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AMISOM:	African Union Mission in Somalia
ASPANTI:	Association of student Peace Ambassadors in Nigeria Tertiary Institutions
BENGONET:	Benue Non-Governmental Organisations Network
CAC:	Corporate Affairs Commission
CEDAW:	Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination Against Women
CHOGM:	Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting
Civpol:	Civilian Police
CMC:	Cluster Munitions Coalition
COBTAK:	Coalition of Budget Transparency Advocates in Kano
CSOs:	Civil Society Organisations
CWO:	Community Women Observer
DFID:	Department for International Development
DPO:	Divisional Police Officer
FOMWAN:	Federation of Muslim Women's Associations in Nigeria
ECOWAS:	Economic Community of West African States
ESSPIN:	Education Sector Support programme in Nigeria
EU-UN:	European Union United Nations
FCT:	Federal Capital Territory
FIDA:	International Federation of Women Lawyers
FLAP:	Fagge Local Government Action Plan
GAT:	Gender Awareness Trust
GBV:	Gender Based Violence
GCAJ:	Gender Coalition for Access to Justice
GCERF:	Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund
GECORN:	Gender and Constitutional Reform Network
GEO:	Gender and Equal Opportunity
GK:	Gidan Kwano
IANSA:	International Action Network on Small Arms.
IANSAWNN:	International Action Network on Small Arms Women Network Nigeria
ICBL:	International campaign to ban landmine.
IDP:	Internally Displaced Persons
IPCR:	Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution
IRA:	Ijaw Republican Assembly
ISACS:	International small arms control standards
JDPCA:	Justice, Development and Peace Caritas Advocates
KADSAP:	Kaduna State Action Plan
LGA:	Local Government Area
LNP:	Liberia National Police
MoE:	Ministry of Education
MPVTI:	Mediation, Peace & Vocational Training Initiative
MWAN:	Medical Women Association of Nigeria
MWASD:	Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development
MWIA:	Medical Women International Association
NAP:	National Action Plan
NATCOM:	National Committee on the Control of Arms and Light Weapons
NE:	North East
NERI:	North East Regional Initiative

NGOWG:	Non-Governmental Organisation Working Group
NGO:	Non-Governmental Organisation
NIALS:	Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies
NIIA:	Nigerian Institute of International Affairs
NIPSS:	National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies
NMA:	Nigerian Medical Association
NOPRIN:	Network on Police Reforms in Nigeria
NPSF:	National Peace and Security Forum
NPTA:	National Police Training Academy
NRC:	National Republican Convention
NSRP:	Nigeria Stability and Reconciliation Programme
OBSTEC:	Observatory Steering Committee on violence against women and girls
OMPADEC:	Oil Mineral Producing Areas Development Commission
OVCs:	Orphans and Vulnerable Children
PSAP:	Plateau State Action Plan
PWD:	People living with Disability
RIBAC:	Rights Based Awareness Coalition
SAP:	State Action Plan
SALW:	Small Arms and Light Weapons
SCMA:	State Conflict Management Alliance
SEGEI:	Strong Enough Girls' Empowerment Initiative
SGBV:	Sexual and Gender Based Violence
SOP:	Standard Operational Procedure
SPDC:	Shell Petroleum Development Company
SUBEB:	State Universal Basic Education Board
SWODEN:	Society for Women Development and Empowerment of Nigeria
UN:	United Nation
UNDEDSS:	United Niger Delta Energy Development Security Strategy
UNDP:	United Nations Development Programme
UNFPA:	United Nations Population Fund
UNGA:	United Nation General Assembly
UNHCR:	United Nations High Commission for Refugees
UNITAR:	United Nations Institute for Training and Research
UNOWAS:	United Nation Office for West Africa and Sahel
UNPOL:	The United Nations Police
UNSCR:	United Nation Security Council Resolution
UN Women:	United Nation Entity for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women
UNWP:	United Nations Women's Programme
VAWG:	Violence against women and girls
VC:	Vulnerable children
WAMM:	Commonwealth Women's Affairs Ministers Meeting
WANEP:	West Africa Network for Peace
WILPF:	Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
WIN:	Women in Nigeria
WIPNET:	West African Women in Peace building Network
WPS:	Women Peace and Security
WPSN:	Women Peace and Security Network
WRAPA:	Women's Rights Advancement and Protection Alternative
WWODI:	Women, Widows and Orphans Development Initiatives
WYCSDI:	Women, Youth and Children Skill Development Initiatives

FOREWORD

FOREWORD: SHEROES IN PEACE BUILDING

As in other walks of life, the contributions of women and girls to peace efforts in an increasingly fragile world are mostly unacknowledged, grossly under-reported and generally unrewarded. This unfortunate circumstance remains a major hindrance to global efforts to implement the UNSCR 1325 on women, peace and security whose objectives include the influential participation of women in peace and governance processes. Dearth of knowledge on the historical and contemporary contributions of women and girls in addressing specific drivers of conflicts in communities; leading and actively participating in mediation and resolution efforts at all levels; promoting resilience in stressed societies; and facilitating reconciliation, rehabilitation and reintegration in post-violent conflict settings continue to undermine advocacy for more inclusion of women and girls in peacebuilding. This is because by occluding the achievements of women and girls in the promotion of peace and human security, we are numbed towards exploring the possibilities inherent in the agency of women and girls. The perception that it has not been done before tends to generate doubts that demobilize progress.

It is against this background that the current effort of the platforms of women, peace and security networks in Nigeria to document and showcase profiles of Nigerian women who have in immeasurable ways contributed to peace efforts not just in Nigeria but across the globe should be appreciated. The Nigeria Stability and Reconciliation Programme (NSRP), which is an initiative of the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID), has been privileged to collaborate with these committed women and their organizations to promote the recognition and participation of women and girls in peace building. The collaboration has resulted in the domestication of the international norm on women peace and security. Two national actions plans, eight state action plans and two local action plans on the UNSCR 1325 have been produced over the past five years of the programme's existence. The networks are not only committed to ensuring that adopted plans are implemented but that the national and target state and LGA experiences are replicated in other states and local government areas.

I believe that this publication *Sheroes in Peacebuilding* will be a key resource that would be invaluable in the extensive advocacy and mobilizations needed to gain nationwide acceptance of the noble objectives of UNSCR 1325 and corresponding goals of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development. Arguably most classes of women and girls would find someone in the snapshots of *Sheroes*, which cover a broad spectrum of women of all classes, distinctions and backgrounds that they can identify with. The pace-setting roles of some of the *Sheroes* also have the potential of contributing to a change in entrenched cultural beliefs, norms and attitudes about the capabilities and agencies of women and girls. This would ultimately contribute to more influential participation of women and girls in peacebuilding as envisaged by NSRP's theory of change.

I therefore congratulate members of the women peace and security network for the diligent and painstaking efforts that have culminated in the production of this volume. I pray that this volume would be the first in an increasingly changing cultural milieu in which recognition and celebration of *Sheroes of Peace* is the rule rather than the exception.

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Preface

This publication titled “SHEROES IN PEACE BUILDING”, provides a compendium on outstanding women peace builders in each of the 36 states of Nigeria and the Federal Capital Territory.

The Sheroes range from grass roots women to high profile women. Some Sheroes are internationally recognised and others, are unsung heroes. Some of the accounts are brief and others more lengthy, all giving honour to whom honour is due. Categories include household and family mediators, some have averted crises, others have shown great bravery in fighting off marauders and others have provided lifesaving intelligence. There are accounts of women who have waged peace in more formal spaces like the security sector, peace commissions, peace keeping forces or the United Nations Security Council.

NSRP facilitated the coming together of Civil society organisations into Women, Peace and Security Networks (WPSN) at the federal level and in eight NSRP programme states. Their role is advocacy, raising awareness and monitoring implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 National Action Plan (NAP) using a monitoring and evaluation framework. They have been critical to the passage of action plans at state level and have taken up thematic issues relevant to their location, such as; preventing election-related violence, and reporting on the abduction of Chibok girls. Passage of State action plans (SAPs) for implementation has taken place in, Bayelsa, Borno, Delta, Kaduna, Kano, Plateau, Rivers and Yobe states. Further domestication has taken place at local government level in Wase, LGA, Plateau state in July 2016, and in October 2016, in Fagge LGA, Kano State. In December 2016, Federal WPSN were adopted into the United Nations Office of West Africa and Sahel

(UNOWAS) working group on WPS thus providing an opportunity for sustainability after the life of NSRP.

The methodology of obtaining stories of Sheroes was through investigation done by the Federal Women, Peace and Security Network members. The Federal WPS Network members, who did the ground work, have their profiles in the second part of the publication

The list is not exhaustive as almost every Nigerian woman is a Sheroe, bringing peace to her home and community. This is a role which she performs without thinking twice, a role which kicks in automatically when she encounters a conflict that has the potential to bring harm to her, or to her family. This peace building role, whether in the formal or informal space, can be harnessed in the face of the various conflicts in Nigeria.

As an appropriate acknowledgment of the contribution of civil society to the women, peace and security agenda, the publication is home grown, home inspired and home owned. It is the first of its kind, and it is hoped that it will serve as a bio-gallery, a source of reference, a platform for discourse and a launch pad for further recognition of women in the Women, Peace and Security agenda.

We encourage other stakeholders to build on this foundation that NSRP has laid, and to periodically update this compendium to ensure that countless number of Sheroes of our time, are honoured, celebrated and invited to participate in peace building initiatives.

Dr. Eleanor Nwadinobi

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Nigeria Stability and Reconciliation Programme (NSRP)

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Introduction of Sheroes Publication

During the last census in 2006, the population of Nigeria was put at about one hundred and forty million. Currently Nigeria's population is projected to be close to two hundred million with women constituting almost half of this population. Nigeria experienced military rule for close to 3 decades and this has entrenched impunity and lack of accountability in its governance structure. One of the resultant effects of the military regime coupled with a strong cultural gender bias is structural violence and other forms of violence against women. The Women Peace and Security Network (WPS), is a strategic partnership of organisations focused on the implementation of women peace and security agenda in Nigeria. The network came into being in 2013 in response to a gap in a cohesive network that addresses the issue of women meaningful participation in peace process and decision-making. The network also focuses on the need to enhance the technical capacity of organisations especially women focused organisations working on the women peace and security agenda.

The women peace and security network has a transformative agenda that promotes women's voice and power to be agents of change. This is in recognition of the importance of women's agency and gender perspective to local dialogues, better policies, and more equitable and inclusive society. The Nigeria Stability and Reconciliation Program midwived this transformative agenda. The network formally exists in seven states namely, Rivers, Delta, Plateau, Kano, Yobe, Borno, Kaduna states and at the Federal level.

