

# **REPORT OF COMMUNITY PEACE ARCHITECTURE FORUM FOR BOKKOS L.G.A. for the Month of February 2022**

The community peace architecture forum which has been established as a local structure set up by the Plateau Peace Building Agency for the decentralization of its activities, in line with one of the mile stone of the GIZ/PEACECORE PROJECT and the five (5) year strategic plan of the Agency which is engaging key stakeholders at the grass root levels and enhancing their capacity in security and peace building process.

The objective of the platform is for stakeholders to learn from each other, and communicate their fears, challenges, exchange ideas on solutions, and other initiatives specifically focused on farmer-herder challenge with a view to identify actionable points to facilitate mediation and dialogue processes in support to a sustainable transformation of conflict in their respective communities.

After extensive deliberation, the meeting agreed on some points as ways to overcome current challenges;

- The issue of criminality has over shadowed the farmer herder challenge in Bokkos.
- From Dan Bukuru to Butura Kampani there is no source of water, of recent a herder in efforts to direct the cattle to drink water, the cattle fell in a boso of water, and instead of saving the cattle started to argue, the AFAN and MACBAN chairmen were there and luckily intervened in the situation and assisted in saving the cattle.
- Farmers forum was held yesterday and one of the grievances raised was the struggle for water and the destruction of irrigation farms in the process of looking for water.
- In Manguna ward, of recent a settler was visited by the council in Kulere, a lady from Richa who stayed with the family was kidnapped. In efforts of the husband to defend the lady, he was cut on the head. However, in spite of the efforts on ground as regards the security landscape in Bokkos, there are still pockets of insecurity
- A fulani boy was taken from Bokkos town and accused of stealing a bike, however he was beaten up even without proper investigation carried out, it was later found out that the bike actually belonged to him.

The engagement came to an end with the following recommendations.

- There should be a training for the locals in villages on how to mitigate conflict and understand the need for peaceful coexistence.
- IMC which was present, should follow up on trainings on drug abuse for youths who are regarded as miscreants
- NRC who is into humanitarian support and assisting farmers and herders be brought for the next meeting so they can listen to some of the issues and find out where they fit in so as to support in areas they work in.
- PPBA team will meet the farmers and herders bilaterally to discuss on issues affecting both parties individually
- Investigations should be carried out before actions should be taken.



Sumayya Abubakar facilitating the session



Cross-Section photo of the participants



A participant making a contribution



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