

COMPONENT BRIEF: CONFLICT RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

OBJECTIVE

Increase the quality, quantity and availability of knowledge about violent conflicts in Nigeria to improve conflict management policies and practice.

CONTEXT

There is a paucity of policy-oriented research on conflict in Nigeria, and existing research on conflict is largely inaccessible to policy-makers and practitioners. This affects the quality of policy and practice about conflict management, peace and security in Nigeria.

OUR APPROACH

Through conflict analysis, research, learning and sharing lessons on what does and does not work and ensuring gender sensitivity and inclusion of different perspectives, we aim to improve the supply of quality research and information available to decision-makers. Also, through advocacy, we promote the use of information by decision-makers and practitioners at the various levels of governance and society to improve the management of conflict.

WHERE WE WORK

Our work is at the federal level and cuts across all the states we work in: Bayelsa, Delta, Rivers, Kaduna, Kano, Plateau, Borno and Yobe.

We also reach out to international partners to increase our knowledge of conflict management across borders and in other contexts.



OUR WORK

National Advisory Committee: We created a National Advisory Committee (NAC) to guide implementation of NSRP as a whole. The NAC also helps us identify knowledge gaps and useful research interventions and priorities.

Linking research and advocacy: We commission research about the key drivers of conflict. Planning for influencing decision-makers is key in developing research ideas. We develop policy briefs to summarise the main findings of our research reports and support advocacy efforts that address key issues facing conflict management in Nigeria.

Engaging with research users: Experience shows that knowledge and information alone may not provide sufficient conditions for promoting the conflict-sensitive and evidence-based perspectives necessary to transform policy and practice. Other forms of support are needed to enable institutions and programmes to interpret and act upon information. In implementing other areas of NSRP work, we support users with sharing insights gained from conducting research, the principles guiding conflict sensitivity, and practical guidelines and options for action. We help with the translation of knowledge, information and analysis into programmes and policy.

Commissioned research

- Community-level Conflict Management Mechanisms in the Niger Delta, Middle Belt and North East – community perspectives on their effectiveness
- Winners or Losers? Assessing the Contribution of Youth Employment and Empowerment Programmes to Reducing Conflict Risk in Nigeria
- The Role of Women in Peace Initiatives in Nigeria
- Responses of Plateau State Government to Violent Conflicts in the State
- The Response of the Kano State Government to Violent Conflict Since 2009: Lessons Learned and Policy Implications
- The 2011 Elections in Northern Nigeria. Post-electoral Violence: Origins and Response
- The Intervention and Mediation of Eminent Persons in Conflicts in Nigeria
- The Niger Delta Amnesty: Lessons Four Years On
- The Role of the Delta State Government in the Management of the Amnesty Programme Research reports and policy briefs can be found online at www.nsrp-nigeria.org

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CASE STUDY

The youth employment study: winners or losers of youth employment schemes

We commissioned research to assess the contribution of youth employment and empowerment programmes in reducing conflict risk in Nigeria. The report explored the question of whether Nigeria's youth – and by extension the country as a whole – stand to be winners or losers from the overall government response to unemployment. It aimed to examine the extent to which the portfolio of programmes referred to as youth employment and empowerment initiatives have contributed to a reduction in violent conflict. The report provides evidence and recommendations for future programmes that incorporate lessons from both the successes and challenges of existing interventions. We hope that the report will help renew the country's effort to tackle youth unemployment and foster peace and stability.

Research on radicalisation, de-radicalisation and counter radicalisation

We supported research to better understand the root causes of radicalisation in Nigeria. The study addresses the factors underlying the radicalisation process and the decision to join an insurgency. Our aim is to support stakeholders with empirical evidence to inform strategies, policy and practice to prevent radicalisation and promote de-radicalisation.

