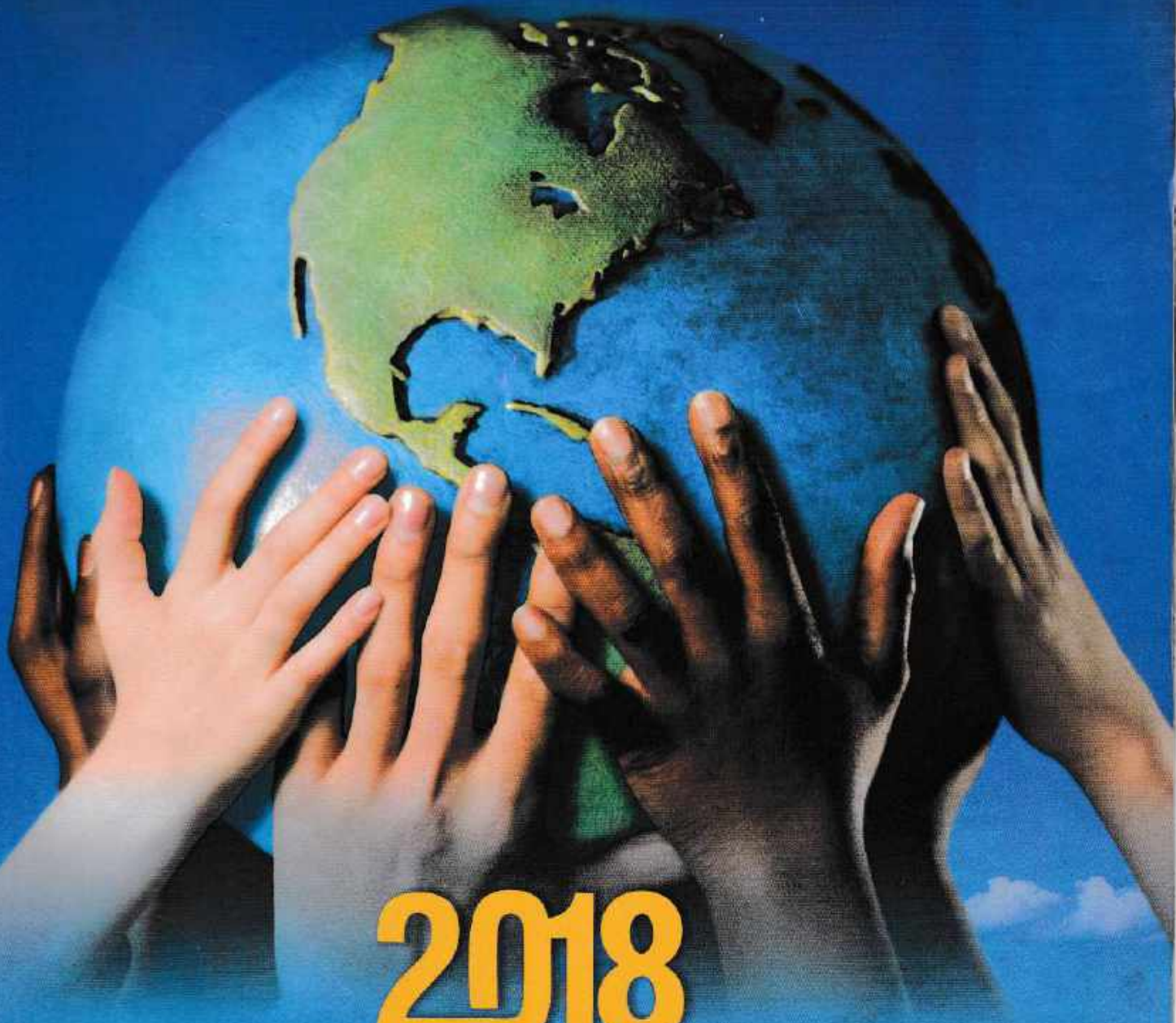




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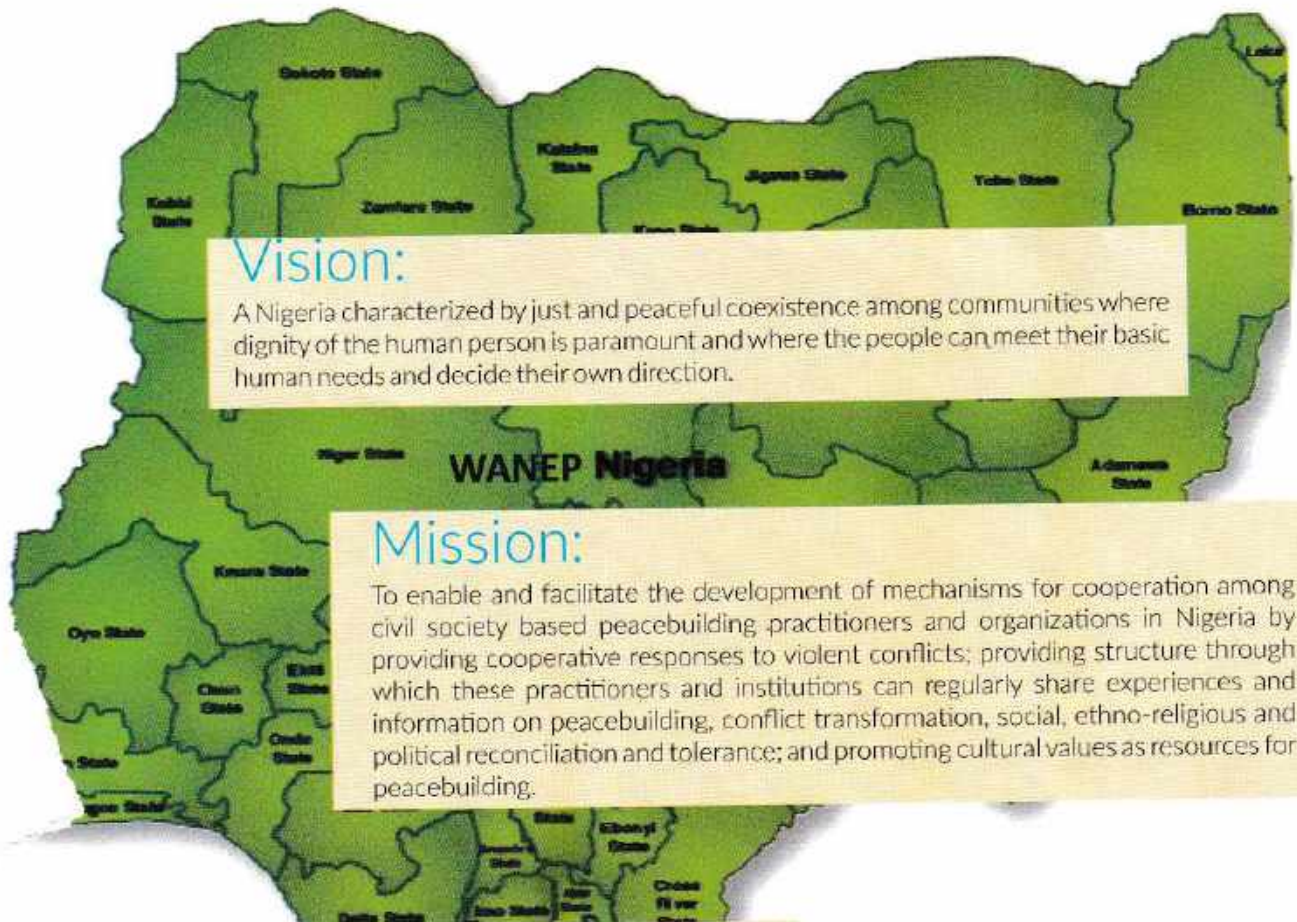


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# WANEP NIGERIA WORKING PRINCIPLES



## 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

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

# Objective of WANEP-Nigeria

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

## *Operating Principles and Values*

- *Collaboration and consultation. Peacebuilding is about complementarity and not duplication; about collaboration and not competition.*
- *Understanding the root causes of conflict is key to any intervention.*
- *Inclusiveness in response by involving all actors and stakeholders.*
- *Keeping the process simple. Conflicts already lead to confusion and bewilderment.*
- *Local ownership of peacebuilding processes.*
- *Peacebuilding is a process not an event.*
- *Reconciliation is at the heart of peacebuilding.*
- *Peacebuilding is about repairing broken human relationships. Through facilitating communication amongst the two sectors that will restore both their humanity and relationships.*
- *Transparency and Accountability*
- *Justice for all.*

Established since 2001, WANEP-Nigeria is the largest peacebuilding Network in Nigeria with a membership spread of 350 Community Based on Non Governmental Organizations operating in the 36 States of Nigeria including the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

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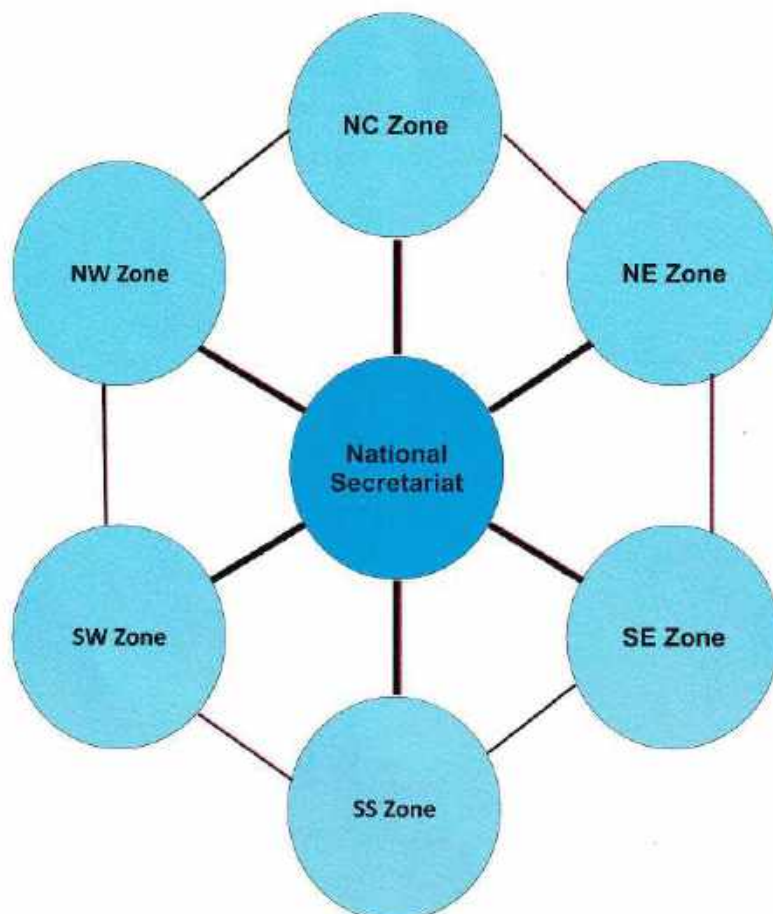
# WANEP-Nigeria: Who We Are and What We Do

West Africa Network for Peacebuilding Nigeria (WANEP-Nigeria) was established out of necessity to provide an organized platform for collaborative peacebuilding for conflict transformation and development in Nigeria by indigenous Non Governmental Organizations with diverse capacities and interest in human rights, conflict transformation 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 provision 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 350 member organizations spread across the six geopolitical zones of the country.

