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Sustaining the tempo in managing emerging conflict issues

This is the fourth Monthly Peace Architecture Dialogue (PAD) in the series for the year. It took place in March, 2019. PAD is a key component of the project **"Consolidating the Mechanisms for Sustainable Cooperation and Transformation of the**

Farmer/Herder Conflict in Plateau State."

The goal of the engagement for the month of March 2019 was to sustain the tempo in managing the transition phase in the country's polity following the just concluded general elections which is line with the overall objective

of the project.

The meeting was conducted under the theme: **"Outcome of Gubernatorial and House of Assembly Elections in Plateau State: Emerging Issues; threats and Opportunities for Peace"**. It brought together critical actors in the electioneering process such as

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Group photograph of PAD participants

The perennial violent clashes between farming communities and pastoralists in Nigeria has assumed an alarming proportion within the last ten years. The fierce contestation for land and other resources that are increasingly becoming very scarce is threatening the corporate existence of our country like no other.

Besides the growing mutual hatred and resentment that underlie the relationship between predominantly Christian farming communities and predominantly Muslim pastoralists, the colossal loss of human and material resources caused by this growing trend is better left at the realm of our collective imagination.

Sadly, it is common place for one to find divergent narratives being bandied around in what appears a frantic attempt to either explain or justify the unfortunate trend. Chunk of these narratives is not just toxic and poisonous to our peaceful and harmonious co-existence but continue to undermine the prospects of finding a lasting solution to an existential problem. The farmer herder crisis is further exacerbated by another disturbing trend- the growing wave of criminality; the production, consumption and peddling of illicit drugs among young people as well as the influx of undocumented migrants into our state.

Transforming these peace and security challenges will certainly require a robust policy intervention; some measure of trust and confidence building but above all, it will also require addressing this knotty national

DG's Desk



question of who is an 'indigene' as opposed to a 'settler' in terms of citizens rights. As far as the farmer-herder conflict is concerned, this ambiguity in our constitution undermines the rights and privileges of an 'indigene' as opposed to that of a 'settler' and vice versa.

To my mind, this is one of the biggest elephants in the room that we must clear as part of that broader effort to ending this crisis.

In January 2019, the federal government of Nigeria launched the National Livestock Transformation Plan (NLTP) which is a six-pillar policy framework developed through a bench marking exercise that benefitted from the input and expertise of a wide range of stakeholders.

The plan was adopted by the National Economic Council (NEC) and states that have keyed into the pilot were encouraged to implement the plan in ways that respond to their contextual needs. And that means the Plan is adaptable. Yet, whether the implementation of this plan will finally put an end to the farmer-herder crisis is an open question. What is never in doubt however is the fact that so much needs to be done to build a consensus around what the plan represents and what it does not. This will require a lot of sensitization, advocacy and education at all levels.

In this edition of the *PPBA Bulletin*, you will find highlights of

the last three series of our monthly Peace Architecture Dialogue (PAD) and the steps we took to mitigate the risk of violence in the transition phase following the conduct of the 2019 general elections in Plateau state. The edition is equally packed with activities of the agency in the last three months and also those of our esteemed partners who are working assiduously to resolve conflicts through dialogue.

Let me on behalf of the Plateau Peace Building Agency express our profound gratitude to the executive governor of Plateau State Rt. Hon. Simon Bako Lalong for his commitment and vision of a peaceful, stable and prosperous Plateau. We also owe a debt of gratitude to the many non-state actors who have been working closely with the Peace Building Agency to ensure that we deliver a *Plateau at Peace with its self and the rest of the World*. And, finally to the Embassy of the United States of America in Abuja, we say thank you for your unrelenting support and assistance without which this project may not have been possible.

Thank you.

Joseph Lengmang

Visit of course 4 participants of the Institute of Governance and Development Studies, Nasarawa State University, Keffi



Arrival of the participants.



DG, PPBA in company of management staff of the institute

MEDIA SYMPOSIUM

The media symposium is one of the activities that formed the phase II of the project title under review. The theme of the function was: ***“Conflict Sensitive Reporting: Setting the Agenda for Peace Journalism.”***

In an opening remark, Director General, PPBA Mr Joseph Lengmang stressed that the role of Media Professionals Particularly Journalists, in peace building is foundational to the recorded gains of peace as witnessed in the recent past.

Goodwill messages came from the Chairman Unity FM, Jos, Hon. Salisu Nakande and Chairman, Nigeria Union of Journalist, NUJ Plateau State Council, Mr. Paul Jatau.

The first Presentation was titled ***“Setting Agenda for Peace: The Role of the Media”***. The facilitator of this session opened with a hypothetical question that: as journalists, our reportage is capable of causing violence or is it tailored towards molding public opinion on Peace?

