

MINISTRY OF WOMEN AFFAIRS
IN COLLABORATION
WITH
THE WOMEN IN PEACE
AND SECURITY NETWORK

**SUBMISSION OF THE RIVERS STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE UNITED NATIONS
SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1325 TO NIGERIAN STABILITY AND RECONCILIATION
PROGRAM BY THE RIVERS STATE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AFFAIRS IN COLLABORATION
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BACKGROUND

Nigeria is experiencing rising persistent and violent conflict. It is also the predominant regional power and has taken a substantial role in conflict resolution in West Africa. No one can deny the disproportionate impact of war and conflicts on women and children, the violation of their rights as it has been noticed all over the world how women and children suffer greatly through, deaths, torture, rape, sex slavery, forced pregnancies and a lot more during conflicts and wars. Over the last decade Nigeria has been flooded with violent crisis situations, from the insurgencies in the Niger delta to the terrorist attacks and incessant killings in the Northern area of Nigeria. While women play negligible roles in causing these crisis situations, they pay dearly with their lives, children and dignity during conflicts. They are attacked by both insurgents and security agents in times of war and more often than none, in times of peace. Women all over the world are galvanized to lobby and demand from National Governments, sub-regional and regional organizations and the UN Security Council that women's right should be protected in war and also in peace times.

Why domesticate the UNSCR 1325 in Nigeria?

UNSCR1325 is relevant to the Nigerian situation as it addresses local problems affecting the security status of Nigerian women. On the issue of the involvement of women in mainstream conflict resolution and peace building processes, the resolution addresses;

- The absence of gender perspectives in the peace/security enforcement framework in Nigeria

- The lack of institutional support for community level initiatives by women to maintain the peace within their locality
- The marginalization of Nigerian women in formal policy making positions, traditional peace building mechanisms, security, enforcement institutions and ad hoc peace building mechanisms created by states
- The failure of state authorities to consult women even informally, in the course of state initiated peace processes

The National Action Plan (NAP) for the Implantation of the UNSCR 1325

The National Action Plan for the implantation of the UNSCR 1325 was put together by the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development. It takes into cognisance the need to protect women and girls from violence and also the participation of women in peace processes. The NAP is built on five pillars called the 5 Ps;

1. **prevention:** to prevent all types of violence against women and girls
2. **protection:** to protect women from all types of violence
3. **participation:** to ensure women's participation in all activities in conflict prevention, peace building and post-conflict recovery processes at all levels
4. **promotion:** to promote women's rights, ownership and funding
5. **Prosecution:** to strengthen prosecution and ensure quick trial of perpetrators of gender based violence to end impunity.

WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY IN RIVERS STATE

Over the last decade Rivers State has experienced several types and phases of violent conflict, natural disasters that have highlighted security issues women face that have been ignored. The Niger delta struggle and resultant conflict resulting from resource control and environmental degradation grievances saw Rivers State in the middle of series of violent crisis situations which led to the Amnesty declaration by the Federal Government of Nigeria under President Musa Yar'Adua's

lead administration. This opened up gender gaps in the implementation of the Amnesty Program and over all DDR process adopted by Nigeria.

The flooding in Rivers State in 2012 also exposed the gender issues not taking into cognisance during internal displacement of persons, as health, sanitary and other gender issues were not considered in the structuring of the Internally Displaced Persons camps for communities displaced by the flooding. Special attention to prevent VAWGs was not considered amongst others and as such there were cases of rape and other forms of violence against women and girls in camps.

While Rivers State has achieved giant stride in development, sustainable development cannot be achieved without peace and security of all citizens and to achieve this gender equity and equality must be achieved and included as part of the developmental agenda of Rivers State.

It is on this premise that the Rivers State Ministry of Women Affairs, seeks to support the effort of the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development and The Nigerian Stability and Reconciliation Program, in adopting the National Action Plan for the Implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 in Rivers State. Based on the principles of gender inclusion of the UNSCR1325 on Women Peace and Security and the 5pillars on which the NAP is structured which encourages the full **PARTICIPATION** of women in decision making, peace building and conflict mitigation and resolution processes, the **PROSECUTION** of perpetrators of VAWGS, the **PROMOTION** of the rights of women and girls through gender sensitive legislation amongst others, the **PREVENTION** of VAWG and the **PROTECTION** of women and girls from violence. The adoption of the NAP and domestication of same in Rivers state will go a long way to ensure Women and girls are protected in times of conflicts and in peace times.