In the last four years, the Women Peace and Security Network (WPS) has broken grounds in creating visibility for women's agency at different levels, promoted women's substantive participation in peace process especially in peace building and critically interrogated the utility of gender in relation to creating an enabling environment for women's rights. On the 6th of December 2016 the WPS network was formally inaugurated as a working group for United Nations Office for West Africa and Sahel (UNOWAS). Its been interesting to witness the momentum of discussions on the United Nations Security Council 1325 as a tool and framework for promoting women's substantive participation in peace process at both the multiple levels.

WPS network members are integral drivers and mobilisers of the implementation process of the women peace and security agenda. From Chibok community in Borno State to Alulu Nimbo community in Enugu state and indeed so many communities across Nigeria, women peace and security network members have upheld the creed of leaving no woman behind. They have consistently called out on issues of inequality of opportunities for both women and men, in recognition that sustainable peace is built on a gender inclusive process that harnesses the skills and creates opportunities for all members of the society. Members of the WPS network have passionately put themselves at the frontline of action, caring and nurturing the community, promoting systems of transjustice in conflict and post conflict communities, assisting in reintegration of women and children into the communities and women's participation in the reconstruction of the communities.



The theme for the 2017 International Women's Day was "Be Bold for Change. This should be a constant reminder of what needs to be done if we are to have a gender inclusive world. The human cost of conflict cannot be quantified and overemphasized. Thus WPS Network needs to be at the forefront of movement that addresses the root causes of all forms of violence and consistently mobilizing for non-violent actions that truly drives the greatest change for women. This calls for bold pragmatic actions across all sectors of our society. The diversity in membership of the WPS network is one of its strength. We must therefore through purposeful collaboration mobilise for actions. One of the tools and framework for effective mobilization and non-violent actions is the National Action Plan on UNSCR 1325 and Related Resolutions. There is need for a coordinated, integrated and documented approach that tells the story of women's mobilization across communities in Nigeria pushing for bold change and advocating for a gender inclusive society. The journey has just begun. The time to act is NOW, we must remain resolute and undeterred in the face of daunting challenges, for together we can surmount all barriers to sustainable peace. This entails, building and sustaining networks, working across communities, having support systems for women, recognizing and appreciating focused leadership, building capacity and acquiring sets of skills that are present and future driven.

The women peace and security agenda offers a transformative pathway for unified and interlinked local to global actions that amplifies the voices of women. A universal framework for this transformative pathway is the National Action Plan for Women Peace and Security. It connects women from the local to the national, regional and global seeking for peace through nonviolent means. The Women Peace and Security Network of Nigeria is located within this system of interlinked transnational network and draws its strength from the global commitment of actions towards creating an enabling peaceful environment for all.

Situating myself within the network of Women Peace and Security network has provided and created opportunities to build/enhance my capacity in local, national and regional peace building and to deepen my participation in peace process across different spaces. Nigeria Reconciliation and Stability Program supports members by providing technical and financial partnerships.

The Sheroes for PeaceBuilding is recognition of creative and committed women who have taken bold steps in carrying out actions within their communities that have enhanced the lives of women, men and children.

Finally, recognising the SHEROES is a celebration of acts of courage and determination of women who in the words of Rosa Park have made up their minds, diminished fear, knowing what must be done and taking bold steps of actions. I encourage us to critically reflect on the words of Rosa Parks " *Memories of our lives, of our works and deeds will continue in others*" and remain committed to being the change we desire.

Joy Ada Onyesoh

President

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Nigeria



SECTION 1

SHEROES IN PEACE BUILDING



Ivy Uche Okoronkwo – Abia State

Ivy Uche Okoronkwo holds the enviable record as the first Female Officer to be appointed Commissioner of Police for a state command. She served in Ekiti State during a time of internal conflict.

She is also the first woman to head a Zonal Command in the 148-year history of the Force as she presided over the affairs of Zone 7 Police Headquarters at Abuja, overseeing operations in the Federal Capital Territory, Niger and Kaduna states.

Ivy, a native of Arochukwu in Abia State, enlisted in the police as Cadet Assistant Superintendent on August 1, 1978 after her Bachelor's degree in Sociology/Criminology at the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria in 1977. She is a graduate of the prestigious National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS) with the title of mni. On November 3, 2007, she was inducted into the Hall of Fame for Women in Nigeria and she was the President of Women Police Officers in West Africa. As Deputy Inspector General of Police in December 2010, Ivy Okoronkwo was one of those who through her leadership provided institutional support on which policy opinions were generated for the drafting of The Gender Policy for the Nigeria Police. CP Ivy Uche Okoronkwo is a trail blazer and peace builder.



Asabe Abubakar – Adamawa State

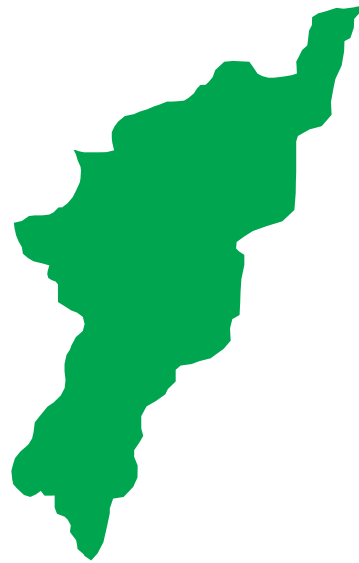
In 2014, five rural women led by Asabe Abubakar, a 42 year old house wife from Mubi Local Government Area in Adamawa State, displayed incredible courage and patriotism when they captured a Boko Haram Fighter. For this reason, they are celebrated as the Female Peace Champions in Adamawa State.

Mubi has witnessed multiple attacks by the Boko Haram Insurgents. Indeed it was one of the towns overrun by the Boko Haram fighters at a time. Prior to that, the insurgents had attacked the military base and killed many soldiers. They had also attacked Federal Polytechnic Mubi and killed many students in cold blood.

Farms were destroyed and crops and livestock carted away. It was a reign of terror! Movement was restricted to specific times of the day and women could only move in groups, especially to their farms and rivers to fetch water.

Meanwhile the battle between the insurgents and the military was intensive as the military fought to repel the attacks from the insurgents around Nigeria - Cameroon border. It was a terrible fight that saw many soldiers killed and even more of the enemy fighters killed. Some of the insurgents also sustained different degrees of injuries arising from superior fire power of the soldiers. One of the Boko Haram fighters who was critically injured ran and hid in the farm.

Fortunately, a group of five women went to that farm to fetch grains and they heard a voice groaning in pain. They searched around and saw a man who was making attempt to load bullets into his gun, At first the women scampered for their lives, but one of the women, Asabe Abubakar paused and decided to tip-toe closer to the wounded fighter, on sighting the woman, the insurgent pulled the trigger but he was out of bullets. When this



bravest of the brave women observed that the gun failed the man, she called out to the rest of her friends who were afar off waiting to see what will happen to their friend.

With courage they grabbed the man and questioned him. He confessed to being a Boko Haram fighter wounded by the military bullets. He was captured and taken away by the women who chanted victory songs.

We are therefore honouring Asabe as a Female Peace Champion and Shero of Adamawa State.

Dr. Glory David Essien – Akwa-Ibom State

During her one year National Youth Service in Owerri Prison between 1990 and 1991, Dr. Glory David Essien was exposed to the deplorable medical conditions faced by prison inmates. She responded with compassion and joined the Nigerian Prisons Service in 1993. Her quest to serve the underserved has led to the improvement of the medical services given to prison inmates and a reduction in their morbidity and mortality over the years.

Dr. Essien is currently the Akwa-Ibom State Prison Command Controller of Prisons in-charge of Health and Social Welfare services. The medical and community services she has offered in both the prisons and for the well-being of women and children have been invaluable.

She is a native of Abak Local Government Area of Akwa-Ibom State, holds a degree in Medicine and Surgery from the University of Calabar, Cross Rivers State in 1989, a Masters of Public Health from the University of Lagos and a Fellow of the Medical College of Public Health from the National Postgraduate College of Nigeria. Her knowledge and experience has been used in serving the neglected in her community and promoting peace.

She is currently serving as a Correction Officer Peacekeeper in United Nation mission in South Sudan and is indeed a Sheroe to be honoured.





Lady Florence Osoka – Anambra State

Lady Florence Osoka is a trained nurse and a peace builder. She is currently the President of the most prominent women organization in Onitsha, the Otu Odu society.

The Otu Odu society is the third in the hierarchy of the Onitsha Traditional Political Structure and is recognized within the structure of the Obi-in-Council. She has used her position to broker peace in the community. Recently, she played a key role in resolving the conflict that ensued among the Otu Odu society in the United States.

She also uses her wealth of knowledge in the medical field to advocate for health and reproductive rights of women, builds confidence in girls and encourages them to speak up and out against violence against women and girls. She is also an advocate of women inclusion in decision making processes.

Her contribution to peace building in Anambra State and beyond has made her worthy of the award of a Sherone.





Fatsuma Muhammad – **Bauchi State**

Early in life, Fatsuma Muhammad learned to live peacefully with people of different cultures, ethnic groups and religious backgrounds because her father's job as a Civil Servant in the Ministry of Agric and Natural Resources involved frequent movement from one community to another. Today, she is teaching and helping others live peacefully. Her education in journalism and work with the Federation of Muslim Women's Association in Nigeria (FOMWAN) has provided a platform to influence youths and women.

For two years, she hosted a discussion program, *Iyayen Tarbiya* (Custodians of Ethics) aired weekly in Bauchi to engage religious leaders to end violence through dialogue after the 1991 religious violence in the state. She also counselled and mentored 27 youths to abandon political thuggery (*Sara-Suka* as it was called) for skills acquisition during campaigns in 2007. When youths and women affected by crisis in Jos, Plateau State settled in Mararraban Liman Katagun in Bauchi State, Fatsuma Muhammad also provided them with counselling and mentoring.

To encourage unity among youths in the state, she established youth friendly centers in four wards in Bauchi Local Government Area. The Centers monitored early warning signs of conflict and worked to avert them.

Fatsuma Muhammad has also sensitized and counselled refugees such as, women and children in the Boto Refugees Camp in 2009, and victims of Boko Haram in 2011. Her partnerships with the Bauchi Human Rights Network also led to the mobilization of seven communities to establish Community Watch Groups for peaceful coexistence. She is still actively reaching out to displaced people.



