

COMPONENT BRIEF: STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR PEACE

OBJECTIVE

Support communities to address their security concerns and resolve conflicts, improve relations with security providers and government institutions.

CONTEXT

Violence has had a devastating impact on communities, resulting in loss of life, material deprivation, increased gender-based violence and psychological trauma. Mechanisms to manage conflict exist in communities but are weakened by poor co-ordination and consultation with state security and government institutions, and exclusion of women, young people and other marginalised groups who are worse affected by violence.

OUR APPROACH

Through our civil society partners, we empower peace actors in communities and build their capacity to mediate in conflict and promote reconciliation and community security. We support existing conflict management structures to become inclusive, co-ordinated and accountable community peace partnerships. Our support to these conflict management structures has applied a conflict-sensitive approach by strengthening capacity of peace actors to understand the conflict context and utilise activities designed to support the building of sustainable peace in communities.

WHERE WE WORK

We work in three local government areas in each state: Kaduna, Kano, Plateau and Rivers.

WHO WE WORK WITH

- Local government authorities
- Security agencies
- Civil society organisations
- Traditional and religious leaders
- Community-based women's and youth groups





OUR WORK

Community Peace Partnerships (CPPs): We bring together government, security and community actor to work for peace. We aim to increase awareness, encourage dialogue and agree action around peace, security and conflict issues at the community level.

Support to conflict resolution mechanisms and actors:

We supported regional peace and conflict research institutes to study local peace initiatives and collect information about the drivers of conflict. The findings were shared with communities to help them talk through local issues and influence the development of co-ordinated structures to manage conflict.

We provided mediation training for CPP members and build their capacity to prevent, mediate and resolve conflicts in their communities.

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CASE STUDY

Community Peace Partnerships: Bridging the gap between state and local actors in Plateau State

Community Peace Partnerships have been established in Plateau State to encourage communication and learning between local-level peace initiatives and state actors. The aim is to improve the co-ordination and management of conflict in each local government area. Lessons learned from Plateau State will be shared with other conflict-affected states in Nigeria.

