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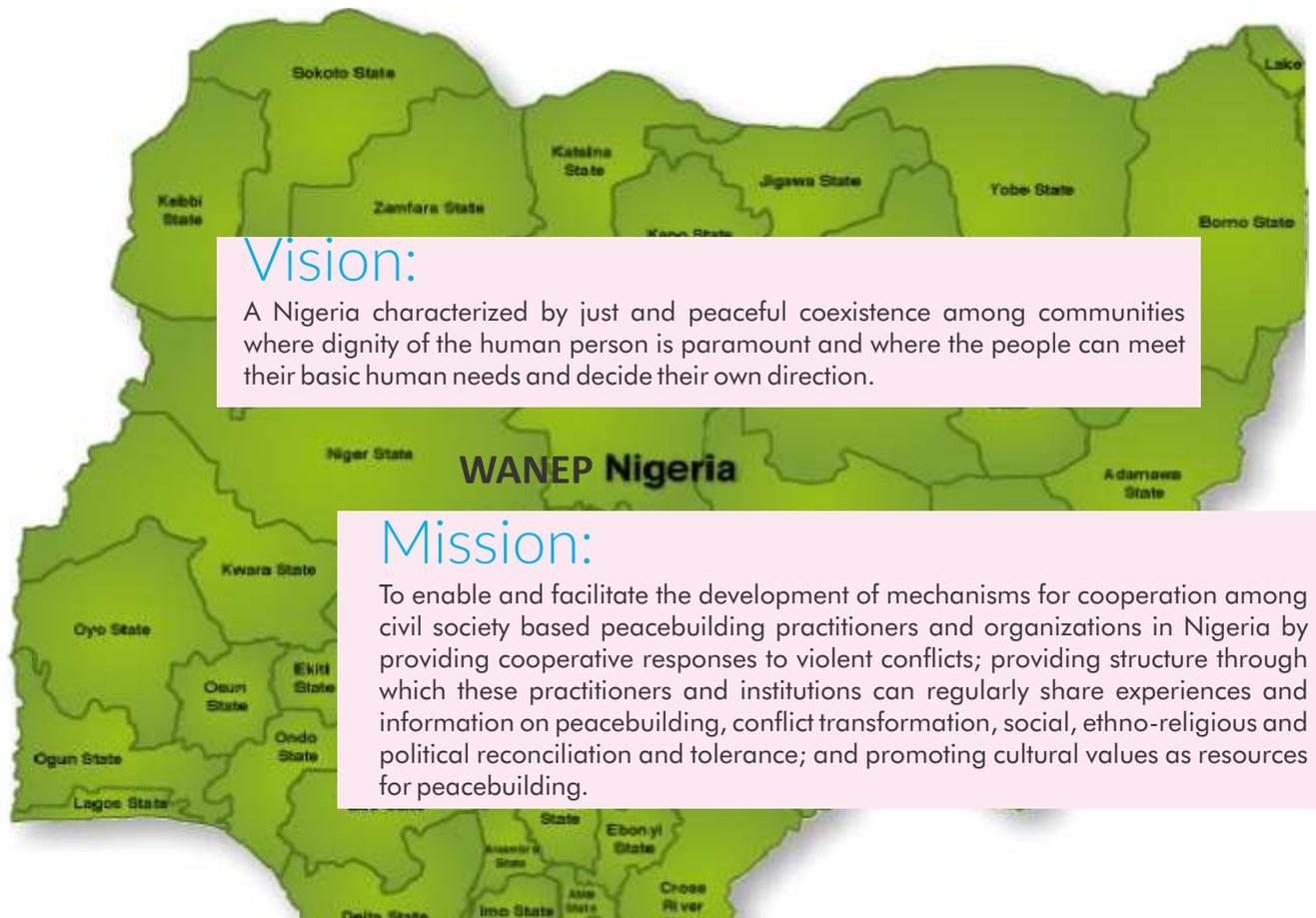
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## WANEP NIGERIA WORKING PRINCIPLES



### 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

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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## 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.

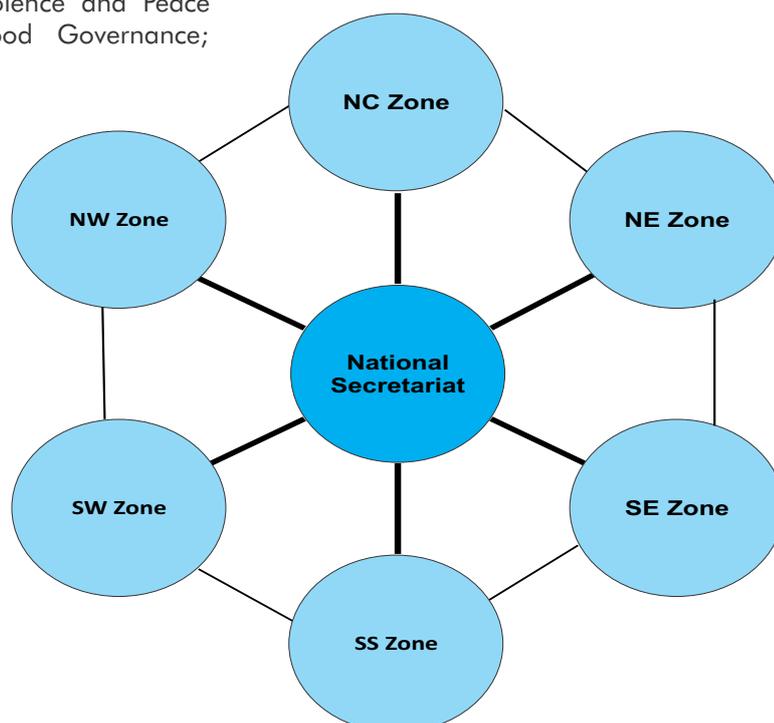
**Active Non-Violence and Peace Education:** Strives to institutionalize non-violence and peace education in Primary, Secondary and Tertiary institutions in Nigeria

**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 relent 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 Akiyode-Afolabi

Welcome to the first year of the Decade 2021!

Dear Board Members, WANEP- Nigeria Staff, Network Members, Ladies and Gentlemen, I believe you enjoyed the festive season with friends and family reflecting on the outgoing year with gratitude to God for his protection. The outgoing year began on a good footing with the Network organizing a meeting with its board members to give a progress report on the projects, achievements and challenges encountered by the network as well as put forward resolutions for the year.



However, the year brought with it a public health emergency on such a scale that was never imagined. The Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID -19) has become an important threat to human relationships and national security since it was first recorded in Wuhan city, China in December 2019. COVID-19 was declared by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a global pandemic on March 11, 2020 with more than 100 million infections confirmed in over 200 countries across the globe.

Nigeria was presumably spared the scourge of the virus until her first case was recorded on February 28, 2020. As part of the effort to curb the spread of the virus, the Nigerian government imposed total lockdowns and social distancing policy in Abuja, Lagos and Ogun states on the March 30, 2020. The dramatic lockdowns did not adequately consider the *Do No Harm Principle* as this aggravated the prevalence of gender based violence in the country. With tensions building up and lots of uncertainty so many women and girls were locked in with their abusers leading to death of some of the victims.

Amidst this global pandemic, the surge in the spread of COVID-19 inhibited project implementation in states across the country. This necessitated the use of the internet platforms such as skype, zoom, whatsapp to organize meetings, conferences and workshops. WANEP Nigeria held a number of webinars touching on key issues affecting women, youth and the society in general. Notably, COVID-19 Pandemic: The Future of Peacebuilding in Nigeria; Rethinking Strategies to End Violence Against Women and Girls; Presenting the current realities on issues of Women, Peace and Security in Nigeria and Capacity Enhancing Training for Data Collectors and Analysts for Effective Conflict Prevention to mention but a few. The secretariat staff also featured as guest panelists on different webinars to share knowledge and experience on key issues.

As part of the Network activities to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325 a research was commissioned to assess the achievements on the implementation of UNSC Resolution 1325 in Nigeria. It was interesting to note that out of the 36 states in Nigeria only 12 states have State Action Plans for the implementation of this groundbreaking resolution on Women, Peace and Security. In all WANEP – Nigeria and its network members played credible roles in the development and adoption of the State Action Plans. Presently, modalities are on the way towards the third review of Nigeria's National Action Plan on UNSCR 1325. The localization strategy has helped in bridging the gaps between theory and practice making Resolution 1325 more relevant in local communities.

Under the Active Non- Violence and Peace Education program, a milestone was achieved as WANEP- Nigeria during the outgoing year was granted approval by the Lagos State Ministry of Education to implement the peace education project in Secondary Schools in the state. Also, remarkable was the partnering with a child rights civil society organization to present short children friendly skits on preventive measures to keep safe during the COVID- 19 Pandemic, Sexual and Gender Based Violence, Child Rights and Peace Education. To promote the participation of youths in decision making and peacebuilding processes in Nigeria WANEP in collaboration with Civil Society Partners through series of consultations have developed a National Action Plan on the United Nations Security Council Resolution on 2250 which will be launched this year.

The secretariat's efforts in fund raising, forging and sustaining relationships with donor agencies was commendable. Partners such as the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP), Urgent Action Fund Africa (UAF) and the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) expanded their projects in Nigeria. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) began a new project partnering with WANEP – Nigeria and other civil society organizations titled "Integrated Approach to Building Peace in Nigeria's Farmer-Herder Crisis". The project utilizes a consortium / collaborative approach in seeking partnerships with non-governmental partners referred to as peace collaborative to support community level peace advocacy; undertake transformative peace assessment and conflict analysis; promote cohesion through local livelihoods projects



## BOARD MEMBERS

and finally enhance early warning and response efforts.

Towards the end of the year, the nationwide demonstrations against Police Officers of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) gained momentum across states in October 2020 and this revealed the role youth can play in bringing about change. The active participation of women in these protests was encouraging as this has put women in a positive light not as victims of violence but as advocates of change. WANEP – Nigeria monitored the protests and put forward situation tracking documents and a position statement making recommendations to the Federal Government to conduct widespread and inclusive consultations with key stakeholders to find lasting solutions to the crisis and promote sustainable peace and justice in the country.

In all, we would not have come this far without the commitment and impactful work of the National Network Coordinator and her team to build peace within communities in Nigeria. Also, to the network members we are appreciative of all the good work that is being done across the thirty – six states of the country. As we look forward to the new year, we will be guided by the Reviewed Strategic Action Plan 2021 to 2025 towards achieving our goal as a foremost peacebuilding organization. We implore you to join hands with our team in promoting and sustaining peace in Nigeria.

Thank you.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL NETWORK COORDINATOR

**Bridget Osakwe**

*“Building Peace In An Era Of Pandemic And Uncertainty”*



Happy New year everyone! Hope we are still observing the Coronavirus (COVID- 19) preventive measures and keeping safe. We are delighted to communicate with you all and joyful for yet another year. The outgoing year was gloomy though the organization was able to swim through the murky waters towards achieving its goal of building sustainable peaceful co-existence amongst all the various sectors and groups of the Nigerian community.

The first quarter of the year began on an interesting note with the organization holding nation-wide consultations to further the implementation of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in Nigeria. WANEP – Nigeria organized a strategic planning meeting for stakeholders in our three project states in the Niger- Delta. The planning meeting aimed to enhance the capacities of critical Stakeholders in Edo, Delta and Rivers States to understand the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325. One distinguishing aspect of the meeting was the highlight of the Omu Anioma traditional leadership. This traditional structure that has been existing in Delta State for over 70 years and it reveals the excellent role women chiefs are playing in peacebuilding and state building. The meeting further promoted recognition, acceptance and support by key stakeholders for women groups utilizing their peacebuilding capacities to address peace and security needs within their communities. A road map was developed for the sustainability of women group structures at the local and state levels.

WANEP Nigeria took the train of the zonal consultations on promoting the women participation in peacebuilding to the North East. In the region, women and girls are impacted by the rising extremism differently than men and boys. They are victims of violent attacks, their rights and mobility, as well as economic capacities are compromised even more than their male counterparts. They are also first responders to these violent attacks. As mothers, wives, sisters and daughters in family settings and professionals, they shape the values of community members and play a vital role in preventing the spread of extremist ideology and activity. The zonal conference was held to share experiences and proffer recommendations on emerging trends and how best to engage with women in countering violent extremism within communities in the North East.

In commemoration of the International Women's Day 2020, WIPNET trained women group in Ossisa, Delta State organized a peace rally to raise awareness on the need for community peacebuilding. In Okuorodo Urhobo, Delta State community women were sensitized on the importance of advocating for gender equality and equal rights in marriage, education, employment, politics and other social activities that shape the society. Our radio program “Women Voices for Peace” was ongoing throughout the year across the seven radio stations in Bauchi, Bornu, Delta, Edo, Gombe, Lagos and Rivers States with seasoned guests speaking on varied topics including women rights, achievements and gender equality.

Then came the outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID- 19) Pandemic with its attendant lock down and interruption of work plan. With the disease spreading across the country and the directives by the government for citizens to stay at home, this exacerbated already existing risks of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV). Primarily, women and girls were at risks of domestic violence during this time due to limited involvement and control in decision making on household response, increase food insecurity, mobility and reduced access to information and services. During this time, WANEP – Nigeria created an online survey for victims of SGBV to air their complaints for immediate referral services. This platform also served to gather statistics on the number of SGBV cases across Nigeria.