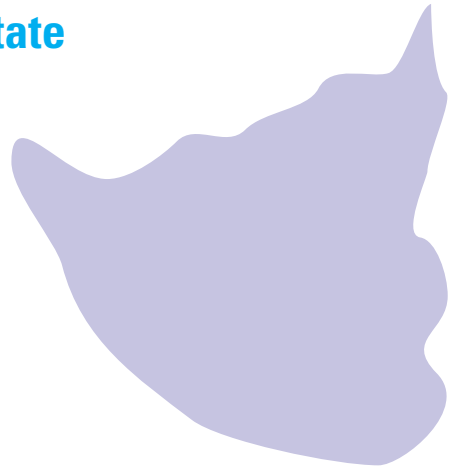
Mrs. Margaret Apah Boro – Bayelsa State

Floods, erosion and landslides are common occurrences in Kaiama Kolokuma/Opokuma Local Government Area of Bayelsa state where Mrs. Apah Boro is from. In fact, as a little girl, her home was washed into the river and they had to settle elsewhere downstream of River Nun.

In the 1990's, when the government established Oil Mineral Producing Areas Commission (OMPADEC), the commission was awarded a contract of over a billion naira to carry out a project to check-mate flood in the area. Mrs. Boro was instrumental in liaising between her community and the company awarded the contract.

Members of Kaiama had refused for the project to commence because they felt they were not involved in the choice of the contractor till Mrs. Boro stepped in. After her liaison, the project commenced and the land has now been reasonably protected from the ravaging flood and erosion. She also stepped in when the government wanted to build a radio and television station in Gbarantoru /Akaibiri community of Bayelsa state. Land owners had refused use of the land because they wanted to know how it would benefit them. The project is now being built after series of meetings with the chiefs and youths.

Her services as a Liaison Officer has fostered peace and development in her community. She is indeed a Sherone of Peace.





Victoria Daaor – Benue State

Dr. Victoria Daaor is a firm believer in the saying that “peace is not the absence of war but the presence of justice.” In this vein, she speaks up for justice and peace to prevail in communities and amongst Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in Benue State.

Dr. Daaor, who has a PhD in Industrial and Organizational Psychology, was moved to action after conducting a research with findings that showed that victims of crisis are mostly women and girls. She has led several interventions in communities targeted at women and children and stimulated the formation of a peace network that involved women in giving early warning notices to avert crisis.

She has been instrumental in the development of policies to promote the rights of women and peace in the state. She was part of the gender forum established by the Centre for Gender Studies of Benue State University in 2005 to ensure that gender matters are streamlined into governance in the state.

She also worked with stakeholders to ensure passage of the anti-grazing bill that will regulate movement of cattle in the state. The state has had crisis in the past between Fulani Pastoralist and farmers and she is a member of a committee set up to mediate between them.

In March 2017, she was appointed by Benue Non-Governmental Organisations Network (BENGONET) to head a team to resolve crisis between Fulani Herdsmen and an Internally Displaced Camp over use of water. She brought together camp leaders and the Miyetti Cattle Breeders Association (MACBAN) to reach an agreement.

Dr. Daaor is a member of the emergency team set up by BENGONET to respond to crisis situations. In this role, she mobilizes resources for the internally displaced and has offered free counselling services to them. Since 2008, through her organization, Elohim Development Foundation, she has fed a widow every month. She also mobilizes support for orphanages in Makurdi and currently mentors over



100 girls in leadership, equipping them with skills for productive lives in society.

She has been given a Medal of Peace Ambassador by the United Peace Federation, is the Director of Projects for Lions Club International and believes that women must be bold for change in society.

Hamsatu Allamin – Borno State

Hamsatu Allamin is a peace builder who has provided leadership to African women and youth. She created the Network of Civil Society Organizations for Peace. Out of this, the Women Peace Security Network was formed in the North-Eastern States of Borno and Yobe, which have been epicenters for Boko Haram insurgency.

Her wealth of experience of 35 years in public and educational administration, teaching, project management, gender activism and human rights advocacy have been invaluable in her service as a founding member of Women Alliance for Security Leadership (WASL) and Regional Representative and Conflict Analyst for British Department for International Development (DFID) Council Program on Peace Building Initiatives in North-East. She has also served as Lead Resource Person/Adviser of the Women Peace Security Network and North-East Coordinator, Chairperson International Relations and National Publicity Officer of Federation of Muslim Women in Nigeria (FOMWAN), an organisation advocating for education of Muslim girls.

Recently, with Islamic Scholars, she developed a 'peace manual,' which is being widely adopted by Islamic schools in Borno State as mandatory. The manual is challenging the current apathy to Western Education, which Boko Haram promotes. This activity was part of the International Civil Society Action Network's (ICAN) program to promote women's leadership and counter violent extremism. The program spoke in support of secular education and its compatibility with Islamic teachings and principles through radio programmes. It resulted in a 40% increase in school enrolment in the area.

Ms. Allamin has participated in several dialogue initiative and negotiated with Boko Haram to allow access to International Humanitarian Organisations for first aid services to be provided in Baga. She is



also an advocate for alternative approaches to end Boko Hasan insurgency in North-Eastern Nigeria.

She is an author and free lance writer who speaks and teaches internationally. Ms. Allamin has presented scores of well researched papers on conflict and gender issues, nationally and internationally including three times at the United Nations Headquarters.

Senator Florence Ita-Giwa – Cross River State

Senator Florence Ita-Giwa born in Bakassi LGA, Cross River State has been referred to as “Mama Bakassi” due to her concern and support for her people especially after the ceding arrangement of the Bakassi Peninsular ordered by the International Court of Justice in The Hague in 2002. The Court directed that Cameroon take possession of the area, which had been subject to dispute between Nigeria and Cameroon.

According to the ex-Senator, the ceding arrangement, which was ordered by the International Court of Justice in the Hague and executed by the then President Olusegun Obasanjo’s administration, was a demonstration to the world that two countries could settle a dispute without necessarily going to war or staying perpetually in court.

She has continued to speak up for her people who have been displaced from their original habitation and resettled. She has called for proper resettlement for them and provision of social and welfare services. Senator Florence Ita-Giwa was elected Senator for the Cross River South constituency in April 1999 to May 2003 and was appointed to committees on Rules and Procedures, Environment, Foreign Affairs, Women, Niger Delta and Drug & Narcotics.

She has advocated for adequate compensation by the Federal Government of Nigeria and a peaceful struggle and agitation for the rights of Bakassi indigenes.

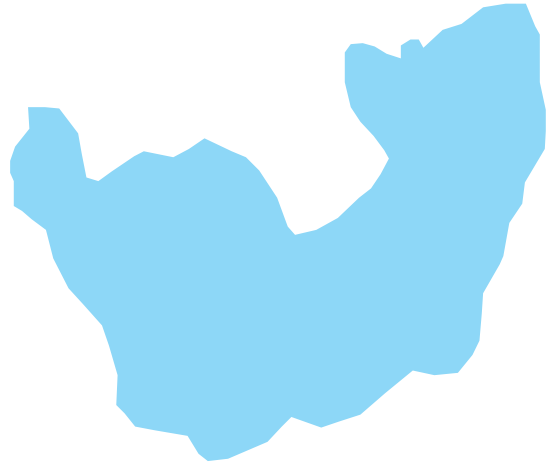


Professor Joy Ogwu – Delta State

Over the years, Prof. Joy Ogwu's service to Nigeria, the United Nations and humanity has established a nexus between disarmament and conflict resolution especially as aspects of peace keeping operations. She has excelled in pursuing this agenda and many more peace building efforts while holding several positions in Nigeria and the United Nations.

Prof. Ogwu recently completed a two term tenure of eight years (2008 – 2016) as Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the United Nations. Between January 2006 and July 2007, she served as the First African Chair of the United Nation Secretary General Kofi Annan's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters. Prior to this, she was a member of the board for four years. She led Nigeria's delegation to the U.N. Security Council for two tenures. As Chair of the Committee of Peace Keeping Mandate of the Security Council in 2011, she made concerted efforts through negotiations to strengthen the working methods of Peace Keeping Operations. She served as President of the Security Council for four times (from July 2010 to August 2015) making her the first Ambassador of the Elected Member States of the Security Council to set this record. While she was the President of the Security Council in 2014, she led negotiations culminating in the first ever stand alone resolution of the Security Council in Security Sector Reform. Last year, Prof. Ogwu was elected for the seventh consecutive time to chair the Special Committee of Peace Keeping Operations (C-34).

She led 193 Member States of the U.N. to adopt a landmark consensus document on small arms and light weapons in 2011 as the First African President on the U.N. Programme of Action in Small Arms and Light Weapons. This achievement has been widely acclaimed as a major diplomatic accomplishment for Nigeria, Africa and humanity. In Nigeria, she served as the first female Director General of Nigeria's Foreign Policy Think Tank, The Nigerian Institute of International Affairs and then



as Minister of Foreign Affairs between 2006 and 2007. Prof. Ogwu has been conferred with the distinguished award of Officer of the Federal Republic (OFR) of Nigeria in recognition of her contributions to the country.

Internationally, she has been honoured with awards such as the "Spirit of the United Nations Award" and "U.N. Ambassador's Biblical Values Award" by the American National Bible Association for her service of God and humanity. Prof. Ogwu has left an indelible mark on the institutions and processes of global security, conflict resolution and peace keeping.

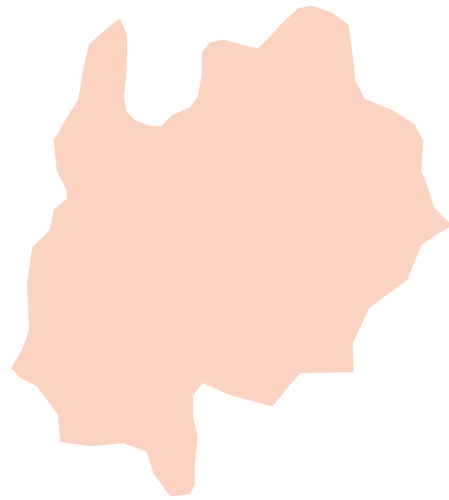


Princess Alu Ibiam – Ebonyi State

Princess Alu Ibiam, traditional ruler of the Unwana Community in Afikpo North Local Government Area of Ebonyi state has been praised for her efforts to stop victimization, harassment and extortion in her community. She was also influential in stopping some harmful traditional practices.

Before her coronation as the traditional ruler of the Unwana Community in 2012, she was crowned Regent for 16 years.

As one of the pioneer female traditional leaders in the South East of Nigeria who is a voice for peace and Zero tolerance for harmful traditional practices - Princess Alu Ibiam earns a place as a Sherone in peace building.