The facilitator then set an agenda for interrogating the degree of influence of conflict on the Plateau and questioned the report of some Journalists as to whether their reportage is contributing to the peace building process or escalating the already tensed atmosphere?

The third Presentation was on



Former Minister of State, Information, Hon. Dasuki Nakande along with other Media Professionals at the Symposium

Conflict Sensitive Reporting: The facilitator amplified conflict sensitive reporting as part of what has been by other presenters and encouraged participants on a responsive journalistic endeavour that has the potential to add value to the peace process. He disabused the minds of participants from “enemy framing” of parties in conflict reporting. He reviewed the post-conflict labelling along religious line across board and

called on the media professionals to make extra efforts at changing the narrative as part of their social responsibility to the peace building project of the state.

The symposium had in attendance media professionals drawn from the Electronic, Print, New Media and Heads of Information Units from the five troubled local government areas of Plateau State.





Director General PPBA, Joseph Lengmang (middle) flanked by top government functionaries during PAD, March 2019



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Domestic Election Observers, National Human Rights Commission, National Orientation Agency and other strategic actors who shared their experiences and suggested strategies to further consolidate on the modest

gains recorded so far. Some of the actionable plans drew up by the PAD included the discouragement of the militarization of electoral process in future elections. However, when situation warrants the

presence of military to deter potential threats to civilian population, the military could be call in to provide parameter security and operate according to professional ethics.

Community Security Dialogue should be set up across the 17 LGAs (LGAs, Districts and wards) in the state and the existing ones strengthened to improve the capacity of the grass root in resolving conflict through dialogue and negotiation.

More Peace jingles should be produce on diverse issues and aired on regular basis on various electronic media outfits in the state to help inculcate the culture of peace among a verse majority of the citizens on the Plateau and beyond.

PPBA was charged to take further step at enhancing/strengthening collaboration with CSOs working in the areas of conflict prevention and peace building in the state.

Government should revamp cultural fiesta in the state to help promote cross cultural identity. This has the potential to promote peace and strengthen the already weak relationship amongst the various socio-ethnic groups in the state.

Stakeholders pledged to sustain voter education/sensitization beyond the transition phase of the 2019 general elections.

As part of broader effort to promote inclusive governance, government was adviced domesticate open government partnership on the Plateau.



Cross section of participants at the PAD meeting for the month of March, 2019.

Curbing the menace of drug abuse and undocumented migrants

The PAD in April 2019 x-rayed. The theme: **“Illegal Migrants, Drug peddling/Substance Abuse and Security Challenges on the Plateau: Recalibrating Strategies for Conflict Prevention and Peace Building”**

It brought together representatives from the Security Agencies, Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) and other strategic actors from the academia and NGOs to strategize on how to respond to the emerging security threat.

The representatives of NDLEA and Nigerian Immigration Service, NIS made separate presentations at the meeting where they raised fundamental issues bordering on the menace of drug peddling and abuse among the youth and the influx and non-documentation of migrants in to the state.

The agency reported that about seven LGAs in Plateau State have gained notoriety in the production of illicit drug and other unconventional substances in large quantity.

The NIS also identified some of the following challenges as militating against obtaining accurate documentation of migrants in the state: that ECOWAS protocol on free movement of people and services has been a major operational challenge in controlling irregular migration in the country.

Joint Action Plan:

1. Residents of the state were advised to report to NIS or PPBA any information concerning suspected irregular migrants and drug peddlers.
2. Orientation and sensitization campaign should be carried out by NGOs and other government agencies to help create awareness for its citizens on the dangers irregular migration portends to the society.
3. There is need for partnering with Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria, Nigerian Medical Association, NMA and, Pharmaceutical Council of Nigeria, PCN in addressing this



Cross-section of participants at the April 2019 PAD

- problem.
4. Community leaders should intensify effort at checking the influx of migrants into their communities while. Communities that have issues with drug peddling/consumption are encouraged to report to the appropriate authority and confidentiality should be guaranteed.
 5. There is need for the NDLEA and other partners to step up their advocacy beyond the electronic media by deploying the use of other media platforms such as the social media to intensify the war.
 6. PAD platform also resolved to engage the Plateau State House of Assembly to consider passing some legislation that would curtail the problem of drug and substance abuse in the state.
 7. There is need to integrate trauma healing into the design and implementation of any kind of intervention that seeks to address the problem.
1. The committee was Chaired by Reverend Samuel Goro (Center for Peace Advancement in Nigeria, CEPAN) and Dr Fabong Jemchang, Chairman, Plateau Youth Council, PYC, as Secretary.
 2. The committee was guided by the following Terms of Reference.
 - i. To design/develop a document as a response to the growing spate of irregular migration, drug peddling and substance abuse in Jos and environs.
 - ii. To prepare a budget for the implementation of the action plan to be submitted at the next meeting to the DG PPBA within two weeks from the date of notification (i.e Friday 26th April, 2019 – 12th May, 2019).
 - iii. To explore other modalities that has the potential to mitigate illicit drugs and undocumented migrants related issues.
 - iv. To work/publish a policy brief on the above subject that may guide/inform the development of appropriate policy response and/or broader intervention framework by both state and non-state actors.