With the heightening number of sexual violence cases, WANEP got funds from Urgent Action Fund Africa to carry out a radio program to create awareness on the pandemic and the need to stop violence against women and girls while promoting healthy relationships that promote peace in Lagos State. The Radio Program titled “Let's Talk COVID- 19 and SGBV” was aired on Women Radio 91.7 FM – the only radio station centered on promoting women issues in the country for an hour on Tuesdays. This provided the platform for more women to listen and air their views on the issue to foster prompt mobilization of professional service providers and officials to respond to the SGBV situation. Through the radio program the populace were sensitized on existing



policies and laws such as the Lagos State Protection Against Domestic Violence Law (2007), the Violence Against Person's Prohibition Act 2015 etc and linked with appropriate agencies to seek redress.

WANEP – Nigeria, during this time reached out to women, girls, persons living with disabilities and the elderly in eight project states including- Bauchi, Borno, Delta, Edo, Gombe, Lagos, Plateau and Rivers State with food palliatives to cater for their basic daily needs, face masks, hand sanitizers, hand wash and Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials. Sensitization forums were held on ending Violence Against Women and Girl to enlighten women and girls on what to do to keep safe and report perpetrators of violence.

During the closure between late March and June 2020 to forestall the spread of COVID- 19 staff worked remotely from home. Several management and staff virtual meetings were held to work on activities that do not require physical presence. However, some project activities that could be held physically through internet were explored. Thus internet/Zoom meetings were held to foster implementation of planned project activities. In this regards, Zoom conferences including “Rethinking Strategies to End Violence Against Women and Girls”, “Presenting Current Realities on the Implementation of UNSC Resolution 1325 in Nigeria” etc were held. Due to the steep increase in gender-based violence the network and its member organizations issued a position statement calling on key stakeholders to put structures in place to end the violence and protect the rights of women and girls in Nigeria.

The Women in Peacebuilding (WIPNET) Program, Localization workshops on the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325 was implemented in Balanga, Gombe State; Katagum, Bauchi State and Maiduguri, Borno State. Capacities of local women and policy makers strengthened to implement the National Action Plan (NAP) on UNSCR 1325 at the local level. As part of the project, Local Action Plans (LAPs) on UNSCR 1325 developed in the three communities and Steering Committees set up to ensure implementation of the LAPs. Stakeholders pledged their commitment to include women in their cabinet and include allocation for women, peace and security in 2021 Budget at the local level.

The Conflict Prevention program began on a good footing as WANEP-Nigeria renewed partnership with the State Emergency and Management Agency (LSEMA) on Disaster Risk Reduction in Lagos State. An advocacy visit to LASEMA brought to the fore the need for the two institutions (WANEP and SEMA) to sign a Memorandum of Understanding on the operationalization of Emergency Response in Lagos State. Working together with LASEMA, field assessment was carried out at the Abule – Ado explosion which occurred on Sunday March 15, 2020. WANEP – Nigeria staff members were available to carry out on the spot assessment of the occurrence. A Quick NEWS update was developed with recommendations for Federal and State Government officials to mitigate the effects of the explosion. This Early Warning output was shared with partners including the State Emergency Management Agency in Lagos State.

To ensure enhanced reporting on National Early Warning System (NEWS) a virtual training was held on identifying and reporting early warning signs for community monitors. The services of additional community monitors were engaged to contribute to data gathering within communities in Nigeria. Early warning monitoring outputs produced included over 40 weekly highlight and 12 monthly bulletins. Situation tracking reports on the nationwide youth protest against brutality by the Special Anti- Robbery Squad (SARS) in Nigeria by Nigerian Youth within the country and in diaspora between October 8- 20, 2020. A Position Statement calling for stakeholders consultations to promote peace in Nigeria was issued by WANEP – Nigeria and publicized by the media. The publications called for the creation of platforms for inclusive participation and amplification of youth voices in the decision-making and peacebuilding processes in the country,

The Lagos State Ministry of Education approved that WANEP educate students in secondary schools on peace education in five local council areas in the state. This will enable the students imbibe active non-violence techniques in resolving disputes and promote a culture of peace within and outside the school environs. The Active Non- Violence and Peace Education Program also continued its advocacy to the Lagos State House of Assembly for the passage of the Peace Education bill for the introduction of Peace education in Primary and Post primary schools in Lagos State. The bill is being sponsored by the Deputy Majority Leader and has been presented to the House of Assembly for the first reading. In Bauchi State, a Preventing Violent Extremism was



piloted in schools. The capacity of twenty-five teachers were built to groom a new generation of resilient young persons equipped to stand up against violent extremism in the state.

In ensuring that youths are not left behind in decision making and peace processes in Nigeria, WANEP and partners developed a framework on the National Action Plan on UNSCR 2250 to engage youths in peacebuilding in Nigeria. Processes are ongoing for the adoption of the National Action Plan by government. To end the year, WANEP – Nigeria with partners co-hosted the Nigeria Youth 4 Peace Forum in commemoration of the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UNSCR 2250 with the theme “Young People’s Protection: An inevitable Strategy for a Peaceful and Prosperous Society”. We partnered with the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) to sensitize the 2020 batch A ‘Corp’ members on the need to embrace a culture of peace for national cohesion.

The Justice and Security Dialogue (JSD) program continued to organically address security challenges as they emerge in Plateau State. In response to the COVID- 19 Pandemic, WANEP Nigeria distributed 1000 face masks to Police, High Court Judges, Jos North LGA and JSD Community Stakeholders in the state. Palliatives were also distributed to 5 Divisions of Police in Jos North LGA of Plateau State. As part of the project, the “Think Me’ drama series on exploring effective response to Sexual and Gender based violence commenced on Unity radio 93.3FM/TV Plateau State. With the level of success achieved on the JSD project, the stakeholders have committed to sustaining the dialogues to promote peace in the state. We are delighted to inform you that for the new year, WANEP Nigeria will begin a pilot Justice and Security Dialogue (JSD) process in the North East working in Internally Displaced Person (IDP) camps.

As part of the year, WANEP – Nigeria forged relationship with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) under the project ‘Integrated Approach to Building Peace in Nigeria’s Herder-Farmer Crisis’ in collaborations with Humanitarian Dialogue, Mercy Corps, Thrive Agric. Several Planning meetings were held with partners on the Project Planning processes under three pillars namely Peace Architecture, Livelihood and economic recovery, Conflict Analysis and Peace Assessment. The project is being implemented in eleven state across the country including –Adamawa, Anambra, Benue, Delta, Ekiti, Kaduna, Katsina, Nassawa, Plateau, Taraba and Zamfara States.

In preparation for the next phase of the decade and to guide the organization in the next five years (2021 – 2025), the Strategic Action Plan has been reviewed with inputs from the board, secretariat and network members.

In all, great appreciation goes to our partners and supporters who believed in us including the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs, the various State Ministries of Women Affairs, Institute of Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR), Lagos State School Based Management Committee (SBMC), Lagos State House of Assembly, Lagos State Ministry of Education, Norwegian Agency for Development Co-operation (NORAD), Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP), OXFAM in Nigeria, Urgent Action Fund -Africa, United States Institute for Peace (USIP), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for their financial and technical support. The Media has been wonderful and helpful to our work as they ensured that peacebuilding messages were widely publicised. Our mother organization, WANEP Regional Office- Ghana has always been available to help us weather the storm and emerge even stronger. Indeed, we are grateful for all the advice and good will.

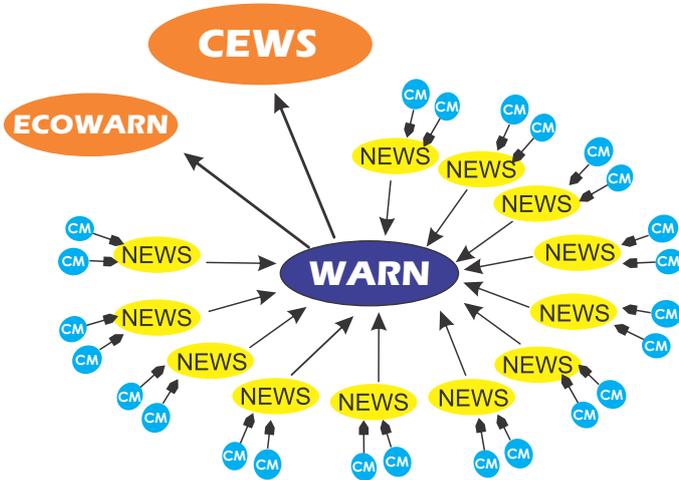
The entire Board of WANEP Nigeria has been quite supportive led by a Chair who is ever willing to assist. To network members, especially the Coordinators, I appreciate your enthusiasm in moving the network forward. Of course, the network is what it is because of you, thank you. It is noteworthy that despite the challenges posed by the global pandemic, the staff members worked tirelessly and swiftly to ensure that all planned projects were implemented and there were no extensions. For all the good work, I say a big thank you to our board, network members and my amiable team at the secretariat.

As we look forward to an impactful year be reminded that the task of peacebuilding is our collective responsibility lets unite and work together while staying safe!

Thank you.

## 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).**



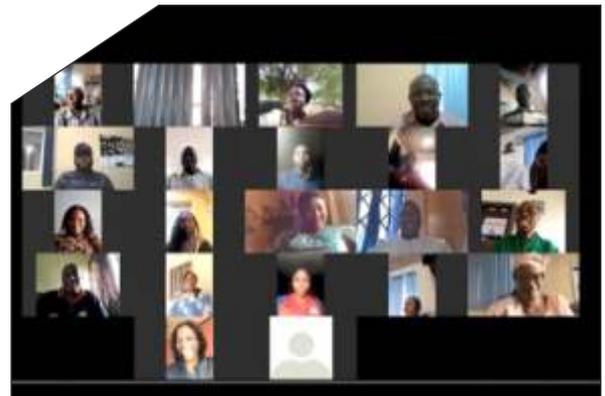
CM - COMMUNITY MONITORS  
 NEWS - NATIONAL EARLY WARNING SYSTEM  
 CEWS - CONTINENTAL EARLY WARNING SYSTEM  
 WARN - EARLY WARNING AND EARLY RESPONSE PROGRAM  
 ECOWARN - ECOWAS EARLY WARNING AND RESPONSE NETWORK

### 1.1. Strengthening Linkages Between Warning and Response

In line with the primary objective of providing early warning information for timely response with the goal of promoting peace and security in the country, WANEP-Nigeria conducted a virtual refresher training for community field monitors across the 36 States of Nigeria including the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) to enhance their early warning monitoring and reporting capacity. Through training of community monitors on the National Early Warning System (NEWS), the NEWS indicators were reviewed to reflect current dynamics in peace and security with the performance of field monitors evaluated. As a result of this refresher training, the quality of early warning reports improved significantly. The evaluation of community monitors across the States also enhanced the timeliness of early warning reports into NEWS.

With the training of community monitors, the WANEP's National Early Warning System (NEWS) Manager has produced quality early warning reports (Situation Tracking, Quick NEWS Update, Policy Brief, Monthly Bulletin) to inform relevant actors for appropriate response and mitigation of threats.

*Photo gallery of community monitors at the virtual training.*



### Highlights of Early Warning Outputs in 2020

- *NEWS Situation Tracking on the 'Nationwide Youth Protest Against Brutalities By The Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) in Nigeria- (#EndSARS protest) Vol 1 & 2.*
- *Situation Tracking on COVID-19 pandemic in Nigeria, Vol 1-4.*
- *Quick NEWS Update on the 'Kidnap of students by armed bandits in Kankara LGA of Katsina State.*
- *Quick NEWS Update on 'Gas explosion in Lagos State'*
- *Quick NEWS Update on the 'Peace and Security Dimensions of Inter-State Movement of Persons Amid COVID-19 in Nigeria'.*

Additionally, WANEP also strengthened the linkages between warning and response by conducting public awareness campaigns on the novel COVID-19 pandemic to with the Lagos State Civil Society Organization. The collaborative was mandated to create community awareness on COVID-19 precautionary measures to prevent the spread of the virus in Lagos State. Beneficiaries of the campaign included traders, artisans, motorcycle rider's association and religious leaders, amongst others, at Ojodu LCDA and Oshodi/Isolo LGA in Lagos State. This supported the efforts of the Lagos State Government in ensuring adherence to health guidelines put in place to curb the spread of COVID-19.



### Contribution to Mitigating Environmental Disasters

The awareness campaign provided the opportunity for WANEP to make recommendations to the Lagos State Government through the forum of Civil Society Organisations on identified gaps capable of fostering community transmission of COVID-19 in the State.

The surge in the spread of COVID-19, although delayed the implementation of projects, WANEP-Nigeria successfully implemented most projects virtually including trainings from March-December 2020.

*Site assessment of a gas explosion site at Abule-Ado area, Amuwo-Odofin LGA of Lagos State*



WANEP-Nigeria's intervention and focus in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) through its Humanitarian Emergency Response and Development (HERD) continues to facilitate monitoring, evaluation, analysis and preventive actions against threats of disaster in Nigeria. In the reporting period, WANEP-Nigeria conducted site assessment of communities affected by gas explosion in Lagos State and produced reports with recommendations to support informed decision-making at the State-level.

Also, WANEP-Nigeria, led by the National Network Coordinator (NNC), conducted a 'courtesy visit' to

the Director General (DG) of the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA), Dr Oluwafemi Oke-Osanyintolu for partnership on DRR.

Several activities in the reporting period were implemented in Bauchi State;

- Town-hall meetings with farmers to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on small-scale farming in the State.
- Virtual Meetings to discuss emerging challenges in agriculture and appropriate action by the Bauchi State Government.
- Engagement on Agricultural Resilience Framework- 'Connecting achievements and learnings for improved strategy on climate resilience' in Bauchi State.

Through series of intervention, several recommendations presented to reflect the needs, concerns and challenges of farmers in the State were acknowledged by the Special Adviser to the Bauchi State Governor on Agriculture - Alhaji Iiiyasu Aliyu Gital for further engagements with the State Government and other relevant agencies.

