



Stewardship Report

(December 20th, 2021 - April 18th, 2024)

1. INTRODUCTION

The current leadership was inaugurated on the 20th of December 2021 after an election conducted on November 23, 2021. This tenure ended on 18 April 2024 after being extended twice by Congress to ensure that the election was conducted. This stewardship report is arranged with the vision of projecting both the external and internal pillars of impact to which the network stands.

2. INTERVENTIONS

The network embarked on interventions to address key pillars of the network as laid by founding parents. They are captured as follows:

2.1 Capacity Building

The network, under our leadership, has been involved in building the capacity of its members using both external and internal resources available, which has been described as the core of the network.

Internally organized training

1. With support from a member organization of the network, the Netaccess Foundation, a training was organized for 30 members of the network over three days to improve the effective and efficient utilization of Artificial Intelligence tools. Participants in this training have attested to the significance of the training and requested a second phase.
2. Following the importance of improving the programming capacity of members of the network on promoting Freedom of Religion and Beliefs (FoRB), with funding support from the Centre for Faith and Community Development, and technical support from KAICIID Dialogue Centre, Peace Training Centre, and Zaka Foundation for Peace and Development, a two-day training was held for 30 members of the network.
3. While advocating for the utilization of restoration of peace through the principle of Restorative Justice (RJ), the network, in partnership with the Plateau Peace Building Agency with support from Mission21 and administrative support of Peace Training Centre (PTC) and Lifeline Compassionate Global Initiatives (LCGI), organized a state-level town hall meeting with participants drawn from Security, government agencies, commissions and departments, traditional leaders, youth, women, and religious leaders, etc. It also facilitated a radio program for 26 weeks. All programs aimed to enhance knowledge around RJ and to understand opportunities and challenges for the implementation of RJ in Plateau state and more specifically in Bassa local government council.

Training organized by partners.

Some of these capacity-building activities were organized by members of the network or partners who discovered capacity needs that fall within their interest, mandate and resources. Some of these organizations include the Community Health Justice and Peace Initiative for Development (JDPH). They organized training on data collection and data analysis in 2024 with some members of the network in attendance. Mercy Corps and RURCON organized on Coordination and FoRBs respectively; Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) organized training on Housing, Land and Property (HLP), and mediation. among others.

Advocacy and Public Campaigns

1. **Security and CSO interface:** The network has the mandate to improve the actions of peace and security in the state. The network often engages with these actors to either raise observations around renewed violence in the state or provide advice to security and the government on the vulnerabilities that will impact security. The network held a dialogue session on 31 May, 2023 with the leadership of “Operation Safe Haven” at their headquarters in Jos to improve the protection of civilians. Also, on August 15, 2023, the Network hosted the assessment team from the office of the Chief of Defence Staff to hear our perspective on the impact of the joint security task force operation in the state. Additionally, the network wrote an advisory on the State fragility caused by the impact of the worsening economy in Plateau State following a closed-door meeting with one of the security agencies. There are several instances that the network leadership wrote to the security forces.
2. **International Day of Peace:** In collaboration with the Plateau Peace Media Forum, the Plateau Peace Practitioners Network organized three activities to mark the 2023 International Day of Peace. It was first a road walk to express solidarity with people who share the sentiment of peace and peace practice and to create awareness about the need for peace in Plateau state and the significance of the day. An Online dialogue and town hall were organized aimed at expanding perspective around programming for peace.
3. **International Women's Day 2022:** In collaboration with the Women Peace and Security Network, and two other organizations, the PPPN donated financially and also mobilized participants for the IWD to mark the day. It focused on increasing the discussion around women's inclusion, protection, and participation in decision-making.
4. **Gubernatorial dialogue:** As a way of improving civic engagement for Good governance and also setting the agenda for gubernatorial candidates in the 2023 general elections, the network on Friday, September 22, 2022, organized a dialogue with gubernatorial candidates of political parties in Plateau state. Three gubernatorial candidates and 3 deputies attended, including the sitting governor HE. Brr Caleb Manasseh Mutfwang. Commitments were made by the candidates through the x-ray of their manifesto and response to feedback from members of the civil society. This is the first time in the

history of elections in the state that such a dialogue is convened by civil society. This was funded by members of the network which include: Tekan Peace Desk, Social Justice & Human Development for Peace Initiative (JDPC), Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), Gideon Para Mallam Peace Foundation, Simji Girl Child Empowerment Initiative & Orphanage (SGEIO), YIAVHA, Kazatsi Reconciliation Centre And Human Development (KARCENAH), JDPH, CAJR, Justice peace and Reconciliation Movement (JPRM), Peace Training Centre, Jos, JDPC, CEPAN, Net Access Foundation, RURCON, Safer World Foundation (SWF) and others.