Actionable Plan.

Following the resolutions reached at PAD in April, the Director General, PPBA, Joseph Lengmang constituted a nine (9) man Technical Committee on **“Illicit Drug and Undocumented Migrants in Jos and Environs”** as part of the broader effort to consolidate on mechanism for sustainable cooperation and transformation of the farmer/herder conflict in Plateau State.

Suffice to say the committee has since concluded its assignment and submitted the report to the PPBA as appropriate action on the report has commenced.

INGANTA HANYOYIN SAMAR DA ZAMAN LAFIYA DA FAHIMTAR JUNA TSAKANIN MANOMA DA MAKIYAYA A JIHAR FILATO KASHE NA BIYU

Shirin tallafi na musamman na kasar Amurka wa PPBA

PPBA Labaru

Hukumar inganta zaman lafiya ta jihar filato

Wallafawan sulusi-sulusi na watan Maris 2019 zuwa watan Yuni 2019

KARFAFA HANYOYIN MAGANCE KATSALOLI/RIKICE-RIKICE

Wannan tãro na hudu na majilisan zaman lafiya (PAD) acikin shirye-shiryensu na watan maris 2019 PAD na taka muhimmiyar rawa wajen inganta hanyoyin samar da zaman lafiya da fahimtar juna a tsakanin manoma da makiyaya a jihar filato.

A kokarinsu na chimma wannan buri, PAD na hada dukkan masu ruwa da tsaki don duba hanyoyin dakile duk wata irin matsala daka iya tasuwa ko kuma wacce ake ciki.

Babban dalilin taron watan maris 2019 shine samar da hanyoyi na tabbatar da zaman lafiya bayan kammala zaben gama gari a kasar nan taron yayi na zarin akan duba sakamakon zaben gwamna *dana yan majalisu a jihar filato na sarori kalubale da kuma sauran abun da ba'a rasaba inda taron ya gana da masu ruwa da saki wajen magance rigingimun zabe.*

TARON KARAWA WA JUNA SANI NA YAN JARIDA

Taron karawa wa juna sani na yan jarida na cike da manyan abubuwa da'aka duba dan dora yan jarida akan hanya mafi dacewa wajen bada labaru akan rikice-rikice.

A jawabin shi shugaban hukumar inganta zaman lafiya na jihar filato Mr. Joseph Lengmang ya jaddada muhimmancin yan jarida wajen inganta zaman lafiya Kamar yadda aka sani a da.

Lengman ya kara dacewar gwamnati kadai bazata iya cimma burinta wajen samar da zaman lafiya ba harsaita samu hadinkan yan jaridu tare da bayyana cewar labarun karya dana batanci na taimakwa sosai wajen ruruta wutar fitina.

Ansamu sakonnin fatan alkhairi daga shugaban Unity FM, Hon. Salisu Nakande da shugaban yan jaridu na jihar filato Mr. Paul Jatau.

Gabatarwa ta farko maitaken **Samar Da Zaman Lafiya, Rawar Da Yan Jaridu Ka Iya Takawa:** Maigabatarwan yafara da wani tambaya takai tsaye "shin labarun da yan jaridu ke bayarwa na hada rikici ko **Samar Da Zaman Lafiya**"? Inda yace duk wani labarin rikici al'umma na fahimtar shini ta yadda yan jaridu suka kawo inda yace hakkin yan jaridane su tabbatar dukkannin rahotannin na samar da zaman lafiya ne.

Gabatarwa ta biyu maitaken **"Zaman Lafiya, Aikin Jarida Da Kuma Rikice-Rikice"**

Inda yace yawancin matsalolin da'ake samu wajen kawo labarun rikici na faruwa ne a dalilin rashin yin amfani da kwarewa inda yayi nuni da wata tambaya da wani yayi mishi "akan cewar yana da kyau dan jarida yabada labarin wa inda suka jikkata ko suka rasa rayukansu batara daya boye komaiba"? Babban abin lura shine shi dan jarida yana aikin samar da zaman lafiya ne ta hanyar kawo duk wani rahoto da zai kwantar da rikicin dan samar da salama a cikin jama'a. wani mahalarcin taron yayi kira ga PPBA dasu samar da hanyoyin magance yada Jita-jita daka iya kawo rikice.