Several achievements include;

- Renewed commitments by farmers and state agencies to create awareness on climate change and indigenous adaptation and mitigation options.
- Improved awareness and knowledge of small-scale farmers on government interventions during the COVID-19 pandemic and the processes, benefits involved in belonging to farmer cooperatives to avoid denial or inaccessibility of farm inputs.
- In 2020, a communication platform was created virtually for farmers and civil society groups to directly engage with the State Government (through the Special Adviser to the Bauchi State Government) to ascertain the roles of government in sustaining food security and also mitigating the impact of the COVID in farming communities.
- Small scale farmers, community leaders better organized to coordinate their needs for government intervention.
- State Committee comprising of state and non-state set up to create awareness on mitigating climate risk and led by the Special Adviser (SA) to the Bauchi State Governor on Agriculture.

**Strategic Objective (so 2): Citizen Capacity Is Developed And Deployed In Peace Building And Conflict Prevention/interventions At Community, National And Regional Levels.**

WANEP's capacity building strategy is tailored towards increasing peacebuilding knowledge base across States in Nigeria by enhancing the skills and expertise of citizens in the area of conflict prevention and peacebuilding. In 2020, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in providing peacebuilding support to addressing farmer-herder crisis in Benue, Nassarawa and Taraba States partnered with WANEP-Nigeria and other peacebuilding agencies on the project **'Integrated Approach to Building Peace in Nigeria' Farmer-Herder Crisis**. The Project aims to enhance these states' preventive capacities by promoting dialogue and proactive engagement; building mutually beneficial economic relationships between farmers and herders; improving the effectiveness of the security response through strengthened human rights monitoring and accountability; and providing an impartial and evidence-based narrative to defuse the politicized debate and help mobilize a broader response.

Under the Transformative Peace Assessment and Conflict Analysis pillar, the project was extended to eight (8) other States of Ekiti, Anambra, Delta, Plateau, Adamawa, Kaduna, Katsina and Zamfara States, based on shared conflict events as seen in Benue, Nassarawa and Taraba States..

**Main achievements of the project in 2020**

Forty-seven (47) enumerators and analysts across the 11 States of Ekiti, Anambra, Delta, Benue, Nassarawa, Plateau, Taraba, Adamawa, Kaduna, Katsina and Zamfara States trained on data collection techniques using technological tools- Kobo Collect app. Upon successful completion of the training, the enumerators and analysts were deployed across the 11 States to commence Household Surveys (HHS) for 500 households. Improved capacity of Civil Society Organizations, Academia, Peace Building Agencies in data collection through technology.

During the survey, 91 communities across 58 Local Government Areas were covered. To ensure a successful outcome, courtesy visits were conducted to traditional and communities' leaders to gain acceptance into the communities. The data collection process is crucial to understanding the peace and conflict dynamics. It was also relevant to generating reliable evidence that would support evidence-backed policy formulation and interventions in conflict preventions and peacebuilding in target States.

Local community guides were engaged in some States to facilitate smooth community-entry and access to relevant stakeholders and enumeration areas. In this vein, households in selected communities were opened to discussions.



*Enumerators at Bakin-Rijiya Community in Hong LGA of Adamawa State.*

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

Given the challenges experienced by farmers before and during the COVID-19 pandemic and the current concerns with climate change and its impact on farming activities,

OXFAM in Nigeria supported WANEP-Nigeria from 2015-2020 under the **'Right to Food'** project. Nigeria's agriculture sector is particularly vulnerable to climate change because most agricultural practices rely on rainfall and over 70 percent of the country's population relies directly or indirectly on rain-fed agriculture (IFAD, 2009).



*L-R: Special Adviser to Bauchi State Governor, Iliyasu Gital, Hajiya Amina Bala, Osariemen Amas (WANEP), Prof. Nasiru*

To address emerging challenges of small-holder farmers in Nigeria, WANEP-Nigeria explored linkages with the Bauchi State Agricultural Development Programme (BSAPD) and the Special Adviser (SA) to the Bauchi State Governor on Agriculture, Alhaji Iliyasu Aliyu Gital, to track the progress and challenges in the agricultural sector as well as create a platform for small-holder farmers to interact with the State Government on its agricultural interventions in the State.

## *Justice and Security Dialogue (JSD) and COVID – 19 Response Measures*

At the onset of the outbreak of COVID-19, Justice and Security Dialogue (JSD) together with its partner and stakeholders developed a framework to support government and communities in their response to the pandemic. JSD supported Consultative meetings with the police and Plateau State COVID-19 Task Force Committee to identify issues/bottlenecks and highlight challenges that may impair effective response to COVID-19. Outcome of the meetings suggested that neither the healthcare agencies nor police services have generally considered policing as part of public health response to COVID-19. Stakeholders acknowledged that even though they both appear distinctive; they play complementary roles -to save and protect lives. They agreed on a well-balanced field response, as such, JSD utilized the opportunity to expand and extend its strategy to improve police–public health partnership.

JSD, therefore, working with the police and COVID-19 Task Force Committee, focused on instituting a coordination framework to guide the activities of the various government agencies, NGOs and development partners working to support national government response to the pandemic. With the healthcare services, it focused on strengthening the systems and processes of local and State healthcare agencies. With the police, JSD facilitated a review of their current capacity (workforce status and space); and areas of gaps and weaknesses with a view to recommending strategies to address them as part of a whole system approach of responding to COVID-19.

*Presentation of Personal Protect Equipment – Facemask to Members of the Tudun Wada Mobile Court, Jos North*



### **Stakeholders meeting with local and state NGOs, health and peacebuilding actors on COVID-19:**

In a complementary activity, WANEP, CEPAN and JSD partners, supported a broad stakeholders meeting of local and state, NGOs, health and peacebuilding actors to deliberate on coordinated

support to community response to the pandemic. A compilation of information on healthcare partners and actors involved in COVID-19 response was developed and shared. JSD COVID-19 response framework was also shared. Participants jointly agreed on a terms of reference (TOR) and a work plan which included engagement with JSD supported Sexual and Gender Based Violence response network and Plateau State COVID-19 Task Force Committee to aid advocacy to high profile government officials.

*Personal Protective Equipment – Facemask being received by the Chairman of Jos North Local Government Area*



The next step to this complementary support by JSD partners and stakeholders was the facilitation of virtual dialogue between the local and State government actors (including the police) with selected NGOs and community leaders to enable them work together on identified issues at State level. Following this was a facilitated process that enabled them to establish a state level coordination mechanism that will ensure the implementation of plans towards community recovery post COVID-19.

**Awareness/sensitization:**JSD at the initial stage (first case in Nigeria) raised awareness on the importance of police and public health collaboration to address COVID-19. This required a whole system approach- understanding vulnerability, what works locally, working with other partners or stakeholders to problem-solve and building cohesive communities against COVID-19. With this, JSD began to explore the intersectional area/gaps using existing networks to build partnerships to support agencies and communities.

**Partnerships, Communities and Systems:** Considering the need for improved multisector efforts to respond adequately to the pandemic and prevent policing actions that could negatively affect the provision of public health services, JSD

advocated for greater collaboration between the two agencies. During this advocacy, it was discovered that most health professionals and the police have limited knowledge about the rationale for partnership and how this might be done. On this realization, JSD changed its strategy from awareness creation to addressing institutional policies and strategies (actions) as they are rolled out in response to Covid-19. For example, JSD together with the local police, identified crowded police cells as a potential avenue for spread of the virus. As a result of the sensitive nature of the issue to address, JSD approached the Attorney General, Justice Ministry to lead advocacy meetings to the management of the police. The JSD Team worked with the Commissioner of Police and the Ministry of Justice to identify cells and facilitated their decongestions, especially for cases that are considered minor or bailable. The JSD team coordinated with CSOs in the health sector and facilitated the cleaning and fumigation of police stations in Jos North by the Ministries of Health and Environment.

JSD also developed a framework for leadership collaboration. It utilized two WhatsApp groups to facilitate the agreed framework- One with police management (DPOs) and the other with Health agencies and CSOs.

### Outcomes

- For example, access to water for regular hand washing was identified as a problem. Communities depend on the services of water vendor to supply them water. There were concerns that these vendors could carry and spread the virus in the community. Through advocacy and sustained pressure by JSD Stakeholders committee on the COVID-19 Task Force, the State government, as part of its palliatives to communities, approved free water supply through motor Tanks to communities throughout the duration of lockdown.
- Another example of utilization of JSD report was the setting up of CCTV at Plateau state boundaries with other states and placement of security personnel in strategic areas between Plateau State and other state boundaries to ensure the successful implementation of the lockdown. This was done in response to reports from JSD monitoring committee that reported the movement of large number of people into Jos through unguided boundaries.

JSD community stakeholders daily provided their communities with information on managing the Coronavirus pandemic in collaboration with the JSD Team. The situation reports submitted by the stakeholders on activities and challenges in their various communities helped JSD Team to focus on real-time challenges. This was very useful as it in part, informed government decision on the disbursement of palliatives and other social services to communities. It also was an opportunity for the government to demonstrate transparency in the distribution of the palliatives. Information regarding the palliatives and what to expect were publicly made available. This helped to checkmate corruption that marred the initial disbursement of palliatives.

- JSD platform served as a reference point for community members to fact check information making rounds in the community. JSD daily made available or re-broadcasted authentic information, debunked rumours, and myths around COVID-19. For example, JSD developed and printed information flyers on where and how-to fact-check information on COVID-19. To help improve communication between and among stakeholders, JSD created and maintained COVID-19 citizens information and help centres with dedicated phone lines. JSD also instituted a weekly update from stakeholders through the WhatsApp platform on what is being done and why. Updates from the police on cases of Gender based violence reported were also monitored through the platform. JSD identified, engaged counsellors (voluntary) and provided three phone lines for psycho-social support to victims of domestic violence or individuals seeking emotional or psychological support as they face the many challenges of lockdown.
- There were reports of police brutality on citizens during the lock down. JSD through phone calls and other virtual meetings successfully advocated and got the COVID-19 Task Force Committee to extend its mobile court to Tudun Wada, a community in Jos North LGA. This ensured that the police rather than torture or abuse citizens who flaunted the lockdown, charged them to mobile court for prosecution. The mobile court set up by the government in response to public outcry of police violations now covers all local

government area of Plateau State. With the establishment of the mobile court came the reduction in reported cases of police violations against citizens.

### Donation of Personal Protective Equipment - Facemasks to the Police

Police at various meeting had lamented the non-provision of masks, hand gloves and hand sanitizers for operations enforcing the lockdown order and restriction of movement in the State. It was observed that only few senior officers had face masks while the lower ranking officers have none. “Nobody cares about us. No face mask, no hand sanitizer, no common soap to even wash our station and cells. They expect us to use our money. Please tell me how you give what you don't have?” A police officer asked during a meeting. According to another officer, “We thought these items would be provided for those of us enforcing the lockdown to check the risk of contracting COVID-19 from our interaction with the public. Or are we immune to it?”

Some CSOs participants at the meeting took it upon themselves to advocate for masks on behalf of the police. Immediately after the meeting, several of them took to social media. JSD stakeholders Committee on their part wrote to their various State House of Assembly representatives seeking for help with masks and hand sanitizes especially for police officers on COVID-19 duties. They argued that the lives of security agents, especially policemen were being put at risk by allowing them to go on duty without adequate protection.

*Donation of Personal Protective Equipment – Facemask to the Management of the Police, Plateau State Police Command by JSD Stakeholders*



#### Outcome:

- A total of 1,000 facemasks were donated. CEPAN on behalf of WANEP coordinated the donation and also made the presentation to the Management of the Police (500 pieces), Local government officials(100 pieces), Members of the Tudun Wada Mobile court, Jos North (50 pieces) and 350 pieces to JSD stakeholders, community leaders and District heads in Jos North. Both the Chairman of Jos North LGA

and the Commissioner of police who received the donations expressed their appreciation to JSD and made a commitment to support government and community efforts in mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

### Development of virtual training on effective response to Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) in Plateau State and Radio drama

Since the outbreak of Coronavirus and subsequent lock downs by the Nigeria government, sexual and gender-based violence has been making the headlines. The social media was flooded with horrific incidents of rape and killings of the victims of rape within the quarter in review. This caused a national outcry and attracted government attention as well as other stakeholders. It was debated on the floor of the national assembly. Even the President was compelled to mention it in his speech during his address on Nigeria response to COVID-19. NGOs and other professional bodies demonstrated on the streets. The National Human Rights Commission was not left out in the protest as they organized a nation-wide week of activism against sexual and gender-based violence. In Plateau, FIDA organized protest marches across the State.

In furtherance of the need to take action to stop this horrendous trend the Plateau State Government through the office of the Attorney General constituted a committee to address sexual and gender-based violence. The police gender desk set up by the JSD project of USIP in 2019 worked to support the community, NGOs, and other service providers to handle professionally, the resultant upsurge in cases that were reported. In total, 17 cases of SGBV were reported within the period in review.

Because Police play a very crucial role in ensuring justice to victims, JSD increased its support to gender desk to enable them respond effectively to SGBV. JSD developed a virtual training and a radio drama on effective response to sexual violence that was broadcast in the local dialect and aired on Unity FM community radio. JSD prior to the outbreak of the pandemic had planned the training for 40 police officers, unfortunately outbreak of the virus, JSD together with its partners and the police reached an agreement to have the training virtually. Both activities aim to

- A. Educate community members/stakeholders about sexual violence, their role and available response mechanisms amidst the pandemic



- B. Offer support to victims, strengthen police institutional capacities to coordinate efficient and effective response to SGBV and
- C. network role players with community stakeholders to effectively respond to the pandemic.