2.3 Research and conflict assessment

It's in the culture of the network to visit communities to assess damages and study conflict indicators as a way of complementing other interventions as reported here. In 2024, the network worked with the CSO Forum to conduct visits in communities for assessment after the violence in Bokkos local government of Plateau state.

2.4 Coordination

1. **Election Observation:** The network observed the bye-election for Jos North/Bassa Federal Constituency held on February 26, 2022. This was done through the operation of online platforms by citizen polling unit observers and on-foot team observation as the network got local approval for observation from the Independent National Election Commission (INEC). The online situation room had the National Orientation Agency (NOA), the Nigeria Police Force (NPF), the National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Civil Society organizations (CSOs), Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs), Students, media practitioners, youth leaders, etc. Media platforms were used for advocacy to appeal for calm when supporters of parties to the elections had commenced protesting. Also, the network utilized its existing credibility and online platforms to observe the 2023 general elections and the court-ordered rerun elections in Plateau Plateau North and Bassa/Jos North federal Constituency held on the 3rd of February 2024. Given the challenges caused by the management of the election, a press briefing was held by the network on the 4th of February 2024. This also created media visibility

for PPPN and added credibility to democracy. There is a WhatsApp platform that has succeeded in three elections. This will also be handed over.

2. **Mobilization and recommendation:** The network serves as a civil society coordination platform on peace and security thereby being used as an entry point for people and entities who either want to know more about peace and security in Plateau state or to leverage the credibility of the network to mobilize participants for client meetings. For instance, Word Bank group, Mercy Corps, Plateau Peace Building Agency, State Intelligence Bureau (SIB), Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR), INTERCEP, etc.
3. **The Open Government Partnership:** the network is co-creating peace and security with the Plateau Peace Building Agency under the Open Government Partnership. We inherited this from the previous leadership. Though we are in a transition phase at the level of OGP, the president of the network automatically assumes the representation of the network at that level. Nothing much has been done at the level of the thematic area apart from contributing to the development of thematic areas and support towards the drafting of the action plan and the peace and security trust fund. We must state that, though open government partnership is meant to open up governance, the entire structure of the systems in Plateau state has been far from being open as some decisions are unilaterally taken without consultation with the steering committee.
4. **Other meetings** have been held to strengthen coordination like the formation of teams by both the Plateau Peace Building Agency and the network to develop a coordination framework; consultative meetings with the Irish ambassador; the Nigeria INGO Forum in Abuja; the EU delegation in Abuja; the World Bank Group on the prevalence of violence in Plateau State with reflection on the gaps and opportunities; the Directorates of State Services (DSS) towards addressing the impact of the worsening economic situation; Centre for Conflict Management and Peace Studies (University of Jos); Plateau State Government on the rebuilding of terminus market; Visit by the alumni of the Centre for conflict management and peace studies of the university of Jos, Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR), GIZ appraisal team to improve the Peace Corps project etc.

2.5 Media, communication, publication, and law

1. The network under our leadership improved internal and external communication thereby creating visibility and increasing the credibility of the network. We opened an email account used to send official emails and created Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook accounts, and a website. As for the website, we have paid subscriptions for two years. The website was developed in 2024 with the domain name (plateaupeacepractitionersnetwork.org)
2. There is an improved synergy with media platforms where media releases have been published, members have been featured severally on electronic media platforms to grant understanding about the conflict in Plateau state. There have been numerous media engagements including a **live update on the security situation in Plateau during TVC news at 10** and **election day analysis**. We have also written **media releases**, organized a press briefing and granted interviews to respond to emerging threats to peace and shape public opinions. Many thanks to Peace FM, Jayfm, Unity FM, NTA, TVC, and print media platforms.
3. Considering the significance of transparency in strengthening networks, our leadership was involved in sharing details of meeting invitations, and brief reports of meetings held and developed a finance database that shows the contribution of all members and other solidarity stakeholders.
4. Three position papers have been published that create an understanding of the conflict in Plateau state, and the establishment of a mediation agency domiciled in the state ministry of Justice after a public hearing.
5. The network has made keynote remarks and given goodwill messages at different functions for members and non-members. Some include JPRM, URI, Back on Track charity foundation, WISCOD, PTC, JDPC, UN Women, National Population Commission Awareness on 2023 housing and population census, DREP Centre, Bege foundation, etc