Professor Desire Ameze Guobadia – Edo State

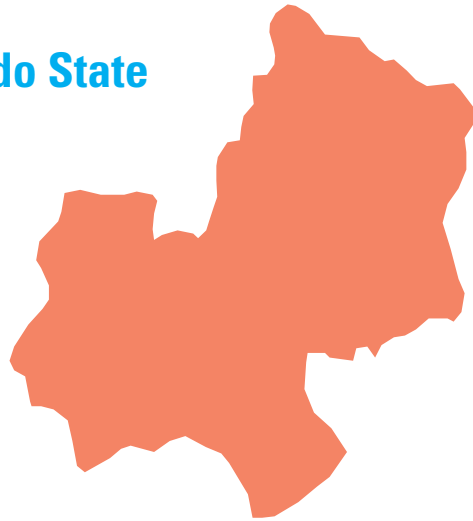
Professor Desire Ameze Guobadia is one of the members of the National Peace Committee who committed themselves to peaceful conduct of the 2015 general elections by bringing candidates and chairpersons of parties contesting in the election to sign the Abuja Accord.

In signing the Accord, these political figures signed to oppose acts of electoral violence perpetrated by their supporters and refrain from speech that will incite violence before and after the elections.

As a member of the committee, Prof. Guobadia was involved in providing advice to the government and the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on resolution of political disputes and conflicts arising from issues of compliance with the accord and carrying out national mediation and conciliation. The Committee in 2017 has also been involved in finding solutions to the crisis in Southern Kaduna.

Prof. Guobadia schooled both within and outside the country obtaining a Bachelor of Laws Degree from the University of Lagos and a Masters of Law Degree from the University of London. She has had a rich career in academics and was appointed Professor by the Nigerian Instituted of Legal Studies. She has provided legal services to the African Union and Economic Community of West African States. She was a Member of the African Union's Peer Review Panel to the Republic of Tanzania and chaired the ECOWAS group of Experts that harmonized the Business Laws of the Region between 2005 and 2011. She has served Nigeria in several positions both internationally and nationally.

For her leadership and contributions to the peace of the country, she is being given the award of a Female Peace Champion.

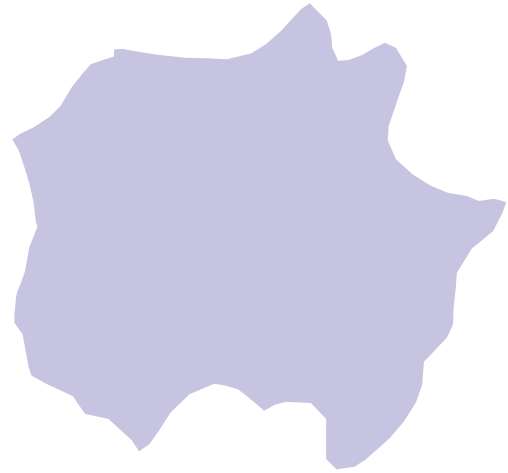




Grace Olofin – Ekiti State

Ms. Grace Olofin of Oke-Ako, Ikole Local Government Area of Ekiti State wins our Female Peace Champion for Ekiti state for alerting the residents of Oke-Ako to a planned attack by the herdsmen.

Oke-Ako community has witnessed several attacks of their farmlands by herdsmen with cattle eating up planted and harvested crops stored in the farm. Some cattle rearers rape young girls and old women and kill community members. Community Leaders had warned the herdsmen and a 'retaliatory' attack was planned for 20th May, 2016. In the late hours of 20th of May, herdsmen surrounded the village with weapons. Ms. Grace who was returning back home at this time was the one who sighted them, managed to sneak to the village and break the news of imminent attack. The community leaders made emergency - arrangements which resulted to the escape of many of its citizens to the bush through an alternate route. This incident prompted the Ekiti State Governor to enact a law prohibiting the herdsmen from grazing in an unauthorized environment.





Josephine Okechukwu – Enugu State

Josephine Okechukwu is the Chairlady of the Adani Uzo-Uwani Women Organization and Treasurer Nwannedinamba Progressive Union Nimbo, Enugu Branch. She is also the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Nigeria (WILPF) Local Government Coordinator for Uzo-Uwani Local Government in Enugu State.

In April 2016, she informed WILPF Nigeria about violent clashes between the Alulu Community of Nimbo and herdsmen. As a result, a peaceful protest march to the Government House and State House of Assembly with the people of Nimbo was held to demand intervention in the crisis. This protest drew more attention to the crisis and prompted the government to set up a fact finding committee. Also, humanitarian aid was made available to the community of Nimbo.

For speaking up and advocating for the use of peaceful means to draw attention to violent conflict in her community, Josephine Okechukwu is being recognised as a Sherone in peace building.





Mrs. Alheri Joshua – Federal Capital Territory (FCT)

Mrs. Alheri hails from Gbari in Kango Village in Kuje Area Council of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. She is a Social Worker well recognized by her community, as a peace builder and conflict resolver.

She has averted many conflicts in the community, notably her intervention in the conflict over a piece of land in Kango village. She has trained youths and women on peaceful co-existence and conflict resolution. She is a potter and is equipping women with this skill.

Land dispute are prevalent in Federal Capital Territory as a result of the relocation of the Capital of Nigeria in December 1991 and displacement of the original inhabitants. Women like Mrs Alheri Joshua who have intervened in land conflicts on behalf of their communities are to be celebrated.

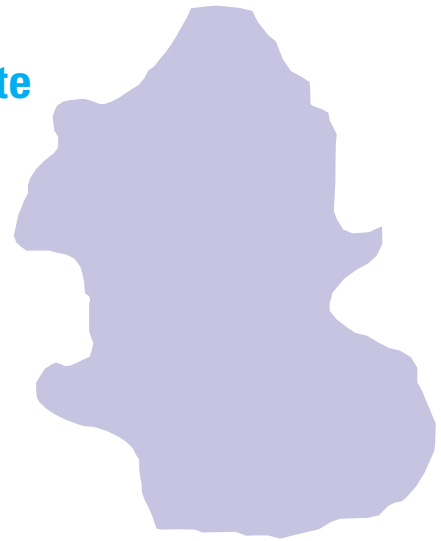




Mrs. Hannatu L. Ibrahim (MFR) – Gombe State

Mrs. Hannatu L. Ibrahim believes that peace building starts with women in the home and should be taught in schools from primary to tertiary levels. She established peace building groups in local communities that have trained women on peace-building processes and brought Civil Society Organisations to work with media for awareness creation on women involvement in peace building. She is popularly known as “Mama” meaning mother, and as President of the International Press Conference, she visited many African countries to spread the message of peace. She is a recipient of various state, national and international awards including Member of the Order of the Federal Republic (MFR).

Mama Hannatu is a Women Peace Lead Mentor of the “Promoting Women’s Engagement in Peace-Building in Northern Nigeria” project and a member of the UN Women and International Network on Small Arms (IANSA), and the Women Network Nigeria, a non-governmental organization supported by the European Union to contribute to peace building and security in Gombe State. She hails from Balanga Local Government Area of Gombe State and was trained as a Clerk, Confidential Secretary, Public Administrator and Mediator.





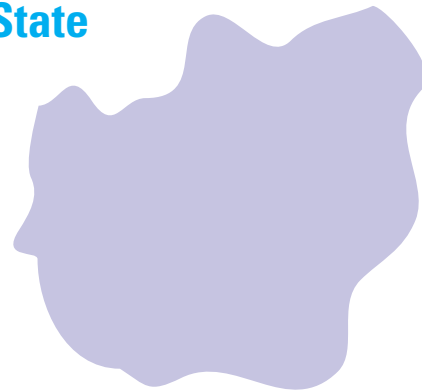
Professor Edna Mathews-Njoku – Imo State

Prof. Edna Mathews-Njoku is the Executive Director of JOED Women and Youth Development Initiative in Owerri Imo State. She has been an activist for the rights of women and she trains and mobilizes women to build relevant skills and for peace.

Since 2010, Prof. Mathews-Njoku has served institutions including Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) as a Conflict Resolutions Consultant in oil producing states of Imo, Rivers, Bayelsa and Abia. In 2013, she led an SPDC team that managed the agitation of women in Andoni, Ikwerre, Opromu, Obigbo, Greater Port-Harcourt, Ohaji, and Egbema communities.

She has designed training materials on “Community Leaders Peace Initiatives,” “Women Violence and Participatory Politics,” and “Advocacy and Lobbying Skills,” used in several projects. In Imo State, she has initiated and worked with partners at grass roots level, legislators, and other stakeholders to highlight issues of concern to women and girls especially on peace and security. Her actions have been an excellent opportunity to demonstrate direct action, strategic alliance building and networking to achieve a common purpose.

For her contributions to peace building, she is being honoured as a Female Peace Champion.





Hajiya Lami Danjani – Jigawa State

Hajiya Lami Danjani's peace building activities are directed towards the girl child, girl hawkers and out-of-school youths and vulnerable ones in society. In ensuring that they have access to education and mentoring them, she is providing access to a better life and a better society. Her belief is that it is when the girl child is protected from violence and marginalisation that she can meaningfully contribute to her community thereby leading to peace in the community. She supports rape victims and is currently supporting fifty school-age and vulnerable children. Hajiya Lami has succeeded in bringing more than a hundred girls back to school by giving them free school uniforms and other learning materials. Her advocacy involves meeting parents and community leaders, sensitizing, mentoring, and educating them on the need for girl-child education and the dangers of early marriage. She also empowers widows, divorcees and victims of abuses financially and by building skill. She operates eight different centres that give a second chance to women who drop out of school due to early marriage. Her contributions have been recognized with awards such as the Award of Peace Ambassador in 2008 and Humanitarian Services Award in 2014. She is currently Deputy Director, Social Mobilization Department of State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) Department and Coordinator of the Jigawa State Street Programme.





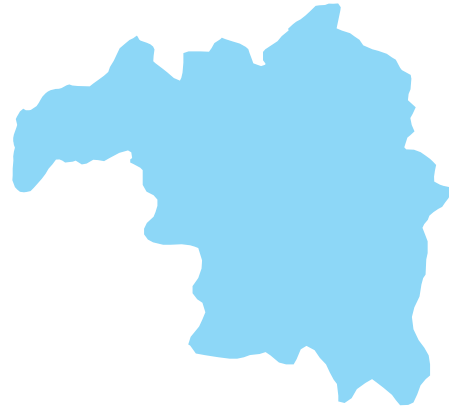
Hajiya Bilikisu Yusuf – Kaduna State (Posthumous)

Hajiya Bilikisu Yusuf was a journalist, role model and humanitarian who contributed immensely to promoting the rights of women in the North. She was a founding member of Women in Nigeria (WIN), a non-governmental organization that improved the conditions of women through research, policy making and dissemination of information.