### **Advocacy Skills Training For JSD CSOs Network and JSD Stakeholders in Jos North, Plateau State**

Effective advocacy has led to significant impacts as communities learn to identify their problems and strategize in seeking solutions through policy formulation and implementation. The Justice and Security Dialogue (JSD) project has strategically developed and built a group of mentees as part of the sustainability plan to continue working with other stakeholders in the communities as the project exit Jos North and Plateau state. The JSD organized an Advocacy Training for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and JSD stakeholders in Jos North with the objectives: to empower JSD CSOs Network and Youth leaders to take an active role in peacebuilding; to explore advocacy as a tool for change and, as a result, gain new advocacy skills; and to develop participants' knowledge and capacity to design and implement targeted advocacy strategies for peacebuilding. During the training, participants were made to understand the entire advocacy process and stimulate it.

#### **Outcome:**

- Participants would engage members of the Plateau State House of Assembly, Ministry of Women Affairs and Social development, Plateau State Ministry of Justice, International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), Plateau State Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Plateau State Ministry of Health, Community members, CSOs, Jos North Local Government officials, vigilante groups (Vigilante Group of Nigeria and Neighbourhood Watch) and the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), and other critical stakeholders in seeking reforms and policy changes on the following issues Farmers- Herders conflict, Rape, Cultism/Sara-Suka, Kidnapping and Armed robbery, Drugs and Substance abuse, in Plateau state. WANEP and CEPAN would take the lead to follow-up and coordinate the implementation of the action plan to deliver the plan's anticipated results and goal.

### **JSD Stakeholders Community Dialogue on Stakeholders Response to Insecurity in Communities Of Jos North LGA, Plateau State**

The JSD Stakeholders committee has continued to engage with members of their communities to resolve various security challenges in the communities. The #ENDSARS peaceful protest in Jos and the aftermath protest from the #ENDSARS led to the destruction of government and individuals' properties and brought in a new wave of security concern to the communities. The JSD organized a dialogue to mitigate the impact of this security threat. The objectives of the dialogue were; to discuss the changing dynamics of the security situation in the communities, evaluate the effects of emerging issues that have affected the communities and develop a Community Safety Partnership approach to deal with the security issues before, during, and after the Yuletide season.

#### **Outcomes:**

- The participants at the dialogue decided that they would collaborate and work as a team with their community members to ensure a peaceful and better society.
- The participants pledged to talk to at least one person in their community on the importance of maintaining security and the safety of the community.
- They would assist and work with the vigilantes/ neighbourhood watch, other community groups in their communities.
- The ward heads, community leaders, religious leaders, and the police would be contacted when unusual situations are observed in the communities.
- Those suspected of causing problems or harbouring criminals in the communities would be promptly reported to the police or other security actors.
- When new visitors or people relocate to the communities, the traditional leaders should be informed; this would help ensure that people in the community are known and accounted for at all times.

## THINK ME RADIO DRAMA SERIES

There is a global concern on the rise of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) since the lock down began in various parts of the world including Nigeria due to the COVID -19 Pandemic. From the Police gender desk records in Jos, there has been an increase of cases from average of 3 weekly reports to 4 daily reports of incidences of sexual violence since the pandemic began. This called for collective and individual efforts to assist both the State, Police and individuals cope with the effects of the pandemic. To ameliorate the impact, WANEP-Nigeria and its partners designed the “Think Me Radio Drama Series”.

The 26-episode radio drama series have been designed to air for two quarters on Unity FM 93.3 Radio, Jos. The radio drama series which began last year focuses on improving community-based response to Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV); improve treatment and experience of victims in Jos North Local Government. It brings to fore increasing SGBV cases amidst the pandemic, increased awareness and advocacy to policy makers. Offer support to victims by way of information on available response mechanisms and referrals. Also, it strengthens institutional capacities to coordinate efficient and effective response and network role players with community stakeholders.

The 'Think Me' radio drama series covers Plateau State, parts of Kaduna, Bauchi, Nasarawa, Gombe, Taraba, and Kano States as well as a global audience through the online radio. The radio program has succeeded in educating the populace on issues of SGBV and response processes. The Police Gender Crime Desk has noted that the radio program has aroused the consciousness of the assigned officers and helped improved their work on effective responses to reports made by survivors.





## WOMEN IN PEACEBUILDING NETWORK (WIPNET)

### Activities: January- December 2020

The West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) -Nigeria carried out the following activities to promote the Women, Peace and Security Agenda from January to December 2020. Activities were implemented under the project 'Enhancing Participation of Women in Peace and Human Security in Nigeria' with support from the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) and the 'COVID-19 & Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) intervention' with support from Urgent Action Fund-Africa. The activities included;

#### **2-Day Strategic Planning Meeting to Enhance Women Participation in Peace and Human Security in the Niger-Delta:**

WANEP- Nigeria with support from NORAD organized 2-Day Strategic Planning Meeting to Enhance Women Participation in Peace and Human Security in the Niger-Delta on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The meeting aimed to strengthen the understanding of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 and Nigerian National Action Plan (NAP) 1325 among critical stakeholders, build recognition, acceptance and support for women groups using their new capacities to address peace and security needs within their communities and also to analyze and deliberate on the sustainability structures for Women Groups at the local and state levels. At the end of the meeting participants were able to map out project sustainability strategies. Also, existing women peacebuilding initiatives were brought to the fore notable the Omu Of Anioma – female traditional leadership. The Omu promised to mentor other local female chiefs in council to enable them speak on women issues and sensitize more women on the need to participate in peacebuilding.

*Group picture of participants at the Strategic Planning Meeting*



#### **1-Day Zonal Consultative Meeting to Enhance Women's Participation in Countering Violent Extremism in the North East:**

WANEP- Nigeria with support from the NORAD organized 1-Day Zonal Consultative Meeting to Enhance Women's Participation in Countering Violent Extremism in the North East on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2020. The meeting aimed to assess the outcomes of the study on the current realities on issues of Women, Peace and Security and implementation of Nigeria's National Action Plan (NAP) on UNSCR 1325 in the North East.

The key outcomes from the study was the need to engage women in changing the narratives on violent extremism to educate the youths on the need to embrace non-violence and enhancing women's capacity in early warning for effective conflict prevention. At the end of zonal consultation capacities of local government, State Agencies, Civil Society Organizations, traditional leaders, youth and women group leaders were strengthened to implement Nigeria's NAP on UNSCR 1325 at the local level in three communities in three states in North East Nigeria– Bauchi, Bornu and Gombe States.

*Group picture of participants*



#### **Production and Transmission of Community Radio to Promote Women's Participation in Peacebuilding:**

WANEP-Nigeria broadcasts the radio programme titled "Women Voices for Peace" on seven radio stations in seven states in Nigeria to promote women's unique role in peace and security in Nigeria. The stations are: Rize 106.7FM Delta State; Women radio 91.7FM, Lagos State; Vision 92.7FM Gombe State; Edo State Broadcasting Service 95.7FM; Albarka 97.5FM Bauchi State; Peace 102.5FM, Borno State; Treasure 98.5FM,

Rivers State. One significant outcome of the radio programme was increased awareness on the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 and key issues that affect women wellbeing in the society. Also, the radio programmes provided a platform for the populace to bare their views on issues concerning women and the importance of women acquiring skills that will ensure their economic, social and political empowerment.

**Commemoration of International Women’s Day 2020**

**Profiling of A Gender and Women's Rights Activist – Josephine Effah Chukwuma:**

In commemoration of the International Women's Day 2020, WANEP-Nigeria as in previous years celebrated a notable women's rights activist – Ms. Josephine Effah-Chukwuma, the Executive Director Project Alert on Violence Against Women. Josephine is a feminist and renowned human rights activist who specializes in Gender and Development. Project Alert on Violence was established in January 1999 to promote and protect the rights of women and young girls. In May 2001, the organization opened the first shelter for abused women and girls in Nigeria, known as Sophia's Place. The organization caters for survivors of domestic violence and provides counseling services including legal advice and representation for victims of violence. Since its inception in 1999, Project Alert has catered for over 1,500 women providing them with a haven from their abusers and to enable them get back on their feet. WANEP – Nigeria profiled Ms. Josephine on its social media platforms to create awareness on her achievements.

**Peace Rally by WIPNET Grassroot (United Women Peacebuilders Network):**

In commemoration of the International Women's Day 2020, the United Women Peacebuilders Network – Ossisa in collaboration with WANEP-Nigeria held a Peace Rally in Ossissa Community, Delta State on March 8, 2020. The rally called for increase community participation in peacebuilding. The women marched around the community with a banner singing peace songs.

The United Women Peacebuilders Network comprises over 50 Women Leaders of Social Networks in Ossissa Community, Ndokwa West LGA of Delta State. The Network was inaugurated after a 5- day training workshop on peace and confidence building organized by WANEP- Nigeria with funds from the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) in May 2019. The peace rally was the first rally organized in

Ossissa community by women and it raised awareness on the relevance of peace, International Women's Day, gender equality and women's rights in Ossissa community. It also provided a platform for the women leaders who had previously been trained by WANEP-Nigeria to implement peacebuilding initiatives. Thus, taking ownership of the project and sensitizing the community to involve women in peacebuilding and embrace a culture of peace.

*Group picture showing gender equality pose*



*Ossissa women singing peace songs round their community*



## Voxpop

As part of the activities to commemorate the International Women's Day 2020 WANEP -Nigeria conducted a vox pop in Asaba, Delta State and Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government Area of Lagos State. Fifteen women and men were randomly selected to participate in a voxpop in order to understand public opinions on gender equality and women's rights. The vox pop raised awareness on the importance of International Women's Day as some participants were not aware of the celebration. Also, it brought to fore the critical need for choice of words in explaining gender equality because some respondents prefer the sentence “equal access and opportunities for women and men in the society” to the words “gender equality” even though the latter strives to achieve the former. Participants also gave some recommendations notably- Government should implement gender policies to eradicate gender-based exploitation, discrimination, and unfair treatment of women in the society. Equal opportunities should be made available for both women and men in leadership, socio-economic and political positions.

Find below link to the activity on WANEP -Nigeria's Youtube page. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YkFeziVjeEM&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1NfbJTmEk2woNPw5pOPQG-Wpt0gpMiqInBiuAfgQgQu7qAhB\\_FH--wyd4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YkFeziVjeEM&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1NfbJTmEk2woNPw5pOPQG-Wpt0gpMiqInBiuAfgQgQu7qAhB_FH--wyd4)

## Covid -19 Interventions Across Communities In Nigeria

Since March 2020 with the outbreak of the Coronavirus Pandemic in Nigeria, there has been an unusual increase in the number of reported Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) cases. Also, the economic breakdown in the family system predisposed husband and wife to impatience amidst increasing needs, disappearing food and dwindling resources. The COVID-19 pandemic posed new layers of fragility and vulnerability especially for women who were again facing double jeopardy as they were locked at home with their abusers. WANEP – Nigeria implemented the following activities to ameliorate the plights of women and girls.

- With support from Urgent Action Fund, WANEP-Nigeria produced and transmitted Let's Talk COVID- 19 and Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) The community radio program titled “Let's Talk COVID-19 and SGBV” commenced on July 7 2020. It aired for an hour on Tuesdays at 6pm on Women Radio 91.7 FM Lagos State. The program provided the platform for women to listen and air their views on Sexual and Gender based violence issues to foster prompt mobilization of professional service providers and officials to respond to the situation. Also, through the radio program the populace were sensitized on existing policies and laws such as the Lagos State Protection Against Domestic Violence Law (2007), the Violence Against Person's Prohibition Act 2015 etc and linked with appropriate agencies to seek redress. In implementing this radio program, WANEP Nigeria utilized seasoned resource persons to speak on varied topics. Some of the topics included COVID -19 and Accessing Sexual Assault Referral Services; The Shadow Pandemic: Breaking the Silence on SGBV; Domestic Impatience: The Social and Emotional Impact of COVID- 19; COVID- 19: Impact on Women's Mental Health etc
- Virtual Meeting: Rethinking Strategies to End Violence Against Women and Girls:  
As a follow up to the radio program, the virtual meeting was organized on August 18, 2020 with the title “Rethinking Strategies to End Violence Against Women and Girls”. The aim of the meeting was to put forward practical strategies to prevent acts of violence against women and girls in the society. Three distinguished speakers were engaged to speak on key topics therefore questions, comments and recommendations were made by the participants. Some of the key recommendations put forward by the speakers and participants included; Development of Early Warning indicators for specifically monitoring incidences of Sexual and Gender Based Violence. Increased political will to implement existing laws such as the VAPP Act Enacted (2015) which has not been domesticated in all states across Nigeria. Referrals should be provided for parents of abused children to address depression, substance abuse, or other mental health challenges. Leveraging on Forensics in solving cases. This will help provide evidence needed in court to prosecute perpetrators of violence.



## COVID-19 & SGBV Sensitization Forums In Seven States:

### Edo

WANEP- Nigeria in collaboration with NORAD organized a COVID -19 and Sexual and Gender Based Violence Forum for community women in Uneme- Nekhua Community, Delta State. The forum which had in attendance young and elderly women in attendance was held in the town hall on August 9, 2020. The meeting provided the platform for the women to be sensitized on the origin of the Virus, the symptoms to watch out for and the preventive measures to adopt to stay safe. Also, the women were asked to discuss sexual and gender based violence in the community. It was brought to the fore that Edo State has a high prevalence of violence against women and girls. In order to deter offenders the State Government launched the Sex Offenders Register, Sexual Assault Resource Centre and Returnees' Shelter. The participants were told not to adopt the culture of silence but speak out and report incidences of violence to security agencies. As part of the items distributed to the women were hand sanitizers; hand wash soaps; face masks; Information, Education and Communication (ICT) materials; food Palliatives etc. The women thanked the organizers of the program and promised to educate other women in the community on COVID Safety measures.

