Nigeria

Conflict Prevention: Works towards the establishment of civil society early warning and response system in Nigeria, which is linked to ECOWAS conflict prevention mechanism at the regional level. It also works with relevant government and inter-governmental agencies towards Disaster Risk Reduction in the country.

Democracy and Good Governance: Designed to strengthen governance capacities through developing and integrating conflict management systems at different levels of governance and also ensure transparency in decision making.

Women in Peace building (WIPNET): Offer opportunity for the participation of women in peace building mechanisms through a coordinated network that facilitates advocacy, reconciliation and transformation skills.

Research, Documentation and Network Coordination: Promotes cross-fertilization of resources and expertise among zones.



Message from the BOARD CHAIRMAN

Dr. Abiola Afolabi - Akiyode



Happy New Year!

Dear Board Members, WANEP- Nigeria Staff, Network Members, Ladies and Gentlemen, I believe you celebrated the holiday in good spirit with family and friends, finding time to recuperate and reflect. Welcome back to work and I wish you all an impactful year and a decade of peace. Turning our search light on the outgoing year, you will agree with me that 2019 was a year of giant strides for WANEP- Nigeria. This would not have been possible without the commitment and team work exhibited by staff and network members. The partnership has been instrumental in promoting the organizational mission for which we remain the foremost peacebuilding Network in Nigeria.

The year 2019 was the year WANEP celebrated 20 years of relentless peacebuilding efforts across countries in West Africa. Also, it was an election year in Nigeria as many people were eager to cast their votes and elect the country's President and other political representatives. The election period was slightly marred with persistent attacks by factions of the insurgent group Boko Haram in the northeast; increased communal violence between nomadic herdsmen and farmers spreading southward from north-central states; and a dramatic uptick in rural banditry, kidnapping, and killings in the northwestern states of Kaduna, Katsina, and Zamfara. Although the Federal and State Governments mobilized security forces to quell the violence, a report by [SBM Intelligence](#), which monitors sociopolitical and economic developments in Nigeria, noted that **626 people were killed during the 2019 election cycle**, starting with campaigns in 2018.

However, amidst these threats, WANEP Nigeria carried out a good number of development projects in this less than favourable circumstances with attaining risks. In the North East trainings were held for women and key stakeholders on localization of the National Action Plan (NAP) on United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325 in Bauchi and Gombe States. Two researches were commissioned in the North East to assess the Intersections between Corruption, Human Rights and Women, Peace and Security and "Research on The Current Realities on Issues of Women Peace and Security and the Implementation of NAP on UNSCR 1325 In North East Nigeria". In all of these, the crop of researchers held Focus Group Discussions (FGD) and Key Informant Interviews (KII) in the six states in the North East which informed new initiatives. In Jos Plateau State, the ongoing Justice and Security Dialogue (JSD) Project impacted the lives of more in and out of school youths educating them on the negative effects of gang violence and drug abuse.

In Lagos, WANEP- Nigeria went a step further to engage secondary school students in the peace education program. Over 100, students were educated on the need to embrace non- violence as a way of life and promote peace beginning from the school environment. The slogan "Shun Violence, Embrace Peace!" was developed by the students as part of the event. At present, the proposed bill for the integration of Peace Education into the curriculum of primary and post primary schools in the State has been presented to the 7th House of Assembly. We are hopeful that the bill will be passed into law this year to promote the teaching of peace education in schools towards building a culture of peace.

In Edo State, another milestone was achieved with the Storytelling for Peace event which brought together over 150 women from UnemeNekhwa community. The women had previously been trained by WANEP and had experienced conflict challenges such as kingship tussle and community instability in their community. Clothed in the same attire as a unifying element, the forum provided the platform for the women to share their conflict experiences and approaches to promoting peace in their communities. It created room for synergy between the community women and male allies towards fostering the Women, Peace and Security Agenda at the local level.

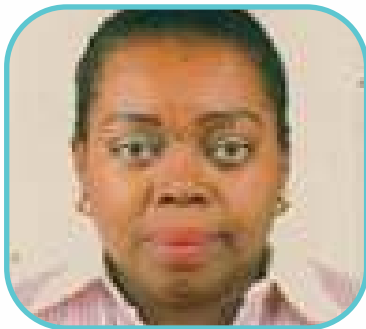
These accomplishments represent significant progress in strengthening our capacities to meet new and emerging security threats and putting forward innovative strategies to execute our projects and expand our scope. With regards to funding, we improved our funding opportunities and attracted new partners. The Global Network of Women

Peacebuilders (GNWP) contacted us based on the tremendous impact of the Women in Peacebuilding (WIPNET) program in Nigeria to partner on localization of UNSC Resolution 1325. Cordial relationship was sustained with ECOWAS, African Union, United States Institute of Peace (USIP), Oxfam in Nigeria and Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) during the course of the year.

Indeed, it is noteworthy to know that our prospects as an organization are bright. We have a committed and professional Board and a governance architecture at the secretariat with a vibrant National Network Coordinator that can stand the test of time. The resilient and balance portfolio of management, staff and interns at the national level has made it easy for mountains to be surmounted and placed the organization in a good position in the peacebuilding fora in Nigeria. As we look forward to the new decade, we will review our Strategic Action Plan (SAP) to integrate new prospects for the next five years 2020- 2025 to direct the organization. We believe the network is on course and will continue to surpass expectations in the quest to promote peace, stability and development in Nigeria.

Thank you.

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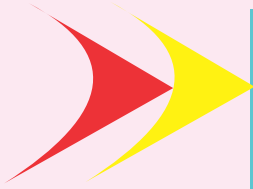
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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL NETWORK COORDINATOR

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“Promoting Opportunities for Inclusive Peacebuilding in Nigeria”

We welcome everyone to the first year of the 2020s decade. I am overwhelmed with joy as we forge ahead into another leap year filled with great expectations. The outgoing year was a milestone for WANEP as it was our Anniversary year- 20 years of Peacebuilding in West Africa. On the home front in Nigeria, it marked 20 years of uninterrupted democracy as the country held its sixth national elections. In order to ensure free and fair elections, WANEP launched the Election Situation Room to specifically monitor, report, analyze and facilitate response to violent threats to the peaceful conduct of the presidential, and parliamentary election scheduled to hold on February 16, 2019 in Nigeria. The Election Risk Analysis and Response Centre was categorized into 4 operational structures – Technical Room for live data gathering, analysis, decision and communication rooms. Also, WANEP- Nigeria partnered with the Women Situation Room Nigeria (WSRN) to deploy women to observe the elections.

In all, 196 accredited observers were deployed for election observations across 36 States in Nigeria. Feedback report reveal that voters' turnout during the general election was the lowest recorded number in Nigerian history; only 35.6% of people voted compared to 43.7% in the 2015 election. One key reason for the low turnout was the postponement of the general elections from February 16 to 23, 2019. This act discouraged many people from traveling the long distance to cast their votes after the postponement. Although, violence was recorded in some local government areas in Bauchi, Benue, Kano, Sokoto and Rivers States, the elections were generally peaceful and the incumbent President Muhammed Buhari was re-elected to office.

Generally, across the different geopolitical zones of the country, conflict was experienced as WANEP- Nigeria increased efforts to engage relevant stakeholders (women and men) in providing cooperative peacebuilding responses to these violent conflicts. Notably in the North-West and North-Central zones banditry and recurring cycles of violence between

herdsmen and farmers continued to claim thousands of lives. WANEP's National Early Warning Reports that over 1,000 people died in the violent clashes in the two Northern Zones alone. Although the government has responded by deploying military troops to wade into the situation and granting amnesty to the bandits, more needs to be done in affected communities as peacebuilding activities step up.

The North East insurgency with Boko Haram and its splinter groups still pose a huge security threat. Though the violent extremist group acquired territories has shrunk to small pockets of villages, around lake Chad, the group continues to carry out attacks against civilian and military targets in Nigeria and neighbouring Niger, Cameroon and Chad leading to secondary displacement of civilians. One of the strategies recommended for implementation to curb the rising menace has been the use of women to change the narratives and engage youths in countering violent extremism.

In the year under review, the WANEP – Nigeria Secretariat was a beehive of activities as staff members worked tirelessly to ensure that projects were tailored towards ameliorating the security situation and sustaining peace within communities. Press Statements were issued on critical themes thus; Projecting Women Voices for Peace in Nigeria; WANEP Calls for Greater Empowerment of the Girl Child in Nigeria; WANEP Urges Lasting End to the Tiv/Jukun Crisis in Taraba and Benue States calling on government and civil society actors to expedite actions towards reducing the level of casualties within conflict prone communities. In the Secretariat, two male and two female Interns were engaged to enhance the program department. They came with varied experience as youths and increased vigor to work. Conversations on project conceptualization and implementation were made with their inputs and concerns. Their creativity and youthful determination to deliver on assigned tasks was indeed commendable as we acknowledge their many contributions.

During the year, the Conflict Prevention department reported weekly incidences of human security threats and the 2019 elections in Nigeria. New State and non-State actors such as the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Street children, Swedish Embassy, etc were added to our link serve as we continued to provide early warning information to relevant authorities for prompt intervention. Also, Quick news updates were documented with the captions. 'Building Collapses in Nigeria and its Implication for urban development"; INEC's Postponement of the February 16, 2019 Presidential and National Assembly Election. Situation Tracking Analysis on "Armed attacks by suspected criminal gangs in Kaduna State, North West, Nigeria". WANEP - `Nigeria continued in its reporting of incidences into the ECOWAS and AU Early Warning Systems.

The United States Institute for Peace (USIP) continued its support for WANEP- Nigeria in addressing security challenges in Plateau State. In order to ensure free and fair general elections in the state the Justice, Security and Dialogue (JSD) program supported training on Election Security Management for Civil Society Organizations and Media while setting up its Election Situation Room in the State. Also, Community sensitization on the strategies of preventing Electoral violence were organized in Jenta Adamu and Sabo Layi Communities of Jos North LGA. As part of the project, Sensitization forums were held for students on the effect of drug and substance abuse in two government secondary schools - Government Secondary Schools Laranto and West of Mines. This was to inculcate in the students the knowledge on the harmful effect of substance abuse. Over 400 students benefitted from the activity in the two communities.

Under the Women in Peacebuilding (WIPNET) Program, we partnered with our network members to take the National Action Plan (NAP) on UNSCR 1325 to the local level. Localization Workshops were held for key stakeholders including women groups, men groups, youth groups, Local Government Chairmen, Councillors, Traditional leaders, religious leaders, governors etc in Gombe and Bauchi States. The aim was to enhance understanding of the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325 to promote the integration of its provisions into Local Action Plans with accompanying budget for implementation. Also, the capacities of over 100 community women in Delta, Edo and River States were built in Confidence and Peacebuilding to enable them resolve conflict and request for participation in peacebuilding at the community level. One significant outcome was the need to resuscitate the women traditional leadership structures within communities as these structures have been relegated to the background leaving women behind.

To enhance women voices to articulate their needs and

concerns as well as project their peacebuilding initiatives, WANEP held a National Media Workshop on implementing UNSCR 1325 in Nigeria. The program succeeded in empowering a crop of media experts willing to report on women issues and portray the positive image of women in the society. We went a step further to engage media agencies (radio stations) in seven states across Nigeria to speak on women's issues in a weekly live radio programme titled "Women's Voices for Peace". The radio programme is aired every day of the week in English, Pidgin English, Hausa and Fulani Languages. Varied stakeholders from the civil society, academia, legislature judiciary etc both male and female with good knowledge and experience of the issues are invited to educate the populace on the valuable need to involve women in decision making and peace processes.

Building on the cordial relationship between WANEP- Nigeria and OXFAM, the project on Food and Climate Justice expanded to Bauchi and Kebbi States. Advocacy visits were made to Traditional Rulers, Federal and State Ministry of Agriculture and the Private Sectors in Bauchi and Kebbi States to sensitize them on the relevance of the Farmers Manifesto constituting a linkage between the Farmers and Policy Makers in the States. Other activities included Sensitization forums with Small Scale Farmers and Political Party Aspirants as well as field visit to farming locations in Bauchi States. Political Party Aspirants across two (2) political parties signed the Farmers Manifesto in Kebbi State, committing to specific demands to boost agricultural productivity in the State. To project the voices of rural people on agriculture and climate change issues, WANEP this year will commence the radio program 'GariYawaye (A New Dawn) in Bauchi State. The project outcomes have contributed to facilitating the momentum for the attainment of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2 on 'ending hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition, and promoting sustainable agriculture by 2030'.

As part of the year, two researches were conducted titled "The Intersections between Corruption, Human Rights and Women, Peace and Security: Nigeria Case Study" and "Research on The Current Realities on Issues of Women Peace and Security and the Implementation of NAP on UNSCR 1325 In North East Nigeria". From the first research, it is clear that the government needs to put in place laws and policies to protect women and Girls from Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) in Bornu State. The Violence Against Persons Prohibition (VAPP) Act of 2015 should be domesticated for states to put measures in place to stop SGBV. The second research calls for the training of women and girls on counter radicalization to change the narrative to suppress extremism once it emerges in the families and communities.

The Active Non-Violence and Peace Education

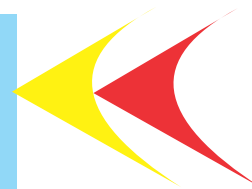
program was expanded to secondary schools during the year. Over 100 students in 20 secondary schools in Lagos State had their capacities built on peacebuilding. The students were taught how to be peer mediators, to wade into disputes and ensure peaceful resolution. Visits were made to the Lagos State House of Assembly to advocate for passage of the peace education bill into law which will ensure the integration of peace education in the curriculum of primary and post primary schools in Lagos State. WANEP Nigeria with partners co-hosted the 4th Anniversary of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2250 with the theme "Mobilizing and Strengthening capacities of Youth towards Peacebuilding and Localizing UNSCR 2250 On Youth, Peace and Security in Nigeria." Also organised a "Soccer for Peace" program to support community cohesion and resilience through sports. These activities were tailored towards helping youth see themselves as instruments of peace. The year ended with "Storytelling for Peace" with the Uneme Women of Edo State.