She was the WIN's First Kano State Coordinator promoting the organization's objectives of providing a forum for women express themselves and ensuring that women have equal access to education. Hajiya Bilikisu was also a Pioneering Founder of the Federation of Muslim Women Associations in Nigeria (FOMWAN) and laid the foundation for the organization which promotes education for the Muslim girl-child, increases retention rate of girls in schools and continued education for married women.

Hajiya Bilikisu Yusuf was the Director of Advocacy Nigeria, a movement on Maternal & Child Mortality campaigns and the Chairperson at another NGO called ABANTU for Development, where she was the regional Master Gender Trainer for Northern Nigeria. She has written several chapters in published books on subjects ranging from women's rights, media, gender, Islam, politics and maternal and child health.

She was the first female in the North to attain the position of an Editor in three newspapers, The Triumph in Kano, The New Nigerian and Citizen Magazine in Kaduna State. She was also a columnist for two national newspapers and has set the pace for other women to exceed in their professions too. She was a consultant and trainer in media, gender, and conflict management and peace building. For her contributions to peace building, she is being honoured as a Female Peace Champion.



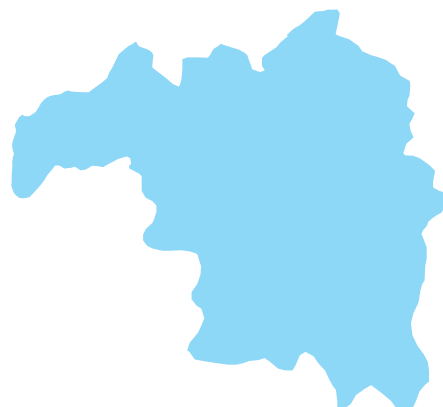


Dr. Lydia K. K. Umar – Kaduna State

Dr. Lydia Umar is the Co- Founder of Gender Awareness Trust (GAT), a not- for- profit non-governmental organization whose focus is the promotion and protection of gender equality & peace. She has served in several boards and organizations aimed at promoting peace within the country and in West Africa.

She is the Regional Adviser for the West African Women in Peace Building Network (WIPNET) aimed at building the capacity of women to be peace builders and enhance their capacity to engage in post-conflict reconstruction in West Africa. As WIPNET Regional Adviser, she engages in training women to be mediators and advocates and mobilizes women in the grassroots on peace and human security.

Dr. Umar provides consulting services on peace building, women and gender, and women and conflicts for the UN Women, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and various national and international bodies.





Hadiza Bala Fagge – Kano State

Hadiza Bala Fagge is involved in several activities to promote peace among women children and youths and reduce the impact of violence on vulnerable groups. As the Founder of Women, Widows and Orphans Development Initiative (WWODI), she has offered humanitarian aid to vulnerable women, widows and orphans in Kano state to prevent and also reduce the impact of violence on them.

Through the Society for Women Development and Empowerment of Nigeria (SWODEN), she has trained many women and children on peace building activities through the introduction of Peace Clubs in some communities in Bichi, Doguwa and Kumbotso LGAs of Kano state. Members of these peace clubs have also been trained in various skills for self-reliance and to reduce the impact of violence on them.

She championed the domestication of the National Action Plan (NAP) on UNSCR 1325, a landmark international legal framework that addresses impact of war on women and the pivotal role women should and do play in conflict management, conflict resolution and sustainable peace. The UNSCR 1325 has been domesticated in both Kano State and Fagge Local Government, the first time this is being done in both state and LGA levels in Nigeria.

Hadiza Fagge is also involved in collaboration with non-governmental organizations in the state to advocate for the rights of survivors of violence against women and girls. She has also carried out sensitization programmes for women and youth on violence against women and girls and drug abuse.



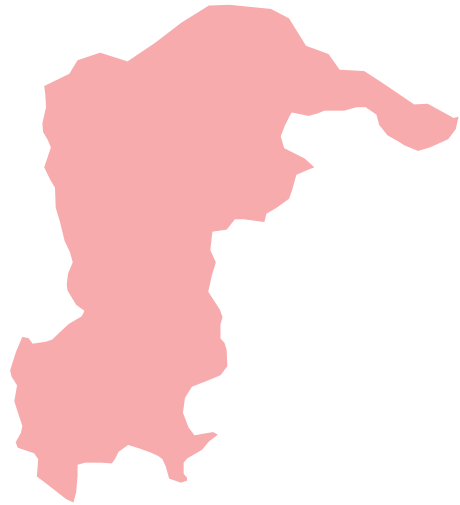


Adama Sule Bakori – Katsina State

Adama Sule Bakori is the State Coordinator of Women Rights Advancement and Protection Alternative (WRAPA). She supports the reconciliation and mediation in families, organises and provides opportunity for stakeholders to interact with members of the judiciary and promotes human rights.

She supports the establishment of sustainable structures to build peace within the community and carries out sensitization on the elimination of violence against women and girls and other gender based violence. Her activities also include promotion of the rights of women and mutual responsibilities in family law matters and practice. She has also been involved in sensitization of women on family life and marital issues. As a result of these sensitization activities, she has provided a platform for resolving conflict within families and communities.

She started her early education in Zaria and went on to acquire a Degree (B.A Ed) in Adult Education from the Bayero University Kano in 1994. She is currently the Director, Women Education in the state.





Aisha Usman - Kebbi State



Aisha Usman is known for promoting women and child health, gender mainstreaming, peace and conflict management in communities in Kebbi State. She works with several governmental and non-governmental organizations to sensitize the public on health issues like malaria and child survival, sexual and reproductive health and HIV prevention.

She is currently a Board Member of Kungiya Tattalin Mata Development, an organization promoting the care and protection vulnerable women.

Aisha Usman her primary education at Sami Gomo Primary School Zuru from 1976 -82, attended GGSS Mahuta 1982-88 and had her higher education at Kaduna Polytechnic from 1992-1994 in Kaduna State, Nigeria.

In recognition of her invaluable contribution to peace building in her state, she is being honoured as a Female Peace Champion.



Janet Obile – Kogi State

Ms. Janet Obile is a house wife and peasant farmer from Ankpa Local Government Area of Kogi State. She provided valuable information that led to the regaining of freedom by a victim of kidnapping. She was alert when she heard an unusual noise in the forest close to her farm. She hurriedly ran home and informed the vigilante group, who immediately swung into action and stormed the forest.

The vigilante group guided by Ms Janet located the kidnappers' den and killed the three kidnappers after a gun battle. Their victim was kidnapped from the Lokoja –Okene-Ajaokuta highway in December 2016. His family had offered five million naira but the kidnappers insisted on one hundred million naira. In view of this, we are glad to celebrate her as the Female Peace champion of Kogi State. With this extra ordinary vigilance of Ms. Janet Obile that resulted in the rescue of the victim, we are delighted to identify her as the Female Peace Champion of Kogi State





Risikat Toyin – Kwara State

Risikat Toyin is originally from Kwara State. Risi as she is fondly called is an embodiment of the term "Ability in disability". As a woman living with disability, she has reached beyond the confines of her wheel chair, to make an impact on the community of people living with disability in Kaduna state. Her story is one that epitomises how one can work across boundaries of faith, disability and ethnicity.



Risikat Toyin runs inclusive Peace Clubs in two communities in Kaduna South, Kaduna State. These Peace Clubs serve as rehabilitation centres for people with disabilities. The Peace Clubs have brought together people of different backgrounds to work together and fostered understanding of challenges faced by people with disabilities. People with disabilities have also gained self-esteem and leadership skills by taking leadership positions within the organization. The clubs are made up of boys, girls, "big sisters," "big brothers" and "aunties." About 150 people are Peace Club members and between years 2014 and 2016, over 600 members have participated in the Peace Clubs.

Members of the "Aunties Peace Clubs" participated in policy review of the Kaduna State Gender Policy, have been encouraged to speak up for themselves and some have enrolled in school. Risikat Toyin has also facilitated the appointment of 150 women in communities to serve as observers of violence against women and girls and carried out sensitization on gender issues and violence against women and girls in Kakuri, Kurumi, Gwari, Kakuri Hausa, Tudun Wada, Makera amongst other communities. The Community Women Observers (CWO) called Kakuri Makera in collaboration with Aunties Clubs also mediate in cases of abandoned women and wife battering. They refer some cases to Sharia Courts.

For her role in fostering growth and peace building among women, the vulnerable and people with disabilities, she is being honoured as a Female Peace Champion.



SP Sholla Omilade Aikhoje – Lagos State

Sholla Omilade Aikhoje is a Superintendent of Police and has made tremendous contributions to peace building during her service as a Civilian Police Component (Civpol) of the African Union Mission in Sudan AMIS in 2006 – 2007. She served as the Sector Civpol Liaison Officer and organized enlightenment programs for Sudanese women in Internally Displaced Camps (IDP). These led to the drastic reduction in reported rape incidents and unwanted pregnancies. She also organized vocational training programs to empower victims of war in IDP camps.

Her passion for women emancipation and peace building was extended to Somalia in 2015 -2016 under the umbrella of African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM). She anchored the basic police recruit Training for the first batch of 200 recruits including 19 women in the South Western State of Somalia in Baidoa. This basic recruit training has increased and complemented the strength of the Somali Police Force SPF. The training has also helped to establish accountable, properly trained and well equipped South West State of Somalia SWS police force personnel to augment the strength of the SPF in maintaining the rule of law in Somalia.

CP Sholla Aikhoje also designed a questioner/analyses form targeting the female police officers of the Somali Police Force (SPF) to help implement the AMISOM mandate of developing the individual capacity of Force Members and supporting community oriented modern policing for women officers of the SPF. Her contingent was the first to visit the IDP camp at the end of their tour of duty in Somalia to make appreciable donation of food stuff and other household needs for the welfare of the displaced Boko Haram Victims in Abuja with contributions generated from their allowance.

She hails from Ebutte Metta in Mainland LGA of Lagos state, is an HND graduate in Insurance and Actuarial Science and currently an undergraduate of Law at the National Open University Abuja Study Centre.





Mrs. Grace C. Bahago – Nassarawa State

Mrs. Grace C. Bahago, Deputy Director, Administration Keffi Local Government, Nassarawa State, is the Female Peace Champion for Nassarawa State. She deserves this position as a result of her struggle for the right of workers in Karu Local Government Area.

When she assumed the position of Director Personnel Management in Karu Local Government Area in Nassarawa state, she met with demoralized junior staff who were not performing well due to lack of promotion for several years. She did not leave the situation as she met it, but ensured that they were promoted in spite of opposition that she faced in the process. Mrs. Bahago also made sure that their salary increment was implemented by negotiating with decision makers in the state. While the processes were ongoing, she managed the workers dissatisfaction and prevented civil disobedience and its consequences in the Local Government. By the 2012 the implementation of salary increment was fulfilled.

