

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

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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 is to create 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 following have been the issues raised and discussed during the deliberation;

- The most prominent issue is the issue of theft which has been recorded of recent especially in shops, houses and other areas within the local govt and villages
- Two weekes ago in Wereng farin lamba two people were attacked, one killed and the other hospitalized, this is usually as a spill over from the boundary between Jos South and Riyom LGAs even without any provocation.
- Illegal mining happening is often not done by berom and fulani indigins of Riyom LGA but by migrants who come in to mine and return. So sometimes the issue may not be brought by farmer or herder but by the miner.
- The dynamics in Riyom has changed as issue between miner and herder is very rampant. A cattle was killed of recent and the miners were accused however the miners were not identified, hence the community had to pay for the cattle that was killed.
- In Wereng, there is lack of trust, herders do not stay around Wereng but usually pass to graze however it is a boundry with Jos south and close to a mining well. However, when there is an issue in the mining site, it escalates a herder is attacked and a reprisal follows thereafter.

After deliberations, the following recommendations were made;

- Activities that will build trust among the Berom and Fulani children should be done. As if either of the ethnic group should see the other, he resents the other. In schools it is discovered that students choose to sit amongst either same ethnicity or religion.
- Youths between the ages of 9-22 should be mapped cutting across Aten, Berom and Fulani and PPBA will find an NGO that will train them vocationally and promote social interaction among them.
- Local citizens from the community in Wereng should be added to work with the CAN chairman and MACBAN chairman

- Community members from sector 6, Kwi, Fas and Wureng should meet and find avenues to curtail the excesses of conflict from mining point



Traditional Ruler making his contributions



MACBAN leader giving his report



Participants making comment



Aten Women Leader making her contribution