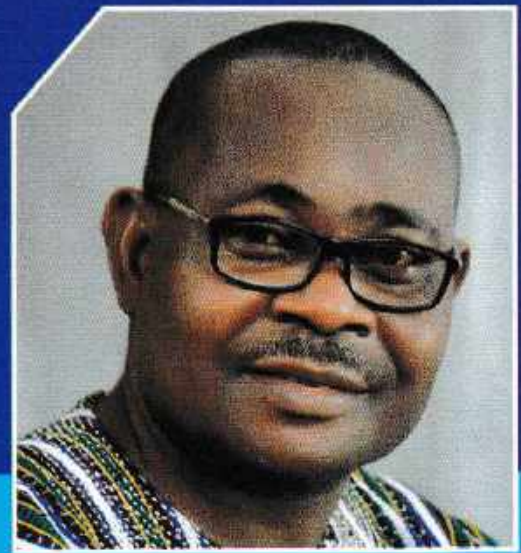
Intervention programs of the Network are divided into five basic thematic areas: Conflict Prevention; Women in Peacebuilding; Active Non Violence and Peace Education; Democracy and Good Governance; Research and Documentation

- **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 Early Warning system at the regional level. It also works with relevant government and inter governmental agencies towards Disaster Risk Reduction in the country
- **Democracy and Good Governance** programs strengthen governance capacities through developing and integrating conflict management systems at different levels of governance and also ensure transparency in decision making.
- **Women in Peacebuilding program (WIPNET)** offer opportunity for the participation of women in peacebuilding mechanisms through a coordinated network that facilitates advocacy, reconciliation and transformation.
- **Research, Publication and Network Coordination** promotes cross-fertilization of resources and expertise among zones.



# Message from the BOARD CHAIR:

*Sir Barinem Vulasi*



**D**ear Board members, WANEP- Nigeria network members, ladies and Gentlemen I would like to start by saying Happy New Year to you all. May the new year bring good tidings and peace all through. I sincerely appreciate the partnership that exists between the National Secretariat and its network members in seeking to achieve the Network's mission. The partnership has been instrumental in attaining project objectives and outcomes for which we remain the foremost peacebuilding Network in Nigeria.

The year 2018 was quite a year for all of us particularly, the upsurge of security threats. Beginning from the North Central zone with issues of herder farmers conflict which left the populace in tears as we saw how Nigerian were killed and several other injured over grazing rights. The North East Zone was not left out with continuous attacks targeting security base and communities by members of the insurgent group Boko Haram. Issues of thuggery, kidnapping, banditry, armed robbery etc were recorded across the different zones of the country.

However, amidst these threats quite a number of development projects were implemented in these circumstances with attaining risks recorded exciting milestones in the peacebuilding community. Funds was received from Urgent Action Fund - Africa to intervene in the agro -pastoralist conflict in Benue State. This was hinged on the absence of women's voices in the agro- pastoralist conflict and the need for a holistic approach to peacebuilding. Women in the state are victims of horrible atrocities and injustice being perpetuated by the herdsman with attendant internal displacement challenges yet are denied their rights and are unable to protect themselves, thus limiting their ability to participate in making decisions that affect their wellbeing.

In Plateau State through the Justice and Security Dialogue (JSD) program, WANEP - Nigeria sustained its partnership with USIP to hold dialogues to discuss issues of gang rapes, drug abuse, election policing, etc amongst the community members and various security stakeholders in Jos North. The youths who perpetuate violence are becoming more volatile with increase in record of incidences. The continuous dialogue meetings have helped some of the perpetrators to realize the gravity of their offense and become repentant and willing to contribute to community development.

In Lagos State, WANEP- Nigeria was able to Identify with the host state through its peace education project for primary schools. Working closely with the State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) and School Based Management Committee in Kosofe Local Government Area, the capacity of the pupils was built to embrace non- violence. The key objectives of the project were to; arouse the consciousness of children on the need for peaceful co-existence at community, local and state level; to build the capacity of pupils in 12 primary schools to be peace ambassadors within their schools and communities and to build a platform for the introduction of peace education in primary and post primary schools in Lagos State. At present, WANEP- Nigeria



has proposed a bill before the Lagos State House of Assembly for the integration of Peace Education into the curriculum of primary and post primary schools in the State.

As the out-going Board Chair, I am impressed and confident that we are in the right tract; empowering citizens for the future, inculcating skills that are essential to building relationships and building peace. Our prospects as an Institution are indeed bright. More so, as a result of our varied peacebuilding activities carried out by the secretariat, we have improved on our funding opportunities and attracted new projects, we have negotiated and improved our strategic partnerships and we have expanded our funding base. All thanks to the dedication of staff members to their key responsibilities and commitment of the board members.

As we look forward to celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the New Year I am honoured to be part of this amiable Network that is unrelenting in its efforts to promote peace within communities in Nigeria. We will continue to work together towards ensuring that our 2015 – 2020 strategic plan priorities are accomplished, and greater heights attained.

At this juncture permit me end with the saying since we are in Lagos, "Itesewaju Ile ise WANEP – Nigeria loju wa loju!"

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**MESSAGE FROM THE  
NATIONAL NETWORK COORDINATOR:  
*Ms. Bridget Osakwe***

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***Our Task -  
Consolidating and Sustaining Peace in Nigeria***

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Happy new year to you all. I am delighted to welcome you to 2019, a year Nigerians will be going to the polls to elect the next President and other government officers. The out-going year was worrisome as it was filled with many security challenges that threatened the corporate existence of the country. The year opened with herdsmen attacking villagers and farmers in six villages straddling two local government areas of Logo and Guma LGA in Benue State between January 1 - 8, 2018. The conflict was reportedly triggered by the enactment of the Open Grazing Prohibition and Ranches Establishment Law by the Benue State Government on November 1, 2017.

It is no gainsay that violent clashes between herdsmen and agrarian communities in the North Central and southern zones have escalated in recent years threatening the country's security and stability. With an estimated death toll of over 3,000 people, these clashes are becoming as potentially dangerous as the Boko Haram insurgency in the North East. The quest for territorial control of arable land for grazing activities, obstruction of traditional migration routes among other reasons has led to destruction of farmlands and products. Revenge killings emanating from alleged theft/killing of livestock and sexual violence especially rape of women and girls, attributed to herdsmen has thrown up new challenges to human security in the country. More alarming is the proliferation of small arms and light weapons resulting in high fatality and internal displacements within Local Government Areas in Adamawa, Benue, Plateau, Taraba and Nassarawa, Zamfara and other affected states.

In the North East, the fight against the Boko Haram insurgents was in earnest, as the Boko Haram insurgents kidnapped another set of 114 girls from the Government Girls College Dapchi, Yobe State. Although a great number of the girls were returned, Leah Sharibu one of the abductee is yet to return home. In spite of the efforts of the Federal Government to negotiate with the insurgents, Leah Sharibu still remain in captivity as we continue to keep hope alive for her release.

On the political scene, staggered elections were conducted at the state level with several unresolved political upheavals, inter-party conflicts and peps from political lobbyists ahead of 2019. WANEP- Nigeria Network members were on ground to observe the elections and report security threat to relevant security agencies. In Ekiti State, Dr. Kayode Fayemi was elected as the new governor of the state and in Osun State, Alhaji Gboyega Oyetola was declared winner after the re- run elections in the state.

At the WANEP-Nigeria Secretariat, amidst the security challenges across the country, we've also achieved a lot and recorded exciting milestones in building peace amongst the various sectors and groups of the Nigerian community. At the secretariat, three male National Youth Corp members and an intern were engaged to enhance the program department. They came with varied experiences as youths and increased vigor to work and also to balance gender, faith and ethnicity. According to their discipline they were placed in different program areas to work with

the Program Managers. The new insights and added boost to the work helped ensure the attainment of project objectives.

The Conflict Prevention department tirelessly during the year reported incidences of security threats in Nigeria. In order to disseminate information gathered, production and publication of early warning outputs such as Weekly Highlights, Situation Track Analysis, Policy Briefs, Quick NEWS updates, Press Release were done on major peace and security issues in Nigeria. The information were sent to relevant stakeholders including government agencies like Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Peace and Security Network, Civil Society Organizations such as ECOWAS, Centre for Information Technology and Development-CITAD, Mercy Corps etc to serve as a guide for further interventions. The department engaged in assessment of Gender Related Hate Speech on Women Political Leadership in Nigeria and came up with a report highlighting the effects on women participation. There was also the reports on the Statistics of recorded incidents – Farmers-Herders Conflict (January-May 2018), and the Chronology of attacks by suspected militia herders in the North.

The United States Institute for Peace (USIP) continued its support for WANEP- Nigeria in improving community – Police relations towards addressing security challenges in Plateau State. The organic Justice, Security and Dialogue (JSD) program supported training on responding to gender-based violence particularly rape; dialogues for non-traditional partners and agencies to explore innovative ways to prevent youth violence., dialogues on Gang Violence/Drug Abuse and to establish an inclusive and participatory way of dealing with Justice and Security threats in identified Local Government Area (LGA).

Through her Women in Peacebuilding (WIPNET) program, WANEP- Nigeria played significant role intervening in the agro- pastoralist conflict that enveloped Benue State and other North Central States. Recognizing women have a role to play in promoting peace, this prompted a peace march with women calling for peace in Benue State and Nigeria at large. The impact of the violence on women and their varied recommendations to key stakeholders on the possible measures to promote peace was documented in a book. Also, we were able to commence a project on Localization of the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325 in six states in Nigeria with special focus on using the media as an instrument to amplify women's roles in peacebuilding.

In optimizing the relationship that exist between WANEP- Nigeria and OXFAM, the project on Food and Climate Justice continued in Lagos and Kebbi States. A research finding on the 'Impact of Investments in Agriculture and Climate Change Adaptation on Small Scale Farming in Nigeria was published – "Fine Words do not Put Food on the Table" and a media and civil society roundtable was held to discuss the outcome of the findings. As a follow up, a Policy Dialogue was held on the national budget in relation to climate change adaptation (CCA) frameworks and policies to increase awareness of CCA policies in Agriculture among policy makers, farmers and the public. Key messages through social media platforms were sent out for improved awareness and support for Small Scale Farming in Nigeria. This was linked up with social media personalities for wider visibility and acceptance. The project outcomes have contributed to facilitating the momentum for the attainment of Sustainable Development Goal 2 on 'ending hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition, and promoting sustainable agriculture by 2030'

The year ended on a good note as WANEP- Nigeria was able to forge relationship with the Lagos State House of Assembly through the State Universal Basic Education Board. (SUBEB). Working

in close partnership with the School Based Management Committee (SBMC) WANEP Nigeria built the capacity of over 1000 pupils in 18 public primary schools in Lagos State were built on peacebuilding to be Peace Ambassadors within their schools and communities. The pupils were taught the culture of peace by shunning violence, bully and always adopt peaceful methods of resolving their disputes. As a result of the positive outcomes and relevance to peace and security in Lagos State, the State House of Assembly is working with WANEP Nigeria to ensure the passage into Law of Peace Education in the curriculum of for primary and post primary schools in Lagos State.