### Lagos

WANEP- Nigeria in collaboration with NORAD and the School Based Management Committee (SBMC)Kosofe LGA organized a Sensitization forum on Enhancing Participation of Women in Peacebuilding and COVID -19 for women in Agboyi Ketu Riverine Community on September 8, 2020. The meeting aimed to create awareness on what women can do to promote peace at community level and educate them on COVID-19 to prevent the spread of the virus. The community leaders in attendance at the forum applauded the initiative of the organisers to reach across to the community as oftentimes they are forgotten by the government. According to him, the food palliatives given to the women will help in taking care of households in the community.



### Gombe

The West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) Nigeria with support from the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) organized a COVID -19 and Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) Sensitization program in Balanga LGA, Gombe State on October 7, 2020. The program aimed to raise awareness on preventive measures to stop the spread of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Participants at the forum were community women. Amongst items distributed to the Women included IEC materials in Hausa language, Hand Sanitizers, Hand wash soaps, Buckets and food palliatives. At the end of the program, participants wanted to know the measures to be taken while interacting with strangers. It was noted that to keep safe participants should stay at home and not go out without a good reason to meet with another person. If they must interact with others they should wear a face mask and practice physical distancing.



## Delta

In Delta State, a peacebuilding dialogue with women and youth including COVID -19 and Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) Sensitization program was held in Ossissa Multi-purpose Town Hall, Ossissa, Delta State on September 10, 2020. The program aimed to raise awareness on preventive measures to stop the spread of the Coronavirus Pandemic and educate women to understand sexual and gender based violence and to report incidences .The facilitator highlighted the need for confidence building between parent and their children, so children can confide in their parents when they are abused. Participants were given IEC materials in Pidgin language to carry out awareness campaigns, Hand Sanitizers, Hand wash soaps, Buckets and food palliatives.

*Group picture of participants Palliative to Her Royal Majesty (HRM) the Omu of Ossissa*



## Bauchi

In Bauchi State, the sensitization program was held for women and men on October 15, 2020. The forum provided the platform for participants to be informed about the history of the pandemic. It was noted that the Coronavirus is a type of virus that has caused a worldwide pandemic of respiratory illness. It emerged in China in December 2019 and today has spread to over 200 countries across the globe. The symptoms were also enumerated which includes- Cough, fever or chills, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, muscle or body aches, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, headache, new fatigue, nausea or vomiting and congestion or runny nose. COVID-19 can be severe, and some cases have caused death. Also, preventive measures

were explained to enable participants keep safe. The telephone numbers of the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) in the state were given to the participants to report any persons exhibiting symptoms of the virus

*Cross section of participants at the COVID-19 sensitization*



## Rivers

In Rivers State, the sensitization program was held with Ogoni women October 20, 2020. The Program began with an assessment of the of the Sexual and Gender Based Violence in the State. The participants reported that there was an increase recorded particularly during the lockdown directive by the. Government to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. Most of the cases were unreported as survivors did not know whom to report to and oftentimes afraid of the perpetrator. The participants were told to take the message to their community and report all incidences of sexual and gender based violence to security agencies. They were also educated on preventive measures to keep safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of the program, participants were given IEC materials, hand sanitizers, face masks, food palliatives etc.

*Food palliatives to Ogoni Women, Rivers State*



## Borno

In Borno State, the COVID -19 and Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) Sensitization program was held in Maiduguri Municipal Council on October 28, 2020. In carrying out this program WANEP- Nigeria collaborated with other civil society partners to educate and empower young women sex workers common referred to as Baraka da zuwa girls. The young girls were educated on sexual and genderbased violence and the need to report incidences of sexual violence to security agencies. They were also informed about the deadly Coronavirus and the need to keep safe. At the end of the program WANEP- Nigeria gave each participant IEC materials, face masks, hand sanitizers, hand wash soaps and food palliatives. While Global Fund for Women provided seed funds for the young women to commence small scale businesses. The participants were delighted and they thanked the organizers of the program for reaching across to educate and economically empower women in Borno State amidst the insurgency.

*Participants receiving food palliative and cash donation at the program*



## Localization Workshops on United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325 in Nigeria:

### Gombe

WANEP- Nigeria in collaboration with the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD), organized 2- day Localization Workshop on UNSC Resolution 1325 and Promoting the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in Balanga LGA, Gombe State on October 12- 13, 2020. The workshop aimed to integrate Nigeria National Action Plan (NAP)

on UNSCR 1325 into Government Development Plan and budgets in Balanga Local Government Area. In attendance at the program were representatives from the Office of the First Lady Gombe State, Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Civil Society Organisations, Overseer Balanga LGA, Women group leaders, traditional leaders, religious leaders, security agencies and media. It is expected that the project will complement the efforts of State government and international organizations towards making a positive difference in the lives of women and girls in Balanga LGA.

The event was covered by Prime Time News with the caption “WANEP trains Stakeholders on localization of UNSCR 1325 in Gombe Communities

<https://primetimenews.com.ng/2020/10/18/wanep-trains-stakeholders-on-localization-of-unscr-1325-ib-gombe-communities/>

*Group picture of participants*



### Bauchi

In Bauchi State, the 2- day localization of UNSCR 1325 workshop was held from October 15 - 16, 2020. The workshop is aimed to integrate Nigeria National Action Plan (NAP)



on UNSCR 1325 into Government Development Plan and budget in Katagum Local Government Area. At the end of the workshop the capacities of State, Local Government, State Agencies, Civil Society Organizations, and women groups were strengthened to implement Nigeria's NAP on UNSCR 1325 at the local all level.

**Advocacy Visits to Balanga Local Government Area (LGA):**

WANEP Nigeria paid an advocacy visit to the Overseer Balanga Local Government Area (LGA), Gombe State on October 14, 2020. The visit aimed to build relationship and intimate the acting chairman on the relevance of involving women in decision making and Peacebuilding processes in the local government. The Overseer gave his commitment to ensure that women are included in the peace committee at the local level.

*Group picture of participants*



**Visits to Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camp in Gelengu Community:**

On 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, WANEP Nigeria visited the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camp in Gelengu community, Gombe State.

*IDPs at the camp in Gelengu, Gombe State*



Participants included representatives from the Gombe State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), the Ministry of Women Affairs and WANEP-Nigeria. The IDPs who were delighted to welcome the team explained their challenges and solicited support to enable them provide for their families. WANEP Nigeria made a voluntary cash donation to the camp leader to cater for the needs of the people.

**Capacity Building Workshop For Community Women On Early Warning In Gombe And Bauchi States**

As part of the project on Enhancing Women's Capacity to Participate in Peace and Security in Nigeria, WANEP – Nigeria with funds from NORAD held capacity building workshops on early warning for community women in Balanga, Gombe State and Katagum, Bauchi State in October 17-18, 2020. The capacity building workshops aimed to create awareness and consolidate understanding of participants on key concepts such as Conflict, Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention. Also, to give a vivid perspective of early warning and response as a mechanism for conflict prevention and thirdly highlight the operations of WANEP Nigeria National Early Warning System (NEWS) and select Monitors for the Balalnga and Katagum LGAs respectively. At the end of the workshop participants noted that they now had a good understanding of conflict signals and were ready to serve as conflict monitors in their communities.

*Group Picture of Participants the workshop in Bauchi State*



**20 Anniversary of the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325:**

WANEP-Nigeria in collaboration with Women Radio 91.7 FM and funds from the NORAD organized a virtual conference to commemorate

20 years of the UNSCR 1325. The Conference titled “Presenting Current Realities on the Implementation of UNSCR 1325 in Nigeria” was held on November 2, 2020. In attendance were representatives of civil society organizations, Women human rights activists, international partners and the media. The Conference brought to the fore the need to involve the Ministry of Budget and Planning at Federal and State levels in the implementation of UNSCR 1325 in Nigeria. Also, political will of key stakeholders is necessary to implement this resolution at state and local levels. The virtual conference was reported by four media agencies through the following links;

<https://www.theconclaveng.com/northeast-not-ready-for-repentant-boko-haram-terrorists-wanep-says/>  
<https://dailytracker.com.ng/northeast-not-ready-for-repentant-boko-haram-wanep-says/>  
<https://punchng.com/north-east-not-ready-for-repentant-boko-haram-members-says-wanep/>  
<https://newsbeatsongr.com/wanep-calls-for-stakeholders-consultations-to-promote-peace-security/>



Group picture of participants

### Position Statements

#### Urgent Call to End Gender Based Violence and Protect the Rights of Women and Girls in Nigeria

The West Africa Network for Peacebuilding, Nigeria (WANEP-Nigeria) and its member organisations expressed great concerned over the increasing sexual assault and rape of women and girls in the country. The steep increase in gender-based violence became noticeable with the outbreak of the Corona Virus (COVID-19) and the “Stay-at-Home” directive imposed by the Federal Government as part of the measures to curb the spread of the disease. Most women and girls at this time were confined at home with their abusers with little or no information on what to do and how to access social services. To ameliorate the situation, WANEP- Nigeria created an online survey to document incidences of Sexual and Gender Based Violence for referral and intervention. Also, the position paper was presented to the media calling for state and non-state actors to put adequate measures in place to end gender based violence and protect the rights of women and girls in Nigeria. The newspaper publications included:

CSOs Urge Police, Government to Treat Sexual Violence as Security Threat-  
<https://globalsentineing.com/2020/06/22/csos-urge-police-government-to-treat-sexual-violence-as-security-threat/>

#### Position Statement on the #EndSARs Protests – “Urgent Call for Stakeholders Consultations to Promote peace in Nigeria”:

The West Africa Network for Peacebuilding, Nigeria (WANEP- Nigeria) and its member organisations showed great concern over the nationwide demonstrations against Police officers of the Special Anti- Robbery Squad (SARS). These demonstrations generated increased conversations on the prevalence of human rights abuses perpetuated by security operatives and the inadequacies of law enforcement agencies to bring perpetrators of violence to justice. Also, it was noted that issues of inadequate police funding and capacity building were among the underlying factors that accounts for the lack of professionalism and corrupt practices in the security service's discharge of their duties. WANEP- Nigeria issued a position statement on October 20, 2020 calling for nationwide consultations with state and non- state actors including youth groups to promote peace in Nigeria.

#### 16 Days Of Activism Against Gender Based Violence 2020

Since 2000, the United Nations has set aside November 25<sup>th</sup> annually to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. It is an occasion for governments, international Organizations and non- governmental organizations to raise public awareness and solutions to eliminate this menace. The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women marks the launch of the 16 days of activism and this will continue till December 10, 2020 which is the International Human Rights Day. WANEP- Nigeria commemorated the 16 days of activism campaign by organizing talks on the Women Voices for Peace Radio Program titled **‘Uniting to End Violence Against Women and Girls: 16 days of Activism’** with seasoned women rights activists on the seven radio stations in the seven project states across Nigeria. Also, WANEP- Nigeria celebrated a notable gender rights activist – Mr. Muhammad Umar Farouk the focal officer for Women, Peace and Security at the Gombe State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development. Farouk is a feminist Champion, mobiliser and mentor whose areas of interest include women's rights, gender equality and women in peacebuilding. As part of the 16 days campaign WANEP- Nigeria created awareness through online posters calling for survivors to speak up to break the culture of silence, stigma and shame surrounding

sexual and gender based violence.

Mr. Muhammad Umar Farouk.



### Advocacy Visit By Women Mediators Across Commonwealth

On December 11, 2020 an advocacy visit was held to the West Africa Network for peacebuilding (WANEP) Nigeria by the representatives of the Women Mediators Across Commonwealth (WMC) along with some Network members from the South Zone. The representative of the Women Mediators Across Commonwealth who is also the Oyo State Coordinator WANEP- Nigeria noted that the visit was aimed to understand the activities of the network, explain the peer to peer initiative in empowering women to mediate and assess possible areas of collaboration to enhance women's participation in peacebuilding. WANEP- Nigeria committed to partner with the Women Mediators Across Commonwealth to train more women in Mediation and facilitate peer to peer learning particularly at the community level. In the long term, it is believed that this promote peace and security in Nigeria.

Cross section of participants at the Advocacy meeting.



### Activities By WANEP-Nigeria Network Members Press Release On International Women's Day – Women Celebrating Women By WANEP's Network Member; Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Initiative

International Women's Day which is celebrated March 8 every year is a day dedicated to honoring the achievements of women throughout history and all across the globe, and is typically a day for women from all different backgrounds and cultures to come together to fight for gender equal opportunity, access and women's rights. A day set aside to celebrating women's achievements in the social, economic, cultural, and political spheres. Gender parity is a statistical measure that looks at women and men through their income, education, and work hours, among other points. This sociological metric helps researchers understand how society is progressing or regressing in specific areas. It's also an important tool for policymakers striving towards equal opportunities and access. The global celebration of International Women's Day is a time for reflection of how far women have come, advocacy for what is still needed, and action to continue breaking down barriers. With over a century of history, IWD is a growing movement centered on unity and strength.

### Celebration Of International Women's Day By Development Initiative For Community Impact (Dici) In Collaboration With Ideal Women Advancement Initiative (Iwai)

The Development Initiative for Community Impact (DICI) in collaboration with Ideal Women Advancement Initiative (IWAI) celebrated the International Women's Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at Okurode-Urhobo Town Hall, Delta State. The event which was attended by community women leaders, men group leaders, youth group leaders, representatives of media houses and civil society organizations aimed to raise awareness on the need for community members to know their fundamental human rights. Also, to ensure mass mobilization of all community members to promote collective responsibility in the fight to eradicate every form of gender inequality against women. Key findings from the event revealed that more than 90% of the participants have never seen or read the Nigeria constitution as amended, thereby knowing little of their fundamental human rights. Thus, the need for continuous sensitization programs on “Know Your Rights” to enable people particularly at the local communities were violations and abuses are predominant to stand up for their rights.