PROJECT	OBJECTIVES	ACTIVITIES/ STRATEGIES	APPROPRI ATION OF PLANNED ACTIVITIES	KEY ACTORS	TARGET GROUP	OUTCOME	COST		
							2015	2016	2017
Advocacy visits to key stake holders	1. To advocate for the support to implement the National and Rivers state action plan on the UNSCR 1325 which involves women's socio-economic and political empowerment to reduce VAWG in Rivers State. 2. To create awareness on the UNSCR 1325 and the NAP and SAP amongst relevant stakeholders in Rivers State and increase commitments to reduce VAWGS at the state and local government and community level 3. To advocate for the strengthening of gender sensitive laws to reduce Gender Based Violence in Rivers state. 4. Advocacy for the establishment of half	1. Contact building with all relevant stakeholders 2. Advocacy visit with media coverage to all relevant stake holders 3. Dissemination of laws/ policies/ the National Action Plan and the State Action Plan for the implementation of the UNSCR1325 and other IEC materials amongst key stakeholders	3,000,000	The Rivers State Ministry of Women Affairs Women in Peace and Security Network, Rivers State The media	The Governor of Rivers State Key Political Parties Security Agencies Relevant MDAs The wife of the Governor of Rivers State Legislators Local Government Chairmen PRIVATE SECTOR (financial)	Key stakeholders endorse and accept the State Action Plan for the implementation of the UNSCR MDAs pledge their support in implementing part of the state action plan relevant to them There is increased commitments to enact and implement laws against GBV in Rivers state	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000

Research/ Baseline survey on prevalence e/impact of VAWGs on developm ent in Rivers state	way homes for survivors of VAWGs	1. To collate data on the prevalence of VAWGs in Rivers 2. To understand trends in VAWGs and identify most vulnerable groups of women and girls in Rivers state 3. To identify gaps in policies and laws aimed at reducing Gender Based Violence. 3. To use the research findings of the baseline survey for legislative advocacy to strengthen the implementation of the UNSCR1325 and other relevant laws and policies, aimed and reducing VAWGs in Rivers state.	1. Engagement of consultants/TOR for consultants 2. Community entry will be carried out for the community to accept and encourage community members to participate in the exercise. 3. Town hall meetings/focus group discussions/key informant interviews will be carried out in each community	3,000,000	The Ministry of Women Affairs The Women in Peace and Security Network Consultants	institutions (Multinational oil companies) Traditional Rulers Communities within the three senatorial district of Rivers state Legislators	Draft report of the research survey of the prevalence of VAWGs in Rivers state and its impact on sustainable development	3,000,000		
		4. Research and Questionnaire administration will be carried out in the three				Policies/bills formulated to address gaps in existing laws, recommendations for strengthening existing laws				

Sensitization/awareness creation workshop on	1. To sensitize 200 key stakeholders, opinion leaders, youths, security agencies and the general public on the importance of	1. Hiring of a suitable venue for the workshop 2. Printing of invitation,	3,000,000	The Ministry of Women Affairs Women in	The Governor of Rivers State The wife of the Governor	Awareness created on the importance of implementin	3,000,000		
		<p>senatorial districts of Rivers state</p> <p>5. Consultants analyse research findings from data collated</p> <p>6. Intervention programs will be built to mitigate causes of high trends in VAWGs amongst the most vulnerable groups, policies will be formulated and amendment of laws drafted</p> <p>7. Presentation of draft report to Key stakeholders</p>							

women's participation in peace, security and conflict resolution in Rivers state and validation of research and baseline survey findings	women's participation in peace processes in Rivers state through the implementation of the UNSCR 1325	programs and workshop materials	Peace and Security Network, Rivers state	and Deputy Governor Legislators Key Political Security Agencies Relevant MDAs Private Sector CSOs NGOs FBO Traditional Rulers, Youth groups Women's Groups	g and domestication of the UNSCR 1325 in Rivers state Relevant stakeholders /MDAs accept and adopt the Rivers State Action Plan for the implementation of the UNSCR 1325 More commitment from the government of Rivers state to protect women and girls from violence in Rivers state through enforcing/implementing/necessary laws.			
	2. To increase commitment towards gender sensitive legislation aimed at improving the political participation of women in Rivers State as well as improving their socio-economic lives which will in turn reduce VAWGs	3. Invitation of key guest/speakers and other relevant stakeholders						
	3. To Validate baseline survey/research findings and recommendations	4. Engagement of consultants for paper presentation and facilitation of sessions on Women in Peace and security and other relevant topics						
		7. Engagements of the press for media coverage						
		8. Presentation of research/baseline findings for validation by stakeholders						