In all, we enjoyed a tremendous support from the WANEP Nigeria Board members, individually and collectively; Zonal and State Coordinators were up and doing, staff members worked with full commitment in pursuance of WANEP mandate and principles for which their efforts are commendable and I say a big thank you to everyone. We also appreciate the continued support of our partners USIP, Oxfam in Nigeria, Urgent Action Fund-Africa, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD), Institute of Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR), Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, State Ministries of Women Affairs, SUBEB and the Lagos State House of Assembly Ministry of Education in helping us fulfil our mission. WANEP- Nigeria in no small measure appreciates the regional office for believing in us and providing the needed advisory support in ensuring we remain at the forefront of promoting peace and security in Nigeria.

Thank you!



## Program Reports: Conflict Prevention

*Justice and Security Dialogue (JSD) Program Activities:*

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Commissioning of Angwan Rukuba Police Outstation at Angwan Rukuba Community of Jos North LGA, Plateau state on 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2018

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In March 2016, a group of youth attacked and burned down the police outpost in the Angwan Rukuba neighborhood of Jos. For seven months following the attack, police refused to patrol, and residents were left to fend for themselves. Crime rate increased in the community with drug abuse and peddling, theft, burglary and attacks taking centre stage. The effect on the community was devastating causing untold hardship to its members and lack of response from Nasarawa divisional Police office.

The Justice and Security Dialogue of United States Institute of Peace (USIP) being implemented by West Africa Network for Peace Building (WANEP) and Centre for Peace Advancement in Nigeria (CEPAN) had a dialogue with the Chiefs, Elders, Stakeholders, Women, Youth, the Police and other security actors. Through the JSD process, the police agreed to reenter the areas and community members agreed to assist police in rebuilding the outpost. Community members donated money, labor, and other supplies for the reconstruction. Disputes over the location of the police outpost arose during reconstruction, the JSD team through various CPs, mediated between the two sides, resulting in agreement on the current site and final completion of the Police Outstation.



The launch of the Police Outpost on November 14th 2018 marks a historical step to unity. Unity between the community and the police and unity between and within communities. It serves as a remembrance to them, when they had to put away divides to unite towards a common goal –rebuilding of the burnt police outpost and to forge a united front against divides. It also goes a long way to demonstrate their love and acceptance of the police as “our own”.

Project outcomes from the commissioning of the Police Outstation at Angwan Rukuba;

- The Nigeria Police Outstation at Angwan Rukuba was successfully commissioned by the Commissioner of Police Plateau state.
- The Angwan Rukuba Police outstation became operational with the posting of four (4) Nigeria Police Officers.
- The Ujah of Anaguta promised that the community will be vigilant and ensure the Police outstation/ officers are safe always. The community will serve as police to defend the station.
- The Governor appreciated the efforts of JSD in making the reconstruction of Angwan Rukuba Police Outstation possible and prayed for its benefits to the community and Plateau state citizens.
- Donation of office equipment (Tables, Chairs, Stationeries etc) by community leaders and ethnic groups.



### Community Dialogue on Drug Abuse and Gang Violence (Sara Suka) Katsina ward, Dan-Maraya Zone, Jos North LGA

JSD Stakeholders organized dialogue on drug abuse and gang Violence (Sara Suka) in Ibrahim Katsina ward, Dan-Maraya Zone, Jos North LGA. The dialogue held on July 1st with 55 participants in attendance. It aimed to improve Community Safety Partnerships in the fight against the scourge. Participants at the dialogue discussed trends in youth gang related activities and also evaluated the effectiveness of community response(s). Participants agreed in that in collaborations with other community stakeholders, the police have improved their response to emergency calls during gang fighting but need to shift from reactive to proactive approach.

#### Dialogue outcomes

To encourage a proactive response to the issue, the following decisions were reached;

- i) Community Security Committee will go for an advocacy visit to Hon Ibrahim Baba Hasan, House Member representing the Unit at the Plateau State House of Assembly (PLHA) to remind him of his promise to construct a barricade/gate between Congo Russia and Dan Maraya zone. He made the promise when they first paid him a courtesy visit at the start of the gang violence response initiative. Building an entrance and exit gate, they said, will control and restrict movements to unauthorized persons especially at odd hours (late night).
- ii) Continued support to police and vigilante through supply of basic needs like fuel to run the Police Patrol Van, and regular payment of stipends to community vigilantes operating in the community.

### Community Dialogue on Drug Abuse and Gang Violence (Sara Suka) Tudun Wada, Jos North

The dialogue focused on emerging trends in gang violence and drug abuse. The dialogue held at Enjoy Viewing Centre, Tudun Wada on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018 had in attendance 57 participants. It brought together identified leaders of youth gangs, "Jungle" leaders (self-acclaimed leaders in control of some hotspots in Tudun-Wada), owners of Chemist (local pharmacy stores usually unlicensed)shops suspected to be drug distribution Centres, Ward Heads and representatives of informal policing groups youth and women to develop implementable strategies on preventing the proliferation of drugs and gang activities in the community. Participants discussed available response mechanisms to gang violence.

#### Dialogue outcomes

At the end of the dialogue, participants agreed to

- Involve more women in community security dialogues. Participants had identified eroding family values as one of the reasons for youth behavior and that if women are given active role in the home and community, they are better able to understand their children and address problems better.
- The dialogue agreed that owners of "Chemist" , Patent medicine stores and pharmacies in Tudun-Wada will be involved by organizing campaign/fight against drug abuse in the community as part of their social-corporate responsibility
- Youth Forum and Vigilante Group of Nigeria in Tudun-Wada agreed to conduct joint patrols within the community during night hours and during gang fighting. As needed, an armed police officer will join in the patrol.

#### Dialogue on Responding to sexual Violence (Rape)

The dialogue on Responding to sexual Violence (Rape) was convened by Jos North LGC. In attendance at the dialogue that held at the multipurpose hall of the Council on the 18th of July 2018 were 35 community Ward Heads from various communities. Increasing cases of rape and defilement of minors in the local government was the focus of the dialogue.

**Key discussion:** The Ward Heads argued and attributed the increasing incidents of defilement to poor parental care of children, they noted that women leave their young ones in the care of their husband, neighbor or friends while they go out to seek for daily living. They also argued that women are supposed to go out with their young ones rather than leave them in the care of other people. They noted that because most men and boys in the community are not meaningfully engaged, an idle mind becomes the devil workshop.

Through a film show depicting victim's experience of sexual violence, participants discussed in detail, sexual violence, role of community leaders, implication of their complacency, how they can support and available response mechanisms.

#### Dialogue outcome

At the end the Ward Heads resolved to i) Encourage report of all forms of rape cases in their Wards to the police , ii) be vigilant over children especially at odd hours ( 9am-1pm) when most people are not at home.

The state level dialogue will serve as a robust platform within the Peace Building Agency for enhancing interagency and inter-sectoral cooperation among security agencies alongside other relevant stakeholders.



### Dialogue on Fostering Interagency Collaboration in the fight against Gang Violence and Drug abuse in Jos North LGA

The dialogue was held on the 31st of July at Crispian Luxury Apartments Jos was divided in two parts. The first part titled 'Fostering Interagency Collaboration in the fight against Gang Violence and Drug abuse in Jos North LGA' brought together 25 security personnel drawn from relevant agencies-National Law, Drug enforcement unit (NDLEA), the Police, National Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC). With the aim to strengthen effective interagency cooperation, it created an opportunity for the agencies to analyse their role in the fight against the scourge and improve a coordinated response. The second part titled "An evening with JSD" brought together 15 youth gang members and youths involved in drugs. Through a film show and unstructured discussion facilitated by a former youth gang member, participants discussed their experience and struggle with drugs.

#### Dialogue outcomes

Session 1: Agreed on modalities to improve coordination, one of which is monthly interagency meeting at the local level. The meeting will be convened and rotated amongst the agencies.

Session 2: participants were encouraged to come to the next dialogue with individual life plan that may help guide them through the process of positive transformation and behavioral change. They also agreed to work as a group to support each other through, this will serve as a step towards their positive transformation out of life of drugs/ gang.

### Community Dialogue on Drug Abuse and Gang Violence (Sara Suka) Lanranto

Lanranto Divisional Police Officer (DPO), CSP Obinna convened a dialogue on the implication of drug abuse and Illicit substance use. The dialogue held on the 17th August 2018 at Laranto Police Division in Jos North with 63 participants in attendance. The dialogue aimed at strengthening coordination and collaboration between the Police Division and Community members in the fight against drug abuse and illicit substance. It also served as an avenue for the police to create awareness and mobilize communities to eradicate drugs and substances abused in the community. The participants were drawn from the Police, Hoteliers (Hotel and Brothel owners), Landlords, Teachers, Market Women, Vigilante Group of Nigeria (VGN), Youth Leaders, District Heads, JSD stakeholders, Police Community Relations Committee (PCRC) from the Police State Command, Transporters and Religious leaders.



### Dialogue outcomes

- i) Identification and documentation of drug sellers (Licensed and unlicensed) in the community
- ii) Periodic Joint raid (hotspot policing) on suspected "Chemist" shops that serves as drug distribution Centres. The raid will be coordinated by the DPO.

### Dialogue on Improving Community Relations with the police

The dialogue held at Riyom Local Government Secretariat on the 21st and 22nd of August. The dialogue aimed at improving collaboration between the police and the farming community was organized in response to the July attacks between suspected farmers and herders and also as a follow up to the training on Conflict and collaborative problem-solving skills, held in Jos for farmers and herders on the 30th and 31st of July 2018. It had in attendance 62 participants who discussed on modalities for 2-way information sharing and step by step process on how and who to make complaints to the Police. Participants were drawn from leaders of community associations, community policing groups, traditional leaders, CBOs, religious, women and youth organizations and the police.

### Dialogue outcomes

Participants at the dialogue understood the process of how/ who to make complaint to. They also exchanged relevant contact information of principal police officers. In collaboration with the police, community leaders were also encouraged to commence documentation of people living in their community for ease of identification. Before commencing the documentation, community leaders and landlords agreed to hold meeting to discuss the process before informing community members.

### Preventing Sexual Violence against minors and young women in Jos North

The increasing rape and defilement of minors in some communities of Jos North prompted the Jos North Local Government Authority in collaboration with JSD Stakeholders in Jos North to organize the aforementioned dialogue. The dialogue held on 28th August 2018 had 72 participants made up of the Police, JSD Stakeholders, Parents, International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), Social Welfare Jos North LGA, Teachers, Vigilante Group of Nigeria (VGN), Police Community Relations Committee (PCRC), Youth (Young girls and boys). The dialogue aimed at developing strategies for preventing rape and defilement in the community.

### Dialogue outcomes

- i) Parents were encouraged to develop good relationship with their children so that they can feel free to talk to them in case of any violation
- ii) The police, social welfare department, FIDA agreed to collaborate with communities to develop prevention strategies.

### Preventing Electoral Violence in Jos North LGA

Aimed at promoting violence free election in Jos North LGA ahead of the 2019 general elections, the dialogue held on the 25th of September at Crispan Luxury Apartments Jos with 31 participants in attendance. Invited as guest speaker was a representative of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC). Together with the dialogue facilitators, participants analysed possible threats to peaceful elections in Jos North, the actors and consequences. It explored community role in preventing electoral violence. Participants at the dialogue were the Police, National Security and Civil Defense Corps(NSCDC), Vigilante Group of Nigeria (VGN), Neighbourhood watch, JSD stakeholders, Community leaders, Youth leaders, Women leaders and Tricycle Union of Nigeria (TRUN) Jos North.

