

REPORT ON COMMUNITY PEACE ARCHITECTURE FORUM FOR BOKKOS L.G.A.

The Community Peace Architecture Forum C-PAF platform is a localized structure that provides opportunity for community stakeholders to come together, talk about the challenges they face as regards peace and security and find solutions to them. Also, it is an avenue for harvesting emerging threats to peace and organizing response mechanism to mitigate violence at the community level. This structure serves as an instrument for the decentralization of Peace Building of PPBA.

The month under review brought together a wide range of stakeholders with a view to review actions that have been put in place since the previous sitting in July 2021 and if some of the challenges which could result to tension and eventually violent conflict have decreased; discuss new emerging challenge in Bokkos LGA, if there are and find ways to mitigating them.

The objective is to provide a monthly platform for the effective coordination of conflict prevention and peacebuilding interventions in Bokkos LGA, provide a platform for interaction, learning exchange, progress reports of interventions focus on farmers-herders in the local government and state, challenges and sharing of best practices, design ways to strengthen collaboration between community stakeholders. And lastly to have an effective conflict preventive mechanism that deals and mitigate against conflict, tension and community stakeholders owning the process

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

- Farmers and herders should be encouraged to continuously walk the path of non-violence in resolving issues. PPBA should do a follow-up
- PPBA should recommend to Plateau State government and Bokkos Local Government to consider alternative employment opportunities for the growing number of unemployed youths through vocational skills training and empowerment.
- Traditional and religious leaders should be empowered with relevant peacebuilding skills to help carry out their responsibilities. They must be seen to be proactive and leading reconciliation processes in their localities.
- Community leaders should deliberately engage known gang leaders within their communities in conversations geared towards transforming them and providing better alternative to their current actions.
- Advocacy and sensitization about bush burning should be preached in several fora in Bokkos LGA
- Water point issues should be discussed by community heads to create platforms for settling issues between dry season farmers and herdsman, Community leaders should be deliberate in doing this.

In conclusion, the meeting agreed that stakeholders should step down resolutions to their various communities and association members. However, a report will be forwarded to the Local Government Chairman in order to update him and enable him and his team to work in areas that requires improvement in peace building the locality. It is expected that various organisations would respond with a progress report during the next meeting.



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