In all, in pursuance of our goal as a peacebuilding network, we say a big thank you to the board, staff and network members. We also appreciate the unrelenting support of our partners, Global Network of Women Peacebuilders, ECOWAS, African Union, USIP, Oxfam in Nigeria, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD), Institute of Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR), Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, State Ministries of Women Affairs, School Based Management Committee (SBMC) and the Lagos State House of Assembly in helping us fulfil our mission. The Regional Office as the mother hen has been spurring us on to do more in our quest to promote peace in Nigeria. As we remain undaunted by the many challenges, it's our promise to keep making giant strides towards sustaining peace among communities in Nigeria.

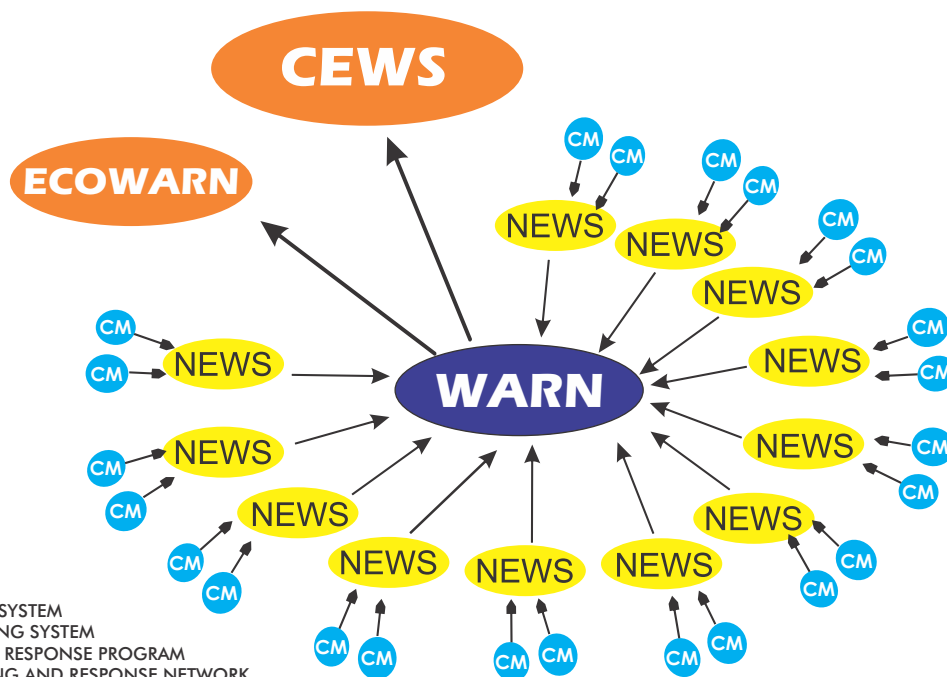
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Early Warning

DELIVERING ON 2015-2020 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE (SO) 1: NATIONAL EARLY WARNING AND RESPONSE SYSTEMS ARE FUNCTIONAL AND LINKED TO ECOWAS EARLY WARNING AND RESPONSE SYSTEM AND AFRICAN UNION CONTINENTAL EARLY WARNING SYSTEM (CEWS).



1.1. Improved Quality and Timeliness of Early Warning and Response Mechanisms

The WANEP's National Early Warning System (NEWS) with the primary objective to provide Early Warning (EW) information and design timely responses to prevent the outbreak or mitigate the escalation of conflict. The NEWS also provides EW on threats to food, environmental and health security as well as crimes that threaten community resilience and stability of States in Nigeria. This further informs WANEP-Nigeria's program designs and interventions, bridging the existing information gap that limits the capacity of State and non-State actors to respond pro-actively to human security threats in the country.

In the reporting period, WANEP-Nigeria strengthened this system through e-training for community field monitors (12 females, 25 males) across the 36 States and the Federal Capital Territory of Nigeria. Through the training, the quality and timeliness of warning and alerts from communities to the national network increased tremendously with support from WANEP-Nigeria's NEWS Manager. The data and analyses

generated from NEWS were further feeds into the ECOWAS Early Warning and Response Network (ECOWARN) and African Union Continental Early Warning System. WANEP's partnership with ECOWAS and African Union (AU) in the area of peace and security is largely hinged on supporting and operationalizing conflict Early Warning (EW) system and ensuring early response to break the cycle of insecurity across the region. In 2019, the African Union and ECOWAS collaborated with WANEP to enhance the capacity of the National Early Warning System (NEWS) Managers and reviewed the EW indicators to reflect current dynamics and trends in peace and security in Nigeria.

1.2 Wanep Contributes To Policy Discourse Through Early Warning Products

Production and dissemination of analytical early warning outputs:

WANEP-Nigeria generates quality and evidence-based data from its National Early Warning System (NEWS). The data fed into NEWS by the NEWS Manager and



Community Field Monitors informs intuitive analysis leading to the production of varied Early Warning outputs, to inform relevant actors for appropriate response and mitigation of threats. These Early Warning products serves as a channel for information dissemination, sensitization and experience sharing with Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), International Government Organisations (INGOs), Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies, Academia and other relevant partners in conflict prevention, management and disaster risk reduction in Nigeria. Significantly, the Early Warning outputs provides policy recommendations for policy makers and relevant stakeholders for consideration in the mitigation, prevention and management of human security threats.

Highlights on varied Early Warning outputs:

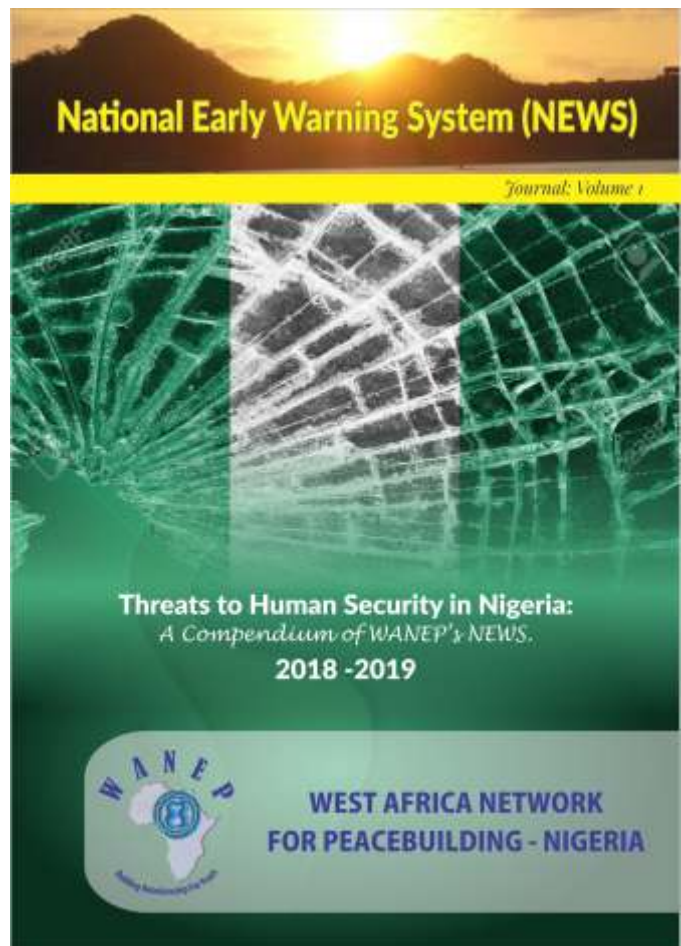
- NEWS Monthly Bulletin, which depicts an overview of major incidents in the month that impacted human security. The bulletin and Weekly Highlights is divided into four (4) thematic areas: 'Organised Crime and Violent Extremism'; Democracy and Governance; 'Environmental Security'; Gender Peace and Security'.
- ECOWAS Country Report on Human Rights Issues.
- Production of Quick NEWS Update and Situation Tracking on major incident; '
 - Communal clash in Akwa-Ibom,
 - Cross River and Benue States,'
 - Building Collapse in Lagos State',
 - 'Proscription of the Islamic Movement of Nigeria as a terrorist group in Nigeria',
 - Crackdown on Illegal Rehabilitation Centre in Kaduna,
 - Katsina, Adamawa, Kwara and Oyo States',
 - Armed attack by suspected criminal gangs in Kaduna State'
 - Flood Disaster in Nigeria'.
- Press statements on Armed Banditry in the North-West and Ethnic Violence in Taraba State.
- Policy Brief on Addressing Armed Banditry in the North-West region of Nigeria: Exploring the potentials of a Multi-Dimensional Conflict Management Approach.

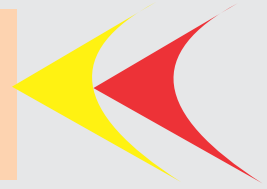
In addition to the 2019 Early Warning outputs, WANEP-Nigeria published a National Early Warning System (NEWS) Journal, a maiden edition of the National Network on 'Threats to Human Security in Nigeria: A Compendium of WANEP's NEWS, 2018-2019'.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE (SO 2): CITIZEN CAPACITY IS DEVELOPED AND DEPLOYED IN PEACE BUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/INTERVENTIONS AT COMMUNITY, NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS.

2.1.Improving Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Capacities

In line with WANEP-Nigeria capacity building strategy tailored towards increasing peacebuilding knowledge base in the country by enhancing the skills and expertise of WANEP staff in the area of conflict prevention, peacebuilding and human rights, the Early Warning team attended several capacity building workshops/training facilitation and paper presentations at the local, national and global level.





STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3 (SO 3): RESEARCH RESULTS ARE UTILIZED IN POLICY ADVOCACY TO PROMOTE PEACE AND SECURITY.

Preventing/Countering Violent Extremism, Rehabilitation and Reintegration (R &R) in Nigeria

WANEP – Nigeria in collaboration with International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague (ICCT) commissioned a research to analyse the Security & Rule of Law: Preventing/Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVE), Rehabilitation and Reintegration (R&R) project in Nigeria. The project which was implemented in Bauchi State included a research and dialogue process on Political Dilemma of Legitimate Stability (PDLS) in Nigeria. This was targeted at supporting government efforts on rehabilitation and reintegration of repentant violent extremist fighters and how cooperation between Civil Society Organisations and Government on R&R can be optimized to promote peace.

Specifically, the research analysed how different actors possess and gain legitimacy in the context of R&R service delivery, and further explored how cooperation's among community actors and government institutions can be optimised to address instability and insecurity. The dialogue phase focused on developing collaborative approaches to address the gaps identified in the research. The research findings was validated by key stakeholders from security services, community representatives (traditional/religious leaders), governmental agencies including Nigerian Police Force and civil society organisations in 2019 with recommendations

generated. The research report serves as an excellent resource for Government, security services and Civil Society Organisations as partners in R and R.

The research project consisted of six-events comprising of two kick-off meetings in Abuja and Bauchi State; one community dialogue workshop in Bauchi, one capacity building workshop and one policy dialogue workshop in Abuja FCT. In total, 95 stakeholders (including 61 males, 34 females) were engaged with a media presentation to disseminate the research findings.



FIG 1 : Presentation of group exercise by a participant/demonstration by the facilitator.



FIG 2: Dialogue on Promoting Collaborative Approaches To Security: R & R



Promoting Food Security in Nigeria: Agriculture, Climate Change and Good Governance

In line with the nations goal of improving food security in the country, WANEP-Nigeria with the support of OXFAM in Nigeria continued its strategic engagement with national/state government on agriculture and climate resilience to support small scale farmers. For Nigerian farmers, critical inputs are out of reach and climate change intensifies existing vulnerabilities. Agriculture, being a huge employer of labour in Nigeria; any adverse effects from climate change will impinge on livelihoods and cause a downward spiral of other development indices. In view of this, small scale farmers are mainly vulnerable to multiple risks in relation to agricultural production and livelihoods including risk related to extreme weather events and those related to market access/price volatility.

In recognition of these challenges faced by small-holder farmers in Nigeria and the need to continually enhance their capacity to influence policies within the agricultural sector as well as voice out their needs in a more organised platform, WANEP-Nigeria conducted field assessments, capacity building trainings and advocacy visits to traditional institutions, Federal/State Ministry of Agriculture, small scale farming communities, traditional/community leaders and the private sectors in Bauchi and Kebbi States to create awareness and further seek partnership.

More so, prior to the 2019 general elections in Nigeria, WANEP engaged political party aspirants across several political parties in Bauchi and Kebbi States, through the signing of a Farmers Manifesto. The Farmers Manifesto, a critical document detailing the specific needs of Nigerian farmers is seen as a basis for a bargain between farmers and political office seekers. The Manifesto further served as a veritable tool for farmers to hold political office aspirants accountable to their actions as it relates to the interest of farmers targeted at revitalizing the agricultural sector.

In furtherance to this, WANEP implemented several activities in Kebbi and Bauchi States.

1. Sensitization workshop on the Farmers' Manifesto in Kebbi and Bauchi States.
2. Development of a Digital Campaign Strategy for wider reach and sensitization.
3. Launch of Radio Programme in Bauchi State 'GariYawaye' (meaning new dawn) as a medium to address the challenges and needs of small-scale farmers, amongst others.
4. Capacity building on Community Development Plan (CDP) in Bauchi State. The CDP further serves as a manifesto for the communities to present their specific demands to government representatives for implementation.

KEY OUTCOMES:

- 16 Political Party Aspirants (Governorship, House of Assembly and Representatives) across five (5) political parties in the State signed the Farmers Manifesto in January 2019. This commitment stimulated positive engagement on food security and capacity development for small-scale farmers (SSF) in the State.
- Improved awareness of small-holder farmers (SHF), Ministries, Department and Agencies (MDAs), CSOs, Traditional Rulers and the private sector on the relevance of the Farmers Manifesto constituting a linkage between the Farmers and Policy Makers in the State.

The Ciroma of Bauchi, MadakiAgro Services Ltd (private sector), Ministry of Agriculture and the Bauchi State Agricultural Development Programme (BSADP) affirmed their support to partner with WANEP in subsequent agricultural interventions in the State to boost agricultural yield targeted at SHF in the State.

