

# MINISTRY OF WOMEN AFFAIRS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

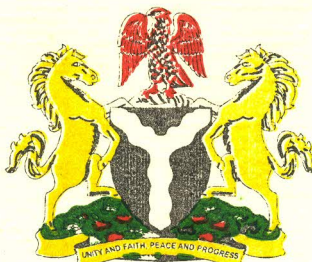
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The Programme Manager,  
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## FORWARDING OF 2014 WORKPLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL ACTION PLAN ON RESOLUTION 1325 ON PEACE AND SECURITY

I am directed by the Honourable Commissioner Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development to forward the corrected version of the 2014 workplan for the implementation of the Resolution 1325 on Peace and Security.

It could be recalled that the Maiduguri office of NSRP paid a courtesy visit to the Honourable Commissioner to intimate her organization on its activities and the possibilities for Partnership that would facilitate the implementation of Plans of Action related to Peace and Security and issues of concern and interest to ensure attainment of everlasting peace and stability to create safer world for sustainable development.

To this end the Ministry submits the proposal attached for your kind consideration and approval to implement activities in-built to reduce the negative impacts of conflicts and violence on the most vulnerable which is the key mandate of our organization.

While looking forward for the quick blessing of this proposal, please accept the assurances and high regards of the Honourable Commissioner.

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DIRECTOR, WOMEN AFFAIRS  
FOR: HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER

**BORNO STATE WORKPLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTION B25 ON PEACE AND SECURITY  
PRESENTED BY MINISTRY OF WOMEN AFFAIRS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

**1.0 BACKGROUND**

Borno State with a population of over 4 million people has been under siege since 2009 by the Boko Haram Insurgents. The State with its diverse people and having the largest landmass in the country is having insecurity challenges. In an environment of where there is no security there is no case of growth and development. Thus for the State to move forward, security and stability are the top most priority and is not negotiable.

2.0 The Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development is saddled with numerous mandates which includes the provision of wide range of Social Services in the areas of providing Social Welfare, Women Empowerment, Rehabilitation, Child Development, Poverty reduction just to mention a few.

In recent times the mandates are expanding dramatically due to the insurgency of which the burden the State Government handles becomes greater, thus the urgent need for the intervention by basket of Donors.

**2.1 DIRECTORATE OF WOMEN AFFAIRS**

The Directorate of Women Affairs is one of the Focal Department that is mandated to ensure development of the womenfolk. They initiate and implement many programme activities targeted towards alleviating hardship encountered by women as a result of poor economic status, insecurity, voiceless and vulnerability.

To buttress, the need for Women Empowerment the quotation of former First Lady, Wife of President Bush explains it better “No society can prosper when half of its population is not allowed to contribute to its progress. Educated and empowered women are vital to democracy – and important for the development of all countries”.

Moreso women make up 50% of the population and represent more than half of the entire voting population and if fully educated, informed and enlighten on the National Action Plan for the Implementation of UNSCR 1325 and other

National/ Regional related resolutions. Violence and conflict situation that erupt as a result of politics, religious misconceptions etc would be reduced to minimize level thereby achieving peace and stability that ensure meaning development.

The Ministry through harnessing the potentials in-built in women like being natural mediators, arbitrators and makers of peace at all most world no doubt record success in turning round the fortune of State and its quest for ever lasting peace. Women naturally are endowed with lots of qualities that make peace, emotionally soft and have a lot of sympathy and hate anything that violent and conflict in nature

To this end, the Ministry presents its work plan aims at ensuring that government and other stakeholders respond adequately to women's roles in pre and post conflict situations. The plan is geared towards making the Sps work: Prevention. Participation, Promotion, Protection and Prosecution in order to provide the much needed support and guide towards strengthening women, peace and security processes which we believe have already presented an alarming and unacceptable scenario, making life difficult for women and children as it generates Widows and Orphans in large proportions exposing them to different and cruel violent situations.

### **3.0 BRIEF DISCRPTION OF ACTIVITIES**

The activities stated below are expected to contribute towards actualization/ Implementation of Resolution 1325 and other related resolutions in the State. The outcome is aimed towards bridging gender disparity in issues related to peace building, conflict resolution and elimination of violence women and girls experience during war or conflict situations. Dictating early warning signs of conflict and its prevention towards escalation into more violent or conflict situation. Another major outcome is to identify the specific needs and roles of Women, Community Leaders, FBOs, CBOs and others in peace keeping – i.e. provision of dignity kits.

S/NO.	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIME FRAME	RESPONSIBLE PARTNERS	PROPOSED BUDGET	APPROVED BUDGET
1.	High-leveled advocacies to State Executives, Law Makers, Traditional Institutions to create awareness on the Five Pillars (Ps) of NAP to awake them on their roles to ensure peace and women inclusion in the process.	March – April	Ministry of Women Affairs and its Implementing Partners; CBOs, NGOs, FBOs, Media and Network of Traditional Institution.	650,000.00	
2.	Capacity building for women at all levels to respond adequately to early warning signs and symptoms, i.e. detection of early warning and early response. The training also capture women's roles in peace keeping and humanitarian services; Negotiation and reconciliation skills.	May – June	As above	1,000,000.00	
3	More advocacies to media organizations and other specialized institutions to engage them towards creating desired publicity on NAP:	July August	Ministry of Women Affairs And Its Implementing Partners; Media Organisations, NCWS and FIDA.	750,000.00	
4.	Advocacies to Community Leaders, Opinion Leaders and other Social Networks to ensure women's integration in peace building and post conflict processes at the grassroots and immunize the Social, Cultural and Traditional patterns of socialization that encourages gender role stereotyping Use the forum to launch sensitization on elimination of Harmful Traditional practices that usually spur gender based violence		Ministries of Women Affairs, Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs and Network of Traditional Institution	1,200,000.00	

5.	High leveled advocacy visit to His Royal Highness, the Shehu of Borno	April	As above	500,000.00	
6.	Organise advocacy, Networking and alliance building skills workshops on the instruments for Media and Civil Society Groups in peace building and conflict resolution.	June - July	Ministry of Women Affairs And Other Line Ministries	750,000.00	
7.	Organise training for Project Staff on M&E to assess level of implementation – organize training for Project staff on NAP and other resolution – reporting formats.	August - September	Supporting Institution (National Peace and Stability Office).	900,000.00	
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>N5,750,000.00</b>	

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**CONCLUSIONS**

In closing, Borno State Government and the Ministry of Women Affairs in particular would appreciate. If this proposal is given the desired attention it deserves because it is our key priority to see that is peace is returned and maintained. Government has already spent enormous resources to achieve that and it is our firm believe that your organization will make a difference through supporting the activities mentioned to cushion negative impacts experienced by Women, Children and other Vulnerable Groups.