**Activities: January- December 2020**

During the year, the following activities were implemented

**1 Advocacy meeting to Lagos State House of Assembly on the Peace Education Bill:**



WANEP- Nigeria Program Team at the beginning of the year February 11, 2020 paid an advocacy visit to the Lagos State House of Assembly to present the bill for the integration of Peace education into the curriculum in primary and post primary schools. The Deputy Majority Leader took great interest in the bill and agreed to sponsor it in the House. He pledged commitment to ensure the passage of the Peace Education Bill for the Introduction of Peace Education in Schools in Lagos State. This will inculcate a culture of Peace in the Children.

**2 Virtual Conference: COVID-19: The Future of Peacebuilding in Nigeria**



WANEP – Nigeria collaborated with Building Blocks for Peace Foundation and Peace Initiative Network organized a webinar titled “COVID-19: The Future of Peacebuilding in Nigeria” on May 19, 2020. The webinar had in attendance youth based civil society organizations, representative from the Ministry of Youth and Social Development, Media etc. The webinar assessed the impact of the Pandemic on the Nigerian society. It was noted that the effects of COVID-19 are overwhelming especially on youths. It has increased youth restiveness, criminality, frustration and aggression even as the level of unemployment in Nigeria becomes staggering.

However, majority of youths have continued to be responsible and contributed their bit to reducing the spread of the virus. Young people are combatting hate speech and fake news online and offline, mobilizing resources among peers for the distribution of palliatives among vulnerable communities, raising awareness in rural communities. The outcome of the Webinar was produced into a book.

**3 Preventing Violent Extremism Project:**

**Meeting with Network Partners on Implementing the Prevention of Violent Extremism Project in Bauchi State:**

The West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP- Nigeria) held a meeting with network partners from Bauchi, Borno and Gombe State, North East Nigeria on implementation of the Prevention of Violent Extremism (PVE) project in the Sahel countries and Nigeria. The meeting took place at AES Luxury Apartment, Abuja on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The aim of the meeting was to intimate participants of the prevention of violent extremism project, enumerate the strategies of intervention, map out educational stakeholders to be engaged, highlight sessions of the teaching curriculum on PVE and assess the impact of the project on the youths. In order to ensure ample awareness creation of the project, it was decided that the PVE project be discussed on the Women Voices for Peace radio programme in the three North East States- Bauchi, Borno and Gombe.

**Advocacy visits to key educational stakeholders in Bauchi state:**

From July 17- 18, 2020 WANEP Nigeria Network Members in Bauchi State, the state coordinator and other civil society partners paid advocacy visit to relevant educational stakeholders in Bauchi State to intimate them of the Preventing Violent Extremism Project and garner support for effective implementation and sustainability. Amongst those visited included the **Permanent-Secretary Bauchi State Universal Basic Education Board (BSUBEB)**, Permanent Secretary Ministry of Education and Chiroman Bauchi – the traditional leader. During the visit, the schools that will participate in the training workshop on PVE were identified and contacts were established for the inauguration of the project steering Committee in the state.

## Teacher Training for the Implementation of the Training Manual for Preventing Violent Extremism in Nigeria:

The West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) Nigeria in collaboration with the Economic Community of West Africa States (ECOWAS) & Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) organized a two-day training for school-teachers for the 'Implementation of the training manual for preventing violent extremism' in Bauchi State on August 31-September 1, 2020. The teaching manual sought to complement regional efforts in grooming a new generation of resilient young people equipped and prepared to prevent violent extremism (PVE) in the Sahel and Nigeria. Terrorism and violent



extremism remain a major threat to peace and sustainable development in Nigeria, creating an atmosphere of fear, suspicion and insecurity in vulnerable communities.

However, recognizing education as a major critical development intervention for peacebuilding and preventing violent extremism is critical to sustaining peace and security in the country. Key significant outcomes of the training included 30 teachers were equipped with requisite pedagogical skills to step-down training to students. Teachers committed to preventing violent extremism and understand the importance of inculcating good moral values in students.

## Launch of the Project on Teaching Curriculum for the Prevention of Violent Extremism in Nigeria



The launch of the Project on Teaching Curriculum for the Prevention of Violent Extremism in Sahel and Nigeria took place on September 21, 2020. The program had over 25 persons in attendance with participants comprising of male and female. Stakeholders in attendance included Chairman Bauchi State Universal Basic Educational Board (SUBEB); Chairman House Committee on Education Bauchi State, Chiroman Bauchi – Senior District Head; Civil Society Organization (TattalinGida), Head Teacher Kobi, Head Teacher Jahun etc. The main objective of the program was to launch the Prevention of Violent Extremism Project in Bauchi

State, Nigeria and Inaugurate the Project Steering Committee. The Launch also served as a platform to commemorate the International Day of Peace 2020 with the theme “Shaping Peace Together”. Primarily, the event served as a forum to enlighten the participants on the thematic areas of WANEP's work. The Project Steering Committee was inaugurated comprising of eight stakeholders to take ownership and

### 4 Engaging Street Children in Peacebuilding:

WANEP – Nigeria in Collaboration with Prince Children Foundation educated and engaged street children during COVID -19 lockdown. The children were able to stage short talks and drama titled “Children's View with Talabo”. The program was aired on Murhi International Television (MITV) on Saturdays from 7.55am to 8:15am between August 14- September 12 , 2020. The different subject discussed on the program included COVID- 19 Safety Measures, Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV), Peacebuilding and Child Rights. The program provided the platform for the children to air their views on the COVID – 19 Pandemic calling on children to stay safe by practicing the preventive measures put forward by the World Health Organization (WHO).

### 5 1- Day Rally for Peaceful Elections in Edo State:

WANEP- Nigeria in collaboration with Indomitable Youths Organizations (IYO) and other Civil Society Partners organized a peace rally calling for peaceful gubernatorial elections in Edo State on September 10, 2020. The main objective of the peace rally was to add civil society voices in reassuring eligible voters of a peaceful atmosphere during the election. Also, the rally provided the medium to call on the various candidates to openly declare their stand for peaceful elections. The rally was tagged #Edolivesmatter because the Edo people need to be alive to enjoy the dividends of democracy.

## 6 Commemoration of International Peace Day 2020:

On behalf of the UN Information Centre, WANEP Nigeria and Building Blocks for Peace Foundation, commemorated International Day of Peace on September 21, 2020 with the theme: "Shaping Peace Together: Towards Achieving an Inclusive, Healthy and Economically Stable Society". The online event x-rayed the diversity of approaches on sustaining peace in Nigeria from key stakeholders including government, international organizations, community leaders, CSOs. It inspired discussions around finding lasting solutions to the lingering peace and security issues in Nigeria.

WANEP- Nigeria Network members in Ondo State organized a peace rally themed "Shaping Peace Together" to celebrate the International Day of Peace on September 21, 2020. The rally provided the platform to sensitize community people on the need for Peaceful Election for Sustainable Democracy. This was to arouse the consciousness of the people to be peaceful during the gubernatorial elections that was held in the state on October 10, 2020

As part of activities to commemorate the International Peace Day, WANEP- Nigeria organized a tweet chat with ten (10) state coordinators to discuss their activities in peacebuilding in their respective states giving recommendations on sustaining peacebuilding structures in the state. The tweet chat was held on September 24, 2020.

## 7 Position Statement: #EndSARS: How Osibanjo's Committee can curb Youth Restiveness in Nigeria

The National Network Coordinator West Africa Network for Peacebuilding WANEP – Nigeria made a statement to the press on the #EndSARS Protests that enveloped states in the country. In her statement to the media she enjoined the Vice President Yemi Osibanjo – led committee to involve traditional leaders in rural communities, local government authorities, youth and market leaders in the effort to address youth restiveness in the country. She noted that the composition of participants in the consultation exercise should also be devoid of political party affiliation as she affirmed that consultation with stakeholders and bodies is key to addressing youth restlessness as demanded by the #EndSARS protesters.

*The statement can be assessed using the link below:*

<https://www.blueprint.ng/endsars-how-osinbajo-cttee-can-curb-youth-restiveness-wanep-boss/>

## 8 Partnering with the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) to Build a Culture of Peace:

WANEP – Nigeria collaborated with the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) under the 2020 Batch B Stream 1 A orientation course to educate Corp Members on the relevance of building a culture of peace amongst youths for social cohesion on November 27, 2020. The camp authorities and corps members were receptive to the sensitization program. The camp authorities promised to continue with the program in subsequent orientation camps to be held in the state. Over 100 corps members have been equipped with the knowledge of peacebuilding to actively wade into disputes ensure peaceful resolution.

## 9 Advocacy Visit to the Lagos State Ministry of Education:

WANEP – Nigeria and officers from the Kosofe School Based Management Committee (SBMC) paid an advocacy visit to the Lagos State Ministry of Education to further discussions on the implementation of Peace Education in Secondary Schools in the State on September 28, 2020. The team was well received by the Director on behalf of the Permanent Secretary and approval granted for the training of four hundred and fifty (450) students in fifteen Schools spread over three zones within Ikorodu, Kosofe and Shomolu Educational Districts. The execution of the project will begin in the next school year between January and March 2021.

## 10 Dialogues in with community including youth groups in Akwa – Ibom State

WANEP- Nigeria in collaboration with COMPPART Foundation for Justice and Peacebuilding organized series of community dialogues on ending violent conflicts in Akwa- Ibom State. The project aims to establish and sustain a platform for Dialogue in Akwa- Ibom State. Series of Dialogues were held with

Traditional Rulers, Security/Law Enforcement Agencies, Women Groups, Youth Associations, Farmers and Herders Association Representatives and as well Elected Representatives and Political Associations to promote peace within communities in the state on September 13, December 14 & 21, 2020 at Development Centre Ukana Ikot Osom, , Essien Udim Local Government Area, Akwa- Ibom State.

#### 11 Engaging with Street Children in Peacebuilding to Promote National Cohesion:

WANEP- Nigeria in collaboration with Prince Children Foundation Organized a sensitization program / Christmas funfair Party for street children on December 24, 2020. The program provided a platform for the children to share experiences on how they have been practicing the COVID- 19 safety measures to prevent the spread of the virus. Also, the children narrated their experiences in wading into disputes between their friends to promote peace. They appreciated the organizers of the forum and promised to be peace ambassadors wherever they find themselves in the society.



## Activities of Network Members from the Zones

### SOUTH EAST REPORT

#### Introduction

There are five states in South East chapter of West Africa Network on Peacebuilding (WANEP). They are, Abia, Anambra, Ebonyi, Enugu and Imo States .

The major threats to peace in the zone are – herders/farmers clashes, boundary disputes in communities, kingship tussle, land cases, family issues etc. interventions were made in some issues by WANEP. While some cases were amicably resolved, some are not and others still ongoing.

#### Imo State

##### 1 Dialogues to promote peace within communities in Imo State

In onicha community in Ezinnitte Mbaise LGA, due to the conflict between youths and herdsmen on April 16, 2021 a dialogue was initiated. The dialogue involved the government, the community leaders and youths, Hausa community and cattle owner. At the end, the conflict was resolved as the state government paid the sum of N8 million compensation and the cow owner committed never to rare cows in that community again. Also, on June 13, 2020 owing to the killing of Mr. Iriaka Ozoemena by Herdsmen as he tried to prevent them from grazing their cattle on the farmlands fighting ensued between the community and the herdsmen. In order to restore peace, a multi-stakeholders meeting involving all the leaders of the communities in the LGA, Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN) chairman, Imo State chapter, civil society, DSS, DPO in the LGA, Army Sector Command, Oguta, House member, representing Oguta constituency in Imo State House of Assembly etc. was held. Some of the resolutions from the meeting were; the cattle owner should vacate all cattle from the LGA until further notice; Community committed never to embark of reprisal attack; Cattle owner would contribute in the burial of late Mr Iriaka Ozoemena etc.

##### 2 Dialogue to curb influx of Fulani people in Imo state

During the COVID – 19 Lockdown directed by the State Government a large influx of Fulani persons were observed coming into the state unchecked. For the citizens this posed a security threat. Immediately the WANEP – Nigeria member organizations in the state called for a strategic meeting with the leadership of Hausa community in Imo, MACBAN chairman, Imo State chapter, SA to the governor on Northern Affairs all in the office of Commissioner of Police represented by CP Operations. The meeting resolved the following: any Fulani person that comes into the state must register with the leadership of Hausa Community in Imo State; he/she must establish what he/she does for a living, and such must be monitored; they must self isolate at least for 14 days to prevent the spread of the virus etc.



*After A Stakeholders Meeting on the killing of Mr Iriaka Ozoemena by Fulani Herders. In the Picture are: Army Sector Command, Oguta LGA, DPO Oguta LGA, Member Representing Oguta in Imo House os Assembly, DSS Oguta LGA,MACBAN Chair, Imo State, Representative of Saraki Hausa, IPAD Coordinator, WANEP South East Coordinator and Youth Leader.*



Ascertaining the losses of cows claimed by cow owner after the killing of Mr Iriaka Ozoemena



After A Meeting With SA to the Governor on Northern Affairs, MACBAN Chair, Imo State Chapter, Representative of Saraki Hausa in the Office of Commissioner of Police on 31st May 2020

## EBONYI STATE

Dialogue to resolve Communal clashes between Enyibichiri Alike community in Ikwo local government area and Offrekpe Enyigba in IzziIboko in Abakiliki local government area was initiated by the WANEP- Nigeria Network member in the state in March, 2020. The conflict led to killing of the people in both communities and destruction of properties worth millions of naira. WANEP members have been working with the key stakeholders including security agencies and the state government to set up a committee to wade into the conflict. The disputing communities were asked to stay action at a moment until the state government makes formal pronouncement on the matter. This has succeeded to bring about relative peace in the two communities. Also in May, 2020 WANEP Nigeria Members in the state collaborated with security agencies and state government and community leaders to restore peace to Ohankwu in Ikwo local government area and Amajim in Izza local government area two communities at conflict over a mining site.