- Small Scale Farmers from 8 Local Government Councils in Bauchi State engage government stakeholders using context specific Community Development Plan to project their needs in a more organized platform.
- WANEP's publication-'Fine Words Do Not Produce Food' report is frequently cited on local and national reports on the need for improving climate resilience in Nigeria



ADVOCACY VISITS TO RESPECTIVE STAKEHOLDERS IN BAUCHI STATE.
(Photo Gallery)



Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Bauchi State Office



Courtesy Visit to the Ciroma of Bauchi State- Alhaji. NuruAdamuJumba



Site Visit to a Vegetable Farm in Bauchi State



Bauchi State Agricultural Development Program (BSADP)



Fig 3: Re-fresher training for WANEP NEWS Managers on the African Union Continental Early Warning System (CEWS) at the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. A refresher training for field reporters on the methods and operations of incident (Increp) and situation (Sitrep) reporting. The training provided an opportunity for WANEP to share best practices from its engagements with ECOWAS and other stakeholders on Early Warning and Response. Other participants were drawn from the African Union Field Missions, Liaison Offices and Civil Society Organisations from North Africa (November 2019).



Fig 2: Regional consultations for the West Africa Network for Human Rights Defenders organised by the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS), in Banjul, The Gambia. Represented by the NEWS Manager, Osariemen Amas Edobor, as she shares WANEP's EMAM (Election Monitoring, Analysis and Mitigation) project, a response mechanism against election-related disputes, (October 2019).



Fig 1: Human Rights Training For ECOWAS Civil Society Organisations (WANEP NEWS Managers and WANEP Liaison to ECOWAS) in Ghana.



Fig 4: Refresher training for NEWS Managers on the ECOWAS Early Warning and Response Network (ECOWARN), Senegal.

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Improving Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Capacity



The JSD project is part of a larger project implemented by United States Institutes of Peace (USIP) in communities in six countries in the Maghreb and Sahel regions, with the aim of promoting trust-building and collaborative problem-solving between Security services and the target communities. JSD adopts an integrated approach to support both the supply and demand-side of security reform. The participation and inclusion of the demand-side groups (such as communities and other civil society groups) and supply-side groups (such as policy makers, police and government) as important stakeholders in the intervention enhanced synergy and eschewed the blame game that often occurs amongst uncoordinated stakeholders.

The JSD process requires an organic unfolding of informal meeting, intra and inter-groups dialogue sessions, and other activities as determined by the participants every step of the way. The organic nature of the process provided a new approach in engaging communities to work collaboratively to resolve community issues and transform relationships with security services. It provided an inclusive platform for all community members and groups in Jos North to engage with Police and be heard.

The JSD project in Jos North provided a new approach for the project partner's organisation in program design and implementation. WANEP and Centre for Peace Advancement in Nigeria (CEPAN) with the support of United States of Peace (USIP) implemented Justice and Security Dialogue programs in Jos North.

MITIGATING ELECTION VIOLENCE

A. JSD Sensitization on Policing Election for Security Officers on Election Duty.

WANEP in partnership with CEPAN organized a training on policing elections for law enforcement officers on election duty. During the training, it was clear that many of the security officers needed to be sensitized on their roles as security officers on election duties so that they will be able to support the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) maximally towards ensuring violent-free elections. The sensitization meeting was for security officers assigned for policing election during the Gubernatorial and State Assembly elections on 9th March, 2019.

INEC facilitated the sensitization meeting to inform security officers of what is expected of them. The aim of the sensitization is to increase awareness on INECs regulations and guidelines for Security Agents on election duty and to share experience with INEC for better and violent free gubernatorial election on March 9th 2019.

B Strengthening the skills of justice and security dialogue stakeholders

The JSD Gender Based Violence (GBV) tool kits for Police, Community Leaders, Women Group, Social Welfare and Health officials in Jos, Plateau State. Participants drawn from the civil society group working on gender based crimes, social welfare, ministry of health, Police brainstormed on issues of GBV and how to network for efficient and effective response to sexual violence.

It aimed to educate community members/stakeholders on sexual violence, their roles and available response mechanism. The Gender Tool Kit developed by WANEP and CEPAN with support from USIP served as a guide to all stakeholders on response to SGBV. Participants suggested a coordinated response to GBV, through support to the gender crime desk of the Nigerian Police force to provide an organized community base response to sexual based violence in the State.

Dialogue Outcomes

- JSD Stakeholders in its effort to improve response to SGBV in Jos North LGA supported the Gender desk unit in Nassarawa Gwong police station with some equipments- Desktop Computer, Officer Furniture/fittings and Stationery) to ease their work.
- JSD provided 20 toll-free telephones lines to stakeholders and the Gender Crime Desk at the Nassarawa Gwong Police Division to improve effective and coordinated response to rape victims/survivors.





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Justice and Security Dialogue training on responding to Gender Based Violence: Local and National Legal Framework

JSD Stakeholders organised training for community Leaders/members on responding to SGBV: local and national legal framework in Jos North Local Government Council. The training had in attendance participants from the social welfare, ministry of health and Police attached to the gender crime desk and other stakeholders to brainstorm on issues of SGBV and network for efficient and effective response to sexual violence. The training aimed to educate community members/ stakeholders on relevant laws to assist victims of gender-base violence. The meeting provided an opportunity for experience sharing on SGBV in Plateau State.

To further facilitate effective coordination and response, WANEP - Nigeria launched a radio program on gender-based violence 'Let's talk GBV' on Unity FM Jos. A creative platform to educate, sensitize and guide the audience on issues of gender-based violence. The radio program is aired in Hausa and English Languages.



JSD Stakeholders Jos North Sensitization for Community Leaders (women and men) on Responding to Gender-Based Violence.

In furtherance to response on gender-based violence at Jos North Local Government, participants capacity were enhanced on reporting of SGBV and available services for response following the increasing cases of SGBV in the state.

Similar sensitization were conducted for men in leadership positions from various communities of Jos North. Discussions on the menace of SGBV and relevant laws in Plateau State protecting women and citizens, especially children against SGBV and response mechanisms for effective response to victims of SGBV. Identification of challenges responsible for the

continuous spate of SGBV were highlighted by the participant.



Partnership Dialogue on Gender Sensitivity and Support for Gender Crime Desk

The gender crime desk is aimed at improving survivors experience with the police by increasing reportage through toll- free hot-lines, effective case management and specialized care which will lead to higher prosecution rate and reduce the prevalence of sexual and gender-based violence in Jos North. The workshop drew participants from civil society groups working on issues of gender based crime, social welfare departments, Ministry of Health, doctors/nurses from government hospitals, Divisional Police Officers (DPO) attached to police division in Jos North Local government area, lower court Judges, teachers, women group, Market women and representatives of National Union of transport Workers.

Participants among other things, recommended a coordinated response to sexual violence through support for Gender-Crime Desk of the Nigeria Police Force.

Effective Response to Sexual Violence in Jos North LGA – “a Tool Kit for Service Providers” developed as a large response to support the Gender Crime Desk of Plateau State Police Command to effectively coordinate response to sexual violence.

Immediately after the launch, the desk was manned by four specialized trained Police officers who are dedicated to SGBV, the desk has increased the capacity of the police to rapidly and appropriately respond and



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JSD Community Dialogue on Gang Violence / Sara-Suka

The level of insecurity perpetuated by gang groups especially "Sara- Suka" in Jos North LGA of Plateau State created a need to dialogue for workable solution to curb gang violent in the state. The Dialogue further provided opportunities for experience sharing on the remote causes and policy recommendation to respective stakeholders. The discussions geared towards practical efforts of coordination and collaboration by community stakeholders of AngwanRogo community. These stakeholders include the ward head, women/youths groups, vigilante, neighborhood watch, and Religious leaders. On the effort to curbing the menace, a repentant gang leader who also facilitated the dialogue process encourage the community leader to engage gang leaders in the peace dialogue.

Resolutions

- Increased sensitization in religious centres and through radio programs and other social gatherings in the community.
- Improved parental care and monitoring by women in their household.
- Improved collaboration between local vigilante groups and the Police in information sharing on the activities of Sara-Suka and other gang groups.
- Community-Police relations on intelligence gathering.
- Continuous dialogue between the community leaders and gang leaders on solutions to curb gang violence and behavioral modification of its members.
- Youths should step down what they have learned to other youths in the community.



The Police has approved the use of GBV Crime register and Visitors book developed to monitor and track changes in victim's experience.



Official launch of the gender toolkit "Effective Response to Sexual Violence"

A press conference held on May 22nd with participants drawn from the media, civil society groups, JSD stakeholders, community leaders and the civil society. It aimed at creating awareness on the gender crime desk, launched on May 23rd, 2019, and to officially unveil the Gender Tool Kit to the public.





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WANEP in partnership with CEPAN and supported by United States Institute of Peace (USIP) developed the Gender Tool Kit.



Teens Against Drug Abuse (TADAClub) Sensitization on the Effect of Drug and Substance Abuse in Schools.

The sensitization was focused on sensitizing students of some selected secondary schools in Jos North LGA on the dangers of drug and substance abuse in their lives. The sensitization was held on 17th October 2019 at the Government Secondary School, Laranto Hall, Jos North, Plateau State. The activity had 204 students in attendance. The sensitization started with a talk from the resource person from the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, Jos. Participants agreed that young people experiment with drugs or continue taking them for several reasons; including to fit into a social circle and peer groups, to feel good as abused drugs interact with the neurochemistry of the brain to produce feelings of pleasure, to feel better. Some young people suffer from depression, social anxiety, stress-related disorders, and physical pain. Using drugs may be an attempt to lessen these feelings of distress. Stress especially plays a significant role in starting and continuing drug use as well as returning to drug use (relapsing) for those recovering from an addiction. To do better, because of the level of competition and the yearning to excel in the society, in which the pressure to

perform athletically and academically can be intense. Some young people may turn to certain drugs like illegal or prescription stimulants because they think those substances will enhance or improve their performance. To experiment, young people are often motivated to seek new experiences, particularly those they perceive as thrilling or daring.

354 Students enhanced their knowledge on the affects of Drug and substance abuse



Students of Government Secondary School, West of Mines (GSS West of Mines, Jos North LGA, Plateau State)

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JSD Stakeholders Community Dialogue.

In deeply divided societies, engaging with prominent figures provides an important step to begin the stages of problem-solving particularly in local community contexts where conflict protraction and proliferation is prominent. This dialogue seeks to harness contributions of community groups towards transforming conflicts in Dutse-Uku community as well as developing methods for improving relationships between the community and the Police. It also aimed at achieving their commitment to identifying initiatives and recommendations so that they will drive peace locally and contribute to the overall success of Peacebuilding efforts in Jos North LGA. The dialogue aimed to discuss with community members on possible treats to security during the Sallah and to find more effective ways of ensuring a peaceful celebration in Dutse-Uku community of the Jos North. The discussions were geared towards functional efforts of coordination and collaboration by Christian and Muslim groups in the community to ensure peaceful coexistence beyond the Sallah celebrations. These groups include the ward head, women, youths, vigilante, neighbourhood watch and Religious leaders. The program's main means of achieving improved community-police relationship was dialogue. This mechanism was instrumental in deliberating significant challenges and also created the platform for groups to discuss a way forward and best practices that will strengthen efforts to end insecurity and enforce justice in Jos North LGA of Plateau State.

Dialogue Outcome:

- A whatsapp group that can inform friends on the true situation of things in each community
- Proper investigation before taking action, in the event where there is any killings, community leaders should visit the scene of the incidence to verify the story and then report to the appropriate authority.
- Continuous dialogue between Christians and Muslims in the community
- Strengthen synergy between interfaith youth, women and community leaders of the two sides
- Groups should ensure they fish out criminals amongst them and hand them over to the police
- Strengthen synergy between interfaith vigilante groups in that community
- There will be a step-down of the sensitization by both groups to their members





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JUSTICE AND SECURITY STATE LEVEL DIALOGUE (JSD) HELD AT THE PLATEAU PEACEBUILDING AGENCY (PPBA) CONFERENCE HALL, JOS.

In the past few months' residence of Jos and environs have been ravaged with cult activities and gang related violence. This disturbing situation posed a huge threat to communal peace, security and peaceful community neighborliness. Activities by these groups and Sara-Suka (violent gang group found in predominate Hausa



communities) within affected communities have led to early closure of businesses, increasing threat to lives and properties, property theft, individual and gang rape, gang fight, daily reported cases of stabbing and kidnapping. Most perpetrators of this illicit act according to witness report carry out their attacks with the use of locally made guns, cutlasses, animal horn



and other locally made weapons.

The security situation has generated fears and tension amongst the people as well as threatening to undermine the peaceful gains recorded in the last few years. In the light of the above, the PPBA considered the JSD platform as the appropriate medium to explore pathways to proffering solutions to the dangers posed by the emerging threats to peace and security through the activities of these gang groups mentioned above.

The PPBA invited heads of formal and informal security agencies in the state, key community leaders within affected communities to a dialogue meeting through

the JSD platform to discuss constructively the security challenges and proffer community driven approaches to arresting and addressing the security situation that has eaten deeply into the fabrics of our common humanity in the state. Members of the formal security sector include the Nigerian Police Force (NPF), Nigerian Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC),



Department of State Services (DSS), Operation Safe Haven (OPSH) and for the informal security outfits include: Vigilante Group of Nigeria (VGN), Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) and key community leaders from affected communities and USIP facilitators to brainstorm and explore pathways to addressing these challenges.

The dialogue was organized by the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP-NIGERIA) in conjunction with Plateau Peace Building Agency (PPBA) with support from United State Institute of Peace (USIP) as part of a broader effort under the Justice and Security Dialogue



(JSD) project to respond to the challenges of Peace and security in the state. The session was structured in a way that allows for a solution-driven kind of interaction and at the same time provided ample space for stakeholders to reflect deeply on issues underpinning the trend of insecurity in the state.