By bringing peace to the workplace, Mrs Grace Bahago is being recognised.



Mrs. Maria Gana – Niger State

The women of Gidan Kwano (GK) Area of Minna led by Mrs. Maria Gana are being recognised as Female Peace Champions in Niger State for their role in mediating peace talks and averting a violent riot between the Federal University of Technology Minna and commercial motorists over the death of one of the students knocked down by a car in 2014. When students of the University discovered that the accident that killed the final year student and injured three people was due to reckless driving, they wanted to lynch the driver and could not be deterred by security personnel who came to the scene.

The GK women appealed to the students not to take law into their hands and assured the students that they will follow through with the case to ensure that justice is served. With the intervention of the women led by Mrs Maria Gana, the students were dissuaded from lynching the driver and allowing law enforcement agents instead to arrest him. The driver was charged, convicted for murder and sentenced to imprisonment without an option of fine.

Gidan Kwano women deserve to be celebrated for their impressive struggle for justice and peace in Niger State.





Esther Eghobamien-Mshelia – Ogun State

During her tenure as the Head of Gender for the Commonwealth Secretariat in London, Esther Eghobamien-Mshelia achieved greater commitment to the UNSCR 1325, a United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) that addresses the impact of war on women and the role they should play in managing and resolving conflict. She convened a roundtable for Commonwealth Countries to speak on the challenges being faced in the implementation of the resolution. She also encouraged the countries, including Nigeria to put in place National Action Plans on UNSCR1325 and provide capacity strengthening for the National Gender Machineryes to better deliver on their coordination role.

Esther Eghobamien-Mshelia also commissioned a Pan-Commonwealth study and the findings were packaged into a Commonwealth publication titled "Gender, Peace and Security: Women's Advocacy and Conflict Resolution.

At the national level as Director, Women Gender Affairs, she advanced the Women Peace and Security (WPS) agenda by reviewing the operational modalities of the National Steering Committee on UNSCR, ensuring broad stakeholder participation and facilitating the implementation of the EU-UN project titled "Promoting Women's Leadership and Participation in Peace Processes in the North East." As Director Women Gender Affairs, she also provided technical support to the Nigerian Army Staff Training College Jaji to mainstream gender into their curriculum, led the zonal consultation processes of the National Action Plan in 2016/2017 in six geopolitical zones of the country and successfully produced a revised 2nd Generation National Action Plan.

She is being recognized as a Sherone for her over three decades of work in public policy formulation and strategic planning to advance the cause of women, peace and security concerns at the global and national levels.





Mrs. Jenje Mary Arike – Ondo State

Mrs. Jenje Mary Arike nicknamed, “Mama Alaja” which means “the woman who ends fights” is well known for intervening in conflicts and bringing lasting peace in her community. She even sustained an injury from a cutlass while intervening in a communal clash. She hails from Odode Ikota, Ifedore Local Government Area of Ondo State.

In a culture where titles given by the community have great meaning, it is of note that “Mama Alaja” has earned the title. She therefore stands tall as a role model to women in her community.





Busayo Obisakin – Osun State

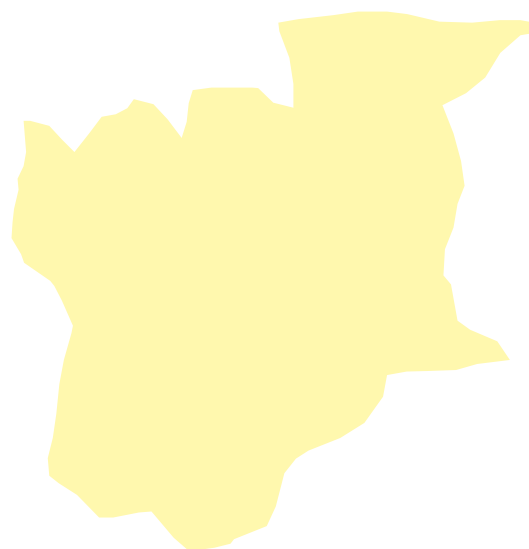
Busayo Obisakin, is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Women Inspiration Development Center a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) that works to create a safe place for Nigerian women and girls in challenging life circumstances.

In the last seven years, she has empowered about 3800 women, men, girls and boys in Nigeria. She has been involved in bringing together widows of the Ife and Modakeke people of Osun State after a 14 year war. To improve the relationship between the two communities, she organized a four day empowerment workshop for women from both the Ife and Modakeke communities. For the first time after the war, the women discussed together at a venue in the middle of both communities. They overcame initial struggles to relate with each other, started discussing freely and have developed a better relationship that even involves visiting each other.

The second workshop she organized was for market women and it has promoted trade between the two communities.

Recently, to foster unity among the Yorubas and Hausas, her NGO donated food and clothing to the Hausa and Ife communities affected by conflict. She has worked extensively in combating gender based violence, encouraging women's participation, women's right advancement, digital literacy and gender equality.

She has won awards such as the World Pulse Voices 2009 Award and is a Counseling Psychologist at Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife.



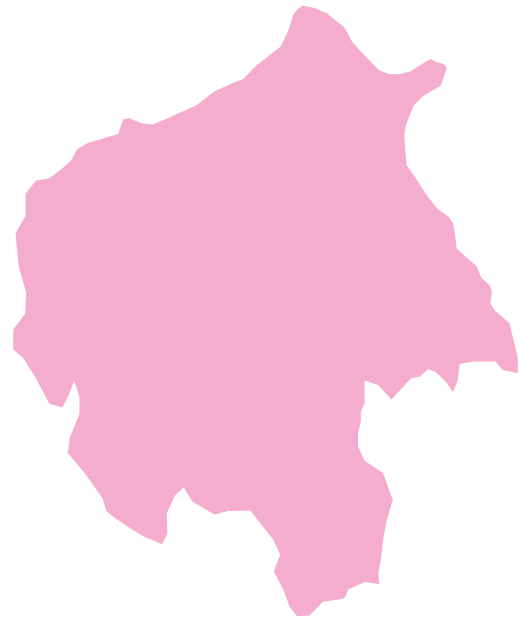


CSP Janet Salami – Oyo State

Chief Superintendent of Police, Janet Salami was the pioneer Nigerian Female Contingent Commander who led a delegation of over 140 officers to Zalinge, Sudan where she facilitated peace building and conflict resolution and protection of civilians especially vulnerable women and children. She also participated in capacity building, gender mainstreaming among other key mandates.

While on a Peacekeeping Mission in Liberia, she served as Team Leader, Planning and Administration under the Liberia National Police Training Academy (NPTA). In this role, she monitored and advised her Liberian National Police counterparts to observe and uphold human right matters relating to gender, pre-trial and 48 hour detention policies.

She has served as Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in various Police Divisions across Oyo State ranging from Felele, Bodija, and Sanyo and is currently serving as the DPO of Ogbere Divisional Police Headquarters in Ibadan Oyo State. She has been active in crime prevention and detection, preservation of the liberty of arrested persons, human rights enforcement, maintenance of law and order and zero tolerance to corruption. Her career has been distinctive and exemplary and she has been a role model mentoring many officers.

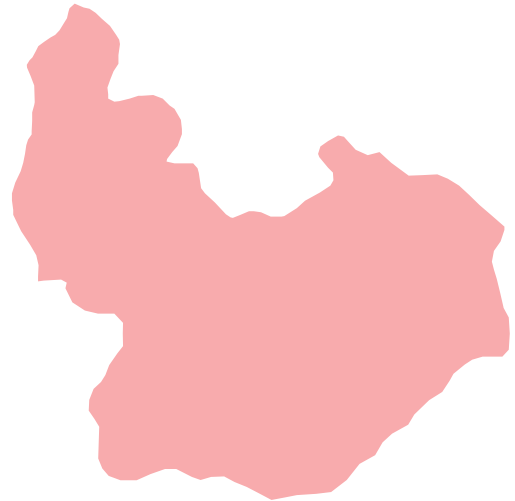


Dr. Mrs. Sumaye Fadimatu Hamza – Plateau State

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Dr. Sumaye Fadimatu Hamza is a Member Global Advisory Council-Effective Inter-religious Action in Peace Building and Chair of the Humanitarian Dialogue Women Steering Committee. While she was Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development in Plateau State between 2013 and 2016, she addressed key challenges of poverty, unaddressed issues of displacements, girl child education and shrinking opportunities for women and other vulnerable groups.

She coordinated efforts towards the domestication of the UNSCR Resolution 1325 to strengthen the role of women in managing and resolving conflict and, the implementation of the National Action Plan to implement the resolution. Dr. Mrs. Hamza motivated staff of the State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development to take ownership of the document for sustainability. The Plateau State Action Plan was produced and included into the Ministry's Strategic Plan in spite of challenges faced.

For her role in the development and implementation of a State Action Plan in a state confronted with violent conflicts for over a decade, Dr. Mrs. Hamza is being recognized as a Female Champion for peace.



Annkio Briggs – Rivers State

Annkio Briggs is a human rights activist and environmentalist who has been a voice for the Niger Delta. She has called the world's attention to the sufferings of her people and region, the neglect and devastation of the environment and the lack of development of the Niger-Delta including her home state, Rivers.

She is the Founder and Executive Director of a non-governmental organization Agape Birthrights. For the past 19 years, she has been devoted to speaking up for the Niger Deltans, starting first as volunteer documenting oil spills with photographs, video recordings and writing reports.

Annkio Briggs's desire for equity and justice for her people is unquenchable. Her passion is to see the development of her Niger Delta and security of the future for the grand children of today's Niger Delta. She is known for never turning down any opportunity to further the cause of the Niger Delta peoples and region. Ann-Kio Briggs aims at changing the mindset of using violence as a means to an end. She recently condemned the attacks by a new group of Militants in the Niger Delta called the Niger Delta Avengers for their attacks on oil and gas installations which have resulted in power outages due to reduced supply of gas to power stations. A march she organized in February this year to speak against the allocation of land to Fulani herdsmen came under attacks by thugs but she is not discouraged in being a voice for her people. She is the convener of the Niger Delta Self Determination Movement, a Radio Talk Show Producer, Motivational Speaker, a mobilizer and a great lover of her people.

She has received over 24 awards. Annkio Briggs was conferred with the Governor's Medal of Honor (GMH) by the Governor and people of Rivers state in recognition of her outstanding achievements and contributions to the development. She remains the first and only female that has been honored by her Kalabari



Clan of the Ijaw Ethnic nationality of Rivers state. She is addressed by her beloved people of the Niger Delta in many different ways and titles like, The Amazon Queen of the Niger Delta, The Omuere of Izon, Izon Ere 1, Moni Tubo 1 The Voice of Truth, Iron Lady, 7 men, Vision Bearer amongst others.