Gabatarwa ta uku **"Akan kawo labarun rikici.** Mai gabatarwan yabukaci yan jarida koyausha suyi amfani da kwarewa wajen kawo rahotonne su don ci gaban kowa da kowa. Taron wanda ya samu halarta na yan jarida daga farnoni daban-daban da jami'an watsa labaru na kananan hukumomin dake fama da rikice-rikice ya mai da hankali akan hanyoyi mafi dacewa wajen samar da labaru na gari wanda zasu taimaka wajen samar da zaman lafiya a cikin jama'a.

Duba da yadda al-amuran zabe suka gudana tun daka masu sa'ido na cikin gida, hukumar kare hakkin bil adama, hukumar wayar da kan jama'a ta kasa da sauran masu ruwa da tsaki sun bada gudomawa wajen kawo hanyoyin da za'abi dan karfafa zaman lafiya.

Bayan shugaban PPBA yayi jawabi an samu sakonnin fatan alkhairi daga Daracta na bin cike da kididdiga na gidan gwamnati na jihar filato da tsohon mai baiwa gwamna shawara akan kongiyoyin daba na gwamnati, da alamuran jam'iyyun siyasa inda sukayi maraba da baki tare da yabawa gwamnatin jihar filato data kafa hukumar PPBA wacce take ta tafarko a Nigeria.

Taron ya fahimce cewar duk rahotannin da'aka samu sun nunar da cewar anyi zabe lafiya saidai wasu yan matsalolin da ba'arasaba na sayan kuri'u dakuma karban cin hanci daga wasu jami'an INEC na wucen gadi da wasu jami'an tsaro da sukai aiki a ranan abin daya kawo dimuwa a wasu runfunan zabe.

KOKARIN MAGANCE TA AMMULI DA MIYAGON KWAYOYI A CIKIN AL-UMMA

Al-umman Nigeria musamman a

arewacin kasar nan, na fama da manyan matsaloli da suka hada da siyasa, kabilanci, sauyin yanayi dana addini da kuma Harere da daukan fansa da garkuwa da mutane wanda yake kawo rudani da shiga halin rashin tabbas a cikin al-umma.

Dangantaka tsakanin giya, muggan kwayoyi da rikice-rikice, garkuwa da mutane, ta addanci, rikicin manoma da makiyaya da yan shan jinni (Cultism) na tafiyane a tare.

Zai matukar yin kyau kusani cewar yadda ake ta ammuli da miyagon kwayoyi ya kazanta a kasar nan, dan yazama babban barazana marayuwar al-umma. A shekarar 2014 hukumar yaki da ta ammuli da miyagon kwayoyi NDLEA ta ruwaito cewar a kano anashan kodin (codeine) a rana da takai kwalba miliyan uku a Maiduguri kuma har miliyan shida.

Har ila yau hukumar kididdiga ta kasa NBS a 2018 tare da ofishin kula da miyagon kwayoyi na majalisan dinkin duniya sun rawaito cewar acikin mutane goma a Nigeria hudu na shan miyagon kwayoyi wanda hakan yazama babban barazana maci gaban kasa. Ita kuwa hukumar PPBA a matakinta ta fahimcewar ta ammuli da miyagon kwayoyin na taimakawa wajen yawan rikice-rikice da'ake samu.

Dan haka shugaban hukumar Mr. Joseph Lengmang yayi kira ga ma'aikatan dasu samar da wani shiri da zai tamaka wa al-umma, hakan ne yasa shashin kula da lamuran addinai na hukumar a karkashin mr. Manoah Yohanna ya shirya wani taron kwanaki bakwai akan ilmantar da mutane illarshan miyagon kwayoyi Kamar yadda masu jawabi a taron ciki harda Mr. manoah yohanna, Mr david kawusu kwararre a fannin sadarwa, mr Hezekiah na cibiyar Shalom Youth Development Initiative, duk sunyi Magana akan illar shan miyagon kwayoyi ma rayuwar matasa.

Sauran wanda sukayi jawabi sun hada Prof. Joel yohanna malami, Miss Martha Kibadau kwararriya a sha-shen inganta rayuwa, Babban mai taimakawa na musamman wa DG PPBA Mr. Nantip joseph yayi bayani akan irin kudin za'a kashe a shirin na kwanaki biyar.

Anashi bangaren jami'in shirin Mr. Yohanna yayi kira ga gwamnati da dukkannin masu ruwa da tsaki, kungiyoyin fararen hula da wanda daba

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na gwamnati ba, CBOS, CSOS da masu hannu da shuni dasu taimaka wajen daukan dauyin shirin dan' Agazama wa inda abin ya shafa, tare da samar musu da magunguna a sauki kamar yadda ake wa masu fama da cutar HIV/AIDS.