2. Radio program (Unity FM Abakiliki) on interfaith dialogues to promote Peace in Ebonyi State. The radio programme was aired on Inter-faith dialogue for youths in the state to shun hate Speech.



Meeting With Ohankwu community to bring peace in the on going Mining Crisis with Amajim community.



After An Advocacy meeting with CP Ebonyi State On The Resolution of Communal Clashes Between Enyibichiri Alike in Ikwo LGA and OffrekpeEnyigba in Abakiliki LGA

## NORTH EAST REPORT

2020 North East witnessed a progress in WANEP-Nigeria programs especially on women participation in peacebuilding and promoting women's rights. Workshops were held for community women and male stakeholders in Balanga, Funalaye, Yamaltu/Deba Local Government Areas (LGA) in Gombe State, Azare LGA in Bauchi state and Maiduguri Municipal Council in Borno state despite the security challenges.

A Radio programs was held to sensitize the populace on women rights and the need for women's economic empowerment.

Enlightenment campaigns on RAPE and DRUGS ABUSE were held in Gombe State, organize by the zonal coordinator in order to sensitize the youths and women on the danger and impact of drugs abuse to the society and nation building. Due to poor Network in the zone ZOOM meetings were not possible so we organize a meeting inviting the Board representative Mr Muhammad G. Auto, the zonal coordinator Comrade Muhammad Aliyu Wayas and some state coordinators to deliberate on activities towards promoting peace in the zone. Attached are some pictures of the events



## SOUTH WEST REPORT

### Awareness Campaign to Flatten the Curve of COVID-19

The Zonal Office, South West Zone as part of her activities to flatten the curve of COVID-19 in collaboration with Centre for Disaster Risk and Crisis Reduction and many other Stakeholders in the Zone initiated a sensitization and awareness creation programme to educate the public on the various protocols designed by the reduce the spread of Corona Virus (COVID-19) among the various groups in Ibadan, Oyo State. The campaign team moved to many communities educating the Artisans, Market Population and Passengers in many Motor Parks before the State announced its lockdown programme. The campaign team led by the South West Zonal Coordinator, Mr. Kola AMUSAT were able to reach out to thousands of citizens in the State and as well distributed food materials as palliatives targeting aged women in some communities. The activity was applauded by Zonal Office of NEMA, South West which provided some support towards the success of the 'Stop COVID-19 Today Campaign'.



### International Peace Day 2020

As part of our annual rituals in the zone, various organisations across different States in the Zone organized activities to commemorate International Peace Day 2020.

The South West Zonal Office and member organisations in Oyo State joined forces with various State Actors to stage a five kilometre Peace Walk tagged 'SHAPING PEACE TOGETHER' on the 21 September, 2020. The walk which was led by Environmental Conflict Mediation and Women Development Initiative, a member organisation coordinating the network in the State started with media publicity at both Africa Impact Television(AITV) and Broadcasting Corporation of Oyo State(BCOS) to educate the general public about the International Day for Peace hammering on the role of women in peacebuilding. The objective of the activity includes awareness creation on peaceful coexistence and to also promote gender inclusiveness in peace processes at all levels but specifically at grassroot level in line with WANEP-Nigeria's current strategic objectives. The Peace Walk was brought to a successful end with the flying of the commemoration parachute to signify '**Building Relationship for Peace**' in the Pace Setter State.



Media Outing by the State



SSA SDG and others Coordinators



Peace Walk 'signed on' at BCOS

Peace Heritage Foundation, a member organisation in Oyo State organised a day '**Stakeholders Round Table on Peace and Security**' targeting various organizations working on Peace and Security in the State. The objective of the Stakeholders round table meeting is to evaluate peace and security efforts of CSOs in that sector and to agree on better ways to promote peacebuilding activities in the State that will deliver sustainable development. Experts at the event also agreed to work together towards restoration of culture of integrities with the focus on the need of the society. As part of the recommendations from the round table, experts agreed that there is a need to domesticate and implement the provisions of various international instruments bordering on the issues of peace and security, fundamental human rights including gender equality with emphasis on the need to promote and run inclusive society.



Chairman's Address



Cross section of participants

## SOUTH SOUTH REPORT

### Sensitization Of The Eleme Council Of Female Chiefs On GBV To Commemorate International Day Of Peace

The West African Network for Peace Building (WANEP) in collaboration with Kebetkache Women Development and Resource Centre marked the International Day of Peace on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September 2020 with the Queen Mother of Eleme, Female Chiefs and women delegates from communities in Eleme Local Government Area empowering members of the Council of Female Chiefs to raise their voices in defence of women's rights condemning acts of violence against women.

There were 55 women in attendance including 10 Female Chiefs constituting the Council of Eleme Female Chiefs and 40 community women drawn from Aleto, Ogale, Akpajo, Agbonchia, Ekporo communities all in Eleme Local Government Area and one print media and 5 women representing women rights organizations. Speaking on Gender Based Violence, the Executive Director of Kebetkache Women Development & Resource Centre said one in seven women experience Gender Based Violence and it includes physical, sexual, verbal, emotional, and psychological abuse, threats, coercion and economic or educational deprivation, whether occurring in public or private life. She encouraged the women present to speak up when they have such experience or when they hear of it instead of being quiet and dying in silence, she also said 38% of murders of women are committed by an intimate partner over 200 million women have experienced female genital mutilation/cutting



### Sensitization Of Women At The Azubie Primary Health Care Centre On Gender Based Violence (GBV)

The second event held on the 12th of October 2020, WANEP Nigeria in collaboration with Kebetkache Women Development and Resource Center held a program at Azuabie Primary Health Center, sensitization on gender based violence and the Effects of COVID-19 was conducted for nursing mothers who was at the clinic.



There were 18 nursing mothers in attendance a representative of Kebetkache Idongsit Smart led a discussion on COVID-19 pandemic. After that, palliative (rice, soaps, provisions, sanitary pads etc) were shared to the women present, they appreciated the team for coming and promised to comply to the preventive protocols.

### ENGAGEMENT WITH HYPREP

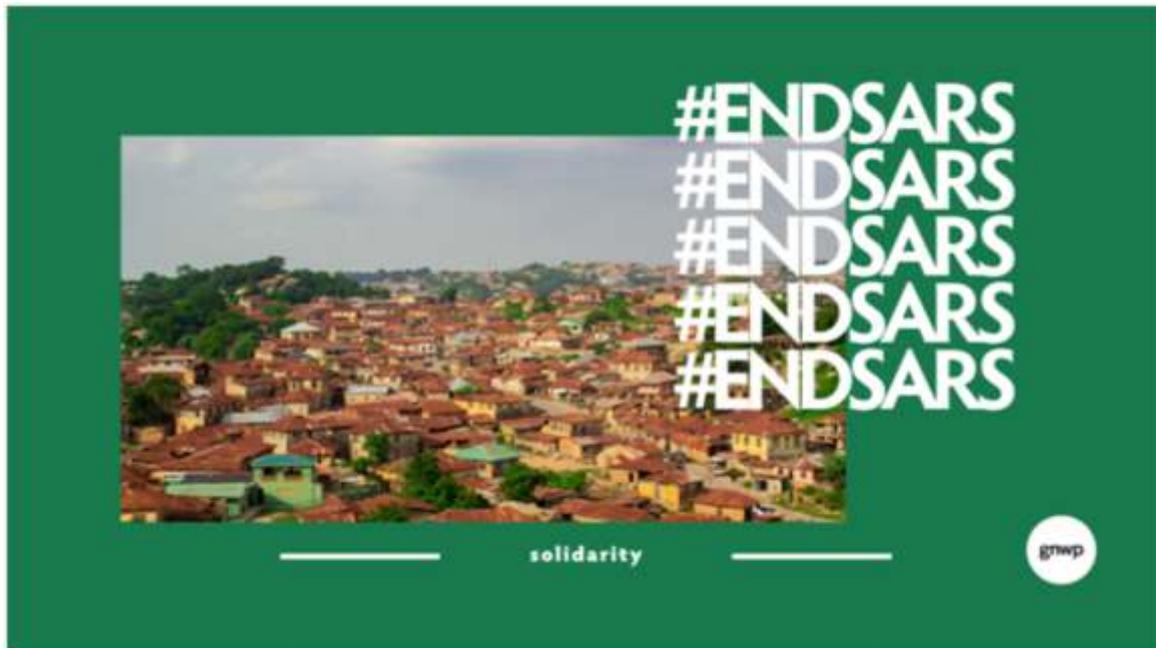
Kebetkache assisted Queen Mother to raise letters to HYPREP Project Coordinator (PC) on the need for full involvement of women in the clean-up process. She also demanded for an audience with the HYPREP Projector to discuss in detail the engagement of Eleme women in the process. The Secretary of the Eleme Council of Female Chiefs was supported to submit the letter direct to HYPREP PC's office. Kebetkache followed up to ensure the Queen Mother is granted audience. On the 12 October 2020, Kebetkache succeeded in getting the Secretary of the Council to meet with the HYPREP Livelihood Officer to discuss the involvement of the Eleme women in the clean up process. By November 2020 the PC went on compulsory Leave. The process will continue this 2021 when a new PC is appointed.





## ENDSARS SOLIDARITY

### Statement of Solidarity with the #EndSARS Protests in Nigeria Against Police Brutality and Corruption



November 2, 2020

The Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP) strongly condemns violence against peaceful protesters in Nigeria. We stand in solidarity with women and youth who are at the forefront of the nation-wide demonstrations against police brutality and abuses of power by the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) of the Nigeria Police Force.

GNWP's partner, the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) Nigeria reports that since October 8, 2020, 26 out of 36 States and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) in Nigeria has witnessed series of protests against the "[inadequacies of law enforcement agencies to bring the perpetrators of abuses to justice.](#)" Young women and men have been leading the protests calling for an end to police brutality. We share their grave concerns regarding [human rights abuses](#) committed by the SARS since its inception in 1992, including cases of torture, misuse of weapons, extra-judicial killing, physical and sexual assaults, unlawful arrest and detention, extortion, and illegal stop and searches. Young people have been disproportionately affected and targeted by the police officers of the SARS.

We echo the calls by Nigerian youth and women peacebuilders, including our partner WANEP-Nigeria to conduct widespread and inclusive consultations with key stakeholders, including civil society, especially youth-led organizations, to find lasting solutions to the current crisis, and promote sustainable peace and justice in Nigeria. We congratulate the Nigerian youth, women and other protesters for their persistence that led to the disbandment of the SARS in all 36 and the Federal Capital as [announced](#) by the Inspector General of Police on October 11, 2020. We also acknowledge the positive step taken by Federal Government in setting up the National Economic Council (NEC) Committee, headed by the Vice President, and designed to provide an effective communication channel with the youth, civil society and religious leaders across the country.

We call on the Nigerian government to listen to the remaining demands of women and youth peacebuilders, to address the root causes of the abuse of power that gave rise to the protests. These include:

Youth and women's meaningful participation in decision-making and peacebuilding processes at all levels. Youth are systematically excluded from decision-making and public governance, while representing [more than 40%](#) of Nigeria's population.<sup>[1]</sup> Youth are not only the leaders of tomorrow, they are the leaders of today, and have displayed their leadership in demanding change and mobilizing for peace and justice. The Nigerian government must ensure the meaningful, equal and full participation of youth, including young women, in decision-making processes around police reform and corruption in police services.



Alongside WANEP-Nigeria, Nigerian youth, and Nigerian civil society, we call on the Nigerian government to recognize the compounded impacts of COVID-19 and multiple conflicts across the country on women and youth participation. The government must uphold its commitments under UN Security Council Resolutions on Women, Peace and Security, and on Youth, Peace and Security by effectively addressing barriers to women and youth participation.

- Addressing socio-economic inequalities that are one of the root causes of conflict and police brutality. We support Nigerian civil society organizations' call for the Federal and State governments to create economic empowerment opportunities and sustainable livelihoods for young women and men. Concrete actions are needed to increase youth employment.
- Establishment of effective mechanisms to keep State governments and Nigerian Police Force accountable for fulfilling the [five demands](#) of the #EndSARS movement [approved](#) by the President Panel on Police Reform on October 13, 2020. All those responsible for these egregious human rights violations must be held accountable, and commitments made towards police reform must manifest in concrete actions.
- Ensuring protections for protesters and activists working to defend human rights and calling for an end to police brutality. We support Nigerian civil society organizations' call for the Federal and State governments to protect the right to peaceful assembly in line with their obligations under International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1966) and the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (1999). This must be done by fostering conditions that will allow all activists, specifically youth, to continue peaceful protests without fear of persecution or harassment.

Meaningful participation of women and youth and ensuring accountability for the abuse of power by those mandated to protect are key tenets of sustainable peace. We urge the Nigerian government to heed the calls of the civil society and take decisive actions to address structural roots of police brutality and violence in the country.