Hajiya Umar Halima – Sokoto State

Hajiya Umar Halima has been active in sensitizing women in communities in all the 23 Local Government Areas in Sokoto State about peaceful co-existence. She works with farmers and herdsman and also mediates in family conflicts. As Executive Director of Women, Youth and Children Skill Development Initiatives (WYCDI), she serves a voice for orphans and vulnerable children and unskilled youth and women.

Her belief in the need for policies that will uplift the poor has resulted in programs to enable them acquire livelihood assets, get educated and have access to health and other social services.

The activities of WYCDI, which she supervises, also include empowering communities to demand for accountability and transparency in government. Hajiya Halima is also working towards the integration of Western Education to many Quaranic schools in the state.

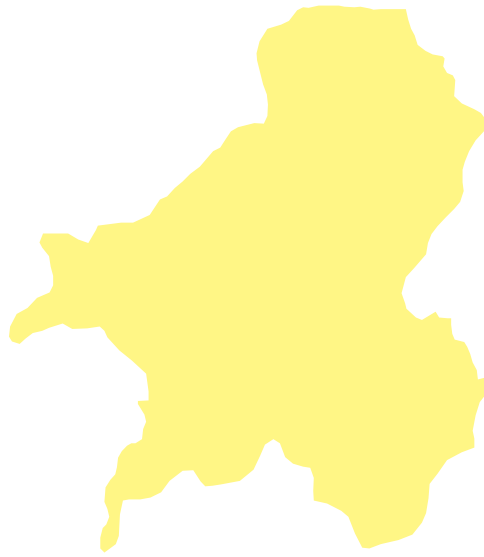
For her contributions towards peace building in Sokoto State, she is being honoured as a Sherone.





Hajiya Safiya A. Umar – Taraba State

Hajiya Safiya A. Umar Galadima is the Assistant Coordinator of the Federation of Muslim Women Associations in Nigeria (FOMWAN) in Taraba and Adamawa states. She advocates for peaceful coexistence and creates awareness on peaceful living in homes, and in the community. She extends her efforts to hard-to-reach areas to solve conflicts between groups, families and amongst political associations. Hajiya Safiya has participated in inter-religious interactive sessions and made significant contributions towards conflict resolution in the North-East. She also organizes discussions with stakeholders in local government to sensitize the public on the effects of violence and benefits of peaceful co-existence. She continues to mentor others with her wealth of knowledge and experience in peace building. For her efforts in maintaining peace, she is being given the award of a Female Peace Champion.





Hadiza Mali – Yobe State

Hadiza Mali is actively involved in peace advocacy conflict mapping and sensitization on peaceful co-existence. With the support of the Damaturu Emirate Council, she convened a meeting between formal security officers and non-state security actors such as vigilante groups and hunters to tackle the issues of community policing and to emphasize synergy.

She has also formed clubs in wards to sensitize youths on the dangers of drug abuse and its consequences to youth. She is in collaboration with the North-East Regional Initiative (NERI) to educate Damaturu, Potiskum and Geidam Local Government residents on peace and leadership. Hadiza Mali with sponsorship of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) organized a workshop on peaceful conduct of elections and served as a resource person on the radio program aired to create awareness.

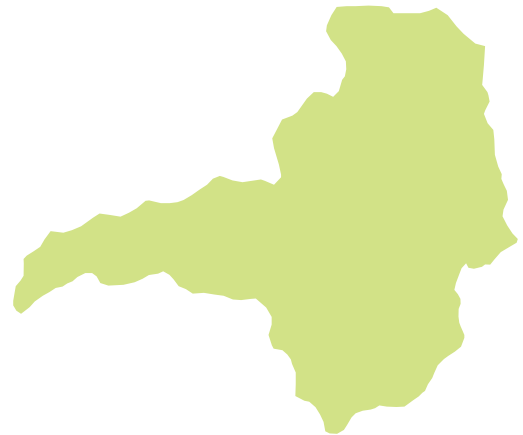
She is working with the Nigeria Institute of Advance Legal Studies (NIALS) on justice and healing process in the North-East.





Zainab Isah Arah – Zamfara State

Zainab Isah Arah is a strong advocate for peace in Zamfara State. Her leadership in the Federation of Muslim Women Association of Nigeria (FOMWAN) has contributed to the mobilization of over 8000 youths in her state to reach a consensus on the protection of holy sites (mosques and churches). She has also educated both rural and urban women on interreligious cooperation, moral values and developing a culture of peace.



She actively participated in a committee that ensured that the Violence Against Persons Prohibition Act 2015 was incorporated into the penal code and eventually passed into law. The law seeks to eliminate violence in private and public life, prohibit all forms of violence, provide maximum protection and remedies for victims and punish offenders

Zainab utilizes her skills in conflict resolution and her over 14 years of experience with several non-governmental and international organizations to broker peace in communal conflicts and fight for the protection of women from violence. For her immense contribution to sensitizing and mobilizing women and youths, and building peace in Zamfara State, she is being honored as a Sherone.

PROFILE OF FEDERAL WOMEN PEACE AND SECURITY NETWORK (WPSN) ORGANISATIONS



Association of Student Peace Ambassadors in Nigerian Tertiary Institutions

Association of Student Peace Ambassadors in Nigeria Tertiary Institutions (ASPANTI) is a student group that champions youth initiatives for peace and security, climate change, gender and development in Nigeria.

It has its network members in 45 tertiary institutions spread across Nigeria. The Association's impact is tremendously felt within the communities in their areas of operation and they have influenced many youths within its seven years of existence. ASPANTI promotes youth participation and inclusion in the peace building processes at the national and state levels.

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DOROTHY NJEMANZE FOUNDATION

Dorothy Njemanze Foundation is a non-governmental organization that was legally registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) in July, 2012 to address increase in abuse related issues, fueled by the high rates of poverty and illiteracy. It has three focal areas including improving access to social justice, social inclusion and victim support.

Because of unfounded fears, many do not demand accountability and/or defend their rights. The foundation uses the entertainment media, dramas, talk shows, radio programs, TV programs, infomercials, social campaign adverts, documentaries, movies, movielettes or short film, paintings and poetry to engage audiences for grassroots reorientation. The foundation also aims to inspire attitudinal change, address issues around access to social justice, social inclusion, provide victim support by sensitizing the public on what constitutes abuse and how to handle all appearances of such.

We use the power of audio-visuals to send across salient messages in formats easily comprehensible by all, irrespective of educational level or social status. Thus, conscious enlightenment empowers people with impetus to do right. Majority of our beneficiaries are children/youths, women and people with disabilities.

The feedback from our platforms are overwhelming and demand that we provide clients with medical assistance, legal assistance, counselling and economic empowerment to help victims reintegrate into the society. We provide what we can and rely on referring clients to partner organizations for what we cannot handle.

We sensitize the public on laws such as, the Violence Against Persons Prohibition (VAPP) Act and the Childs Rights Act to increase advocacy on implementation where these laws are justiciable, and domestication where not justiciable in all the thirty six states in Nigeria. This is to ensure that all Nigerians can benefit from the laws. We are actively advocating the passage of the Disability Rights Bill, Mental Health Bill and Anti-Torture Bill. We deliberately tie our advocacies to the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and ensure everyone exercises their rights to actively participate in society.

Dorothy Njemanze, the Focal Person of the foundation is a detribalized youth with a resilient spirit. She is a survivor of sexual and gender based violence and uses her story on her path to healing as a real life testimony to inspire other victims to dare to reclaim their lives and make positive impact in society. She challenged the random abduction and gross violation of women in Abuja Nigeria and hopes that the resultant judgement from ECOWAS court of justice would give more women impetus to demand justice without guilt, should they encounter violation.

She inspired the production of the international award winning documentary, SILENT TEARS and has been devoted to the fight for the safety and security of the woman and the girl child. She has actively participated in various policy reviews that focus on women peace and security and social inclusion. She is an active member of Women Peace and Security, Nigeria (WPSN).

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We believe in CREATING A BETTER, SAFER SOCIETY FOR ALL.

Federation of Muslim Women's Associations in Nigeria (FOMWAN)



The Federation of Muslim Women's Associations in Nigeria (FOMWAN) is a non-profit making and faith-based organisation. It is an umbrella organization of Muslim women's groups in Nigeria; promoting Muslim women's viewpoints and development needs on the international, national and local stages.

The Federation envisions a world where women are totally empowered to be role models in making positive impact in the society; and a mission to improve the socio-economic status of women, adolescent girls and children through advocacy, capacity building, provision of qualitative education, health services and micro-enterprise scheme. Its specific objectives include; to unite and co-ordinate Muslim women's organisations in Nigeria for a united voice, decision, action and serve as a liaison with Governments (federal, state and local) and other collaborating partners (local and international).

Since registration in 1985, the Federation has worked to spread Islam through dawah and advocated for Muslim girls' education and advanced Nigerian development projects through women empowerment, as a means to eradicating poverty and to promote "positive social behaviour of Muslim girls". FOMWAN is strongly committed to the 17 SDGs of which the government of Nigeria is a signatory.

FOMWAN, currently has chapters in the 36 Nigerian states and the Federal Capital Territory, spread across over 600 LGAs with over 3000 affiliate groups. FOMWAN engages in programs to increase the retention rate of girls in school, continue education for married women, and integrate literacy and vocational training into established Qur'anic schools and thus has over 200 formal Schools (nursery, primary and secondary) and over 2000 Islamiyyah schools nationwide. FOMWAN has inspired the creation of similar groups in Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Mauritius, Niger, the UK and Ireland.

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INTERNATIONAL ACTION NETWORK ON SMALL ARMS WOMEN NETWORK NIGERIA (IANSA WOMEN NETWORK NIGERIA - IANSAWNN)

IANSA Women Network–Nigeria is a non-profit making, non-political and a non-governmental network of women groups working to stop the proliferation and misuse of Arms in Nigeria. The network is registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission Abuja and aims at coordinating women-led and focused organizations working on gun violence. They partner with other development organizations both locally and internationally, to encourage greater awareness and inclusion of women's rights and gender issues and foster development for the less privileged. Its membership cuts across the six geo-political regions of Nigeria and beyond. IANSAWNN builds the capacity of women on peace-building, dispute and conflict resolution strategies using Advocacy, Sensitization and Training Workshops to reduce violence against women.

In Nigeria, it has substantially managed and contributed to building women's capacity on peace and conflict resolutions and campaigned by engaging positively with other stakeholders including Civil Society Organizations, individuals, ministries, policy makers in charge of peace processes. It also campaigns internationally. Following its successes, government admitted IANSAWNN as a member of the National Committee on the Control of Arms and Light Weapons (NATCOM), and IANSAWNN is a member of the Cluster Munitions Coalition (CMC) and the International Campaign to Ban Landmine (ICBL).