MAGANCE SHAN MIYAGON KWAYOYI DAKUMA BAKIN DABA ASAN DASUBA (Illegal Migrants)

PAD a watan afirelu 2019 yayi nazari akan illolin miyagon kwayoyi da bakin daba a san dasuba, inda taron yacimma abubuwa kamar haka:-

1. **Mutanen** jaha suyi kokarin sanar da hukumar kula da shige da fice NIS ko PPBA duk wani wanda basuyadda da shiba ko maisayar da kwayoyi.
2. Gudanar da tarurruka da wayar dakai na ilimantarwa ma jama'a daka NGO da sauran masu ruwa da tsaki dan sanar da Al-umma hadarin shan miyagon kwayoyi.
3. Akwai bukar hadinkai tsakanin dukkanin hukumumin likitoci da maikatan kiwon lafiya.
4. Shuwagabannin al-ummai sukara sa ido akan baki daba asan suba da kuma wa yanda ake ganin suna sayar da miyagon kwayoyi
5. Bukatar samun malaman addinai sanannu a wuraren da abun yafi yawa dan ilimantar da jama'a
6. Akwai bukar hukumar NDLEA da sauran masu ruwa da tsaki dasuyi amfani da hanyoyin sadarwa na zamani wajen cigaba da isar da sakonninsu na ilimantarwa da kuma gargadi
7. PAD sun amince da hadakai da majalisan dukoki na jihar filato don samar da wata doka dazata taimaka wajen magance shan miyagon kwayoyi
8. Akwai bukar samar da wuraren horaswa da karfafa wa yanda ke cikin damuwa.

TARON SULISU-SULISU NA CSAD ASHIYAR FILATO TA TSAKIYA

Taron karo na biyu akan inganta tsaro ashiyar ya gudana a karamar hukumar pankshin. A jawabin maraba da baki shugaban shashin ilimantarwa kan zaman lafiya na PPBA Mr. Ilhana Izam yayi kira da mahalarta taron dasuba dagudon mawa don samun hanyar tabbatar da zaman lafiya a shiyar baki daya.

Anashi bangaren shugaban hukumar Pankshin LGA Hon. Damap da wakilin takwaranshi na karamar hukumar mangu duk sunyi kira ga al-umma dasu rungumi zaman lafiya.

Taron Wanda Ya Gudana A Ranar Laraba 26 Afirilu 2019 Yaba Da Shawarwari Kamar Haka :-

1. Akwai bukar samar da hanyar sadarwa mai inganci dan rashin cikakken bayani na kara hura wutar rikici. Sai kuma suka bukaci asamu tarurruka na wata-wata tsakanin sarakunan gargajiya, shuwagabannin jama'a da sauran al-umma dan nemo hanyar inganta zaman lafiya.

2. Asamar da kwamiti na hadaka tsakanin manoma da makiyaya a kowacce karamar hukuma dan gano duk wani abu daka iya zama damuwa.

3. Anshawarce PPBA dasu samar da kwamitin tsaro a cikin al-ummai

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Kalubalen dake tattare da cire shingayen tsaro a Jos da duba rahoton Kwamitin kula da miyagon kwayoyi da bakin daba'asan dasuba

Wannan rahoton da aka samu a taron wanda ya kunshi dukkanin masu ruwa da tsaki a fanannin samar da zaman lafiya, yasamu halarta daka manyan baki ciki harda tsohuwar mai baiwa gwamna shawara ta jihar filato kan harkokin tsaro AIG Dorathy Gimba (RTD), inda aka cimma masayawa Kamar haka:-

Tabbatar da cewa cire shingayen binciki zai taimaka wajen zaburar da jama'a samar da hanyoyi na tabbatar da tsaro acikinsu, kuma barin shingayen bincikin zai iya nuna haryanzu akwai rashin zaman lafiya a wasu wurari, duk da dai zaman lafiya ya samu, kuma ana kokarin ganin an ingantashi.

DABARUN INGANTA TSARO A CIKIN AL-UMMA TARE DA MASU RUWA DA TSAKI

Duba da yanayin wani hatsaniya da'aka samu a ranan lahadu watan Mayu 26, 2019 hukumar PPBA tayi kokari akan lokaci ta hanyan ganawa da al-ummonin da abun ya shafa, jami'an tsaro tare da masu anguwanni harma da sauran masu ruwa da tsaki, da kungiyoyin samar da zaman lafiya, sun gana dan ganin cewar rikicin baiyi karfi ba a wannan unguwanni na karamar hukumar Jos ta arewa. GG PPBA ya jaddada wa mahalarta taron cewar hukumar na cigaba da nuna godiyarta ma ofishin jakadancin amurka dake Abuja na bada taimako ma hukumar ako yausha.

Taron ya mayar da hankaline a kan rikicin daya tashi a **cele bridge, Tina junction, Rikkos, Dutse Uku, Angwan Damisa, St. Michael, Da angwan rukubu duk a hanyar bauchi ta baya dake cikin garin jos ta arewa** an kuma yi kokarin cemma masaya kamar haka:-

1. Cewar irin wannan rikicin da ake samu bashi da alaka da addini saidai kawai masu sayar da miyagon kwayoyi da masu sha suke kawo wa.

