

Report of Community Peace Architecture Forum Bokkos for the Month of January 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.

Furthermore, it is a safe space and a platform 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.

The month under review, though challenges emerging are not completely different from the last meeting, some efforts have been put in place to mitigate them while others have though not completely resolved, there has been a decrease. However, the issue of criminality especially kidnapping which has become a national issue, is the lucrative trend in Bokkos, as residents live in fear. The security will need to double up and ensure that reports which are been made are paid attention to and culprits face the law, after investigations have been made and they have been found guilty. The efforts of the Local government council are commendable such as the ban of overnight grazing, enlightenment on drug pedaling and substance abuse as efforts are made to set up policies on that regard; as it complements the efforts of Peace Building Agency, the security meetings held encourages the district heads to be in the know of the security landscape in their environment.

Conflict analysis of Bokkos L.G.A.

- Blockage of water points by irrigation farmers particularly in Butura Kampani
- Irrigation farmers are having their farms destroyed some days ago, a potato farm land in Tangur ward was eaten up entirely. This continues as there has also been an incident of a destroyed farm land in Daffo, Maiduna and Mandar
- In Mbar, a farm boy was cut with cutlass
- The consumption of drugs and illicit substance by youths and herders pushes them to be aggressive, hence cattle owners should be keen about who herds their cattle.

- Intentional grazing of farmlands by some herders
- Pedaling and abuse of drugs.
- Kidnapping and criminality (security centric issue)
- Overnight grazing

The following are the actionable points taken during the engagement;

- MACBAN should ensure that the people they have placed in points in the various zones work effectively to report overnight grazing and take note if migrant herders are the ones responsible
- MACBAN should report any grazing route which has been blocked to the district head who will handle accordingly
- The issue of blockage of water points in Butura Kampani should be resolved by AFAN and MACBAN and any challenge encountered should be forwarded to the District head.



