

# **Report of Community Peace Architecture Forum Shendam for the Month of January 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.

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.

Since the last meeting, traditional leaders have been enlightening the community members on the need to live in peace and put first their shared humanity. However, considering that dry season is approaching both farmers and herders met and discussed how they can work together as partners in progress. This has resulted to much improvement as traditional rulers have been proactive in meeting with village heads to discuss issues and proffer solutions to the present situation and they in turn step down information to their various communities. The issue between farmers and herders have reduced drastically as a result of such efforts.

## **Conflict Analysis of Shendam L.G.A.**

- In Lakushi, the police is not allowed to do their job, power is centralized to only the village head and the Ardo
- A village head Complained that an entire banana plantation was destroyed and totally cut down
- Overnight grazing is the new trend in sabon layi and lakushi areas as irrigation farmers have to constantly watch over their farm lands
- Blockage of cattle routes
- Youths of Sabon layi were stoning the house of the community chief in Lakushi

- The district head should not be in the position to detect how much compensation will be paid to a farmer whose farmland has been destroyed as he may not know the worth of value put into the farm land.

**The following were the actionable points that were noted;**

- There should be a dialogue session between farmers and herders of Lakushi and sabon layi communities.
- Any case of a blocked cattle route should immediately be reported to the district head
- The chairman of AFAN and the Ardo should individually meet with farmers and herders respectively, before they all meet together
- The farmers and fulani should figure out solutions that will make them united