Dialogue Outcome

- There should be a joint operation of formal and informal security operatives in communities; this is because the Non- formal security such as the vigilante and neighbourhood watch can easily trace the criminals to their houses. It was emphasised that the formal security operatives should be armed when going for the raid.
- There should be stricter law to punish members of Sara-Suka, and cult groups in the state
- Government should provide mobility such as motorcycle and tricycles for easy and fast movement for local security groups
- There should be increased synergy between conventional and non-conventional security.
- The formal security especially the police should train the non-formal groups on community policing and the law.
- Youths in communities should be empowered economically so they can be gainfully engaged, this will go a long way in reducing crime in communities.
- Pay advocacy visits to community leaders and community members to sensitize them on the dangers of shielding their wards who have committed crime from being picked up by Security agents



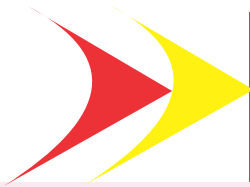
JSD SENSITIZATION SEMINAR ON YOUTH AND POLICING

JSD sensitization on youth and policing in Crispan Luxury Apartment Hotel, Rayfield, Jos North, Plateau State. The seminar held on 28th August 2019, with 26 participants in attendance. It aimed at improving the synergy between the youths and the police working in cooperation to fight drug abuse. Participants noted that youths all over the world prefer an autonomous and independent living that is free from adult control. This they argued makes them to engage in various

delinquent acts (drug abuse, rape, robbery, cultism and vandalism) that are dangerous to the home, community, school and the nation.

The following counselling strategies were suggested to help reduce drug abuse among youths.

- i Family Education on Drugs: The family is the nucleus of the social organization. Parents should give their children appropriate education on drug use. They should be encouraged by health authorities to offer family education on drug abuse to their children. They should inform them of the



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- dangers of drug abuse and dependence on their health, society and the nation.
- ii Establishment of Counselling Centres for Drug Control: Counselling centres should be established in every community by the government or private individuals. Qualified health counselors should be employed in helping drug addicts or those dependent on drugs by giving them special advice on how to go about the withdrawal system. Designing Curricula on Drug Education: Ministry of education (State and Federal) should as matters of urgency add to the curricula- drug education at all levels of education. Campaign against Drug Abuse: National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) should intensify their campaigns on anti drug in order to have a drug free society. The campaign against use of certain drugs and misuse of drugs should be more intensified at the secondary school level because it is the peak of adolescent. Also, government and other relevant authorities should launch campaigns against drug abuse as well as dependence.
 - iii Establishment of Drug Awareness Units: Drug awareness units to be set up in all states and moderated by the federal state and local governments. It should not be a panel established to try people who use drugs as criminals, but to help solve their socio-psychological problem. Parents and adults should refrain from using drugs indiscriminately in the presence of youngsters and they should discourage their wards/children from associating with “unknown” gangs or suspicious neighborhood peer groups.

activities of gang members in Jos North, especially in Secondary Schools have assumed a very dangerous dimension that the society at large is no more comfortable when the word “Sara-Suka” is heard or mentioned. Their activities in Jos North has taken a fresh dimension, outright brutality, killings, slaughtering or butchering, looting and damage of properties. The dialogue covered the following issues: concept of gang violence, trend and patterns of gang violence in Jos North, causes of gangsterism in schools, the psychological, religious and social impacts.

Dialogue outcome

- Involvement of social institutions especially family and religion as essential in tackling the problem of gang violence in communities.
- The inculcation of these values by Christians and Muslims can therefore serve as springboards to achieving the right and expected behaviour in communities.
- The need to reduce the use of force and make use of alternative measure. In this case, the religious leaders and their followers must be proactive in preaching and campaigning against gangsterism and gang violence

JSD YOUTH/POLICE DIALOGUE ON GANG VIOLENCE (SARA-SUKA) IN JOS NORTH LGA, PLATEAU STATE

The dialogue focused on emerging trends in gang violence. The dialogue held at Crispan Luxury Apartment Hotel, Rayfield Jos North on 29th August, 2019 had in attendance 26 participants. Participants noted that gang violence has become a major social problem in Jos North. The emergency of Sara-Suka has been characterized by some bizarre and violent activities which include, physical torture as a means of initiating new members, maiming and killing of rival gang members and elimination of real and perceived enemies. Participants noted that in recent times, the

GENDER CAPACITY IN PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION

Enhancing Participation of Women in Peacebuilding through the Localization Strategy



1. Day Localization Workshops on Implementing the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325 in Nigeria

In order to ensure the effective implementation of UNSCR 1325 at the local level, WANEP-Nigeria in partnership with Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP) organized 2-day localization workshops on implementing the UNSCR 1325 in Bauchi and Gombe States. The localization workshops convened representatives from the State and local governments; civil society; traditional and religious leaders; security sector; and the media to learn and discuss the relevance of United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325 and other Women, Peace and Security (WPS) resolutions to their state and local communities.

In **Gombe State**, the workshop which identified key priority areas for the implementation of UNSCR 1325 at the local level was held on January 28- 29, 2019. As part of action to be taken in localizing women, peace and security resolution; it was agreed that mediation training be held for women to assist them in mitigating the farmer-herder conflict including holding political parties accountable to their commitment to prevent electoral violence in the state. At the end of the workshop participants made commitments to step down the training and continue in the push towards ensuring LAPs are developed within local government areas for the advancement of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda. A Localization Steering Committee was established at the end of the workshop to ensure developed action plan is implemented by all participants. Presently, Gombe State has a State Action Plan (SAP) and two Local Action Plans (LAPs) in two Local Government Areas.



Group work session at the workshop in Gombe

In **Bauchi State**, the localization workshop was implemented from January 31st- February 1st, 2019. During the training, a draft action plan was prepared by participants as a roadmap to developing the SAP on UNSCR 1325 and a Technical Working Group was appointed to complete work on the document and present to the Ministry of Women Affairs and Child Development. The State Permanent Secretary and Deputy Director Bauchi State Ministry of Women's Affairs committed to taking the plan forward, and ensuring its finalization and adoption. Participants at the workshop made concrete personal and organizational commitments to promote peace in their homes, workplace, religious institutions and communities.



Group picture of participants at the Bauchi localization workshop

2. Media Workshop on Amplifying Women's Voices for Peace and Implementing the UNSCR 1325 In Nigeria

One of the challenges that have been identified in the effective implementation of the UNSCR 1325 since its adoption in Nigeria is low level of awareness, and even though one of the main pillars of the resolution is promotion, awareness on the resolutions remains low. In view of this, the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding in partnership with Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP) and with support from Global Affairs Canada organized 2-day media workshop on Amplifying Women's voices for Peace and Implementing the UNSCR 1325 on February 4-5, 2019 in Abuja. The main objective of the workshop was to raise the awareness on the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda amongst national and local journalists and media practitioners'. It also aims to increase their capacity to report on the implementation of the WPS



agenda in an engaging way while contributing to its implementation. One key outcome of the workshop was availability of a crop of media experts who are knowledgeable on the National Action Plan (NAP) on UNSCR 1325 and able to engage in identifying possible strategies to report on Women Peace and Security issues in Nigeria, A media strategy document was presented which include participants' commitment, thereby, providing a roadmap for participants to advance the concerns and activities of women within their communities as well as raise basic awareness of UNSCR 1325 among the general public.

Group Picture of Participants at the Media Workshop Award Presentation to Outstanding Media Experts



3. Live Twitter Chat to commemorate the International Women Day 2019.

On March 8, 2019 WANEP – Nigeria organized a live twitter chat to commemorate the international Women Day. Key messages developed on theme: “Balance for Better” to promote gender equality in peace processes. The messages were aimed at promoting gender equality at all levels, a greater awareness of discrimination and a celebration of women's achievements in Nigeria. Over thirty (30) persons joined in the conversation, sharing their views on the situation in Nigeria.

4. Launch of Working Group on Women, Youth, Peace and Security in West Africa and the Sahel (WGWYPS-WAS) NIGERIA

Also, WANEP-Nigeria on 8th March, 2019 launched the programme titled: “The working group on Women, Youth, Peace and Security in West Africa and the Sahel (WGWYPS-WAS) in Lagos State. The programme which held at the WANEP-Nigeria secretariat, Lagos and coincided with the commemoration of the International Women's Day. In attendance were members of staff WANEP-Nigeria and South West Network members clad in T-shirts with the inscription “Working Group for Peace”. The programme was launched with campaign hash tag: **#workinggroupng4peace** on social Media. Prior to the launching of the programme in Lagos State, the UNOWAS already launched the Nigerian working group in December, 2016. The campaign aims to strategically sensitize Nigerians on the need for peaceful elections and transition as well as contribute to the dissemination of the Nigeria National Action Plan (NAP) on the implementation of UNSC Resolution 1325 (2017 – 2020). Advocate for the inclusion and support for the rights of women, children, the aged, young persons, men and persons living with disability as well as actively promote full participation of women and youth in formal and informal peace initiatives.



Secretariat Members during the campaign





5. Training of Trainers on Peace and Confidence Building for Women Leaders in 3 States in the Niger – Delta

With support from the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD), WANEP – Nigeria organized a peace and confidence building training for women leaders in three states of the Niger Delta region namely: Edo, Delta and Rivers States respectively. The training convened women leaders of local social groups, representatives from government institutions; State Ministry of Women Affairs, State House of Assemblies and local governments, traditional leaders, Civil Society Organizations and the media. The training aimed to enhance participants understanding on UNSCR 1325 which recognizes the disproportionate impacts of conflict on women and also calls for women's participation in formal peacebuilding processes and governance. It also aimed to strengthen capacities of participants in mainstreaming gender in peacebuilding processes in their states. A total of 95 women leaders in the three project states had their capacities built on advocacy, leadership, community mobilization, negotiation and mediation skills. Beneficiaries of the training made commitments to educate members of their groups and communities. Also, they developed action plans to ensure implementation of the UNSCR 1325 including forming peacebuilding networks to further advance peacebuilding initiatives in their communities. The Training of Trainers Workshop was held in Edo State on April 15-19, 2019; Delta State on May 13-17, 2019 and in Rivers State on May 27-31, 2019.



Group picture of participants at the peace and confidence building training in Delta State.



Group picture of participants at the peace and confidence building training in Rivers State



Cross Section of Participants at the Edo Workshop



Group Picture of Participants at the Training of Trainers Workshop in Edo State.



6. Production and Transmission of Community Radio to Promote Women's participation in Peacebuilding

a. Workshop on Projecting Women's Voices For Peace For Radio Programme Anchors

As part of the ongoing project on “Enhancing Women's participation in Peace and Human Security in Nigeria”, WANEP- Nigeria held a workshop for representatives of media agencies on promoting UNSCR 1325 and other women issues in a weekly radio program titled “Women's Voices for Peace”. The workshop which convened seven anchors that will present the radio programme in seven states across Nigeria – Bauchi, Bornu, Edo, Delta, Gombe, Lagos and Rivers was held on August 22-23, 2019. The workshop created the platform to reflect on the unique role of women in peace and security in Nigeria. One significant outcome of the program was the development of standard procedures for the presentation of Women Voices for Peace radio program in the seven States.



Group Picture of Participants



Cross Section of Participants

b. Commencement of Women Voices for Peace Radio Program in Seven States in Nigeria:

The radio program titled 'Women Voices for Peace' aims to create awareness and enhance the understanding of UNSCR 1325 in Nigeria. Presently, the radio programme is aired seven days of the week in English, Pidgin English, Hausa and Fulani Languages in Bauchi, Bornu, Delta, Edo, Gombe, Lagos, Rivers States. Varied stakeholders from the civil society, academia, legislature judiciary etc both male and female who have good knowledge and experience of the issues are invited to educate the populace on the need to involve women in decision making and peace processes.

Where there are topical issues in the society, the anchors utilize the radio program to enable women speak on how they are affected by these issues. Also, internationally celebrated dates such as the International Day of Peace September 21 is commemorated on the radio programs with outlined themes set by the United Nations. Topics such as Violence, Tolerance and Peacebuilding in Nigeria; 16 days of Activism Campaign: From Awareness to Action, Wife Battering in Nigeria; Community Women and Peacebuilding: Challenges and Prospects; Weapons Control and Women's Security in Nigeria etc are some of the topics that have been discussed on the radio programmes.

Find below the link to the audio recordings of the radio programmes; <https://youtu.be/sC9S2SYArr0>; https://youtu.be/Q_gVWYSzml4; https://youtu.be/_HhrRuY9S-U; <https://youtu.be/Z-Uh97HlzPc>; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=opWAZGwxcRc>; etc. A Press Statement was also released to the media on the relevance of the radio program to the promotion of UNSCR 1325.

The schedule of the radio programme are as follows;

1	TREASURE 98.5FM (FRCN PH)- RIVERS STATE	SUNDAYS - 2PM-3PM
2	RIZE 106.7 FM DELTA STATE	MONDAYS- 5PM-6PM
3	WOMEN RADIO 91.7FM. LAGOS STATE	TUESDAYS -3PM-4PM
4	VISION 92.7 FM GOMBE STATE	WEDNESDAYS- 3PM-4PM
5	EDO STATE BROADCASTING CORPORATION - EDO STATE 95.7 FM	THURSDAYS- 12PM-1PM
6	ALBARKA 97.5 FM BAUCHI STATE	FRIDAY- 3:30PM- 4: 30PM
7	RADIO NIGERIA PEACE 102.5 FM- BORNO STATE	SATURDAYS- 3PM-4PM



Radio program in session in Peace 102.5 FM- Borno State



Edo State Broadcasting 95.7FM

7. Study on the “The Intersections between Corruption, Human Rights and Women, Peace and Security: Nigeria Case Study” and “The Current Realities on Issues of Women Peace and Security and the Implementation of NAP on UNSCR 1325 In North East Nigeria”.

A consultant was engaged for a period of 60 days in July and August 2019 to conduct the two researches on “The Intersections between Corruption, Human Rights and Women, Peace and Security: Nigeria Case Study” and “Research on The Current Realities on Issues of Women Peace and Security and the Implementation of NAP on UNSCR 1325 In North East Nigeria”. The goal of the research was to ascertain the implementation of Nigeria's reviewed NAP on UNSCR 1325 and status of SAPs in the North Eastern States of Nigeria. The research team comprised of the consultant and 6 research assistants from the six states that make up the North East zones – Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Taraba and Yobe. The Research Assistants were selected based on their knowledge and culture of the people and the terrain; fluency in the local language; availability and experience in the selected states. The data collection was done through two approaches: Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) and Key Informant Interviews (KIIs) in the six states of the NE zones. In each state, a minimum of 3 FGDs and 6 KII were held; the KIIs cutting across different strata of stakeholders and institutions.