### Dialogue outcomes

Participants agreed to promote unity campaign through Peace Pledge for religious and political leaders in the month of November. Also agreed was commencement of voter education sensitization talks through Town hall meetings in selected communities of Jos North and inter party dialogue later in the month of November 2018.

### JSD Capacity Building Training on Conflict Management

JSD stakeholders in response to the increasing Farmer/Herders conflict in Riyom, Bassa and Bokkos Local Government Areas of Jos organized a conflict management training for leaders and members of Farmers and Mayetti Allah Cattle Breeders Associations. It aimed at supporting the Associations to manage their conflicts as well as forge a constructive relationship. With the key objective to improve the knowledge and skills of the participants on preventing and handling communal conflict, the training covered introductory aspects of conflict management and its application with focus on managing pastoralist conflict. Two topics: understanding the pastoralist conflict; (handling/managing pastoralist conflict) and steps to preventing and resolving basic communal conflicts were discussed. 25 participants were in attendance at the training that held on the 30th and 31st of July 2018 at Crest Hotel Jos.

### Training outcomes

Participants agreed on the need to enhance their capacity in conflict management and to improve their relationship both with the police and other interested parties. They also agree that there are number of obstacles to the attainment of these ends. As a result, they were very receptive of JSD's initiative and welcome further guidance on how communities can peacefully co-exist amidst challenges. JSD stakeholders agreed to provide guide to the Associations on the JSD process through active engagement and periodic checks with the leadership of the Associations.

### JSD Training on Preventing Electoral Related Violence Series 1

Training on preventing Electoral violence for Youths in Jos North LGA (Series 1) took place at Crispan Luxury Apartment Jos on 26th and 27th September. 25 participants drawn from the leadership of Community youths and Youth Wing of various political parties in Jos North local government area attended the training. The training had 3 objectives; (i) to improve the interest of youths on dialogue as a strategy to managing electoral violence; (ii) improve their skills on consensus-building and (iii) develop conflict early - warning/ early response mechanism for coordinating and handling electoral violence in Jos North.

### Training outcomes

At the end of the 2 days training, participant's demonstrated interest in stepping-down the knowledge gained from the training to their constituencies. In support of violence free election, they agreed to commence Voter education sensitization through Town hall meeting in Angwan Rukuba, Angwan Rogo, Congo Rosha and Kabong/ Rukuba road communities.

### Launch of the JSD State Level Dialogue:

A three-day high-level conference to review security architecture and flag-off the implementation of the plateau state roadmap to peace and JSD state level dialogue.

The Plateau State Peace Building Agency in collaboration with JSD organised a 3-day high level peace conference from 30th July - 1st August at Crest Hotel Jos. The conference titled Conflict and security governance in Plateau State: Forging a Multi-stakeholder Partnership for Peace and Security had in attendance 105 participants; the Deputy Chief Mission and Charge de Affaires of the US Embassy, Mr. David Young and Rt. Hon Simon Lalong, the governor of Plateau State. Other

participants were drawn from heads of government agencies and ministry, security agencies, community heads, youth and women group leaders, representatives from media, International organisation and CSOs.

The conference had four objectives (1) to review the security architecture of the state in response to increasing spates of violent conflicts. (2) Facilitate a platform for stakeholders to discuss strategies and agree on measures to guide security response in the state. 3) improve government, security services and communities' capacities to effectively manage and address grievances and insecurity, and as such effectively prevent and resolve conflict in a non-violent and inclusive manner. 4) Officially flag-off the implementation of the Plateau State Roadmap to Peace Strategic Document and launch of the JSD State Level Dialogue that will serve as structure within the Peace Building Agency for enhancing interagency and inter-sectoral cooperation among security agencies alongside other relevant stakeholders

### Dialogue outcomes

- Flag-off the implementation of the Plateau State Roadmap to Peace Strategic Document.
- Adoption of the JSD State level Dialogue as a robust platform that will serve as a structure within the Peace Building Agency for enhancing interagency and inter-sectoral cooperation among security agencies alongside other relevant stakeholders.

Community support in the fight against Drug Abuse and Gang Violence in Zaria Road Community With increasing youth involvement in drug and substance abuse, communities of Zaria road invited JSD Stakeholders in Jos North to facilitate a dialogue on Drug Abuse and Gang Violence in their community. Zaria Community leaders convened the dialogue on the 20th of September 2018 at Aishatu Mana Orphanage Home Hall, Zaria Road with 50 participants in attendance. The dialogue aimed to encourage collaboration and coordination between communities and the police in the fight against gang violence and drug abuse. The communities that came together to organize the dialogue are Gamajigo, Faringada, Utan, Down-base and Sabon-layi. The participating group were the Divisional Police Officer of Laranto Division, Police officers, Jos North LGA, Plateau State Ministry of Social Welfare, Jos North LGA Social Welfare Department, JSD Stakeholders Jos North (Police Community Relations Committee (PCRC), Community leaders including women and youth leader Youth leader), Representatives of National Drug and Law Enforcement Agency and Ward heads

### Dialogue outcomes

Participants agreed on modalities for collaborating with the police.  
JSD response to renewed community conflict/violence

### Success Stories

1. Formal adoption of JSD State level dialogue by the Plateau State government.  
JSD State level dialogue was formally adopted by the Plateau State government at a peace conference organized by the Plateau State Peacebuilding Agency (PPBA). Declaring the conference that held on July 30th - August 1st 2018 open, Governor Simon Lalong in his speech, noted that "... the 'Justice and Security Dialogue', an intervention project of the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) which I have the honor of launching today is indeed very timely. I understand this project would be implemented by the USIP in conjunction with the Plateau Peace Building Agency. This is very encouraging and I thank you for your foresight and support...".

## 2. Gender Desk

Following a partnership workshop to network the police and civil society groups to improve response to rape cases, the Commissioner of Police, Undie Adie, approved the establishment of gender desks in Nasarawa Gwom and Angwan Rogo police Divisions of Jos North local government area. Two Officers were commissioned to man the desks. The desk in coordination with the Juvenile Welfare unit of the Police Command is intended to improve victim's experience with the police, increase report /prosecution rate, and reduce the prevalence of rape in Jos North LG. Specifically, it will provide an organized community-based response to sexual violence by serving as a resource, providing information on range of services available to victims and contact details of role players that could provide such services. The desk is planned to be formally launched in October.

## 3. Commission of Police Outstation in Agwan Rukuba community

In handing over the rebuilt Police Outstation to the Commissioner of Police Plateau State Command His Royal Highness the Ujah of Anaguta, Mallam Jauro Magaji in his speech delivered by his representative District Head of Nabor Agom Daugi, the Royal Father stated that it's now the duty of Chiefs, Elders, Women, Youths and members of the community to protect the Police outstation, "We will become security and take care of the place because any town without security is not yet a town". The Police outstation was for the entire community and it belongs to the government who have a mandate of protecting lives and properties, the community must support them to achieve the mandate.

## 1.1 NATIONAL EARLY WARNING AND RESPONSE SYSTEMS

The West Africa Early Warning and Response Network (WARN) is WANEP's flagship program with the primary objective to provide Early Warning information and design timely responses to prevent the outbreak or mitigate the escalation of conflict. The National Early Warning System is linked to the ECOWAS Warning and Response System and the AU African Reporter platform. WANEP as a Civil Society Partner to ECOWAS in the operationalization of the ECOWAS Early Warning and Response Network (ECOWARN), the capacity of the Nigerian NEWS Manager was enhanced for improved monitoring, reporting and analysis of thematic areas of Crime, Security, Political, Health and Environment.

### Early Warning Outputs in 2018 includes;

- Weekly Highlight documenting incidents critical to peace and human security.
- Production and Dissemination of NEWS Monthly Bulletin. The Monthly bulletin provides an analysis of security challenges identified from monitoring trends of incidents and situations through the WANEP's National Early Warning System (NEWS) and also proposes recommendations for interventions. The Monthly Report is divided into four (4) thematic areas: "Crime and Violent Extremism"; "Democracy and Good Governance", "Environment"; "Women, Peace and Security".
- Weekly/Monthly reports on Human Rights violations/issues in Nigeria to ECOWAS commission.
- Production of Quick NEWS update on "Farmer-Herders Crisis in Plateau, Benue, Edo, Ebonyi and Kogi States"; "Recurrence of Lassa Fever Disease and the need to accelerate measures for the provision of a Vaccine"; "Boko Haram Attacks" Abduction of 110 Female Students in Dapchi, Yobe State"; Armed Banditry in Birnin-Gwari LGA, Kaduna State"; "Cholera Outbreak in Nigeria"; "Arms Smuggling in Nigeria"; "Communal Violence in Kaduna State".
- Production of Situation Tracking: "Armed Banditry in North-West Zone, Nigeria"; "Agro-Pastoralist Conflict in Benue State".
- Production of Policy Brief on major peace and security issues in Nigeria. Ahead of the 2019 General Elections in Nigeria, a policy brief titled "Political Intrigues Ahead of the 2019 General Elections in Nigeria: Dynamics, Vulnerability and Resilience" was generated in a bid to analyse the prevailing conflict risk factors, vulnerabilities and resilience that could influence the outcome of the elections.
- Town Hall Meeting for NGOs, FBOs, CSOs in South-West States on Peace and Security Issues. (WANEP in partnership with the Peace and Security Network).
- Field Assessment at IDP camps in Benue State on issues relating to the 'Farmers-Herders Conflict, the vulnerability of women and their role in peace building processes.

### KEY OUTCOMES:

- a. Local, National and International Agencies relied on WANEP's analysis and recommendations for intervention.
- b. Improved credibility (quality, timeliness, reliability) of early warning alerts to State and Non State Actors for response.
- c. Wide dissemination of the Early Warning Outputs using email, websites, educational website, networking platforms and the social media.



## 1.2 WANEP COORDINATES THE SOUTH-WEST ZONE OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY NETWORK

The Peace and Security Network (PSN), in conjunction with WANEP-Nigeria organized a one-day meeting in August 2018 to inaugurate the PSN South West with WANEP Nigeria as the coordinating organization in the zone.

Twenty-six (26) civil society organisations and Non-Government Organisations across the South West States attended the meeting. Following extensive discussions, the following were identified as major concerns in the South West; the challenges facing the electoral process in preparations towards and after the elections; the challenges of food security; the problem of insecurity such as kidnapping, ritual killing, cultism, proliferation of arms; and the use of drug and substance abuse.

The Group therefore agreed to take the following proactive measures in tackling the challenges facing the electoral processes;

- Evidence based advocacy on peaceful elections,
- Sensitization on violence-free electoral process,
- Leveraging on existing relationship between CSOs and law enforcement agencies to sensitize security agents earmarked for electoral security,
- Monitoring and Observing electoral processes including post-election justice process,
- Produce sensitization materials that promotes peaceful electoral values,
- Engage media managers in order to discourage hate speeches, advertorial, etc, among political parties,
- Promote gender sensitivity in electoral processes such as INEC recruitment of adhoc-staff, Party Candidature and electoral violence against women.

The Group agreed to work together with other relevant stakeholders to deepen collaborative activities to advance peace and security in the South-West Zone.

The Peace and Security Network was established to enhance better coordination and responses to conflict dynamics in Nigeria. The PSN is a collaborative Network that brings together donors, international governmental and local non-governmental organisations where value is added to the quality and impact of members' peace and security initiatives.