Legislative advocacy/policy dialogue	<p>1. To create awareness on gaps in policies/Laws/programs that affects women and girls negatively as well as restricts them from benefitting from state interventions and private sector benefits</p> <p>2. To create awareness on policy needs of women and girls in Rivers state to increase their political/leadership participation and socio-economic empowerment, at the community, local government and state level</p> <p>3. To identify suitable laws and policies for Rivers state that will increase Women's participation in peace building and conflict resolution processes as well as protect women</p>	<p>1. Engagement of consultants to collate and analyse the implementation and limitations of all necessary laws/policies/programs and identify gender gaps and disparities with regards to Violence Against Women and Girls In Rivers State and limitations of litigation</p> <p>2. Conceptualising new laws/policies on reporting, referring, counselling and prosecution of Violence Against Women and Girls</p>	3,000,000	<p>The Ministry of Women Affairs</p> <p>The Women in Peace and Security Network</p> <p>Consultants</p>	<p>Legislators Members of the house of assembly (house committee on women affairs)</p> <p>Key Political Security Agencies Relevant MDAs Private sector CSOs NGOs The Media</p>	<p>Research findings are validated by key stakeholders.</p> <p>Draft policy needs/bills for vulnerable women and girls are produced and disseminated amongst legislators and other stakeholders</p> <p>Sponsors of bills amongst legislators are identified for follow up actions</p> <p>Increased commitment amongst legislators and key stakeholders for gender sensitive legislation</p>	2,000,000	1,000,000	
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	and girls from Violence in peace and conflict times 4. To encourage gender sensitive legislation in Rivers State geared at increasing Women's political participation and improving their socio-economic lives	3. Presentation of research findings to legislators and other relevant stakeholders and presentation of Laws/policy on reporting, referring, counselling and prosecution of VAWGs in Rivers state. 5. Advocacy for the implementation /domestication of relevant laws and policies (UNSCR 1325, Violence Against Persons Prohibition Bill 2010)	6,000,000	The Ministry of Women Affairs Women in Peace and Security Network,	Security Agencies Relevant MDAs Health care providers			2,000,000	2,000,000
Training of relevant stake-holders, MDAs, Security Agencies, community women	1. To train 100 security agencies on the need to protect women and girls from sexual violence and other forms of Gender Based Violence using relevant laws	1. Engagements of consultants to develop training modules and manuals for the training 2. Consultative	6,000,000	The Ministry of Women Affairs Women in Peace and Security Network,	Security Agencies Relevant MDAs Health care providers			2,000,000	2,000,000