One major finding of the two researches was the low participation of women in peacebuilding in the North East in spite of the fact that they are most affected by conflict. From the first research, it is clear that the government needs to put in place laws and policies to protect Women and Girls from Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) in the six states of the North East. The Violence Against Persons Prohibition (VAPP) Act of 2015 should be domesticated for states to put measures in place to stop SGBV. The second research calls for the training of women and girls on counter radicalization to change the narrative to suppress extremism once it emerges in the families and communities.

8. Interactive Round Table meeting with Critical Stakeholders on Women, Peace and Security

In order to allow women contribute and play meaningful roles within local and state peacebuilding structures, WANEP- Nigeria with its local partners organized a 1-day Interactive Round –Table Meeting with Critical Stakeholders on Women, Peace and Security in three project states in the Niger Delta – Delta, Edo and Rivers States. Participants at the meeting include government representatives, traditional and religious leaders, security operatives, civil society organizations and the media. The objective was to strengthen understanding of the National Action Plan on UNSCR 1325 among local government authorities, local women activists and leaders, youth activists and leaders, civil society, and marginalized groups in the States. It also discussed the relevance of building recognition, acceptance and support for women groups engaging in peace processes within local communities.

The meeting succeeded in strengthening capacities of over 80 key stakeholders in the three states on UNSCR 1325 and its implementation. Commitments were made by key stakeholders to engage trained women who are members of the Women, Peace and Security Network (WPSN) in advancing the implementation of the State Action Plan on UNSCR 1325 in Delta and Rivers States. In Edo State, a



technical committee was inaugurated to use the strategies identified by the participants to develop a draft State Action Plan on UNSCR 1325. The interactive roundtable meeting also recorded pledged support of the Rivers states Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development to localize the UNSCR 1325 in the state. Additionally, existing female peace structures were identified in the states in order to ensure they are further strengthened.



Stakeholders at Rivers State Interactive Roundtable Meeting



Group picture of stakeholders in Delta State



Cross section of participants in Edo State

9. Review and Experience Sharing Meeting with Women on Promoting Peace

In the last quarter of 2019, WANEP-Nigeria in collaboration with local partners organized a review and experience sharing meeting with trained women leaders in Delta and Rivers State. The women leaders discussed their activities and role in promoting peace and human security in their states since the peace and confidence building training earlier organized by WANEP-Nigeria. They also shared best practices of women involved in peacebuilding within communities in Nigeria.

The meeting provided a platform to document experiences of women's involvement in peacebuilding. Some of the experiences shared by the participants included step down training of the peace and confidence building workshop for members of their social groups. This increased the number of women in the peacebuilding network in Ossissa, Delta State to 50 women. Also, this has facilitated increased advocacy initiatives in Ossissa community for the inclusion of women in traditional councils. Some of the women waded into conflict such as land and marital disputes to promote peace. The women leaders also organized community town hall meeting which included community leaders, women, men and youth to promote women's role in peacebuilding. More so, some of the women mobilized members of their communities to protest prevailing farmer-herder conflict in their communities.



Group Picture of Participants in Ossissa, Delta State



Group Picture of Participants in Ogoni, Rivers



10. Engaging Women to Build a Culture of Peace through Story Telling

WANEP -Nigeria organized a Storytelling for Peace Forum in Uneme Nekhua, Akoko Edo LGA of Edo State on December 31, 2019. The forum provided the platform for women to tell their stories of peacebuilding while highlighting the challenges faced at community level. The program also provided the space for critical stakeholders to understand the relevant role of women in peacebuilding and build synergies for change and development. Over a hundred community women were in attendance at the program. They promised to make it an annual event to enable them reflect on their peacebuilding efforts and challenges at community level. Some of the lessons from the women's stories included living in peace requires heeding to simple instructions, loving, sharing and appreciate whatever one have been given by God; Peaceful coexistence eliminates anger and stubbornness from people living in the society; Whoever wants to stay at peace, should not cheat his fellow human being etc.



Uneme women during the storytelling for peace programme

11. Press Statement on WANEP – Nigeria Call for Greater Empowerment of the Girl Child in Nigeria

Annually on 11th October, the world commemorates the International Day of the Girl Child, to amplify their voices and stand up for their rights. This year under the theme “GirlForce: Unscripted and Unstoppable” the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding Nigeria (WANEP- Nigeria) on behalf of its over 250 member organizations, spread across the six geo-political zones expresses deep concern over issues still besieging the girl child in Nigeria. Today issues like early marriage, female genital mutilation, education inequality, gender-based violence, low self-esteem, human trafficking, poor health and sanitation are some of the numerous problems that continue to pose

challenges for girls. Also, of great concern is the increasing number of out of school children in the country which hinders the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4 on education.

For girls to be unscripted and unstoppable, they need to break boundaries and barriers posed by stereotypes, exclusion and conflict including those directed at children with disabilities and those living in marginalized communities. We commend the interventions of the Federal and State Governments as well as the efforts of the international community towards alleviating the plights of girls in Nigeria. However, we appeal to the state and non-state actors to synergize and implement strategies that are child friendly and focused at restoring peace to conflict prone areas in the country. WANEP- Nigeria used this platform to call for the protection and empowerment of girls as they are the women of tomorrow. The statement was published by the New Telegraph Newspaper and can be assessed through the link - <https://www.newtelegraphng.com/2019/10/groups-calls-for-empowerment-of-the-girl-child-in-nigeria/>

12. Campaign to commemorate the International Day of the Girl Child 2019

This year, under the theme, “Girl Force: Unscripted and unstoppable”, WANEP- Nigeria celebrate achievements by girls across the globe since the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. It is noteworthy that in nearly 25 years, more girls move from dreams to actualizing their potentials. More girls are knowledgeable are gaining the skills they need to excel in the future world of work. There is need to continue to educate girls that they can break boundaries and barriers posed by stereotypes and exclusion, including those directed at children with disabilities and those living in marginalized communities. The Campaign which was organized in the WANEP – Nigeria Secretariat drew attention to the many challenges still besieging the girl child in Nigeria.



Secretariat members during the campaign



13. Commemoration of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence 2019

WANEP – Nigeria commemorated the 16 days of Activism against Gender Based Violence 2019 with the theme “Generation Equality: Stands Against Rape”. As part of the activities implemented by WANEP Nigeria was the use of one of the episode of the radio program to draw the attention of the populace to issues of gender based violence. Starting from November 25 to December 10, 2019, the topics discussed on the “Women Voices for Peace Radio Program” centred on ‘Projecting Women's Voices Against Rape’; “International and National Laws Protecting ‘Women and Girls from Sexual Violence’”; ‘Blast from the Past- Experience Sharing by Survivors of Rape’” etc. Feedback reports from the seven radio stations revealed that a large number of women called in to the radio programs to make contributions on gender based violence issues affecting them in their homes and workplace.

Also, a talk session was held with pupils of Anthony Model Primary School, Anthony Village, Lagos State on December 6, 2019 as part of activities to commemorate the 16 days campaign. The main objective of the sensitization was to enlighten the pupils on the harmful effects of rape on women and girls and arouse the consciousness of boys on their role allies to end this menace in the society. The pupils were encouraged to always speak out whenever they were being molested by anybody either family members or strangers. They were encouraged to confide in their teachers in school and never agree to any form of threat by the perpetrators. The sensitization exercise was timely as the pupils were to go on vacation the next day and some would be visiting extended families to celebrate the festive season.



WANEP- Nigeria Head of Programs talking to the pupils at Anthony Model Pry School



One of the pupils asking a question at the talk session

SEAMA Awards



WANEP – Nigeria was represented by Mr. Femi Emmanuel at the 1st Security and Emergency Management Awards 2019 held in Abuja on December 5, 2019. The aim of the award ceremony was to publicly acknowledge and celebrate outstanding personalities in the management of security and emergency situations in the country. This will motivate them to do more in the new year towards building a peaceful society.

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Integrated Water Sanitation and Hygiene in Delta State (iWASH- Delta) Project

Activity 1:

Training on Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) and 1st Demonstration of Hand Washing (3rd Town Hall Meetings) in three communities in Delta State - Ogbe- Ani and Emu- Unor community Ndokwa West LGA, Uzere community Isoko South LGA

WANEP – Nigeria and Lite Africa sponsored by European Union Implemented activities on the project titled Integrated Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (iWASH) in Delta State. The project which began in 2018 came to an end in 2019. As part of the project activity, 1-day training on Community Led Sanitation (CLTS) was held in three project communities namely- Ogbe Ani, Emu-Unor and Uzere. The aim of the activity was to awaken community consciousness to the need to promote good sanitation and hygiene and train Water and Sanitation (WATSAN) committee members on water and sanitation advocacy using rights-based approach. The training was held at Ogbe – Ani and Emu-Unor communities on March 7, 2019 and Uzere community on May 17, 2019.

At the end of the program the specific outcomes were;

- In Ogbe Ani community, the people and WATSAN members had a better understanding of their roles in promoting good hygiene and sanitation.
- Three Communities were stimulated with a collective sense of disgust, shame and fear to confront the crude reality about mass open defecation (environmental contamination) and its negative effects
- Collective decision made by members of the three communities to take action to stop open defecation.



Participants at the training in Emu – Unor



Participants at the training in Ogbe- Ani



Participants at the training in Uzere Community.

Activity 2:

Sanitation Day Celebrations – Road Show organized to commemorate International Environment Day celebration in Oleh, Isoko South LGA.

The World Environment Day is a platform for action to encourage worldwide awareness and actions to protect our environment. Since it's inception in 1974, the event has grown to become a global platform for public outreach that is widely celebrated in over 100 countries. The theme of the World Environment Day 2019 was "Air Pollution". A road show was carried out to commemorate the day on June 5, 2019.

During the road show in Oleh, the public was educated on the dangers of air pollution and the benefits of clean air/environment. Branded flyers were distributed on the relevance of clean environment in promoting healthy living. The procession began from the Isoko South Secretariat complex to the popular Yanga market. The team stopped at the market to give a brief talk about the event and its importance and distributed flyers at the park and market. At the end of the event, the market women professed that the awareness had broadened their knowledge on environmental pollution and waste disposal to ensure clean environment in the market.



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Road Show in Oleh Community



Cross. Section of participants at the workshop in Uzere



Participants at the road show



Participants in Ogbe- Ani community



Participants at the workshop in Emu- Unor

Activity 3:

Awareness on Water Sanitation Enterprise Development/ Workshop; 2nd Hand Wash Demonstration (4th Town Hall Meeting)

The 1-day awareness on water and sanitation enterprise development was targeted at the WATSAN members and a few community members to discuss water enterprise as a relevant practice towards ensuring the consistent provision of safe, clean, accessible and affordable drinking water and sanitation for all community members according to the provisions of UN resolution 64/292 of July, 2010. The training was implemented in Emu - Unor community May 31, 2019; in Ogbe - Ani and Uzere Communities on June 6, 2019.

The discussions enumerated different safe water models and strategies such as franchise model, integrated solutions and community owned initiative. It also explored the benefits and disadvantages of safe water enterprise. Some of the benefits of safe water enterprise listed by the participants were; sufficient water production, accessibility by all community members, reduce pressure on cost of individual to provide/access water, reduce rate of water borne diseases and improved life expectancy and income generation to cater for maintenance of facilities.

Activity 4:

Training of School Clubs on WASH and formation of school clubs in Uzere, Isoko West LGA, Emu- Unor and Ogbe- Ani, Ndokwa West LGA

The activity aimed to build capacity of selected students and formation of school WASH clubs. Members of the WASH Club were equipped with skills to understand practical hygiene and sanitation practices, to train other students, family and community members on hygiene and sanitation related activities within the school and the community. The training was conducted in Uzere Community on July 9, 2019, in Utagbo-Ogbe Community LGA on July 10, 2019 and Aviara Community on July 11, 2019.

In attendance at the training workshops were by students and teachers. After a brief introduction of the I-WASH project, its goals, objectives and importance, the need for a WASH club in schools was emphasized. During the training, students were educated on the quantity of virus, bacteria and other forms of pathogens in a gram of feces and how these disease-causing agents are transmitted to the human body.

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The primary outcomes of the training were;

- Members of the WASH Club had good understanding of the various routes diseases and how they are transmitted into the human body as well as practical ways to stop its transmission.
- Students were equipped with adequate knowledge on good hygiene to educate other students in their schools and families.
- WASH Clubs were inaugurated within the schools and the leaders of the clubs were selected. It was explained that the WASH club's activities will be initiated and managed by the students with the support of the Club Advisor.



Cross section of students trained in Utagbo- Ogbe community



Group Picture of the students

stakeholders were sensitized on the I-WASH Project and impact on the communities. Also, the advocacy visits served as an opportunity to invite the stakeholders to the commissioning of the I- WASH facilities.

The key outcomes of the visits were;

- i. The different agencies especially RUWASSA have a better understanding of the I-WASH Project.
- ii. The Local Government, Leadership and department of Environment and Sanitation also have a better understanding of the project and have promised to make follow-up visit to see the project and liaise with the WATSAN committees to maintain the WASH facilities.



Visit to the State Government



Visit to Rural Water and Sanitation Agency RUWASSA

Activity 5:

Advocacy Engagement between WATSAN Committee and the State Government

At the final phase of the project, advocacy meetings were held between WATSAN Committees and Delta State Government representatives on Water and Sanitation policy on August 5-9, 2019. Amongst the stakeholders visited were the Rural Water and Sanitation Agency RUWASSA, the Ndokwa West Local Government Council Leadership, Isoko South Directorate of Environment and Sanitation and Emu-Uno Local Government council Leadership etc. These



The Advocacy visit team and Government Representatives.



PEACE EDUCATION



1 Visit to Two Special Correctional Centres In Lagos State

WANEP-Nigeria in partnership with School Based Management Committee Kosofe LGA, with approval of the Ministry of Youth and Social Development organized visits with pupils of public primary schools in Lagos State to two Special Correctional Centre for Girls and boys respectively. The visit was in furtherance of WANEP-Nigeria's peace education project for pupils of primary school in Lagos State which aims to arouse the consciousness of pupils at a younger age to live in peaceful co-existence among themselves and in their communities. The visit to the Lagos State Special Correctional Centre for Boys, Oregun was held on March 27, 2019 while the visit to the Lagos State Special Correctional Centre for Girls, Idi- Araba, Lagos was held on May 23, 2019.