2. An iya gano cewar nuna halin ko in kula daka wasu shuwagabannin al-umma na taimakawa wajen ruruta wutar rikicin.

3. Wasu jami'an tsaro na nuna gaji yawa wajen kare rayuka da dukiyoyin al-umma ta hanyar nuna dan **moya da bura** a zargin da wasu sukayi

4. Samun kananan muggan makamai a wajen wasu da basu da izin mallaka na taimakawa wajen kara rikicin.

5. Rashin bada ingantacciyar tarbiya daka iyaye na taimakawa wajen gurba cewar rayuwan yara.

6. Rikicin kan iyakoki tsakkanin unguwanin nasarawa, st. Micheal da dutse uku na taimakawa wajen kawo rikicin sabida kowa na tsoron kar makwabcinshi ya Danne shi.

7. Rashin samun cikakken bayani akan bakin daba'a san suba da fadi tashi kan arzikin kasa da dai sauransu na taimakawa wajen kawo rikice-rikicen.

Taron ya amunce da hanyoyi kamar haka:-

1. Asamar da wani shirin na musamman da zai duba masu kawo rikicin tare da karfafasu kan muhimmancin zaman lafiya.

2. Masun ruwa da tsaki suyi iya kokarinsu wajen nuna muhimmancin kyakkyawan mu'amala tsakanin mabiya addinai daban-daban.

3. Gwamnati ta taimaka wajen ganin cewar ankawar da duk wani waje da'ake shan miyagon kwayoyi ko kuma wajen taruwan masu zaman banza daka iya kawo rikici.

4. Asamar da wani shiri da zaisa ido dan tabbatar da cewar mahukunta nacigaba da sa ido na ganin cewar abubawan da'aka shinfida ana binsu yadda ya kamata

5. Gwamnati ta samar da wata doka mai zafi da zatayi maganin yan sara suka da yan banza gangs.

6. Hukumar PPBA tayi kokarin shirya gagarumin taro da sarakunan gargajiya da shuwagabannin al-ummai don fitar da ingantacciyar hanya dan saman da zaman lafiya.

7. A karshen wannan taron an tabbatar da cewar ansamar da wasu kwamitoci da zasu sa ido a anguwanni dan tabbatar da zaman lafiya

8. An kuma bukaci ganin cewar anyi kokarin samar da fahimta sakanin sojoji da fararen hula dan akwai labarin cewar sojijin naci zarafin Mutane.

A samar da wani yanayi wanda za'arinka ilimantar da yara muhimmancin zaman lafiya da sulhu ako yausha dan cigaban al-umma.

LGA-level Community Security Architecture Dialogues (CSAD)

Search for Common Ground has been supporting the implementation of existing Community Security Architecture Dialogues (CSAD) in four selected LGAs in Plateau state (Jos North, Jos South, Riyom and Barkin-ladi) and will soon establish similar structures in two flashpoint LGAs of Nassarawa (Doma and Keana), Benue state, (Guma and Oturkpo).

The platform engages a network of trained community leaders and stakeholders that can identify and share early warning signs and respond to conflicts in their communities. The platform also brings together trained community leaders, local government officials, representatives of MACBAN and AFAN, security actors, and other relevant stakeholders at the LGA-level on a monthly basis to address and analyze conflict issues, such as land and water resource access, protecting migratory routes, cattle control, reparation for damaged farmland, and develop joint solutions to prevent violence. The activity aims to overcome the lack of synergy between local, state, and national government in addressing the farmer-herder conflict, and link decision-makers to on-the-ground-realities



During the CSAD meeting in Barkin-ladi LGA with the Transition Chairman in attendance with SFCG staff



Cross session of participants during the meeting



A woman leader from Riyom LGA analyzing the context updates during the activity.



During a focus group discussion with women at one of the CSAD meetings in Riyom LGA

Illicit drug consumption and undocumented migrants in focus

The dialogue session brought together representatives from the security agencies and other strategic stakeholders to review developments that necessitated the tactical withdrawal of security personnel at check points within Jos and its environs.

Opportunities created by the action:

- i. The removal of check points from the streets of Jos and environs has pushed several communities to mobilize ad hoc civilian security arrangements to secure and police their immediate environment.
- ii. Considering the fact that the presence of check points in the city suggest a conflict situation, the removal of the check points send messages that peace is gradually returning to the state.

Resolution/Pathways:

- i. There is need to reflect and design/develop strategies that can mitigate the emerging conflict issues in the state. This strategy should be developed with the buy-in of a wide range of stakeholders in the security and civil society organizations
- ii. There is need to mobilize a pool of volunteers to support the security architecture at community levels as they could be essential reservoir for intelligence gathering
- iii. Intensifying sensitization of the general public on the need for inclusive and active participation of citizens in conflict prevention and peace building processes.
- iii. In order to sustain the tactical



withdrawal, there is need to intensify intelligence gathering and to equally promote community policing to support conflict prevention and peace building process.