IANSAWNN's Vision, Mission and Objectives

Vision: IANSAWNN envisions a society where there is sustainable peace; economic, social and political rights of women and children are protected.

Mission: IANSA Women Network-Nigeria exists to reduce the proliferation and impact of small arms on women and children in order to achieve peace and sustainable development in Nigeria and empower the poor and marginalized among the population, so that they are better positioned to contribute to their well-being and the development of the society. At the same time, it ensures mainstreaming of gender and protecting the fundamental rights of all citizens.

Objectives: To coordinate and strengthen women-led and focused organisations working on prevention of small arms proliferation and misuse in Nigeria using best practices to identify, mobilise and use their capacities and available resources to achieve the following specific objectives:

1. Educate women and youths on the dangers of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW)
2. Protect and promote the rights of the vulnerable poor men and women and children
3. Facilitate the economic empowerment of the disadvantaged through life skills acquisition



- and small enterprises development
4. Ensure inclusion and active participation of women in their political, economic and social life
 5. Sustain all programs that relates with Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) as it affects women and youths.
 6. Empower women to take up developmental issues as it affects them.

To achieve these, IANSAWNN is engaged in:

ADVOCACY:

- Control the proliferation of small arms and light weapons in Nigeria through sustained advocacy for the full implementation of International Small Arms Control Standards (ISACS)
- Develop and implement arms control programmes using evidence generated through arms control assessment study
- Advocate for greater involvement of women in arms control and disarmament programmes.

STRATEGY:

- Adopt and implement relevant components of the UN Programme of Action to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons
- Strengthen Care and Support Systems for Victims and increase capacity for violence prevention
- Reduce risk factors for violence and incidences of rates of violence
- Deepen awareness creation on Arms Trade Treaty and International Programme of Action on arms control
- Support the orphans of armed conflicts and other vulnerable children with education support, improve school enrolment and retention in the communities affected by armed violence, support vulnerable households affected by armed violence with economic strengthening and improve health and sanitation condition for women and vulnerable children (VC) and their caregivers.
- Provide psychosocial support for women and children affected by armed violence.

CAPACITY BUILDING:

- Economic empowerment of the disadvantaged through life skills acquisition and small enterprises developed within Nigerian skills space
- Training on relevant resolutions (UNSCR 1325, NAP on 1325, CEDAW, GEO BILL, etc) to aid and protect the rights of the vulnerable group (women, children, etc) in the society, and mitigate the impact of armed violence on them and the communities in which they live
- Improve partnership and networking as well as communicate with other organisations, partners, clients and stakeholders.

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PROFILE OF MEDICAL WOMAN ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (MWAN)

Medical Women Association of Nigeria (MWAN) is a non-governmental, non- profit, non-sectarian organization of female medical and dental doctors in Nigeria.

It was founded in Ibadan Oyo state in 1976.

It is affiliated to the Medical Women International Association (MWIA) and to the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) and registered with the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and National Council of Women Society. It collaborates with many international and local organizations.

MWAN currently has 30 active branches in 30 states of Nigeria including the FCT.

The Association was founded with the following aims and objectives:

- 1) To provide means of communication between medical women in different parts of the country.
- 2) To promote the general interests of medical women in different parts of the country and foster friendship and understanding among them
- 3) To provide opportunities for medical women to confer at regular intervals, discuss the health problems of the communities they serve and take collective action to alleviate the health problems and promote the well-being of the various communities.
- 4) To provide the fora for discussion and inter change of ideas with government, the public and international organizations on social and political problems that directly or indirectly affects the health of women and children (especially girls) in this country.

To achieve these objectives, quarterly National Executive Council meetings and scientific conferences are held.

MISSION

To serve humanity in pursuit of positive health programs /projects throughout MWAN states and the entire Nigeria populace, with special emphasis on women and children and by employing up to date knowledge of delivery system acquired through world class medical training of members in international / national scientific assemblies for greater visibility and influence of members in all aspects of the medical profession.

VISION

To be foremost medical association in Nigeria in the maintenance of quality health in Nigeria



and throughout the world, and a symbol of unity of medical women worldwide in improving the standard of quality health care and expansion of knowledge and excellence in health.

MOTTO:

Matris animo curant meaning Heal with the love of a mother.

MEMBERSHIP

Apart from qualified female medical doctors; the association awards honorary membership to any non- medically qualified woman who has rendered meritorious service to the association.

LEADERSHIP

The affairs of the association is directed by the National Executive Council headed by a president in a two yearly tenure where she is not eligible for re - election for a consecutive term but hands over to a previously elected president-elect who under studied her for two years.. The same leadership style is replicated in all the state branches.

A minimum of twelve female doctors must be available in a state to be eligible to form a branch. The wife of the President is automatically the Patron of the Association at the National level while the Governors' wives are patrons at the state level and the wife of the Federal Capital Territory Minister is the patron of the FCT branch.

FUNDING

Funding is primarily from membership dues, free will donations, sponsorships and grants from individuals and organizations.

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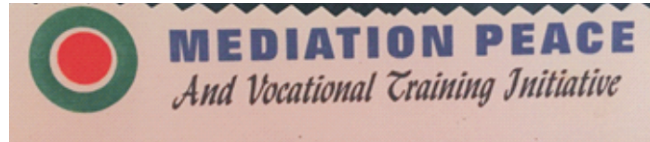
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MEDIATION, PEACE & VOCATIONAL TRAINING INITIATIVE

RC NO. CAC/IT/NO 41003

ABOUT US –

Mediation Peace and Vocational Training Initiative is a non-governmental organization duly registered in Nigeria with the Corporate Affairs Commission with RC No. CAC/IT/NO 41003. The organization is involved in mediation training, peace education, peace building, peace and conflict resolution, peace networking, leadership training with skill acquisition and empowerment programmes for women, girls and youths towards sustainable development. We are Accredited Mediators, Peace Consultants, Peace Ambassadors, Peace Makers, Agents of Peace and Relationship Builders. We work both at the national and international levels to achieve a common goal (PEACE).

MISSION

Our mission is to educate and train the girl child, women and youths on mediation skills, which are life skills for preventing, managing, resolving, rebuilding, sustaining relationships and also supporting and empowering women girls and youths with different life sustaining vocational skills for economic development and self reliance.

VISION

Our vision is to see a peaceful co-existing nations inculcating and practicing the skills of mediation for peaceful co-existence and development

OUR SERVICES

We train Mediators, Peace Ambassadors, Peace Agents and provide services in mediation. Our training programs are a rich blend and therapeutic disciplines, creating an inspiring learning experience.

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Global Rights

Global Rights is non-governmental, non-partisan and non-profit human rights organization committed to creating an equitable society that promotes human dignity. Founded on the ideals of a just society for all, guided by the universal principles of human rights and guaranteed by access to justice, its model works and builds impact from the broad base of society upwards, teaching and training coalitions, organizations and individuals with a participatory approach that fosters long-term transparency and sustainable change. Global Rights' work is distinctive because of its grassroots approach that strengthens activists to document and expose human rights abuses, conduct community outreach and mobilization, advocate for legal and policy reform, and provide legal and paralegal services.

Global Rights as a human rights capacity building organization believes in the dignity and equality of all human beings and acknowledges that there are barriers that deny people their rights. We believe there must be systemic changes to overcome these barriers, and achieving full human rights begins with the individual and the community. We work from the ground up building the capacity of local non-governmental organizations, community organisations, governments and individual activists through trainings, mentorship and technical assistance. Our overarching objective is always to leave behind a culture that supports and defends human rights and sustainable justice for future generations.

Global Rights believes that social change begins at the community level and gains effectiveness through partnership with people who share similar needs, values and expertise. The organization is guided by a strong commitment to equality and diversity to build social and legal change that is long-term and sustainable.



Strong Enough Girls' Empowerment Initiative (SEGEI)

Mission: SEGEI is dedicated to helping girls and women in low-resource settings find their voices, access resources, and use their talents to thrive.

Objectives:

- Promote girls' education and health globally
- Mentor adolescent girls and young women
- Equip young girls and women with marketable life skills

Summary:

SEGEI is an international women-led non-profit organization dedicated to helping girls and women in low-resource settings find their voices, access resources, and use their talents to thrive. We seek to IGNITE, NURTURE, and HARNESS the intellectual, emotional, and social strengths of adolescent girls and young women through education (formal and informal), mentorship, and life skills development. SEGEI works with government and community leaders and in junior and senior secondary schools and communities around Nigeria and in the United States to help girls practice healthy living and acquire marketable skills by educating girls on self-esteem, leadership, sexual and reproductive health, academic success, and promoting trans-cultural exchange.

SEGEI supports girls to stay in school and pursue university degrees through provision of school supplies and supplemental scholarships. We aim to close the economic and gender gaps in education and advance the Global Goals 4&5 which are: ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for [girls] and achieve gender equality by empowering all women and girls.

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Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) was founded in 1915 with the purpose of having an organization through which women could work for peace and freedom by claiming women's right and responsibility to participate in decision-making on all aspects of peace and security. To this effect, it has established groups and sections functioning effectively in over 40 countries with secretariat and projects operating in Geneva and New York and a wide range of partners.

WILPF Nigeria, with a National Secretariat in Enugu and a branch in Abuja was born out a passion to advocate for women's right and address the issues of Women Peace and Security from a local and global perspective. It was launched as a group in 2008, and then as section in 2011. WILPF-Nigeria is committed to the promotion of peace and pursuit of freedom for all women and focuses on the use of CEDAW and Security Council Resolution 1325 (SCR 1325) as very important tools in our intervention activities

WILPF Nigeria has implemented projects such as training of over 10,250 on Understanding and Localization of UNSCR 1325, Women's role in Peace and Security, skill acquisition. in 100 communities across the six geo political zones of Nigeria. We have carried out Human Rights Education training in selected secondary schools among teachers in selected states and have also translated UNSCR 1325 into four indigenous Nigerian Languages.

WILPF Nigeria coordinated the first ever Women Situation Room in Nigeria in 2015. The Women's Situation Room Nigeria (WSRN) is a platform for women's substantive participation in peace building processes and conflict resolution. WSRN has set up a structure of women peace builders in the 774 LGA of Nigeria using strategic partnerships. These women peace builders have been trained through local, state and national workshops with the aim of mobilizing women to actively participate in peace, leadership and decision making process. WILPF Nigeria in March 2017 formed an NGO coalition on Peace and Security in Abuja to write a shadow report that is focused on Women Peace and Security and this will be presented to the committee on CEDAW in June.

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