#### **KEY OUTCOMES:**

- a. 26 WANEP's Network members from the South-West Zone participated in the Town Hall Meeting to map out innovative strategies for engagement on issues of Peace/ Security the South West region of Nigeria
- b. WANEP- Nigeria coordinates Peace And Security Network (PSN) in South West Nigeria.

#### **1.3: CONTRIBUTION TO MITIGATING ELECTION VIOLENCE IN NIGERIA**

The West Africa Network for Peace building (WANEP) has been monitoring and analyzing electoral processes in West Africa for over a decade. Through its National Early Warning System (NEWS), WANEP contributes to the mitigation of electoral violence in political transitions of West Africa as well as responded to low and high intensity conflicts that had the potential to derail the electoral process. To ensure credible elections that consolidate Nigeria's democracy, WANEP in collaboration with African Union (AU) and ECOWAS launched the 'Election Monitoring, Analysis and Mitigation (EMAM) project', as its contribution to peaceful elections in Nigeria in 2019. The project was designed to facilitate and support local and national response architectures that link early warning with informed response to prevent or mitigate identified threats capable of affecting the peaceful conduct of the Nigerian 2019 elections.

The launch, which was held in October 2018 at the ECOWAS Commission, Abuja-FCT, was complemented by the validation of specific election-violence indicators and hotspot mapping of potential risk areas across all 36 States of the country.

As a follow-up to the launch of the EMAM project in Nigeria, 74 Election Conflict monitors were trained to support strategic response through election monitoring, reporting and analysis using the generated election-violence indicators.

#### **KEY OUTCOMES:**

- a. An ArcGIS 360 mobile application launched by ECOWAS in collaboration with WANEP for reporting, as part of measures to prevent violence and other election related threats.
- b. Potential conflict hotspots areas identified ahead of the 2019 general, as this would facilitate prioritization of risks and responses by State and non-State actors.
- c. Stakeholders validated the election violence related indicators, which will inform monitoring and reporting of violent election threats by community monitors before, during and after the elections.
- d. 74 Election Monitors trained on election monitoring and reporting using WANEP's online election portal for reporting of election related threats.

#### **1.4: AGRICULTURE, CLIMATE CHANGE AND GOOD GOVERNANCE**

Climate Change constitutes a significant threat to the achievement of sustainable development, food security and agricultural development, with corresponding implications for political stability globally. Agriculture, being a huge employer of labour in Nigeria; any adverse effects from climate change will impinge on livelihoods and cause a downward spiral of other development indices. In view of this, small scale farmers (SSF) are mainly vulnerable to multiple risks in relation to agricultural production and livelihoods including risk related to extreme weather events and climate change and those related to market access/price volatility, however, there are limited information on their overall vulnerability and adaptation needs.



:L-R: Ag. Director Planning (MBEP), Osariemen Amas-Edobor (WANEP), Permanent Sec., MBEP, Bridget Osakwe (NNC, WANEP), Director at the MBEP, Idris Suleiman (WANEP).



Ahead of the 2019 General elections, the socio-political landscape of the country is fraught with several security situations and agitations for sustainable development in the economic sphere including the agricultural sector. It has been recongnized that enhanced agricultural performance in the country is key to growth and poverty reduction through its direct impact on increasing job opportunities, especially for women and youth; food security and improved nutrition. The ability of the Federal and State Government to formulate good agricultural policies and effectively implement the agricultural sector strategies of the policies is crucial, taking into consideration the challenges associated with climate change and its effect on food production. The Farmers Manifesto, a key document detailing the specific needs of Nigerian farmers is seen as a basis for a bargain between farmers and political office seekers.



The Manifesto however served as a veritable instrument for farmers across States to hold Political Office aspirants accountable to their actions as it relates to the interest of farmers, all in a bid to revitalize the agricultural sector.



The Kebbi State Commissioner of Agriculture, Barrister Attahiru Maccido



In continuation of support from OXFAM in Nigeria on Agriculture and Climate Resilience, WANEP implemented several activities in Lagos and Kebbi States. These interventions include;

- Policy Dialogue on National Budget in relation to Climate Change Adaptation Frameworks and Policies.
- Capacity building training for Stakeholders to improve their technical capacities in budget monitoring for optimum impact in all sectors of Government, most especially in Agriculture Stakeholders Engagement on Improving Agricultural Governance in Kebbi State. This
- created a platform to appraise the 2019 agricultural sector performance with emphasis on benefits to increasing productivity and improving small scale farmers resilience to climate change in line with the Continental/National framework-Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) and National Agricultural Resilience Framework (NARF)
- Sensitization Workshop on the Farmers Manifesto and Advocacy visit to the Kebbi State House of Assembly.
- Lagos State Young Farmers Competition. The competition created a platform to showcase young people's contribution to food security and nutrition. The winner of the competition will become a brand Ambassador for the United4Food project in collaboration with OXFAM.

• Showcase young people's contribution to food security and nutrition.  
 • Expose other young people to practices that boost production and opportunity in agribusiness.  
 • Work with Lagos State Government to improve the business environment for other young farmers.

Apply for the Lagos State Young Farmer Competition

Applications are now open from October 15-28 2018.  
 Details of how to apply can be found via [www.wanepnigeria.org](http://www.wanepnigeria.org)

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Are you a young person (above 18) living in Lagos State?  
 Are you involved in agriculture?  
 Do you have PVC?

**Lagos Young Farmer Competition 2018**

WANEP OXFAM United4Food

In line with WANEP's operating principles of inclusivity and local ownership of initiatives in all her projects, interventions in Kebbi State were mainly conducted in Hausa language with the project materials translated in Hausa, all in a bid to ensure that stakeholders in attendance including participants from rural areas participated effectively at the workshops.

#### OUTCOME:

- a. Honourable Members of the State House of Assembly endorse the Farmers' Manifesto and made commitments to boost the agricultural sector in the Kebbi State.
- b. Increased awareness of the general public, the media, policy makers and small scale farmers on the Farmers Manifesto, as they are better placed to engage Policy makers on their needs and challenges in Kebbi State.
- c. The Kebbi State Commissioner of Agriculture, Barrister Attahiru Maccido, acknowledged the efforts of WANEP and OXFAM in creating a platform for farmers and government officials to interact in relation to improving the agricultural sector, as well as creating an

enabling environment for small-scale farmers to thrive in the State.

- d. Stakeholders in the agricultural sector learns best practices of participatory budget process and implementation
- e. Stakeholders informed on how to track budget formulation for effective presentation, defence and implementation.
- f. Capacity of Civil Society Organisations, State Government Officials and Farmer Associations on budget monitoring and implementation process improved.
- g. The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture reiterated the relevance of the Budget Monitoring training, as the training will be stepped down to Officials at the Ministry before the commencement of the 2019 budgeting plan.



Presentation of copies of Farmers Manifesto to members of the House of Assembly



**FARMERS MANIFESTO:**  
Road-walk to the Kebbi State House of Assembly (Small-Scale Farmers/Youths)

# WOMEN

## IN PEACE BUILDING

### (WIPNET)

#### Working with Stakeholders to Promote Peace in Benue State

1. Advocacy visit to the Benue State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development  
An Advocacy visit was conducted to the State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development on March 5, 2018 to present the project and solicit their support towards ensuring the voices of women are heard on the ongoing agro-pastoralists' conflict.

The Director of Gender Affairs in the Ministry welcomed the WANEP team and reiterated the commitment of the Ministry towards supporting programs aimed at promoting women's rights. She noted that the project was timely as women and children were the main victims of the agro-pastoralist conflict and their number at an increase in the Internally Displaced Persons Camps. She pledged the support of the Ministry and assigned five key women officers to participate in the Women Peace March. Also, the Ministry made some contributions towards writing the communiqué issued at the end of the Peace March.



## 1. Non-Violent Peace March by Women in Benue State

On March 6, 2018 the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP- Nigeria) with funds from Urgent Action Fund Africa organized a Non -Violent Peace March in Benue State. The peace march aimed to bring the women of the state together to call for peace in the protracted farmers and Fulani herdsmen clashes that engulf different areas of the state. The violence which began with a coordinated attack by Fulani herdsmen on fourteen villages in Logo and Guma Local Government Areas (LGAs) on January 1, 2018 left over 100 persons dead and over 160,000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) living in nine camps.



The peace march provided a united front for the women to call for peace and human security among the varied ethnic groups in the state. The women and a few men who were clothed in white T-shirts and face caps with the words 'Women Unite for Peace' marched to the Benue State Government House chanting peace songs and slogans. Some of the inscriptions on the banners held by the women read "Armed Conflict in Benue translates to food insecurity in Nigeria"; Stop the Killings! Stop the Bloodbath! Let's work together to Promote Peace; "Say No to Proliferation of Small Arms; "Do not Rape our Women and Girls" etc.

During the march women stopped intermittently along the road to talk to the public about the purpose of the march. In their statement, they explained the implications of the herdsmen and criminals activities that had taken over so many areas in Benue State killing their spouses, raping women and girls as well as destroying their farm produce. These elicited public interests in the march and so many joined. The You Tube video link - <https://youtu.be/ldcKs8S3Jcw>, Peace March in Makurdi by WANEP; was produced by TALK the TALK Nigeria - Jude Kutse .As part of the event, the women came up with a communique calling on the Federal and State Government to expedite action to address the protracted violence between the Fulani herdsmen in Benue and other states experiencing similar attacks in Nigeria.

## 3. Documentation of women experiences

**Focus Group Discussions (FGD):** Formal discussions were held with women who were displaced as a result of the Farmers Herders clashes in three Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps in Guma, Markurdi and Logo LGA's to document their experiences on March 12-13, 2018.



The results of the FGD in all the camps reveal that women assume ambiguous positions within their potential to prevent the conflict. Discussions revealed that women take on a majorly positive role in preventing and de-escalating the conflict. Their function as custodians of the homes and society has contributed significantly to the stability within the community. Also women serve as instruments of social control, justice and stability and support by giving orientation and perspective due to their sympathy and empathy.

#### **4.Improving Opportunities for Civil Society Organization (CSOs) in Benue State to Contribute to Peaceful Co-existence in Nigeria**

Also as part of its contributions to strengthen capacity of women focused civil society organizations to promote peace within communities, WANEP – Nigeria carried out a training for CSOs and non – state actors in the state with the theme “Improving Opportunities for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in Benue State to Contribute to Peaceful Co-existence in Nigeria”. The training was held on March 5, 2018 and had in attendance 35 persons. The participants were trained on conflict prevention, conflict management, peacebuilding and community mobilization. The training is a WANEP Nigeria sustainability strategy aimed at enhancing civil society capacity to intervene in the conflict and building peace in Benue State communities.



It is expected that this collaborations will continue beyond this intervention as WANEP- Nigeria continue to explore peacebuilding strategies to promote sustainable peace in Benue State.

### 1-day Policy Discussions on Promoting Women's Involvement in Peace Processes in Nigeria

On July 19, 2018 the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP- Nigeria), organized a 1-Day Policy Dialogue on Promoting Women's Involvement in Peace Processes in Nigeria with the Theme "Working with Stakeholders to Promote Women's Participation in Peacebuilding in Northern Nigeria". The policy dialogue aimed to discuss the on-going agro- pastoralist conflict in Benue State and other parts of Nigeria. The program brought together state and non - state actors to deliberate on possible next steps for greater involvement of women in finding lasting solution to the situation. In attendance were representatives from the Federal Ministry of Women of Women Affairs and Social Development, Academia, Civil Society Organizations and the media.