- iv. In an effort to rebuild confidence among the populace, there is need to always expose criminals and crimes, as well as, bandits arrested by security agents to not only serve as deterrent, but to

- v. The PAD platform resolved to lobby the Governor of Plateau State to sign the bill on illicit drug production, sell and consumption into law. This, PAD believes, is important because it can help in bridging some lacuna in the existing laws that guide/strengthen the operation of regulatory agencies like the NDLEA.
- vi. PAD resolved that implementation of the report of the Technical Committee earlier set up in April should focus on prevention and rehabilitation (psychological, economical and reorientation).

PAD called on state and non-state actors to build more drug rehabilitation centres as part of broader effort to win the war against production, peddling and consumption of illicit drugs in Plateau State.



Community action on Drug Abuse

THE Nigerian society especially the northern part is bedeviled by violent conflicts resulting from political, structural, economic, environmental, ethnic and religious factors. Endless attacks, reprisals, kidnappings etc are no longer news. There exists a high level of anxiety, fear and general insecurity amongst the citizenry.

The relationship between alcohol, illegal drug consumption and violent conflicts, kidnappings, terrorism, farmer-herder violence and cultism is both direct and complex.

It might interest you to note that the rate of drug abuse has risen astronomically and has assumed an epidemic proportion in our communities today. Drug consumption centers or "jungles" as they are fondly call are springing up almost on a daily basis in both urban and rural centers; so much so that is debatable whether the scourge is more pervasive in the urban areas or, the rural dwellings.

The seeming rise in illicit drug consumption is said to be concomitant with the rise in cult activities, kidnappings, cattle rustling, farmer/herder clashes, militancy, banditry, violent extremism and lately, suicide amongst the youth.

In 2014, the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, NDLEA, reported that in the hot beds of Kano and Maiduguri, the daily consumption of cough syrup containing codeine was 3million and 6million bottles daily, respectively.

Similarly, in 2018, the National Bureau of Statistics, NBS, and the United Nations Office on Drug and Crime Control, UNODC, jointly reported that 4 out of every 10 Nigerians abuse drugs. That is alarming!

At the level of the Plateau State Peace Building Agency, PPBA, it was discovered that there is a correlation between illicit drug consumption and the circle of violence that seemed to had characterized the picturesque landscape of the state in the recent past.

Therefore, as part of intervention effort, the Director General of the Agency, Joseph Lengmang challenged staff members of the



A resource person making presentation during the programme

agency to develop small projects at the community which would be impactful at the long run.

It is against this background that the Inter-Faith Unit of the agency under the headship of Mr. Manoah Yohanna initiated and conducted a 7-day Advocacy programme captioned: **"Community Action on Drug Abuse"**. The programme took place at Seventh Day Adventist, SDA, Church Gada biyu/Kabong area of Jos metropolis. It was planned and executed as a community-driven project.

Resource Persons at the function included Mr. Manoah Yohanna, Mr. David Kawusu, a Mass communication Expert, and Mr. Hezekiah Joseph of Shalom Youth Development Initiative who spoke on "Drug/Substance Abuse and our Youth," "The Role of the Social Media in Drug Abuse," and, "Peer-to-Peer Helpers against Drug Abuse," in that order.

Others who also delivered lectures at the weeklong event were Associate Professor Jael Yohanna, an educationist, Mrs Martha Kibadau, a Social Works Specialist from concerned Mothers Community Support Initiatives and, Dr. Chikwe Amaike, the Medical Director of Adventist Health Services in Northern Nigeria who did justice to the issues of "The Critical Role of Parents and Family Members in Preventing Drug Abuse and in Helping Drug Abuse

Victims," "Options of Intensive Counseling and Professional Rehabilitation," as well as, "5-day Plan to Quit smoking," respectively.

At the climax of the event, participants broke into syndicate groups where they discussed for about 45 minutes on topics such as "Factors Influencing youth to Abuse Drugs," "The Role of the Church/Community/Environment in Curbing Drug Abuse," and "Drug Abuse as a Catalyst for Farmer/Herder Conflict, Ethno-religious violence," etc.

At the end of the exercise, certificates of participation were issued to those who attended the programme for a minimum of five days.

The Special Assistant to the DG, PPBA, Mr. Nantip Joseph offered to defray the cost of producing the manuals of the 5-day plan on how to quit smoking for the participants considering the fact that most of them were indigent persons who could not afford the cost of the material.

On his part, Mr. Yohanna, Coordinator of the Programme made a passionate appeal to the government, non-governmental organisations, CBOs, CSOs and other spirited individuals to make drug abuse rehabilitation services free of charge or at subsidized rate just the way it has been done for the fight against HIV/AIDS.