<p>and girls on prevention of VAWGs, the UNSCR1325, conflict mitigation, resolution, early warning signs and general legal education</p>	<p>2. Training of 100 relevant MDAs, CSOs and community women and girls and opinion leaders on the UNSCR 1325, relevant laws and policies to reduce VAWGs in Rivers state.</p> <p>3. To Build collaboration between stakeholders, to reduce VAWGs at the state, local government and community level.</p> <p>4. To reduce conflict In Rivers State through capacity on peace building and conflict resolution</p>	<p>meeting for the adoption of training modules for the various relevant stakeholders including women and girls</p> <p>2. Trainings for 100 security agents from various security agencies</p> <p>3. Training of relevant MDAs, NGOs, CBOs and FBOs on legal education geared at reporting and documentation of VAWGs.</p> <p>3. Training of women, girls and opinion leaders in communities from the 23local government areas on legal education and identifying peer educators from</p>		<p>Rivers State Consultants</p>	<p>(state and non-state)</p> <p>CSOs NGOs The Media Opinion leaders, Women and girls from 23 Local Government Areas of Rivers State</p>				
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<p>Training and support for CBOs, CSOs and FBOs on prevention, documentation, counselling and reporting of VAWGs and step-down/peer education programs</p>	<p>1. To equip relevant CBOs, CSOs and FBOs with capacity to carry out activities aimed at reducing VAWGs at community levels 2. To open up reporting lines on VAWGs between Communities, The Local Governments and the State 3. To raise peer educators at the community level for sustained education on prevention of GBV amongst women and girls. 4. To increase personal protection/prevention mechanisms amongst women and girls to reduce GBV targeted at them.</p>	<p>the 23 LGAs</p> <p>1. Engagement of consultants to carry out trainings 2. Creation of training manuals 3. Identification of groups to be trained 4. Training of identified CBOs, CSOs and FBOs in the 23 local government areas 4. Financial support for identified groups to carry out community sensitization to raise peer educators (women, girls and men) 5. Support for identified groups to monitor peer education progress and community step down sensitization.</p>	<p>5,000,000</p>	<p>MoWA WPSN</p>	<p>CBOs NGOs FBOs Other relevant stakeholders</p>	<p>CBOs, NGOs and FBOs have adequate capacity to monitor, document, counsel and report cases of VAWGs from their community Quarterly town hall meetings are held in communities aimed at reducing VAWGS Women and girls within the 23 local government are more aware of legal provisions aimed at prosecuting VAWG and personal protection/pr</p>	<p>2,00,000</p>	<p>1,500,000</p>	<p>1,500,000</p>
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Skill acquisition programs for survivors of VAWGs	1. To create sustainable economic empowerment to reduce vulnerability for women and girls who have gone through severe cases of VAWG that has affected their livelihoods 2. Economic empowerment for identified women dependent on abusive spouses	1. Identifying severe cases of VAWGs that has impeded education or economic lives of survivors and economic dependent women on abusive spouses 2. Economic empowerment training and entrepreneurial skills 3. Micro-credit loan scheme prepared and given to identified women and girls 4. Quarterly checks on business growth and returns by trained CBOs, FBOs and NGOs.	10,000,000	Consultants WPSN Ministry of Women Affairs Project monitors (CBOs, BOs, NGOs)	Identified survivors of VAWGs and others most at risk	evention mechanisms are practiced to reduce vulnerability to VAWGs Vulnerable women and most affected by GBV are economically empowered on various cottage industry/entrepreneurial skills, aimed at reducing vulnerability to VAWGS and economic recovery from VAWGS	3,500,00	3,500,00	300,000
Expansion of women	1. To have a larger network of 150	1. A week of Media	1,500,000	The Ministry	The Media		1,500,000		

<p>in Peace and Security Network and inclusion of more male champions</p>	<p>women, organizations and men championing the cause of women and girls in Rivers state</p> <p>2. To increase the capacity of the Women in Peace and Security Network Rivers state on advocacy/mobilization/ and communication for change</p> <p>3. To raise 50 men and boys that will be patrons and supporters of the women in Peace and Security Network</p>	<p>sensitization/mobilization on Women in peace and security will be carried out</p> <p>2. A workshop for old and new/intending members of the Women in Peace and Security Network</p> <p>3. Training for men and boys supporters of the Women in Peace and Security Network</p>	<p>4,500,000</p>	<p>of Women Affairs Women in Peace and Security Network, Rivers State Consultants</p>	<p>Relevant MDAs Women groups Community women CSOs FBOs CBOs</p>	<p>Awareness created at the local government level for the need to improve reproductive health services for women and girls and to make</p>	<p>1,500,000</p>	<p>1,500,000</p>	<p>1,500,000</p>
<p>Sensitization on women/girls' reproductive health in Rivers State</p>	<p>1. To target local government councils, religious organizations, traditional leaders, attendance and primary health care givers at the local government level, to minimise socio-cultural and or traditional patterns that perpetuate gender</p>	<p>1. Contact building with all the 23 local government Chairmen and their Wives to acquaint them with the program to get their support and participation</p>	<p>4,500,000</p>	<p>Ministry of Women Affairs (MOWA) Women in Peace and Security Network, Rivers State (WPSN)</p>	<p>Local Government Chairmen Chairpersons of each Local Government Primary Health hospital Board Primary Health workers</p>	<p>Awareness created at the local government level for the need to improve reproductive health services for women and girls and to make</p>	<p>1,500,000</p>	<p>1,500,000</p>	<p>1,500,000</p>