Some of the recommendations put forward on what state and non- state actors can do to ameliorate the situation include; the development of an early warning and response mechanisms by relevant government agencies in partnership with civil society organizations, women's groups, traditional and faith based institutions to proactively respond to causal factors of agro-pastoralist conflicts. The Federal Government and development partners should provide appropriate humanitarian assistance to affected families including trauma healing through the establishment of a one stop centre and rehabilitation of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) especially women and children. At the end of the policy dialogue participants came up with a statement calling on relevant stakeholders to embrace dialogue in promoting the participation of women in finding lasting solutions to the agro-pastoralists conflict in Nigeria. The report of the program was published by Abbas Jimoh as "Group wants women to lead action against killings"; in Daily Trust Newspaper; July 19, 2018 ( link- <https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/group-wants-women-to-lead-action-against-killings-261778.html>)

### 6. Publication: Experiences of women were documented in the book "The Untold Stories: Dilemma of Women in the Agro-Pastoralist Conflict in Benue State" published alongside this report.

The attack on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2018 by some armed herdsmen on fourteen communities in Logo and Guma LGAs resulted in the death of more than 100 persons including pregnant women, children and Police Officers with several persons reportedly injured. This attack which was the first major set of violent incidents after the enactment of the Open Grazing Prohibition and Ranches Establishment Law, which became effective on the 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2017 motivated the West

Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) Nigeria through its women in Peacebuilding program to conduct a survey on the impact of the agro-pastoralist conflict on women. The voices of women sharing their stories and the plights faced in the face of violent attacks were areas that needed to be highlighted/ documented for the government to understand the need to promote peace in Benue State. This publication captured the experiences shared by the women and their recommendations to various state and non-state actors for the promotion of peace.

## 7. International Women's Day 2018 -

### A. Talk with Students of Methodist Girls High School, Yaba to commemorate the International Women Day 2018

In commemoration of the International Women's Day, the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP- Nigeria) held a talk with the students of Methodist Girls High School, Yaba, Lagos on March 8, 2018. The theme of day was "Time is Now: Transforming Women's Lives through Peacebuilding". The event which was part of the WIPNET program plan for the year aimed to highlight the socio - cultural factors that are prevalent in the society hindering women rights such as sexual harassment, violence, discrimination against women and harmful traditional practices that prevent women and girls from taking their rightful place in the society. Awareness was also raised on the role of WIPNET in utilizing the strong potentials of women in building relationships and peace within communities in Nigeria.



In all, the activity provided a platform for students to be sensitized on the activities of WANEP in building peace in Nigeria. Most importantly, awareness has been created amongst the students on the significance of commemorating the International Women Day. The girls are now abreast of the date and have promised to always write articles, poems, dance etc to commemorate this date.





## **B. Twitter Chat with Ms. Ada Agina – Ude to call on the government to pass the Gender and Equal Opportunities Bill.**

In celebration of the International Women's Day 2018, WANEP – Nigeria held a twitter Chat with Mrs. Ada Agina – Ude, Executive Director Gender and Development Action – GADA on March 8, 2018 by 11am- 12noon. The topic of the twitter chat was “Gender and Equal Opportunities Bill in Nigeria”. The activity provided a platform for the guest to give out vital information on the Gender and Equal Opportunities Bill (GEO) using the hashtag #PassGEOBill. In her explanation of the bill, it was noted that the bill provides for non - discrimination of persons and transformation of rural life as well as equitable distribution of health, education and other social services. It has passed the second reading and is currently before the committee on the Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters.



It is believed that the bill will transform gender relations when passed into law by bringing about equity in access and control of resources between women and men as well as give women more power over their lives/livelihoods. The twitter chat was joined by over twenty persons from within and outside Lagos State who wanted to know the benefits of the bill and lend their voices in calling on the government to take action to pass the GEO bill. This revealed the interest of the people in the topic and their willingness to promote the rights of women in Nigeria.

## **8. Press Statement on the resurgence of Agro- pastoralist conflict in Plateau State**

The West Africa Network for Peacebuilding Nigeria on behalf of its over 120 member organisations spread across the six geo political zone expressed deep concern and dismay at the resurgence of violence between the Beroms and Fulani herdsmen in Exland, Gindin Akwati, Ruku, Nghar, Kura falls, Kakuruk in Gashish district, Rakok, Kok and Razat villages in Gana-Ropp district of Barkin Ladi local government area, Riyom local government and Jos South local government area of Plateau State between June 22 and 24, 2018. A press release was issued by WANEP – Nigeria calling on the Federal government to work with state government, civil society organisations including traditional and religious institutions to strengthen inter-ethnic dialogue forums proffering solutions to the recurring agro-pastoralist conflict in the Plateau state. As the Federal government intensifies the program on arms control with a view of securing Nigeria's borders to manage proliferation of illegal arms and militias from neighbouring countries, the state government should equally intensify the confiscation of illicit arms in circulation etc. The press release was widely disseminated to media outfits and government agencies.

## 9. Women for Peace Rally in Lagos State to amplify women's voices against the killings and bloodbath in Nigeria.

The West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP- Nigeria) in partnership with Women Situation Room Nigeria (WSRN) held a Women for Peace Rally on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The rally was a call to relevant stakeholders particularly the Federal Government to ensure adequate security to stop the killing of innocent Nigerians in Plateau, Benue and other parts of the country. The event which began at 10.00am had over 20 representatives of women groups, civil society organizations and media agencies in attendance. The march proceeded from Lateef Jakande



The Special Adviser to the Lagos State Government on Civic Engagement Honorable Adeyemi Olabinjo received the participants of the rally on behalf of the Lagos State Governor. He was greatly delighted at initiative and the strong call made by the civil society organizations condemning the killings and bloodshed! He explained that Lagos State in the South West has been experiencing relative peace based on the laudable efforts of the state governor to work with relevant stakeholders to contain violence and crime in the state. He further noted that Lagos State is exemplary because the government channels a large portion of its resources towards equipping the law enforcement agencies to ensure that violence is nipped in the bud to prevent loss of lives and properties.

## 10. Inaugural Meeting of The Peace and Security Network South West Under The Coordination Of WANEP

Peace and Security Network (PSN), Nigeria in conjunction with WANEP Nigeria organized a day meeting to inaugurate the South West Platform of the Network with WANEP Nigeria as the coordinating organization in the South West Zone. The meeting was attended by twenty-six (26) WANEP Nigeria members across Ogun, Osun, Lagos states in the zone and presentation on PSN's objectives, structure, activities among others.

After the plenary session members in attendance discussed extensively and identified the following concerns; the challenges facing electoral processes in preparations towards and after the elections; the challenges of food security; the problem of insecurity such as kidnapping, ritual killings, cultism, proliferation of arms; and the use of drug and substance abuse

The group therefore agreed to take the following proactive measures in tackling challenges facing electoral processes in Nigeria which has been identified as a major threat to nation-building; Evidence based advocacies on peaceful elections, Sensitization on violence-free electoral process, leveraging on existing relationship between CSOs and law enforcement agencies to sensitize security agents earmarked for electoral security etc. In conclusion, the participants agreed to work together with other relevant stakeholders in the zone to deepen collaborative activities to advance peace and security in the entire zone.

### 11. Commemoration of the International Peace Day 2018:

#### Peace Walk with Civil Society Organization to Create Awareness on “The Right To Peace”.

In commemoration of the International Peace Day 2018, the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP- Nigeria) partnered with Lagos Women 2030 to organize a Peace March with representative of civil Society Organizations in Lagos State. The theme of day was “The Right to Peace; Every Woman has a Right to Peace”. The event aimed to raise awareness on the relevance of peace to a woman's wellbeing and to commemorate the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs were adopted on September 25, 2015 at the United Nations to be realised by 2030. During the rally, a call was made to state and non – state actors to be committed to building a peaceful and just society where the rights of women are promoted and protected. Also, political parties and politicians were asked to stop the conflict they portray and generate through hate speeches, and fake news as these are capable of inciting people to violence ahead of the country's general elections in February 2019.



Urgent issues addressed during the peace-march were the ongoing conflicts between farmers and herders in the Northern states of Nigeria, the Sustainable Development Goal 5 on gender equality to advance education and development of women and girls, the strive for peaceful general elections, the stopping of arms proliferation and the release of the until today 112 missing Chibok girls kidnapped by Boko Haram in 2014.

## 12. Live Twitter Chat to commemorate the International Peace Day 2018.

Also, in celebration of the International Peace Day 2018, WANEP –Nigeria held a live twitter Chat on September 21, 2018 by 10am- 11am at the secretariat. The topic of the twitter chat was “The Right to Peace”. The activity provided a platform for participants to give out vital information on the right to peace as a fundamental human right using the hashtag #therighttopeace. Some of the messages tweeted includes, Everyone has the right to enjoy peace such that all human rights are promoted and protected; Collective violence undermines conditions essential to realizing the right to Peace; The rights to peace is interrelated with other rights that promote a life of dignity for all etc. It was emphasized that women also had a right to peace and should be included in peacebuilding processes at all levels. The twitter chat was joined by over thirty persons from within and outside Lagos State who saw the need for peace particularly with the upsurge of violence in the North Central zone of Nigeria. One particular participant tweeted “The need for peace is urgent, as millions of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) continue to flee their homes in a desperate attempt to escape violence but peace remains elusive.

## 13. Celebration of 16 days of activism 2018

**Lets Unite to Stop Violence Against Women and Girls in Nigeria; “There are Many More Ochanyas” – An Article by WANEP- Nigeria**

As Nigeria joins other countries across the globe to celebrate the “16 Days of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence” under the global theme “#HearMeToo”, it became pertinent to reflect on the incidences of violence against women and girls in our society and the need for a united front to fight this menace. WANEP – Nigeria wrote an article on Miss Ochanya Elizabeth Ogbanje; a 13-year-old girl who died of Vesico Vaginal Fistula, (VVF) and other related health challenges due to repeated sexual abuse by her uncle and his son.

The growing trend of violence against women and girls as replete in media reports in Nigeria calls for urgent action. While the voices of survivors are amplified and the culture of silence is being doused, continuous campaign on safeguarding and child protection also needs to be carried out. Incidents of sexual abuse and defilement of minors should not result in death before effective actions are taken to protect them.

In Nigeria, there are legal frameworks that protect women and girls against violence such as the Domestic Violence Law of Lagos State, the Violence Against Persons prohibition Act, 2015 (VAPP) Law, the Child Rights Act (2003) etc. However, proper mechanism and structures need to be put in place by relevant government agencies to ensure effective implementation of these laws. Efforts to stop violence against women and girls should be intensified as there are many survivors who need help and rehabilitation. Parents, guardians, caregivers and the public needs to be sensitized on their roles and responsibilities towards ensuring adequate protection for women and girls in our society.

## 14. 2-DAY CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON “ENHANCING WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN PEACE AND SECURITY IN NIGERIA”. ORGANIZED BY WANEP ON 13<sup>TH</sup>-14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018

WANEP-Nigeria with support from NORAD organized a 2-day consultative planning meeting on the project “Enhancing Women's Participation in Peace and Human Security in Nigeria”. The training was declared open with a welcome address by Mrs. Bridget Osakwe, the National Network Coordinator, WANEP-Nigeria. She gave a succinct overview of what the project entails and its importance for the advancement of women, peace and security.

