

## WANEP'S AREA OF INTERVENTIONS THROUGH THE WIPNET PROGRAMME

### ACTIVITIES/ EXPERIENCE/ ACHIEVEMENT

Women and children bear the brunt of conflicts and wars and constitute most internally displaced persons, IDPs, women are also combatants in war, known to be agent of change and deeply involved in peace process especially in informal and unrecognized arena.

- 👤 Through Women in Peacebuilding program (WIPNET), WANEP has initiated the broad goal of sustainable platform that try to ensure the inclusive participation of women to play key roles in peacebuilding and human security within their communities.
- 👤 WIPNET uses UNSCR1325 and ECOWAS Conflict Prevention Framework (ECPF) as guide, reference, and as an advocacy tool to broaden women 's involvement in peacebuilding.
- 👤 Under WIPNET, WANEP is working with strategic partnership to translate and interpret UNSCR1325 in local languages in Nigeria for instance in Creole, Hausa, Igbo, Ijaw, TIV and Yoruba
- 👤 Women in Peacebuilding Regional conference (2010) dedicated to review the various national efforts in the implementation of UNSCR1325 in West Africa
- 👤 WANEP in collaboration with ECOWAS developed a guideline on the development and implementation of NAP1325 in West Africa
- 👤 WANEP has Conducted various surveys to assess the progress of NAP development and implementation (2013, 2015 and 2019). Findings and recommendations informed WANEP's support to the development and implementation of UNSCR1325
- 👤 Joint program and initiatives e.g. lessons learned conference (2010, 2015)
- 👤 Capacity building on Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) in collaboration with ECOWAS and KAIPTC at the regional and across the national networks in order to train on basic M&E to build skill on how to effectively monitor, report and assess progress made in NAP development and implementation locally
- 👤 Capacity building on leadership and decision –making, dialogue and mediation of women and stakeholders, etc.
- 👤 Sensitization and awareness raising to publicize the resolutions through community women radio programs, media sensitization, community dialogues

NATIONAL NETWORK	AREAS OF INTERVENTION
NIGERIA	<p>Advocacy, campaigns and lobbying to advocate for authorities to provide security and protect rights of women within the status of existing domestic and international laws</p> <p><i>various level of trainings and capacity building of over 6,000 women</i> in the 6 geopolitical zones of Nigeria</p> <p><i>building relationship with Gate-keepers</i> (Various stakeholders, policy makers, traditional and religious leaders...are engage with the community to build synergy for women 's participation in issues of peace and security within their environment.</p> <p><i>Psycho-social care</i></p> <p><i>Humanitarian assistance during and after armed conflicts in many communities with specific attention to the needs of women and children displaced during such conflict</i></p> <p><i>"Voices of women radio"</i>, a community women's radio program aired in local languages from different locations serving communities in Nigeria. A forum for grassroots women to be heard and join national and regional debates.</p> <p><i>"Experiential learning "an annual lessons learned conference platform</i> designed that offers networks members, partners, and critical gender sensitive stakeholders across the country to deliberate <i>on issues that impact positively or negatively on women.</i></p> <p><i>Monitoring and documentation: WIPNET developed a unique Early Warning/Response mechanism that captures these gender-specific abuses through a standardized collection and organization of information based on regular or continuous observation, recording, and reporting. These monitors keep track of events in any situation and report their objective observation to a central body or response channels</i></p>
TOGO	<p>Support and accompaniment of a pool of 80 women in security analysis, radio programs, community conflict resolutions, mini-financial supports (2014-2019)</p> <p>support and coaching to the gender focal points put in place by the ministry of the promotion of women to better take to account gender peace and security dimensions in policies and programs of the government.</p> <p>Capacity building of women parliamentarians on peace and security thematic</p> <p>Involvement of girls and boys in advocacy and design and conception of sensitisation material such as sketches which take to account the security realities in their communities, to be used for sensitisation in public market, communities, schools, etc.</p> <p>Peace education and peer mediation in schools and informal sector for youth and children.</p>



	Provide scholarship to vulnerable school children, support equipment of schools in remote areas in Togo (Sève-Africa)
<b>NIGER</b>	<p>The <b><i>Women leadership program for an inclusive governance of security in the Sahel that covers Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger</i></b>. A database of women experts will be available at the end of the project that aims to reinforce CSO's women voices in governance sector.</p> <p><b><i>Women trained and actively involved in community cohesion committees</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Capacity building of women on Early warning mechanism, networking and managing of coordination in order to participate/ contribute to the security of the community</i></b>, mainly in the 21 communes of the 4 highly insecure regions of Niger (Tillabery, Diffa, Tahoua and Agades).</p>
<b>LIBERIA &amp; COTE D'IVOIRE</b>	<b>Women peace Huts</b> for women political, judicial and economic empowerment, conflict resolution and prevention
<b>BENIN, THE GAMBIA</b>	<b>Advocacy and Lobbying on women land tenure issues</b>
<b>COTE D'IVOIRE, SIERRA LEONE, LIBERIA, THE GAMBIA, SENEGAL</b>	<b><i>Sensitization and awareness raising on election, SGBV</i></b>

#### PERSPECTIVES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

- 🔗 Strengthening security of women and girls through rule of law, security and justice sector reforms, and multi-sectoral prevention and response to gender-based violence.
- 🔗 Create Social Safety nets;
- 🔗 Supports women's political participation, empowerment and representation, including in national and local governments, conflict prevention and peacebuilding processes.
- 🔗 Reinforcement of the resilience of communities through functional community mechanisms for peaceful resolution of conflicts that involve youths, women, leaders/ representatives thus setting up of 21 members peace and security committee in communities and training of 441 women on their roles in violent extremism and **radicalization, training of security forces and civil actors on community resilience (Niger)**

#### CHALLENGES AND CONSTRAINTS

- 🔗 Absence of a comprehensive national legislation on women and conflict: Some laws and policies do not currently deal with gender-based violence in the context of conflict, including violence perpetrated by the government authority.
- 🔗 Failure by the government in its responsibility to protect
- 🔗 Proliferation of small arms that exacerbate armed violence is a challenge to peace and security and heightens risk/ vulnerability of women to further violent abuses
- 🔗 Lack of comprehensive data base that adequately reflect the true picture of gender-based violence during armed conflict in countries as hindered by lack of policy formulation and legislation

- 🗣️ Difficulty in documenting women's human rights abuses: among other issues, many victims of gender-based violence during armed conflict are reluctant to talk about their suffering.
- 🗣️ Lack of information on reported cases of abused by security operatives: these cases are often exclusively conducted by the security institutions without public involvement or access.
- 🗣️ Absence of adequate funding
- 🗣️ Specifically, on NAP1325: Lack of political will, patriarchy, lack of awareness or understanding