Production of IEC materials	1. To produce and disseminate amongst relevant stakeholders, all necessary supporting documents, flyers, hand bills and posters to increase awareness of the UNSCR1325, NAP and the State Action Plan	1. Consultative meetings to conceptualise UNSCR 1325 awareness creation materials, VAWGS prevention materials	1,500,000		Traditional rulers/leaders and wives Religious organizations (Christian and Muslim) Religious leaders Community women and girls	accessible health provisions for victims of VAWGS Collaboration built between WPSN members (FBOS, CBOs, Peer educator) and other relevant stakeholders at the local government level.	500,000	500,000	500,000
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	for the implementation of the UNSCR 1325	disaggregated by age, sex and others.				stakeholders through public awareness programs, Relevant MDAs, and other partners.		
	2. To produce awareness creation material aimed at reducing VAWGs, targeted at various groups in the society (age groups, gender groups, the disabled, health care providers, security agencies etc)	2. Consultation with vendors to print all necessary IEC materials						
	3. To ensure hands on information on prevention, reporting and prosecution of VAWGS is readily available to the general public	3. Contract awarded for production of IEC materials						
Advocacy visit to the wife of the Executive Governor of Rivers state	1. To get her support and commitment to champion the cause of establishing state run half way homes for survivors of VAWGS	1. Contact building with the Wife of the Executive Governor of Rivers state 2. Advocacy visit to the wife of the Governor of Rivers State	1,000,000	Ministry of Women Affairs (MOWA) Women in Peace and Security Network, Rivers State (WPSN)	The wife of the Executive Governor of Rivers state	Support and commitment for the establishment of state halfway homes for survivors of VAWGS is given by the wife of the Governor.		1,000,000
Advocacy	1. To advocate for the	1. Contact	1,000,000	The Media Ministry	The office of	Commitment		1,000,000

visit to the Executive Governor of Rivers state	establishment of halfway homes for victims of VAWGs	building with the office of the Executive Governor of Rivers state		of Women Affairs (MOWA)	the Executive Governor of Rivers State	s are made for the establishment of state run Halfway homes for survivors of VAWGs in Rivers state.			
Media engagements	1. To have sustained media enlightenment/and engagements on the need to legislate for the reduction of VAWGs in Rivers state 2. To create public awareness to encourage community action and multi-stakeholder collaboration to reduce VAWGs in Rivers State 3. Create awareness on the need to include women in peace building processes,	1. Creation of radio dramas to be aired on radio targeting salient women and girls issues and policy needs and 2. Creation of short films to promote women's issues 3. Press Release/briefing on progress reports on women's programs and	3,000,000	Ministry of Women Affairs (MOWA) Women in Peace and Security Network, Rivers State (WPSN) Media Partners	All Stakeholders	Stakeholders are more informed on how to reduce VAWGs in Rivers state, the need to promote peace through aired radio and television programs	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000

	<p>conflict resolution and mediation</p> <p>4. To create awareness on the need to establish half way homes for victims of VAWGs in Rivers State.</p>	<p>policy intervention</p>							
<p>Monitoring and evaluation of implementation of relevant laws, policies and programs in Rivers state to increase women's political and socio-economic empowerment</p>	<p>To monitor the implementation of relevant laws and policies and programs that work to increase;</p> <p>1. women's political participation</p> <p>2. women's socio-economic empowerment</p> <p>3. women's participation in peace processes and conflict resolution</p> <p>4. reduction of VAWGs in Rivers state</p> <p>5. The implementation of the UNSCR 1325 in Rivers state</p>	<p>1. key informant interviews with MDAs on projects carried out</p> <p>2. key informant interviews and questionnaire administration amongst beneficiaries of programs</p> <p>3. Evaluation of findings</p>	1,500,000	<p>Ministry of Women Affairs (MOWA)</p> <p>Women in Peace and Security Network, Rivers State (WPSN) Consultants</p>	<p>Relevant MDAs and Stakeholders</p>	<p>A concise evaluation report on the implementation of the State action Plan for the UNSCR 1325</p>	500,000	500,000	500,000
Total			45,000,000				21,500,000	13,500,000	11,000,000