PAD: Magance Masalan tashin hankali da rashin jituwa sakani manoma da makiyaya don chinma burin zaman lafiya a kasa gaba ki daya.

Masololin tashin hankali sakanin makiyaya da manoma a jihar Pilato kawai ba har wayan su sauran jihohi da garuwan Nigeria ta yi samari.

Amma a jihar Pilato, duk lokacin da dauko zance zaka ji bayani iri iri, da bance raayoyi, duk kuwa wannan ya dang anta daga gurarenda kake sauraro ko kuma da wani kabila ko al'uma da ka ke zantar wa.

Mafi yawan lokacin irin wannan masalan hadasa tashin hankalin al'umma.

Gani haka ne ya sa human kyotata zaman lafiya a jihar Pilato ta nemi goyon bayan ofoshin jakadancin gomnatin Amerika ta taimaka mata da kokarin wanzar da samun fahinta da zamar lafiya a sakanin wayan al'umma biyu, wato manoma da makiyaya a jihar Pilato.

Taron farko ya sami kasancewa duk manya jamioyin saro kamar Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps,

NSCDC, Department of State Services, DSS, Operation safe Haven, OPSH, da wa su sauran jami'yan tsaro.

A lokacin da aka bude taron, babban mai jawabi, Nde John Gobak, sohon seketeran gomnatin Pilato ya yin kyaukewa jawabi kan mahinmiyar taron da juma bada hanyoyin da za a bi don samu zaman lafiya sakanin makiyoyan da ku ma manoma.

Su ma masu wakiltan al'ummar Berom da Fulani soyi kyanya wan bayani a kan wannan zama da manifofinta tare da sauran kabilin Pilato.

Tuni, mai masaukin baki, shugaban hukuman zantar da zaman lafiya a jihar Pilato, Mr. Joseph Lengmang ya gode ma mutane don kokarin sun a taimaka wa a sami fahinta da zaman lafiya sakanin su.

Taron na biyu, ta mai da hankalin ne a kan zaben kasa da mahinmanci gudumawa matasa za su bayar don

yin nasara yin zabe mai inganci.

Bayan a saura rai dalilin da aka haifar da rikicin zabe, Kaman haka.

1. Rashin gaskiya da hukumomin zabe.
2. Mu sayin shedan kuriya zabe (PVC).
3. Amfani da makame a gun zabe.

Sai ma su jawabi suka ba da shawaran hanyoyin da za'a bi a magance su domin a sami sa hihiyar zabe.

Domin zantar da abin ga mutane da ya shafa, komiti ta zabi karaman hukuman Riyoim na jihar Pilato wan da masalan ya fi, samari a jihar Pilato don zantar da manifofin kai tsaye.

A zaman da a kayi a Riyoim, an danki mata kai, a kan, shigo wan bakin haure a cikin al'umma.

Da sace sacen shanu da dabbobi da kusawan shanu koki cikin gona mutane.

A karshe an danki hanya fahinta



Quarterly CSAD Meeting in Central Zone



Chairman, Pankshin LGA (Standing) making a remark during the meeting



Mr. Elkanah Izam, Head, Peace Education, PPBA stressing a point at the meeting



Cross section of participants



Participants at the meeting

The second quarterly meeting of the Community Security Architecture Dialogue, CSAD, for the Central Senatorial Zone of Plateau State took place at Pankshin Local Government Council Chambers.

The welcome address was delivered by the Head, Peace Education, PPBA Mr. Elkanah Izam, who urged the invitees to address the prevailing contentious issues as they were in order to make a headway in evolving enduring solutions to the myriad of problems confronting the zone.

The theme of the engagement was: **“Mitigating the Potentials of Violent Conflicts between Farmers and Herders in the forthcoming Farming Season”**.

Amongst participants present at the event were the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and other staff members of Pankshin LGA; Director, Planning, Research and Documentation represented the Council Boss of Mangu LGA.

Others are Leaders of Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria, MACBAN, All Farmers Association of



Nigeria, AFN, representatives of Ethnic Nationalities resident in the zone, Women Leaders, Youth Leaders from five local government areas of Mangu, Bokkos, Pankshin, Kanke and Kanam that make up the zone.

After careful deliberations, recommendations were given by the participants as follows:

1. There should be effective channels of communication as misinformation and lack of proper communication have the potential to escalate conflicts into violence.

That monthly community dialogue meeting should hold with both the traditional and religious leaders in attendance so as to deliberate on issues affecting their various communities.

2. Joint Committees of farmers and herders should be set up in each LGA so as to detect and report Early Warning Signals, EWS on trending conflict issues and, to suggest punitive measure(s) to be meted out on any offender.
3. PPBA was urged to create security structures at community levels.