The workshop began with the setting of Goals for the Planning meeting. These include Organizations/individuals understand their roles; Step by step implementation strategy; Contribute experience to the programme planning; Understanding of the project; Learning new innovations for implementation and a concept on journal on women, peace and security. At the end of the meeting, participants came up with a strategic action document to provide direction for the successful implementation of the project in six states in Nigeria.

## *Active Non Violence & Peace Education Program*

### 1. FLAG OFF CEREMONY OF ACTIVE NON- VIOLENCE AND PEACE EDUCATION PROJECT IN LAGOS STATE

In order to expand the Active Non- Violence and Peace Education Project in Nigeria, the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP- Nigeria) in partnership with Kosofe School Based Management Committee (SBMC) approached the Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) for approval to conduct Peace Education for children in Primary Schools. The receptive nature of the institution towards the project paved way for an approval letter to be given to WANEP- Nigeria to pilot the project in twelve (12) primary Schools in Kosofe Local government Area (LGA).



The project began with a flag off ceremony in Expressway Nursery/Primary school 1 premises on May 8, 2018. In attendance at the event were the National Network Coordinator WANEP- Nigeria, Chairman School Based Management Committee, Chairman Kosofe Parent Forum, Head Teacher Express Way Nursery/Primary Schools 1&2 and pupils from Express Primary School 1&2, Ifako Nursery/Primary School , Mosafejo Nursery/Primary School and Ikosi Nursery/Primary School. The National Network Coordinator WANEP - Nigeria in her remarks explained that the aim of the project was to equip children with skills to accept non-violence as a way of life. Since 2013, the Peace Education project has been implemented in five states in Nigeria- Enugu, Rivers, Delta, Plateau and Ogun States.

The flag off ceremony was covered by the media and aired on the News highlight of TVC on May 8, 2018 by 9.00pm and May 9, 2018 at 12noon, Youtube link – <https://youtu.be/QMN5kl8Fksw>.

A significant outcome of this activity was the receptiveness by the school authorities and the pupils to the project. They were happy that Kosofe was the first Local Government Area given the privilege to pilot the project. They expressed their commitment to work with the Peace Education facilitators to ensure project success.

### 1. Training for Pupils in Primary Schools in Peace Education and Peer Mediation

On May 16th, 2018, WANEP- Nigeria commenced trainings in Peace Education for Pupils in the twelve assigned Primary Schools in Kosofe Local Government Area. The Head of Programs WANEP- Nigeria along with the Kosofe SBMC Chairman conducted the trainings. Each training was opened with a brief introduction of the team by the Head Teacher of the school to the pupils. The pupils in primary 4 and 5 were the main participants of the training to allow for easy transfer of the knowledge/ skill acquired to the younger pupils.

The training sessions consisted of topics such as Understanding Conflict, How to resolve conflict in schools, Definition of Peace and Peace Education, Identifying factors that promote Peace, Why Peace Education in Schools and Attributes of a Peace Ambassador. The slogan used by the students during the program was "Peace Ambassadors, Responsible People". On the topic understanding conflict, pupils were asked to demonstrate what they understood by the word conflict/fighting non-verbally. Majority of them did good role-plays explaining that although out of anger and fear they hit each other fighting was bad and makes people sad. Oftentimes fighting/quarrelling results in death and destruction of properties. Also, pictures were used to show the pupils conflict in the home between spouses, within the office environment, and children conscripted into rebel groups to become child soldiers/ suicide bombers.



**The main outcomes from the project include;** the schools authorities and the pupils were receptive to the training program and promised to use such platform as the Parent Teachers Forum to conduct the training for parents and the School Assembly to reach a larger number of pupils. Over 1,000 pupils and 50 teachers in 21 Primary schools have been equipped with the knowledge of peacebuilding and peer mediation to actively wade into disputes in schools and ensure peaceful resolution

1. **Advocacy Visit to the Chairman Lagos State House Committee on Education to create awareness on the need to pass a bill for the integration of Peace education into Schools Curriculum.**

WANEP Nigeria paid a visit to the Chairman Lagos State House Committee on Education to intimate him of the Peace education project implemented by WANEP- Nigeria in Lagos State. As part of the visit awareness was created on the need to pass a bill for the integration of Peace education into Schools Curriculum. The relevance of inclusion of Peace Education as efforts towards ameliorating spate of violence in the state was brought to the fore. The major achievement is the availability of a draft bill on peace education to be presented to the Lagos State House of Assembly.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ZONES

### Activities of Network Members from the Zones

1. **Seminar on the Right to Peace, the Role of the Academia organized by Development Initiative for Community Impact, Delta State**

Development Initiative for Community Impact a WANEP- Nigeria Network members in Delta State collaborated with Colleges of Education , Mosogar chapter to organize a seminar with the theme "The Right to Peace; The Role of the Academia". The event which was implemented to commemorate the International Peace Day held at College of Education, Board Chambers, Mosogar Delta State on September 20, 2018.

It had in attendance members of the academia, representatives of civil society organizations and media. At the event, it was explained that there is a strong relationship between literacy and peace. Literacy ensures development, peace and democracy. It is vital to amalgamate literacy with peace-building processes in order to promote harmony among different sects of a society. Literacy provides youth and adults basic skills they need to live with harmony in a society. No doubt, lack of education propagates psycho-fanatic society and limits the economic opportunities of youth. Illiteracy is an exacerbating factor in promoting extremism, fanaticism, rigidity and terrorism. Thus, it was the role of the academia to ensure that youths are educated to embrace peace and shun violence.

**DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE FOR COMMUNITY IMPACT**  
*In collaboration with*  
**COLLEGES OF EDUCATION, MOSOGAR CHAPTER**  
**PRESENTS:**  
**18 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE.**  
**THEME:**  
**RIGHT TO PEACE:**  
**THE ROLE OF ACADEMIA**  
**SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 10:00AM**  
Board Chambers, Delta State College of Education, Mosogar.  
**WE #ACT4SDGs** **2018**

## Active Non- Violence and Peace Education Program:

### 1. In School Peace Education towards Reduction of Electoral Violence in Cross River State.

WANEP- Nigeria Network members in Cross River State collaborated in a peace education program towards reduction of election violence in the state. The activity which was implemented to commemorate the International Peace Day held on September 20, 2018 at Duke Town Secondary School, Calabar South. The theme of the event was "The Right to Peace: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70". The students were educated on the right to peaceful co-existence. They understood the meaning of peace and identified peace symbols in their environment.



As part of the discussions, the students were informed about the Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs). Goal 16 which enumerates Peace, Justice and strong institutions. Without peace, stability, human rights and effective governance, based on the rule of law - we cannot achieve sustainable development. In view of Nigeria's elections there was need for everyone to embrace peace towards ensuring violence does not erupt that can lead to destruction of lives and properties. The school authorities were impressed about the program as promised to make it a yearly event to enable the students embrace peace as a way of life.

### 1. Community Football Match for Peace organized by Gender Awareness Trust (GAT), Kaduna

Gender Awareness Trust (GAT) a WANEP- Nigeria Network members in Kaduna State, commemorated the International Peace Day on September 21, 2018 by organising a community football match for peace. Football unifies people as often seen from all around the world; as it helps create opportunities for young people to come together and achieve the same goal, share the same space and show respect for one another; which are all key to peacebuilding processes. It also allows an individual player to find constructive ways to channel emotions communicate effectively and work with others as a member of a team. At 4.30pm, the boys of Barnawa Football club gathered at the Shagari community football field in Barnawa along with their officials ready to play a match in the spirit of peace.





Before the match started the players were addressed on the importance of peace and the need for them to be part of the people that promote peaceful coexistence and shun violence in their communities. They were also urged to always strive to live at peace with everyone irrespective of their tribal or religious affiliations as is usually the case among their team mates.

1. In commemoration of 16 days of Activism 2018; WIPNET Chapter in Edo State held a 1-day Stakeholders Dialogue On Amplifying Women Voices Against Gender Based Violence And Ending Discrimination Against Women And Girls In Edo North. The theme for the day was OrangeTheWorld: #HearMeToo#. At the meeting it was emphasized that women should speak out when experiencing violence of any kind, so that perpetrators of such crimes will be dealt with by relevant authorities, adding that it is better to leave when violence becomes intensified and live than to keep quiet, stay and die



The impunity, silence and stigma have allowed violence against women to escalate to pandemic proportion, disclosing that one in three women worldwide experience Gender Based Violence in our society. The resource person affirmed that the global social media conversation and survival-activists movement has shown us that when our voices come together, it is possible to challenge the historical imbalances and affect lasting change, it is better to tell one's story alive than for the story be told by another after ones death. Women should speak out, break the culture of silence, to stop stigma and discrimination.

## RESEARCH, DOCUMENTATION AND NETWORK COORDINATION

WANEP Board members official launch and presentation to the media of the book - "National Assessment of WANEP and other Peacebuilding networks' contribution to policy and practice change on Peace and Security in Nigeria between 1999 to 2014".



# CONFERENCES/TRAININGS ATTENDED

## 1. International Training in Dialogue and Mediation (ITDM 2018).

The Head of Program WANEP Nigeria participated in the International Training in Dialogue and Mediation organized by the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation and the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University Sweden from June 4- 14, 2018. The training program had in attendance twenty - six persons from across different countries of the world namely, Peru, Columbia, Liberia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Palestine, Philippines, South Africa etc. It was a good mix of women and men who were involved in dialogue and mediation processes at local, country and international levels.

The program which was very interactive had seasoned resource persons from the Uppsala University Sweden, Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation and Folke Bernadotte Academy. The different sessions taught at the training included Organized armed violence: The Uppsala Conflict Data Program; Master Suppression techniques as tools and Strategies; International Conflict Resolution and Peace Agreements; Policy Processes and Sustaining Peace; Dialogue/Mediation Initiative Working Documents and Presentation; Ethics and Active Listening; Inclusivity; Communal conflict and their management; Inclusive peace processes; Bottom up processes and peacebuilding, Dialogue and Mediation as well as Study trips to fryshuset- the Pluralism and Dialogue institute and SIDA international office.



A significant outcome of the event was the pledge by the participants to use the techniques and strategies taught at the training to enhance their peacebuilding work. The organizers also promised to update participants on new and emerging strategies on carrying out dialogue and mediation at the international, national and community levels. There was a call to invest in the creation of safe community spaces for civic dialogue, where young people men and women can collectively identify peacebuilding and development priorities for action.

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**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

	2017 ₦	2016 ₦
Gross income	94,911,341	82,182,263
Programme expenses	(68,331,743)	(54,231,180)
Total administrative expenses and others	(20,072,987)	(11,348,742)
Surplus/(deficit) of income over expenditure	6,506,610	16,602,341
Total fixed assets (Net Book Value)	4,775,018	1,088,337
Cash at bank and in hand	18,150,282	16,775,185
Accumulated fund	25,419,177	18,912,567

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OTHER OFFICIALS**

**Board of Directors and other officials**

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

**Zonal Coordinators**

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

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OTHER OFFICIALS (CONT'D)**

**Secretariat staff**

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

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

<i>Registered office :</i>	- 27 Adeniji Street, Adeniji Estate Off Wempco Road, Ogba, Lagos.
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<i>Auditors :</i>	- Ibrahim Fohunola & Co. (Chartered Accountants), 8, Sura Mogaji Street, Off Coker Road, Ilupeju, P.O Box 6520 Surulere, Lagos
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# West Africa Network for Peacebuilding – Nigeria Financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017. 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 with direct links to ECOWAS early warning system 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 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 to promote peace and security.

# WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING – NIGERIA

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2017.

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 2017.

	₦ 2017
<b>1. <u>Operating result</u></b>	
Surplus of income over expenditure for the year was	6,506,610
Surplus brought forward	18,912,567
Surplus of income over expenditure carried forward	<u>25,419,177</u>

### **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 44.

### **5. Donations and contributions to charitable organisations**

There was no donation during the year 2017.

### **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.



# WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING – NIGERIA REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2017. (CONT'D)

## **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, 2017 which have not been adequately provided for or disclosed in these accounts.

## **8. Employment and employees**

### **i. Employments of the physically challenged**

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 2017, 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.

## WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING – NIGERIA REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2017. (CONT'D)

### 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 give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING – NIGERIA as at the end of the financial year.

I. These responsibilities include ensuring that:

Adequate internal control procedures are instituted to safeguard assets and prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities;

II. Proper accounting books and records are kept and maintained;

III. Applicable accounting policies are followed;

IV. Suitable accounting policies are used and consistently applied;

V. The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that WANEP – Nigeria will continue to be in existence.

### 10 Auditors

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

By Order of the Board of Directors



Secretary

Lagos,  
Nigeria.



## IBRAHIM FOHUNOLA & CO.

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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, 2017, 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 53 to 59.

### 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, 2017 and of its operating result and cashflow for the year then ended in accordance with the Statement of Accounting Standards applicable in Nigeria and in the manner required by the Companies and Allied Matters Act of Nigeria.

### Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

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

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

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

Lagos, Nigeria.  
30/07/2018

I.A. Fohunola FCA, N.O. Lawal Bsc. ACA, A. Omileke FCA, FCTI

Associate Partners: O.O Ogundeji, Bsc, MBA, ACA, Cert IFR (ACCA), LA, Odekunle Bsc. (Msc, FCA, FCTI)



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, 2017. Information covers comparative twelve month period ended 31st December, 2016.

**3. Income**

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

**4. Fixed assets**

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

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

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

**5. Depreciation of fixed assets**

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

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

## 6. Debtors

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

## 7. Provisions

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

## 8. Foreign Currency Transactions.


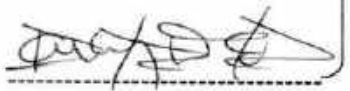
1. Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are recorded in Naira at actual exchange rates as at the dates of the transactions.

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

## 9. Employee Benefits Pension

In line with the provision of the Pension Reform Act 2004, the WANEP-Nigeria instituted a defined contribution Pension Scheme for the management and non-management staff. Staff contributions to the scheme are funded through payroll deduction while the WANEP-Nigeria contribution is charged to the income and expenditure account. WANEP-Nigeria contributes 7.5% for management and non-management staff respectively. While the employees contribute 7.5%.

**WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING – NIGERIA  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2017.**

	Notes	2017		2018	
		₦	₦	₦	₦
<b>Fixed assets</b>	1		4,775,018		1,088,337
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash and bank	2	18,150,282		16,775,185	
Debtors and prepayments	3	3,049,232		1,354,089	
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		21,199,514		18,129,274	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Creditors and accruals	4	(555,355)		(305,044)	
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<b>Net current assets</b>			20,644,159		17,824,230
			-----		-----
			25,419,177		18,912,567
			=====		=====
 ----- Directors  -----					
<b>Represented by:</b>					
Accumulated fund	5		25,419,177		18,912,567
			=====		=====

The accounting policies on page 51-52 and the notes on pages 56 to 59 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING –NIGERIA**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR**  
**ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2017.**

	Notes	2017 N	2016 N
Gross income	6	94,911,341	82,182,263
Cost of programmes	7	(68,331,743)	(54,231,180)
Surplus of income over programmes cost		<u>26,579,598</u>	<u>27,951,083</u>
<b>Administrative expenses:</b>			
Salaries		9,707,571	5,985,157
Telephone/mobile phone		38,590	12,100
Courier/Postages		108,108	68,373
Internet access		542,000	531,500
Bank charges		291,233	445,943
Fuel and lubricants		638,825	222,800
Newspaper and magazines		102,360	38,400
Printing, stationery and consumables		778,560	180,160
Entertainment		165,610	63,115
Depreciation		832,549	327,358
Repairs and maintenance		917,950	230,250
Travelling and transport		1,314,293	393,406
Cleaning and cleaning consumables		78,450	27,780
Office rent		875,000	1,900,000
Office running expenses		516,799	102,950
Audit and accountancy		400,000	250,000
AGM Board meeting expenses		2,290,800	400,000
Electricity and lighting		185,249	38,950
Legal and other professional fees		-	50,000
Dues and subscriptions		9,590	26,000
Contract labour/security		65,200	48,000
Public relations		188,000	6,500
Motor vehicles repairs		26,250	-
		<u>20,072,987</u>	<u>11,348,742</u>
Surplus for the year		<u>6,506,610</u>	<u>16,602,341</u>

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**WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING –NIGERIA**  
**CASHFLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR**  
**ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2017**

Cashflow from operating activities		2017 ₦	2016 ₦
Surplus/(deficit) of income over expenditure		6,506,610	16,602,341
Adjustment for non-cash items:			
Depreciation		832,549	327,358
Sundry adjustment		(230)	(865,430)
Operating surplus/(deficit) before changes in working capital		7,338,929	16,064,269
<b>Changes in working capital:</b>			
(Increase)/decrease in debtors		(1,695,143)	1,975,000
Increase/(decrease) in creditors		250,311	(2,281,726)
Net cash from operating activities		5,894,097	15,757,543
Purchase of fixed assets		(4,519,000)	(832,500)
Sales considerations of damaged Laptop		-	-
Net cashflow from investing activities	A	(4,519,000)	(832,500)
Cashflow from financing activities	B	-	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		1,375,097	14,925,043
Cash and cash equivalents at 1st January,	C	16,775,185	1,850,142
Cash and cash equivalents at 31st December,		18,150,282	16,775,185
Bank and cash balances at 31st December,		18,150,282	16,775,185



WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING –NIGERIA  
 NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
 31ST DECEMBER, 2017.  
 FIXED ASSETS SCHEDULE

Note 1 Description	Cost				Net Book Value				
	2017 B/F ₦	2017 Addition ₦	Disposal ₦	Total ₦	B/F ₦	Addition ₦	Disposal ₦	Total ₦	2014 ₦
Plant & machinery	2,089,000	-	-	2,089,965	2,088,965	-	-	2,088,965	1,000
Motor vehicles	2,892,965	3,000,000	-	5,892,000	2,891,990	129,166	-	3,021,156	2,870,844
Furniture & fittings	1,816,623	309,000	-	2,125,623	1,814,657	77,682	-	1,892,338	233,284
Library books	51,200	-	-	51,200	51,190	-	-	51,190	10
Office equipments	3,450,325	1,210,000	-	4,660,325	2,914,443	442,468	-	3,356,912	1,303,414
Computer&Laptops	6,124,110	-	-	6,124,110	5,574,411	183,233	-	5,757,644	366,466
	16,424,223	4,519,000	-	20,943,223	15,335,886	832,549	-	16,168,205	4,775,018

**WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING –NIGERIA**  
**NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS(CONT'D).**

	<u>2017</u> ₦	<u>2016</u> ₦
<b>2</b>		
<b><u>Cash and bank</u></b>		
Current account Ecobank I	6,142,314	7,510,757
Current account Ecobank II	452,333	938,986
Current account Ecobank- USD	2,642,407	1,923,432
Current account Ecobank- Euro	2,710,880	3,493
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	1,307
Oceanic Bank II (EcobankPlc)	409	409
OceanicBank Euro (EcobankPlc)	24,855	24,855
Oceanic Bank Dollar (EcobankPlc)	6,509	6,509
Cash in hand	800	754,049
Oceanic Bank III (EcobankPlc)	38,803	38,803
GT Bank Pound	13,676	13,676
Zenith Bank Plc-Naira	5,353,041	4,833,247
Zenith Bank Plc- Euro	228,618	89,016
Zenith Bank Plc- Dollar	55,323	(2,609)
Zenith Bank Plc- Naira (2)	439,452	599,699
	<u>18,150,282</u>	<u>16,775,185</u>
<b>3</b>		
<b><u>Debtors and prepayments</u></b>		
Prepayment -Rent	2,125,000	791,667
Debtor -Staff	924,232	562,422
	<u>3,049,232</u>	<u>1,354,089</u>
<b>4</b>		
<b><u>Creditors and accruals</u></b>		
Audit	450,000	250,000
Accrued expenses (salaries and other expenses)	105,355	-
Sundry creditors	-	55,044
	<u>555,355</u>	<u>305,044</u>
<b>5</b>		
Accumulated fund brought forward	18,912,567	-
Add: Prior year adjustment (5.1)	-	2,310,226
Surplus/(deficit) fund for the year	<u>6,506, 610</u>	<u>16,602,341</u>
Accumulated fund carried forward	<u>25,419,177</u>	<u>18,912,567</u>

(5.1)Prior year adjustment represent fund disbursed to WANEP Southwest for a particular programme but which was erroneously treated as part of bank balance on restoration of the crashed computer system of the Finance Manager in the previous accounting year.

**WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING –NIGERIA**  
**NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS(CONT'D).**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>
6. Gross income		
United State Institute of Peace	40,511,192	38,438,680
WANEP Regional office	12,639,200	29,539,759
Oxfam Nigeria	24,651,992	343,500
NEEM	2,760,000	-
Global Centre on Cooperative Security	2,344,160	-
Bank interest	3,721	1,185
Other incomes from consultancy, equipment hire and sales of scrapped assets etc.	12,000,750	13,859,139
	<u>94,911,015</u>	<u>82,182,263</u>
7. Cost of programme		
Regional Programmes	8,943,413	23,551,000
United State Institute of Peace (USIP)	43,834,610	29,114,775
OXFAM Nigeria	12,702,720	1,229,530
WG8	-	298,872
Global Centre on Cooperative Security	2,201,000	-
Ford Foundation	-	37,003
NEEM	650,000	-
	<u>68,331,743</u>	<u>54,231,180</u>

**WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING –NIGERIA  
FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	2017 ₦	2016 ₦	2015 ₦	2014 ₦	2013 ₦
Fixed assets	4,775,018	1,088,337	583,195	630,862	1,022,347
Net Current Assets/(liabilities)	20,644,159	17,824,230	2,592,461	4,928,116	2,425,010
	25,418,851	18,912,567	3,175,656	5,558,978	3,447,357
<b>Represented by:</b>					
Accumulated fund	25,419,177	18,912,567	3,175,656	5,558,978	3,447,357
Total income	94,911,015	82,182,263	35,319,588	72,404,912	44,211,794
Less: Expenditure	88,404,730	65,579,922	37,702,910	70,847,898	43,705,202
Surplus for the year	6,506,610	16,602,341	(2,383,322)	1,557,014	506,592