The two correctional homes included vocational centres and schools where children learnt how to read and write. They also have access to counsellors, psychologists, psychiatrists and social workers who help them get back on track. The children felt remorseful during the visit and were made aware that there are consequences for violent actions, hence, the need for them to embrace peace and shun violence. The pupils pledged obedience to school authorities and to mediate peacefully when disputes occurs in their schools and communities. "I will stop bullying others and will settle fight in my school" a primary four pupil noted. Another pupil said "I will not be naughty again, I will be obedient to my parents and teachers." The project contributed to implementation of UNSCR 2250 and SDG 4&16 in Nigeria.



Group picture of pupils at Lagos State special correctional centre for boys, Oregun Lagos



Female pupils during visit to special correctional centre for girls

2. Workshop on Peace Education for Students in Public Secondary Schools; Promoting a culture of Peace and non-violence

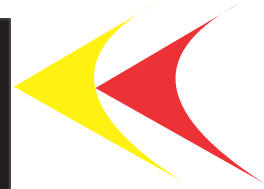
WANEP-Nigeria in partnership with Kosofe Local Government and Kosofe School Based Management Committee (SBMC) organised a 1- day workshop on Peace Education for Students in public secondary schools in Kosofe Local Government Area to commemorate the international Day of Peace. The workshop which had over 100 students in attendance was held on September 24, 2019.

The workshop aimed to promote a culture of peace among students in Lagos State. The students were educated on what peace and conflict is and enlightened on how they can curb violent act, build peace and become mediators in their schools, among peers and even at home. The attributes of a peace ambassador such as a good listener, kindness and respect for others were enumerated at the program. The workshop was interactive and educative as the students were eager to learn and ask questions. To resolve issues, non-violent measures such as dialogue, negotiation and mediation should be used. The students pledged to be peace ambassadors and to promote peace in their school and also mediate among their peers.



Group Picture of stakeholders and teachers at the training workshop

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3. Courtesy Visit to the Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB)

On October 23, 2019 WANEP- Nigeria paid a courtesy visit to the Chairman, Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board (LSUBEB). In attendance were representatives of LSUBEB, School Based Management Committee (SBMC) and two program staff members of WANEP-Nigeria. The objective of the meeting was to gain the support and approval of LSUBEB for the continuity of peace education and peer mediation training in Lagos State public primary schools. The LSUBEB representatives expressed support for WANEP's request and pledged their commitment towards ensuring the success of the peace education project in Lagos State. This activity contributes to the implementation of SDG 4 and 16 and agenda 2063 which are based on inclusive quality education and peace for all.



Group picture of participants at the meeting held during the courtesy visit

4. Anthony Model Inter-house Sport Competition

The importance of sports in primary school cannot be over emphasised, and getting kids involved in sports at a younger age can make them healthier and happier. It also helps in improving learning and development. Taking part in regular physical exercise can give pupils more energy and therefore making them more likely to concentrate on classroom learning. In a bid to encourage this, Anthony Model Nursery and Primary School successfully organized their 29th Annual Inter-house sport Athletic Competition. WANEP Nigeria supported the activities of Yellow House to ensure the participation of the children in the competition. In gratitude to the support, Yellow house was re-named WANEP House by the school authorities.

The inter-house sport competition had in attendance the head teacher, the game master, the game mistress, chairman sport committee and two representatives from WANEP Nigeria, pupils of the school representing blue house, green house, purple house and WANEP house(yellow house) and parents. The competition started with a match past from each house, followed by

the 100 metres race, 200 metres race, 400 metres race, relay race, teachers race and the parents were not left out. At the end of it all, WANEP house emerged 1st position in the match past and 2nd position in the entire competition. Significant outcome of the inter-house sport was the team work and coordination exhibited by the pupils.



Members of WANEP House at the inter-house sports.

5. Commemoration of the 4th Anniversary of UNSCR 2250 - YOUTH FOR PEACE FORUM 2019

Building Blocks for Peace Foundation in collaboration with WANEP-Nigeria organised a Nigeria Youth4Peace Forum 2019 with the theme "Mobilizing and strengthening capacities of youth towards peace building and Localizing UNSCR 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security in Nigeria". The event which was to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the United Nations Security Council (UNSCR) 2250 was held on Saturday 14th December 2019 at Elomaz Hotel, Maryland, Lagos, Nigeria. The first keynote address titled "Building a culture of peace in Nigeria" was given by the Head of Programs WANEP Nigeria Patience Ikpeh Obaulo while the second keynote address was given by Imrana Alhaji Buba of Youth Coalition Against Terrorism on "Youth Building Peace".

The main aim of the forum was to raise awareness amongst youth on UNSCR2250, enhance their understanding on the resolution, for the government to localize the UNSCR2250 in Nigeria. Also, to provide a platform for young peacebuilders to discuss ways of fostering youth participation in peace processes in Nigeria. There was also a panel discussion where issues relating to peace was discussed by the panel discussants.



Group Picture of Participants during the event.



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Activities of Network Members from the Zones

Peace and Conflict Resolution Workshop Organized by Community Partners for Development (CPD) In Partnership With WANEP in Akwa Ibom State.

The International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21st of September each year. The theme for the year was “Climate Action for Peace”. This theme draws attention to the importance of combating climate change as a way to protect and promote peace throughout the world. To mark the 2019 international day of peace celebration in Akwa Ibom State, Community Partners for Development in partnership with WANEP Akwa Ibom State Chapter organized a one-day workshop on Peace and Conflict Resolution on October 4, 2019. The overall goal of the workshop was to help participants prepare to respond peacefully and appropriately when conflicts arise through dialogue. Over 40 women were in attendance at the training workshop.

At the end of the workshop participants gained knowledge on peace and conflict resolution. They were better informed on the need for peaceful coexistence and how to resolve conflicts before escalation.



Group Picture of participants at the workshop

Commemoration of International Day Of Peace 2019 by WANEP Nigeria Delta State chapter.

The Sustainable Development Goals 13 on “climate action” is a call for immediate action by all to lower greenhouse emission to build resilience and improve education on climate change. It is on this backdrop that the WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING (WANEP) NIGERIA, DELTA STATE collaborated with other organizations to commemorate the 2019 international day of Peace with Ujerwu Community in Udu Local Government Area of Delta State. The objective of the program was to raise awareness of

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Press conference on promoting peaceful, free and credible elections in Akwa Ibom State

WANEP in Akwa Ibom State joined members of the state CSO's Forum to lend their voice through a press conference to call for free, fair, credible and peaceful elections in 2019. There were twelve (12) media organizations in attendance. Politicians were entreated to desist from heating up the polity so as to engender a conducive environment for citizens of the state to exercise their franchise. The main purpose of the press conference was to inform the public to shun violence and embrace peace before, during & after the March 2019 general elections.

Wanep Akwa Ibom State participated in the CSO's forum with International Observers roundtable meeting on Peaceful Elections, 14th february 2019 at Akgoda office, Uyo, Akwa Ibom state

WANEP Akwa Ibom was part of the interactive roundtable meeting between Akwa Ibom State CSO's Forum and the International Observers from National Democratic Institute (NDI)/ International Republican Institute (IRI) to discuss the 2019 General Election in Akwa Ibom State. The international observers asked some questions on challenges, fake news, security, peace, INEC readiness and civil society involvement in the election process in the state. One of the objectives of the meeting was to strengthen existing relationship between CSO's, INEC & International Observers for peaceful and effective monitoring of the 2019 Elections.

Wanep Akwa Ibom Press release on the eve of 2019 Presidential election on the 22nd February, 2019 at Wanep Secretariat, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State

WANEP Akwa Ibom Branch called on all citizens of Akwa Ibom State to exercise their civil right peacefully while voting during the Presidential elections. The statement noted that the prospect, hope, expectations, prosperity of Nigeria in next four (4) years depends on the Presidential and National Assembly elections.

“We really want you to see the postponed election of last week as entirely the will of God for Nigeria. People have confessed from different quarters on how scary last week proposed election was, also we have witnessed and heard of the number of casualty recorded even when the election was averted, all these is a proof of God's existence as the Creator and as the owner of the universe”.

The statement also noted the speech of INEC Chairman Muhammad Mamood as he said “it was one of the most difficult decision for him to take but he could not avert it for the good of Nigerians”. Citizens were encouraged to vote, particularly those who had lost hope and decided not participate in the elections because of the postponement. WANEP Akwa Ibom called on all eligible voters in the State to contribute to the success of the electoral process by going out to vote.

Campaigns for Peaceful Elections in the South South Zone through Radio Jingle

Kebetkache Women Development & Resource Centre in collaboration with WANEP south south produced and



aired a jingle on Family Love FM and Radio Rivers FM Stereo 2 promoting peaceful and non-violent elections in the south south region. The jingle was aired throughout the month of February – March 2019.

Advocacy meetings with Stakeholders on Women Peace and Security

On March, 5, 2019 – Kebetkache Women Development & Resource Centre held advocacy meeting on responding to issues of mass atrocities in Rivers state with security personnel and key stakeholders. The WANEP National Network Coordinator was in attendance among other stakeholders, which include Department of State Services (DSS), NDLEA, Civil Defence, National Orientation Agency, Rivers State Conflict Management Alliance (RSCMA), Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Women Affairs.

The National Network Coordinator of WANEP, Chief Bridget Osakwe promoted collaborative peace building in her intervention. She emphasized to identify and work with community governance structures and creating Community Safety Nets. She suggested the drawing of the peace organogram of each community and locate stakeholders in the box. She talked about linking up with a hub that fits into ECOWAS and the AU. She suggested the need to set up a campaign platform – titled “when women gather”.

WANEP NIGERIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The South South zone was represented at WANEP Nigeria General Assembly / 20th Anniversary Summit which took place in Lagos on 12 – 13 March 2019. Representatives from the zone included the following:

- South South Board Representative Dr. Nsekpang Udoh,
- The former south south Board representative, who was also the Board Chair of WANEP Nigeria, Sir Barinem Vulasi,
- The South South Coordinator, Obonganwan Emem Okon
- WIPNET Focal Person for south south, Pastor Bridgetta Affiah
- Edo state Coordinator – Agatha Nosieke
- Rivers State Coordinator – Ms Loreta Ahuokpeme
- Mrs. Mmaobong Akpan of Queenette Initiative for Health & Education from the Akwa Ibom State branch

The zonal report was presented by the WANEP Zonal coordinator as well as WIPNET zonal Focal Person. Two officials from the south south zone were honored with an award of excellence during the first day of the General Assembly which are Pastor Bridget Affiah of WIPNET Focal Person and Sir Barinem Vulasi the outgoing Board Chair.



SOUTH SOUTH ZONE CONTINGENT ATTENDS REGIONAL ASSEMBLY / 20TH ANNIVERSARY SUMMIT AT ACCRA, GHANA

The south south zone had a large contingent to the WANEP twenty years of peace building in West Africa, the zone had representatives from Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross Rivers, Delta and Rivers states including the former south Board representative/WANEP Nigeria Board Chair, Sir Barinem Vulasi as well as the Zonal Coordinator, Emem Okon.



Wanep – Akwa Ibom State Executive pay a courtesy visit to Compartt Office, Abak.

The Akwa Ibom state executives of WANEP paid a courtesy visit to COMPART Foundation for Justice and Peacebuilding, a security and peacebuilding organization to discuss partnership and the need to find lasting solution to the boundary dispute crisis between Cross River and Akwa Ibom States. The visit took place on 13 June 2019.

A press statement was released at the end of the



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meeting signed by WANEP & COMPART condemning the incessant killings of innocent natives and residents of both communities in the perennial boundary dispute between the communities of Oku Iboku, Itu LGA, Akwa Ibom State and Ikot Offiong, Odukpani LGA, Cross River State. While condemning the unrest between the two communities, which has resulted in loss of lives and properties WANEP and COMPPART noted that the boundary dispute has always been a familiar cause of disintegration between neighboring communities. Historically, literatures clearly document many cases of boundary disputes which sometimes end up wiping out the entire community. As at 2014, available statistics shows that over 150 boundary dispute which usually crumble the economic activities of the warring communities.

COMPART and WANEP appealed to the community leaders to kindly prevail on their subjects to sheath their swords and live in harmony. They also called on security personnel, federal and state government of both warring communities to wade in on the matter and seek for lasting solution.

WANEP RIVERS STATE AND THE WOMEN PEACE & SECURITY NETWORK COLLABORATIVE MEETING

This a follow – up activity to the WANEP NORAD project in Rivers state. The meeting was facilitated by Loretta Ahuokpeme, the Rivers state WANEP Coordinator and the Director of Women Affairs, Rivers State Ministry of Women Affairs, Dr. Mrs. Camerlita Agborubere. The discussion focused on the 5 main pillars of the Nigerian National Action Plan (NAP) of the UNSCR 1325 and the Rivers State Action Plan (SAP). A workable action plan was developed for the implementation of the SAP in the State. It was noted that some organizational members have been implementing part of the SAP according to report but no reports were submitted to WPSN and the Rivers state Ministry of Women Affairs for proper documentation.

The safe space developed by WPSN as part of the SAP implementation and managed by Gender And Development Action (GADA) is still operational but

Main Activities for 2020

- a In order to drive the implementation of the SAP we agreed on the following activities Advocacy to the House of Assembly, office of the Wife of the Executive Governor, Office of Deputy Governor, other MDAs relevant to the implementation of the SAP.
- b Sensitization and Campaigns in local communities as well as different women groups in a bid to

ensure the localization and dissemination of the information contained in the SAP

- c Setting up of Technical Committee for Gender Sensitive Legislative Reforms to drive the implementation.
- d Development of Local Action Plan

WANEP RIVERS PRESS STATEMENT ON THE APPOINTMENT OF WOMEN INTO RIVERS STATE CABINET.

