

## **REPORT ON COMMUNITY PEACE ARCHITECTURE FORUM IN SHENDAM L.G.A.**

The Community Peace Architecture Forum C-PAF platform is a localized format that provides opportunity for community stakeholders to come together, to discuss about the issues they face as regards peace and security in the community and find solutions to them. Furthermore, it is a platform for learning exchange, progress reports of peace initiatives specifically focused on farmer-herder challenges with a view to highlight or identify actionable points to facilitate mediation and dialogue processes leading to a sustainable transformation of the farmer-herder conflict.

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 objective of the CPAF is to 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, to serve as a viable platform for detecting and responding to early warning signs of conflict in our communities, to design ways to strengthen collaboration between community stakeholders, to make them also proffer solutions to their own problems.

After extensive deliberation, the meeting agreed on the following points as ways through which we can overcome challenges faced;

- Security agencies especially Operation Safe Haven which is saddled with the responsibility of providing security, maintaining law and order should be advised to strengthen their security systems and response time.
- Government at state and local government level should consider individuals and communities whose farms were destroyed by marauder herdsmen for compensation and support in form of palliatives.
- All communities should create their local grazing routes.
- Youth need to be empowered to reduce unemployment.
- There is a federal grazing route and is still in existence till date.
- Farmers and herders should be encouraged to continuously walk the path of non- violence in resolving issues. PPBA should do a follow-up.
- As a trust and confidence measures, security agencies in Shendam LGA should apprehend and bring to book all those responsible for the destruction of farmlands, farm crops and cattlerustling/killings.

In conclusion, the engagement was very integrated and well selected. The meeting was very insightful. The meeting came to an end after having agreed that stakeholders would step down to their various community and association members. Finally, the traditional ruler of Ajikamia profound his gratitude and appreciation to all participants wishes every one safety as they return to their various communities



Participant contributing on farmer/herder issues



Participant giving recommendation



Sumayya Abubakar Facilitating the Program



Cross-section photograph of participants



Women Leader making her contributions



Group picture of participants