## USIP Congratulatory Message



### UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

Bridget Osakwe  
National Network Coordinator  
WANEP-Nigeria  
27 Adenij Street Off Wemco Road  
Ogba Lagos, Nigeria

Washington DC,

December 1, 2020

Dear Bridget,

I write to congratulate you and the WANEP team on your work to ensure the sustainability of the Gender Desk at the Nassarawa Gwong police station in Jos North, Plateau State. Securing the support from the Ministry of Health, and their commitment to assigning a point of contact to care for victim-survivors of sexual and gender-based violence will be so important in maintaining the impact of the Justice and Security Dialogue (JSD) process once the project comes to a close. These supports from the government are difficult to secure, and we appreciate your work build this partnership when the government, especially the Ministry of Health, are stretched during the COVID-19 emergency.

On behalf of the Governance, Justice and Security Department at the United States Institute of Peace (USIP), we thank you and WANEP for supporting the JSD process in Plateau State, and we hope soon in the northeast states of Borno, Yobe, and Adamawa.

We look forward to the continued collaboration with WANEP, and we thank you for your partnership and tireless efforts to improve security and security governance in Nigeria.

Sincerely,

Ena Dion  
Senior Program Officer  
Governance, Justice and Security Department  
United States Institute of Peace

West Africa Network for Peacebuilding –Nigeria  
IT/Cert. No. 15438 of 14th July, 2003.  
Financial statements for the year  
ended 31st December, 2019.

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West Africa Network for Peacebuilding –Nigeria  
 Financial statements for the year  
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 Financial highlights

	2019 ₦	2018 ₦
Gross income	232,160,502	202,178,197
Programme expenses	(169,330,361)	(173,306,423)
Total administrative expenses and others	(39,797,144)	27,230,393
Surplus of income over expenditure	23,032,998	(358,619)
Total fixed assets (Net Book Value)	4,138,829	4,159,385
Cash at bank and in hand	40,911,393	18,938,918
Accumulated fund	48,093,556	25,060,558

West Africa Network for Peacebuilding –Nigeria  
Financial statements for the year  
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Board of directors and other officials

Board of directors and other officials

Dr. Abiola Akiyode-Afolabi	Chairman
Barrister Magret Nwagbo	Director-Training and Capacity Building
Dr Nsekpong Archibong Udoh	Director – Treasury and Finance
Mallam Y Z Ya'u	Director of Communication
Mr.Kolawole Olatosimi	Member
Ms. Bridget Osakwe	National Network Coordinator and Secretary to the Board

Zonal Coordinators

Emem Okon	South South
Kola Amusat	South West
Nathaniel Awuapila	North Central
Mustapha Muhammad	North West
Chibundu Uchegbu	South East
Mohammed Aliyu Wayas	North East

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 Financial statements for the year  
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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 Eneanya	-	Finance Manager
Ms. Vivian Anyaegbu	-	Admin Manager
Mr. Kevin Abonyi	-	Programme Manager
Ms. Osariemen Amas-Edobor	-	Programme Manager
Ms Damilola Adeoye	-	Programme Officer
Mr Idris Suleiman	-	Programme Assistant
Ms. Patricia Unegbu	-	Office Assistant
Mr.Babalola Dawodu	-	I.T Officer
Mr.Esho Akeem	-	Office Driver
Ms.Oyindamola Somoye	-	Intern
Mr.Femi Emmanuel	-	Intern
Ms.Chiamaka Mbach	-	Intern
Mr.OluwadareTaiwo Abe	-	Volunteer

<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> :	-	Ademola S. Adegoke & 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 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019.  
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 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019.

The directors have pleasure in submitting their report together with the WANEP – NIGERIA audited financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

	₦ 2019
1. <u>Operating result</u>	
Surplus of income over expenditure for the year was	23,032,998
Surplus brought forward	25,060,558
Surplus of income over expenditure carried forward	----- 48,093,556 =====

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 46.

5. Donations and contributions to charitable organisations

There was no donation during the year 2019.

6. Fixed assets

Movement in fixed assets during the period are as shown in Note 1 on page 56 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, 2019 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 2019, 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 50 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.

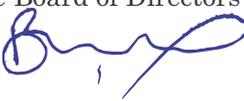
- i These responsibilities include ensuring that:
  - Adequate internal control procedures are instituted to safeguard assets and prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities;
  - Proper accounting books and records are kept and maintained;
  - Applicable accounting policies are followed;
  - Suitable 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 Ademola S. Adegoke & Co. (Chartered Accountants) have indicated their willingness to continue in office as auditors.

Lagos,  
Nigeria.

By Order of the Board of Directors



Secretary



**ADEMOLA S. ADEGOKE & CO.**  
**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

8, Sura-Mogaji Street, Off Coker Road, Ilupeju, Lagos.

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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, 2019, 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 54 to 60

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, 2019 and of its operating result and cash flow 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.

Ademola S. Adegoke  
 FRC/2013/ICAN/00000006685  
 for: ADEMOLA S. ADEGOKE & CO.  
 (CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS)

Lagos, Nigeria.

Audit: Tax .....2020  
 Accountancy  
 Consulting  
 Financial Advisory  
 Insolvency



Ademola S. Adegoke FCA, FCTI Lawal Nasir O.

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, 2019. Information covers comparative twelve month period ended 31st December, 2018.

**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

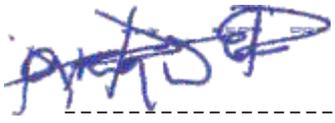
West Africa Network for Peacebuilding – Nigeria  
Statement of accounting policies adopted which  
have been applied consistently throughout the current and preceding years.

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		2019		2018
		₦	₦	₦	₦
Fixed assets	1		4,138,829		4,159,385
Current assets					
Cash and bank	2	40,911,393		18,938,918	
Debtors and prepayments	3	3,443,334		2,362,255	
		-----		-----	
		44,354,727		21,301,173	
Current liabilities					
Creditors and accruals	4	(400,000)		(400,000)	
		-----		-----	
Net current assets			43,954,727		20,901,173
			-----		-----
			48,093,556		25,060,558
			=====		=====
					
					
Directors					
Represented by:					
Accumulated fund	5		48,093,556		25,060,558
			=====		=====

The accounting policies on page 52 to 55 and the notes on pages 57 to 60 form an integral part of these financial statements.

West Africa Network For Peacebuilding –nigeria  
Income And Expenditure Statement For The Year  
Ended 31st December, 2019.

	Notes	2019 ₦	2018 ₦
Gross income	6	232,160,502	202,178,197
Cost of programmes	7	(169,330,361)	(172,138,423)
Surplus of income over programmes cost		<u>62,830,141</u>	<u>30,039,774</u>
<b>Administrative expenses:</b>			
Telephone/mobile phone		10,000	15,300
Courier/Postages		348,370	62,696
Internet access		568,000	564,000
Bank charges		311,153	228,810
Fuel and lubricants		1,284,100	745,900
Newspaper and magazines		49,450	45,850
Printing, stationery and consumables		695,200	1,554,170
Entertainment		260,400	152,200
Depreciation		1,959,906	1,601,633
Repairs and maintenance		1,112,300	876,900
Travelling and Transport		859,950	1,072,850
Cleaning and cleaning consumables		–	105,800
Office rent		1,509,200	1,500,000
Office running expenses		361,250	1,058,480
Audit and accountancy		400,000	400,000
AGM Board meeting expenses		3,880,980	679,000
Electricity and lighting		371,160	223,970
Legal and other professional fees		250,000	500,000
Contract labour/security		244,000	144,000
Public relations		14,000	690,000
Donations		110,000	475,600
Salaries		25,197,724	18,151,234
		<u>(39,797,144)</u>	<u>30,398,393</u>
Deficit for the year		<u>23,032,998</u>	<u>(358,619)</u>

The accounting policies on page 52 to 55 and the notes on pages 57 to 60 form an integral part of these financial statements.

West Africa Network for Peacebuilding –Nigeria  
Cashflow statement for the year  
ended 31st December, 2019

Cashflow from operating activities	2019 ₦	2018 ₦
Surplus/(deficit) of income over expenditure	23,032,998	(358,619)
<i>Adjustment for non cash items:</i>		
Depreciation	1,959,906	1,601,633
Sundry adjustment	-	-
	-----	-----
Operating surplus/(deficit) before changes in working capital	24,992,903	1,243,014
<i>Changes in working capital:</i>		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(1,081,078)	686,977
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	-	(155,355)
	-----	-----
Net cash from operating activities	23,911,825	1,774,636
	=====	=====
Purchase of fixed assets	(1,939,350)	(986,000)
Sales considerations of damaged Laptop	-	-
	-----	-----
Net cashflow from investing activities	(1,939,350)	(986,000)
	-----	-----
Cashflow from financing activities	-	-
	-----	-----
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	21,972,475	788,636
Cash and cash equivalents at 1st January,	18,938,918	18,150,282
	=====	=====
Cash and cash equivalents at 31st December,	40,911,393	18,938,918
	=====	=====
Bank and cash balances at 31st December,	40,911,393	18,938,918
	=====	=====

**West Africa Network for Peacebuilding – Nigeria**  
**Notes on the accounts for the year ended 31st December, 2019.**  
**Fixed assets schedule**

Description	Cost			Depreciation			Net Book Value		
	<u>2019</u> <u>B/F</u> <u>₦</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>Addition</u> <u>₦</u>	<u>Disposal</u> <u>₦</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>₦</u>	<u>B/F</u> <u>₦</u>	<u>Addition</u> <u>₦</u>	<u>Disposal</u> <u>₦</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>₦</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>₦</u>
Plant & machinery	2,089,965	-	-	2,089,965	2,088,965	990	-	2,089,955	10
Motor vehicles	5,892,000	-	-	5,892,000	3,771,156	750,000	-	4,521,156	1,370,844
Furniture & fittings	2,325,623	1,187,000	-	3,512,623	2,020,020	296,877	-	2,316,897	1,195,726
Library books	51,200	-	-	51,200	51,190	-	-	51,190	10
Office equipment	4,660,325	-	-	4,660,325	3,799,380	442,468	-	4,241,848	418,477
Computer & Laptops	6,910,110	752,350	-	7,662,460	6,039,127	469,571	-	6,508,698	1,153,762
	21,929,223	1,939,350	-	23,868,573	17,769,838	1,959,906	-	19,729,744	4,138,829

West Africa Network For Peacebuilding –nigeria  
Notes On The Accounts(cont'd).

		<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
		₦	₦
2	<u>Cash and bank</u>		
	Current account Ecobank I	(628,336)	1,316,313
	Current account Ecobank II	249,024	230,664
	Current account Ecobank – USD	1,283,200	13,851
	Current account Ecobank – Euro	820,081	27,373
	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	257,400	-
	Oceanic Bank III (EcobankPlc)	38,803	38,803
	GT Bank Pound	13,676	13,676
	Zenith Bank Plc –Naira	83,878	351,122
	Zenith Bank Plc – Euro	27,448,319	206,054
	Zenith Bank Plc – Dollar	46,971	46,580
	Zenith Bank Plc – Naira (2)	11,211,357	28,708
	Ecobank – 0429	14,385	16,592,749
		-----	-----
		40,911,393	18,938,918
		=====	=====
3	<u>Debtors and prepayments</u>		
	Prepayment –Rent	2,250,000	750,000
	Debtor –Staff	3,072,256	1,612,255
		-----	-----
		5,322,256	2,362,255
		=====	=====
4	<u>Creditors and accruals</u>		
	Audit	400,000	400,000
	Accrued expenses (salaries and other expenses)	-	-
	Sundry creditors	-	-
		-----	-----
		400,000	400,000
		=====	=====
5	Accumulated fund brought forward	25,060,558	25,419,177
		-	-
	Surplus/(deficit) fund for the year	23,032,998	(358,619)
		-----	-----
	Accumulated fund carried forward	48,093,998	25,060,558
		=====	=====

West Africa Network For Peacebuilding –nigeria  
Notes On The Accounts(cont'd).

	<u>2019</u> ₦	<u>2018</u> ₦
<b>6. Gross income</b>		
United State Institute of Peace	72,699,389	51,993,382
WANEP Regional office	32,457,673	86,409,986
Oxfam Nigeria	3,000,000	16,000,000
Global Centre on Cooperative Security	-	771,840
Bank interest	5,304	3,040
Other incomes from consultancy, equipment hire and sales of scrapped assets etc.	22,991,218	19,154,455
Urgent Action	-	4,055,871
Peace Tech.	-	25,000
NORAD	57,872,021	19,432,000
LITE Africa	3,488,643	4,332,622
ICCT	21,559,891	-
GNWP	18,086,364	-
	<u>232,160,502</u>	<u>202,178,197</u>
<b>7. Cost of programme</b>		
Regional Programmes	39,213,808	84,847,820
United States Institute of Peace	63,603,420	61,272,115
OXFAM Nigeria	5,352,200	15,680,200
ICCT	11,465,281	-
GNWP	10,864,208	-
NORAD	36,227,808	3,605,500
Urgent Action Fund - Africa	-	3,923,045
Global Centre on Cooperative Security	-	40,000
LITE Africa	2,603,636	3,587,743
NEEM	-	350,000
	<u>169,330,361</u>	<u>173,306,423</u>

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Five Year Financial Summary

	2019 ₦	2018 ₦	2017 ₦	2016 ₦	2015 ₦
Fixed assets	4,138,829	4,159,385	4,775,018	1,088,337	583,195
Net Current Assets/(liabilities)	43,954,727	20,901,174	20,644,159	17,824,230	2,592,461
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	48,093,556	25,060,558	25,418,851	18,912,567	3,175,656
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Represented by:					
Accumulated fund	48,093,556	25,060,558	25,419,177	18,912,567	3,175,656
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Total Income	232,160,502	202,178,197	94,911,015	82,182,263	35,319,588
Less: Expenditure	209,127,505	202,536,816	88,404,730	65,579,922	37,702,910
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Deficit for the year	23,032,998	(358,619)	6,506,610	16,602,341	(2,383,322)
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