The Rivers State Chapter issued a statement on 12 December 2019 on the appointment of Special Advisers and Commissioners commenting that the percentage of women in the two appointments by the Governor fall below expectation. They appealed to the governor to increase the appointment of women in to position of responsibility and authority as the current number of women among list of commissioners and special advisers does not meet up the 35% affirmative action provided by the National Gender Policy and United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325, which provides for women inclusion in peace processes.

MARKING INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY 2019: COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR DEVELOPMENT (CPD) PARTNERS WITH WANEP AKWA IBOM STATE TO HOLD A WORKSHOP ON PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION ON 4TH OCTOBER 2019 AT CPD OFFICE

Community Partners for Development CPD collaborated with WANEP to mark the International Peace Day 2019 with a workshop on the theme: Peace and Conflict Resolution, where over sixty (60) participants drawn from different organizations participated to mark the 2019 International Peace Day.





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COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE 2019 BY WANEP DELTA STATE BRANCH

The WANEP Delta state branch partnered with the following organizations:

- Peace and Community Empowerment Initiative
- Ideal Women Advancement Initiative
- Neferok Development Initiative
- Development Initiative for Community Impact.

The “Climate Action for Peace: The Role of Youth”. activity held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at the Ujevwu Community Town Hall, Udu. In attendance were 64 participants (males – 47; females - 17) drawn from Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Media personnel, Community leaders, and Youths.

It was noted that climate change causes clear threat to International peace and security; climate change displace people three times faster than war forcing people to leave their homes and seek abode in other places. Peace can only be achieved if concrete action is taken to combat climate change. The focus of 2019 international day of peace is on climate action in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) the Sustainable Development Goals covers a range of issue including Education, Climate change,

The objectives of the event were:

- 1 To raise awareness of human activities that impact negatively on the climate and cause danger to the environment and humans.
- 2 To raise awareness on SDG 13 CLIMATE ACTION and how Ujevwu community can take action to reduce the effect of Climate change and improve the environment for Peace and better living.

In his welcome remark, the WANEP DELTA STATE Coordinator Mr. Collins Newuwumi exposed participants to the harmful effect of climate change as a result of human activities on the environment.

Participants were divided into 3 groups to discuss what activities in their community impact climate negatively and what would be done by the community i.e. what actions would be taken to mitigate and reduce climate impact and promote peace in the community.

The 3 groups came up with their action plans as follows:

- All land developers for residential or otherwise must plant trees in their compounds.

- All compounds must build adequate toilet for occupants.
- Indiscriminate sand dredging must be stopped to avoid Earth quake
- Stop deforestation.
- Each month, each person must plant at least a tree.
- No more dumping of waste by the road side and inside the stream
- Plastic wastes to be collected and well disposed.



WANEP AKWA IBOM STATE BRANCH PAID A COURTESY VISIT TO PARTNERS FOR PEACE (P4P) IN UYO, AKWA IBOM STATE, 13TH NOVEMBER 2019

The state executives of WANEP Akwa Ibom State, paid a courtesy visit to P4P, a peacebuilding organization to partner and find a lasting solution to the boundary dispute crisis between Cross River and Akwa Ibom States.

DEVELOPING PEACEBUILDING MECHANISM IN THE NIGER DELTA

This programme was both a capacity building and interaction session for members of the Network in Rivers state. The event which took place on the 31st May 2019 at the office of the Kebetkache Women Development Center, D/line Port Harcourt. 43 members (26 females and 17 males) were in attendance in the maiden event. The state coordinator gave the opening remark while the National Network Coordinator gave the keynote address on WANEP Early Warning Early Response Mechanism. Brief Introduction of UNSCR 1325 / National Action Plan / State Action Plan was made by Inyingi Irimagha who represented her organization.

A member of the NETWORK in the state, Sophia Daniel-Sonime trained the participating members on the foundations of mediation as a tool in conflict and dispute resolution. After the training, questions were asked and answers were provided.





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There was also a syndicate session where members discussed on issues bothering on security and youth restiveness in the region with the topic Developing Peace Building Mechanism / Advocacy Strategy.

2019 International Day of Peace in-School sensitization 'Climate Action for Peace': The activity founded by Peace Point Development Foundation (PPDF) took place at Government Secondary School, Atu Street, Calabar South, Cross River State with 129 participants including Edem Childre Foundation – ECF, a WANEP Member. Participants were sensitized on various activities that promotes peace within and outside the school especially those that aid in tackling Climate Change impacts currently endangering the entire universe.



Training of Cross River -SEMA Staff, POC (Cameroon Refugees) and members of host communities of Ogoja on Peace Building and Conflict Resolution.



Peace talk at Bendeghe, Afi Community in Ikom Local Government Area on the 20th December, 2019 organized by Basic Foundation for Socio-Economic Development for Rural Women and Youth (BF-SERDWAY) a WANEP member organization based in Ikom in collaboration with sons and daughters of the community in diaspora and Chiefs/Elders/Women Leaders and Youth leaders of the community. The activity was very necessary and important based on the Cult related activities that had been persistent in the community between August and November 2019 were three (3) youths of the community were murdered in cool blood and houses burnt down, based on supremacy battle between two rival cult groups which led to people fleeing from the community to neighbouring communities and plantation farms including some of the cult members. The Police was invited which made it possible for community members to return to the community and some of the cult members arrested by the police and others decided to leave the community. Community laws were enacted by the Chiefs and other elders that youths who belong to any Cult group should either denounce or face banishment from the community and any parent who knows that his or her child is involved should inform the community or else will be banished from the Community with his or her entire family members. Based on the above steps taken by the community leaders, most of the cult members came to denounce their membership of their different Cult groups. For now these cult members are under observation by the community and relative peace has returned to the community. Sequel to the above issues BF-SERDWAY deemed it fit to collaborate with sons and daughters of the community in the diaspora to organized peace and development dialogue meeting on the importance of peace which cannot be over emphasized and its contribution to the development of any community or society. Lead speakers were invited from among community members in the diaspora. It was an interactive section which was facilitated by BF-SERDWAY to bring lasting peace to the community taking into consideration the under developed nature of the community. This was basically done to enable BF-SERDWAY continue with its work taking into consideration the fact that we work in this community and when there is no peace there is no development. The program was well attended and community people bear their minds on different issues surrounding the security of lives and properties in the community.





2019 ACTIVITY REPORT FOR BAYELSA

Political and Social Context of Bayelsa State

Bayelsa is located in the center of Delta State and Rivers State. Its capital is Yenagoa and the main language spoken is Ijaw with dialectical difference among Nembe, Epie-Atisa, Ogbia and Izon. The state has several crisscrossing creeks, canals and rivers that are linked to the Atlantic Ocean. This situation coupled with the poor security architecture in the state has allowed for crime and electoral violence in the state.

As part of our collective efforts to carry out activities at the Sub-National level by member organizations of WANEP in 2019, Mac-Jim Foundation carried out a simple pre-election assessment of the political and social context of Bayelsa State. Findings reveals:

- Influx of Youths to Yenagoa and other Local Government Headquarters
- Increasing Cult Group: There is an increase initiation and membership to cult groups.
- Cult Group Rivalries
- Small Arms Proliferation in Bayelsa State
Street Rubbing: Following arms proliferation street rubbing.
- Increasing crime rate such as (sea piracy, armed robbery, kidnaping, etc)
- Inter and intra Political Party conflicts



WANEP NIGERIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY



The General Assembly (GA) of West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) Nigeria took place on March 12–13, 2019. During the occasion the 20th anniversary of the Network was also observed. More than 40 members of the Network drawn from the six geopolitical zones of Nigeria and a number of WANEP Nigeria partners and members of the WANEP Board of Trustees were in attendance.

The theme of General Assembly was, *Building Peace in Nigeria: Challenges and Prospects*. During the event two paper presentations were delivered. The first was by a university don from the Faculty of Law at University of Lagos, by the name of Prof Simon E. Igbiniedion, who delivered a presentation on the topic, *Communities and Cultures in Nigeria: violence as emerging option in interactions and the rule of law*. The second

presentation was by Mr. Austin Onuoha, a member of the Board of Trustee of the Network, who discussed on the topic, *WANEP: Beyond 20, Nature, Structure and Future*.

During the Assembly Members of the Network witnessed a transition of the Network's Board leadership and inauguration of the newly elected Zonal leadership. Also featured was the presentation of Merit Awards to outstanding members of the Network and special recognition to longstanding supporters of WANEP including Oxfam, United States Institute of Peace (USIP), and Urgent Action Fund.

The General Assembly also reviewed the Constitution of the Network and received reports both from the National Secretariat and the Zones and as well welcomed experience sharing on priority issues.



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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	2018 ₦	2017 ₦
Gross income	202,178,197	94,911,341
Programme expenses	(173,306,423)	(68,331,743)
Total administrative expenses and others	27,230,393	(20,072,987)
Surplus of income over expenditure	(358,619)	6,506,610
Total fixed assets (Net Book Value)	4,159,385	4,775,018
Cash at bank and in hand	18,938,918	18,150,282
Accumulated fund	25,060,558	25,419,177

**WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING –NIGERIA
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OTHER OFFICIALS**

Board of directors and other officials

Sir. Barinem Vulasi	Chairman
Barrister Magret Nwagbo	Director-Training and Capacity Building
Dr. Abiola Akiyode Afolabi	Director- Treasury and Finance
Mallam Y Z Ya'u	Director of Communication
Hajia Asmau Hassan	Ex - officio
Dr. Hannatu Ibrahim	Ex - officio
Ms. Bridget Osakwe	National Network Coordinator and Secretary to the Board

Zonal Coordinators

Emem Okon	South South
Kunle Onamusi	South West
Tajudeen Abdul-Hadi	North Central
Nasir Mohammed	North West
Miriam Menkiti	South East
Mohammed Wuyo	North East

**WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING –NIGERIA
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OTHER OFFICIALS (CONT'D)**

Secretariat staff

Ms. Bridget Osakwe	-	National Network Coordinator
Ms. Patience Obaulo	-	Head of Programs
Mr. Austin Olisa Eneanya	-	Finance Manager
Ms. Vivian Anyaegbu	-	Admin Manager
Mr. Kevin Abonyi	-	Programme Officer
Ms. Osariemen Amas-Edobor	-	Programme Officer
Ms Damilola Adeoye	-	Programme Officer
Mr Idris Suleiman	-	Programme Assistant
Ms. Patricia Unegbu	-	Office Assistant
Ms. Oyinyechi Egburaji	-	Intern
Mr. Ajibola Afolabi	-	Intern
Ms. Mariatta Gowon	-	Intern
Ms. Oladapo Soetan	-	Intern

<i>Bankers</i> :	-	Ecobank Plc
	-	Guaranty Trust Bank Plc
	-	Zenith Bank Plc

<i>Registered office</i> :	-	27 Adeniji Street, Adeniji Estate Off Wempco Road, Ogba, Lagos.
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<i>Auditors</i> :	-	Ibrahim Fohunola & Co (Chartered Accountants), 8, Sura Mogaji Street, Off Coker Road, Ilupeju, P.O Box 6520 Surulere, Lagos
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West Africa Network for Peacebuilding – Nigeria

Financial statements for the year ended 31st December, 2018.

General background, Vision, Mission and Objectives

General background

The WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING – NIGERIA (WANEP) is a regional non-profit making organisation with the mandate to enable and facilitate the development of mechanisms for cooperation among civil society-based peacebuilding practitioners and organisations. That is by promoting cooperative Prevention and responses to violent conflicts, providing the structures through which these experiences and information on issues of peacebuilding, conflict prevention and transformation, social, religious and political reconciliation and promoting West African's social and cultural values as resources for peacebuilding.

Vision

A Nigeria characterised by just and peaceful coexistence among communities where dignity of the human person is paramount and where the people can meet their human needs and decide their own direction.

Mission

To enable and facilitate the development of mechanisms for cooperation among civil society based peacebuilding practitioners and organisations in Nigeria by providing cooperative responses to violent conflicts, providing structure through which these practitioners and institutions can regularly share experience and information on peacebuilding, conflict transformation, social ethnic-religious and political reconciliation and tolerance and promoting cultural values as resources for peacebuilding.

Goal

To build a sustainable peaceful co-existence amongst all the various sectors and groups of the Nigerian community, thereby creating an enabling environment for national growth and development.

Objectives

WANEP – NIGERIA seeks to:

Creating a critical mass of women with enhanced voice and capacity for conflict management, political participation and enhancing their livelihood;

Community based conflict early warning/response system with direct links to ECOWAS and AU early warning systems and policy makers;

Promoting the culture of peace and tolerance through peace education at primary and secondary level and radicalization prevention among youths;

Supporting small scale farmers to adapt their practices to the realities of climate change toward enhanced livelihood and mitigating the tension between pastoralist and farmers.;

Supporting government actors and communities to prevent and address the risk of outbreak of violence in elections;

Building the capacity and resilience of vulnerable communities to engage their government to mitigate natural disaster;

Community based dialogue and mediation to promote peace and security.

WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING – NIGERIA

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2018.

The directors have pleasure in submitting their report together with the WANEP – NIGERIA audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2018.

	₦ 2018
1. <u>Operating result</u>	
Surplus of income over expenditure for the year was	(358,619)
Surplus brought forward	25,419,177
Surplus of income over expenditure carried forward	25,060,558

2. Legal form

The WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING – NIGERIA was incorporated on 14th July, 2003 and commenced operation on the 15th July, 2003.

3. Principal activities

The WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING – NIGERIA is created with the goal of capacity building in conflict prevention, collaborative peacebuilding, response, mitigation, advocacy and good governance in order to create an enabling environment through sustainable peace as prerequisite for growth and development.

4. Directors

The names of the directors of WANEP – Nigeria are shown on page 49.

5. Donations and contributions to charitable organisations

There was no donation during the year 2018.

6. Fixed assets

Movement in fixed assets during the period are as shown in Note 1 on page 60 of the accounts. In the opinion of the directors/trustees, the market value is not less than the value shown in the accounts.

7. Post balance sheet events

There are no post balance sheet events which could have had material effect on the financial position of WANEP – Nigeria as at 31st December, 2018 which have not been adequately provided for or disclosed in these accounts.