2.6 Administrative and welfare

1. An online documentation process for all members of the network has been made. This clearly shows the actual number of members of the network, their strengths, challenges, and organizational contact details.
2. Considering the significance of strengthening laws and regulations that promote equity, fairness and justice, the 2019 memorandum of understanding used by the current leadership has been reviewed and adopted by Congress. Key amongst the changes made are the issues of removing the section on the creating of a caretaker committee and the ex-Officio; adding components of welfare that standardize relationships of members at moments they need solidarity to avoid bias or feelings of it; Also, and the change of nomenclature of positions in the network for instance from Chairman to President which is more gender inclusive and conveys the seriousness of the office, PRO to Director of Publicity and Communication, Secretary to Secretary General, Financial Secretary to the Director of Finance. Also, increase in the fees of the network, especially for international organizations; the incorporation brief financial policy; and the consideration of individual members who do not have voting power but are active members of the network.
3. **Increased number:** we can say that we have increased the compliance level in the network and have also increased the number of those who join newly. From a 56-member strength to 83 memberships with almost 10 more that have indicated interest in joining the network.
4. The network now has a two-person board of trustee members though yet to be inaugurated. They have advisory roles while the congress remains supreme in a three-tier leadership structure of the network. The next leadership are expected to facilitate the third member where the Gbong Gwom Jos has been approved by Congress.
5. Considering the importance of self-care at the level of the network, we have been able to show solidarity with colleagues when they were ill by raising funds to support medical bills thereby integrating it into the MoU. We have also gone for solidarity visits and jointly organized a tribute for a late stakeholder of the network, and raised funds to support families of deceased members. CAJR benefited from the hospital support

scheme, while 4 the Good Reasons Foundation, Justice Peace and Reconciliation Movement, and Community Action for Popular Participation were funded over the demise of their staff. Shared food items with members.

6. We have maintained the culture of holding meetings at the Exco and Congress levels.

3. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

The following is the financial status of the network.

- a. Balance brought forward from the immediate past leadership, NGN7082.56
- b. Total income = NGN**2,175,500**
- c. Total expenditure **1958455.56**
- d. Balance NGN**224127**

Note: Most funds were raised on specific projects and broken as follows:

- We collected dues, application and registration fees to the tune of NGN**519,000**
- Raised NGN**1009500** for Gubernatorial dialogue and other partnership support.
- Raised NGN**235000** for website subscription by members
- Raised NGN**314,000** for solidarity and welfare of members which included, the organization of the “day of tribute”, support to families of two deceased members, and support for an ill member of the network. (Welfare basket)

4 ITEMS HANDED OVER

1. Original copy of the 2024 MoU
2. Handing over notes of the immediate past leadership and that of the caretaker. This includes financial report.
3. Online election observation (WhatsApp) and PPPN congress platforms are currently administered by the President, Secretary-General and Director of Publicity and Communication.
4. Website domain (plateaupeacepractitionersnetwork.org) with two years subscription. This is already supported by the incoming Assistant Secretary General.
5. Social media platforms (Instagram, Facebook account, Twitter handle and email account used for publicity and enhanced communication. Password will be shared with the Director of Publicity and Communications, the President and the Secretary-General. The email account links to a drive where the online documents of the network are kept.

- Email: (plateaupppn@gmail.com)
 - X (Twitter): PlateauNetwork
 - Facebook: Peace Practitioners (with two pages)
 - Instagram: PlateauNetwork
6. A bank account with UBA that has a balance of **NGN224127**. Details of the account will be shared privately.
 7. The **Open Government Partnership** where the President serves as the Co-Chair with the Plateau Peace Building Agency on peace and security thematic area.
 8. Database that shows
 - a. A Spreadsheet of “Financial status of members”. The contributions of all members are captured there.
 - b. A spreadsheet that shows the list of all registered members and basic information about them. A link will be transferred to the President with the Secretary-General in copy.
 - c. List of invitations and other communications between the network and other actors.
 9. **PAMO project**; The project is still running with the President and the Secretary-General serving as members of the PAMO team.
 10. Letters, communications

5. CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We had limited time to achieve other agendas to sustain our work like the registration of the network. This has been stalled by our inability to have a board of trustees and the adoption of the late MoU.
2. Though we had directorates and committees in the network to ensure inclusive governance, only a few of the committees made advances which almost limited our engagements.
3. There is a need to have an office space with dedicated staff even if it will be at the office of the Plateau Peace Building Agency. This will limit the pressure of work on the Exco.
4. An overhead should be created to maintain the runnings of the network like when exco is representing the network in activities that are not budgeted for by the inviting

organization. This also includes transport reimbursement when they attend Exco meetings or want to make refreshments during meetings.

5. Inability to finalize the establishment of the coordination framework to which we already have started the process under the pioneer Director-General of the Plateau Peace Building Agency. It will be an excellent idea to see that such is finalized.

Conclusion

Despite the fact that we have been able to attain these new heights as a network under our leadership, we still have a lot to do to strengthen capacity, create visibility, engage with the government, and source funding. What has been profound for us is the standardization of actions, inclusiveness, and transparency in sharing information. These are key ingredients in building any cohesive network of independent organizations like the PPPN.

Thank you.

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