8. Employment and employees

I. Employments of the physically challenged

WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING – NIGERIA

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2018 (CONT'D)

It is the policy of WANEP – Nigeria that there should be no discrimination in considering application for employment including those from physically challenged persons. All employees whether or not physically challenged are given equal opportunity to develop their skills. As at 31st December 2018, there was no physically challenged person in the employment of WANEP – Nigeria.

ii. Health, safety at work and welfare of employees

Health and safety regulations are in force within the office premises and employees are aware of existing regulations.

iii Employees involvement and training

WANEP-Nigeria is committed to keeping employees informed as much as possible regarding the performance and progress and seeking their opinion where practicable on matters which particularly affect them as employees.

Training is carried out at various levels through both in-house and external courses. Incentive schemes designed to encourage the involvement of employees in WANEP's performance are implemented whenever appropriate.

9. Board of directors' responsibilities in relation to financial statements

The following statements which should be read in conjunction with the report of the auditors set out on page 54 is made with a view to distinguishing the respective responsibilities of the board of management and of the auditors in relation to the financial statements.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING – NIGERIA as at the end of the financial year.

- i These responsibilities include ensuring that:
 - Adequate internal control procedures are instituted to safeguard assets and prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities;
- ii Proper accounting books and records are kept and maintained;
- iii Applicable accounting policies are followed;
- iv Suitable accounting policies are used and consistently applied;
- v The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that WANEP – Nigeria will continue to be in existence.

10 Auditors

Messrs Ibrahim Fohunola & Co. (Chartered Accountants) have indicated their willingness to continue in office as auditors.

Lagos,
Nigeria.

By Order of the Board of Directors



Secretary



IBRAHIM FOHUNOLA & CO.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD MEMBERS OF
WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING – NIGERIA.

Report on the financial statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of West Africa Network for Peacebuilding – Nigeria which comprise of balance sheet as at 31st December, 2018, the income and expenditure, cashflow statement for the year then ended, the statement of accounting policies, notes to the financial statements and the five year financial summary, as set out on pages 57 to 63

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and board members.

The Trustees and board members are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the Statement of Accounting Standards applicable in Nigeria and the manner required by the Companies and Allied Matters Act of Nigeria. This responsibility include: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditors' responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing. Those Standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the board/trustees as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of West Africa Network For Peacebuilding – Nigeria as at 31st December, 2018 and of its operating result and cashflow for the year then ended in accordance with the Statement of Accounting Standards applicable in Nigeria and in the manner required by the Companies and Allied Matters Act of Nigeria.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Compliance with the requirements of schedule 6 of the Companies and Allied Matters Act of Nigeria

In our opinion, proper books of accounts have been kept by the WANEP - Nigeria, so far as appears from our examination of those books. The West Africa Network for Peacebuilding – Nigeria balance sheet and income and expenditure account are in agreement with books of accounts.

Lagos, Nigeria.

30th December 2019

I.A. Fohunola FCA, S.M. Ituma FCA.

Associate Partners: Adegoke Ademola FCA, FCTI

I.A. FOHUNOLA
FRC/2013/ICAN/00000004439
for: IBRAHIM FOHUNOLA & CO.
(CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS)



West Africa Network for Peacebuilding – Nigeria
Statement of accounting policies adopted which
have been applied consistently throughout the current and preceding years.

The following are the principal accounting policies which have been consistently applied throughout the current and preceding years:

1. Basis of accounting

These financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, including the use of going concern and comply with the statement of Accounting Standards issued by the Nigeria Accounting Standards.

The preparation of financial statements is in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles which require the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets or liabilities if any at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenue and expenses during the reporting period.

2. Reporting period and comparative information

The reporting period of these financial statements is for twelve month period ended 31st December, 2018. Information covers comparative twelve month period ended 31st December, 2017.

3. Income

Income represents donations and subscriptions from individuals or corporate organisations who share the aspirations of the organisation's objectives.

4. Fixed assets

i Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Costs include expenditure directly attributable to the acquisition of the assets.

ii The costs of the day to day servicing of fixed assets are recognised in the income and expenditure account as incurred.

iii Gains or losses on disposal of fixed assets are determined by reference to that carrying values and are included in the income and expenditure account.

5. Depreciation of fixed assets

Depreciation is calculated to write-off the cost of fixed assets on a straight line basis over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. The principal annual rates used for this purpose are:

	%
Plant and machinery	25
Office equipment	25
Motor vehicles	25
Furniture and fittings	25
Library books	25

6. Debtors

Debtors are stated after deduction of allowances for debts considered bad or doubtful of recovery.

7. Provisions

A provision is recognised only if, as a result of a past event, the company has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefit will be required to settle the obligation

8. Foreign Currency Transactions.

1. Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are recorded in Naira at actual exchange rates as at the dates of the transactions.

2. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Naira at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date or where appropriate, at the contacted rate of exchange if the balance is to be settled at a contacted rate. Any gain or loss arising from a change in exchange rates

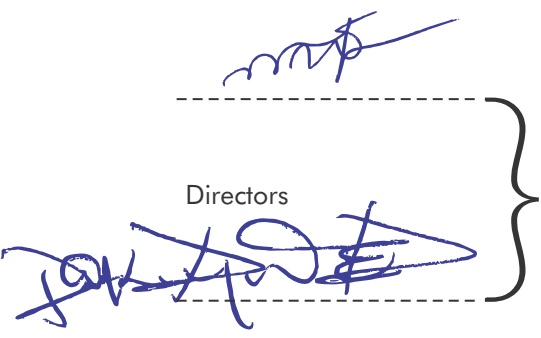
subsequent to the date of transactions is included as an exchange gain or loss in the income and expenditure account.

9. Employee Benefits

Pension

In line with the provision of the Pension Reform Act 2004, the WANEP-Nigeria instituted a defined contribution Pension Scheme for the management and non-management staff. Staff contributions to the scheme are funded through payroll deduction while the WANEP-Nigeria contribution is charged to the income and expenditure account. WANEP-Nigeria contributes 13% for management and non-management staff respectively. While the employees contribute 5%.

WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING –NIGERIA
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2018.

	Notes		2018		2017
		₦	₦	₦	₦
Fixed assets	1		4,159,385		4,775,018
Current assets					
Cash and bank	2	18,938,918		18,150,282	
Debtors and prepayments	3	2,362,255		3,049,232	
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		21,301,173		21,199,514	
Current liabilities					
Creditors and accruals	4	(400,000)		(555,355)	
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Net current assets			20,901,173		20,644,159
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			25,060,558		25,419,177
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Represented by:					
Accumulated fund	5		25,060,558		25,419,177
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The accounting policies on page 55 to 56 and the notes on pages 60 to 63 form an integral part of these financial statements.

WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING –NIGERIA
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2018.

	Notes	2018 ₦	2017 ₦
Gross income	6	202,178,197	94,911,341
Cost of programmes	7	(173,306,423)	(68,331,743)
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Surplus of income over programmes cost		28,871,774	26,579,598
		=====	=====
Administrative expenses:			
Telephone/mobile phone		15,300	38,590
Courier/Postages		62,696	108,108
Internet access		564,000	542,000
Bank charges		228,810	291,233
Fuel and lubricants		745,900	638,825
Newspaper and magazines		45,850	102,360
Printing, stationery and consumables		1,554,170	778,560
Entertainment		152,200	165,610
Depreciation		1,601,633	832,549
Repairs and maintenance		876,900	917,950
Local Travels		1,072,850	1,314,293
Cleaning and cleaning consumables		105,800	78,450
Office rent		1,500,000	875,000
Other General Administrative expenses		319,680	516,799
Audit and accountancy		400,000	400,000
Salaries		18,151,234	9,707,571
Local Conveyance		66,200	-
Board Expenses		919,400	-
Electricity and lighting		223,970	185,249
Legal and other professional fees		50,000	-
Dues and subscriptions		20,000	9,590
Contract labour/security		144,000	65,200
Public relations		30,000	188,000
Donations		200,000	26,250
AGM Expenses		816,000	2,290,800
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		29,230,393	20,072,987
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Deficit for the year		(358,619)	6,506,610
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WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING –NIGERIA
CASHFLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2018

Cashflow from operating activities	2018	2017
	₦	₦
Surplus/(deficit) of income over expenditure	(358,619)	6,506,610
<i>Adjustment for non cash items:</i>		
Depreciation	1,601,633	832,549
Sundry adjustment	-	(230)
	-----	-----
Operating surplus/(deficit) before changes in working capital	1,243,014	7,338,929
<i>Changes in working capital:</i>		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	686,977	(1,695,143)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(155,355)	250,311
	-----	-----
Net cash from operating activities	1,774,636	5,894,097
	=====	=====
Purchase of fixed assets	(986,000)	(4,519,000)
Sales considerations of damaged Laptop	-	-
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Net cashflow from investing activities	(986,000)	(4,519,000)
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Cashflow from financing activities	-	-
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Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	788,636	1,375,097
Cash and cash equivalents at 1st January,	18,150,282	16,775,185
	=====	=====
Cash and cash equivalents at 31st December,	18,938,918	18,150,282
	=====	=====
Bank and cash balances at 31st December,	18,938,918	18,150,282
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WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING –NIGERIA
 NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER, 2018.
 FIXED ASSETS SCHEDULE

<u>Note 1</u> Description	Cost				Net Book Value				
	<u>2018</u> <u>B/F</u> ₦	<u>2018</u> <u>Addition</u> ₦	<u>Disposal</u> ₦	<u>Total</u> ₦	<u>B/F</u> ₦	<u>Addition</u> ₦	<u>Disposal</u> ₦	<u>Total</u> ₦	<u>2018</u> ₦
Plant & machinery	2,089,965	-	-	2,089,965	2,088,965	-	-	2,088,965	1,000
Motor vehicles	5,892,000	-	-	5,892,000	3,021,156	750,000	-	3,150,322	2,120,844
Furniture & fittings	2,125,623	200,000	-	2,325,623	1,892,338	127,682	-	2,020,020	305,603
Library books	51,200	-	-	51,200	51,190	-	-	51,190	10
Office equipments	4,660,325	-	-	4,660,325	3,356,912	442,468	-	3,799,380	860,945
Computer&Laptops	6,124,110	786,000	-	6,910,110	5,757,644	281,483	-	6,039,127	870,983
	20,943,223	986,000	-	21,929,223	16,168,205	1,601,633	-	17,769,838	4,159,385

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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS(CONT'D).

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
	₦	₦
2 <u>Cash and bank</u>		
Current account Ecobank I	1,316,313	6,142,314
Current account Ecobank II	230,664	452,333
Current account Ecobank – USD	13,851	2,642,407
Current account Ecobank – Euro	27,373	2,710,880
GT Bank Plc – Euro	17,733	17,733
GT Bank Plc II	1,602	1,602
GT Bank Plc(Staff welfare)	1,272	1,272
GT Bank Dollar	18,949	18,949
Oceanic Bank I (EcobankPlc)	1,306	1,306
Oceanic Bank II (EcobankPlc)	409	409
Oceanic Bank Euro (EcobankPlc)	24,855	24,855
Oceanic Bank Dollar (EcobankPlc)	6,509	6,509
Cash in hand	-	800
Oceanic Bank III (EcobankPlc)	38,803	38,803
GT Bank Pound	13,676	13,676
Zenith Bank Plc –Naira	351,122	5,353,041
Zenith Bank Plc – Euro	206,054	228,618
Zenith Bank Plc – Dollar	46,580	55,323
Zenith Bank Plc – Naira (2)	28,708	439,452
Ecobank – 0429	16,592,749	-
	<u>18,938,918</u>	<u>18,150,282</u>
3 <u>Debtors and prepayments</u>		
Prepayment –Rent	750,000	2,125,000
Debtor –Staff	1,612,255	924,232
	<u>2,362,255</u>	<u>3,049,232</u>
4 <u>Creditors and accruals</u>		
Audit	400,000	450,000
Accrued expenses (salaries and other expenses)	-	105,355
Sundry creditors	-	-
	<u>400,000</u>	<u>555,355</u>
5 Accumulated fund brought forward	25,419,177	18,912,567
Add: Prior year adjustment (5.1)	-	-
Surplus/(deficit) fund for the year	(358,619)	6,506, 610
Accumulated fund carried forward	<u>25,060,558</u>	<u>25,419,177</u>

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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS(CONT'D).**

	<u>2018</u> ₦	<u>2017</u> ₦
6. Gross income		
United State Institute of Peace	51,993,382	40,511,192
WANEP Regional office	86,409,986	12,639,200
Oxfam Nigeria	16,000,000	24,651,992
NEEM	-	2,760,000
Global Centre on Cooperative Security	771,840	2,344,160
Bank interest	3,040	3,721
Other incomes from consultancy, equipment hire and sales of scrapped assets etc.	19,154,455	12,000,750
Urgent Action	4,055,871	-
Peace Tech.	25,000	-
NORAD	19,432,000	-
LITE Africa	4,332,622	-
	<u>202,178,197</u>	<u>94,911,015</u>
7. Cost of programme		
Regional Programmes	84,847,820	8,943,413
United States Institute of Peace	61,272,115	43,834,610
OXFAM Nigeria	15,680,200	12,702,720
Urgent Action	3,923,045	-
Global Centre on Cooperative Security	40,000	2,201,000
LITE Africa	3,587,743	-
NEEM	350,000	650,000
NORAD	3,605,500	650,000
	<u>173,306,423</u>	<u>68,331,743</u>

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FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	2018 ₦	2017 ₦	2016 ₦	2015 ₦	2014 ₦
Fixed assets	4,159,385	4,775,018	1,088,337	583,195	630,862
Net Current Assets/(liabilities)	20,901,174	20,644,159	17,824,230	2,592,461	4,928,116
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	25,060,559	25,418,851	18,912,567	3,175,656	5,558,978
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Represented by:					
Accumulated fund	25,060,559	25,419,177	18,912,567	3,175,656	5,558,978
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Total income	202,178,197	94,911,015	82,182,263	35,319,588	72,404,912
Less: Expenditure	202,536,816	88,404,730	65,579,922	37,702,910	70,847,898
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Deficit for the year	(358,619)	6,506,610	16,602,341	(2,383,322)	1,557,014
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