



WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING

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OVERVIEW OF QUARTER TWO (Q2) PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

PEACE AND SECURITY OVERVIEW OF WEST AFRICA

In the second quarter of 2022, the West African region continued to grapple with multiple incidents of violent extremism, challenges of democracy and governance as well as environmental changes as revealed by WANEP National Early Warning Systems (NEWS) across the region.

WANEP's 550 community monitors across West Africa recorded a total of **2344** human security related incidents in the region. These incidents led to **5123** deaths, **2600** injuries and damage to property. The data indicates an increase of 412 incidents as compared to the incidents recorded in the first quarter of 2022.

Organised Crime and Violent Extremism

WANEP's Community monitors recorded over **547** Incidents of armed/gun violence¹ that led to **1432** deaths and **459** injuries.

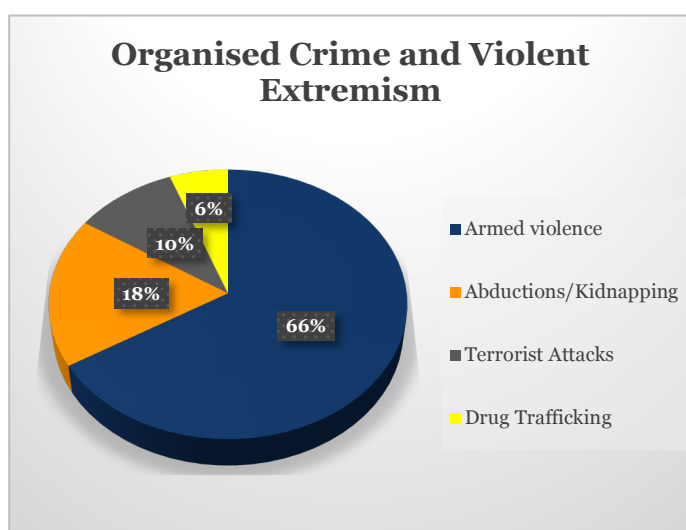


Figure 1: Organised Crime and Violent Extremism

This was followed by **148** incidents of abductions/kidnappings. Over **714** people were abducted or kidnapped for ransoms. **30** of the abducted persons were killed and **98** others were injured by the kidnappers.

As regards terrorist attacks, **83** incidents were reported in Burkina Faso, Mali, Nigeria, Togo and Niger. The incidents led to **1760** deaths and **553** injuries.

47 incidents of illicit drug trafficking were recorded. They culminated in the seizure of **3470.1** kgs of Indian hemp/cannabis and **201.5** kgs of cocaine.

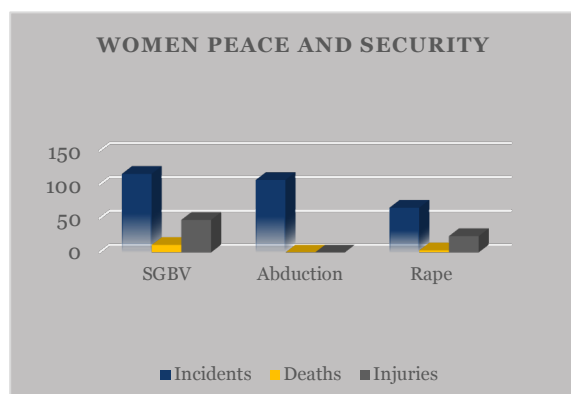


Figure 2: Women Peace and Security

Women, Peace, and Security

Over **116** cases of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) as well as domestic violence were recorded across the region. These incidents led to the death of **11** women and the injury of **48** others.

107 women and girls were abducted/kidnapped for ransom by members of criminal networks operating in the region.

66 rape incidents were also recorded in the region. These rape incidents led to **3** deaths and **24** injuries.

Democracy and Governance

Strategic efforts by ECOWAS Heads of State and other key stakeholders in ensuring peaceful restoration of democracy in Burkina Faso, Guinea and Mali were among key highlights of the democracy and governance landscape in the second quarter of the year. The Summit of the Economic

¹ Incidents of armed/gun violence include armed robberies, assassination and armed aggression

Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Heads of State and Governments was held in Accra, Ghana on 4 June 2022 to review political developments in these three countries. Among other things, the Summit confirmed the appointment of two former Heads of State: H.E. Mahamadou Issoufou of Niger and H.E. Thomas Boni Yayi from Benin as ECOWAS mediators for Burkina Faso and Guinea respectively.

WANEP recorded over **135** protests and demonstrations organised by CSOs and Labour unions across the region. These demonstrations were part of efforts to hold Governments accountable for better service delivery and improvement of living and working conditions. These incidents however led to over **33** deaths and **104** injuries.

Environmental security

Key environmental induced hazards and anthropogenic hazards recorded in quarter 2 include rainstorm/thunderstorm, flooding, diseases and fire outbreaks.

58 incidents of rainstorm/thunderstorm were recorded in many countries in the region and these led to **30** deaths and **65** injuries.

28 incidents of flooding were also reported. These incidents led to **11** deaths, one **(01)** injury and damage to properties.

The major diseases recorded in the quarter under review include Lassa fever, meningitis, tuberculosis, Measles and Poxes. As of 9 June 2022, **67** persons² reportedly died of meningitis with several others left to deal with the possibilities of life-long deformities as a result of the outbreak that occurred in 14 Local Government Areas of Jigawa State in Nigeria. In the San-Pedro region of Cote d'Ivoire, **50** cases of tuberculosis were reported.

Thirty-one **(31)** incidents of fire outbreak were also recorded resulting in **35** deaths and damage to property. A major fire outbreak incident was that of Kumbotso LGA of Kano State, in Nigeria which occurred on 2 June 2022. The incident led to the death of about **20** people.

Over **27** incidents of communal violence³ were reported by WANEP's community monitors across the region. These incidents led to **33** deaths and **69** injured victims. In Bawku, in Northern Ghana, the communal violence between the Kusasi and Mampurisi ethnic groups led to 3 deaths.

Also, on 29 March 2022, nine **(09)** persons were killed and **26** others injured in a coordinated attack that was carried out by suspected armed herders in several locations in Benue State, Nigeria. A land dispute between two family members at Nali area in the Oti-south region of Togo also led to seven **(07)** people being injured.

PRODUCTION AND DISSEMINATION OF EARLY WARNING OUTPUTS:

A total of **4305** early warning outputs were produced and disseminated across West Africa and beyond in the quarter under review as shown in the table below:

EARLY WARNING OUTPUTS PRODUCED IN Q2

S/N	TITLE	QUANTITY
1	NEWS SITUATION TRACKING	5
2	MONTHLY BULLETIN	42
3	NEWS SITUATION REPORTS	232
4	WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS	168

² The dead include 65 children and two (02) 80 years-old persons.

³ Communal violence includes land disputes, farmer-harder and chieftaincy conflicts

5	NEWS QUICK UPDATE	1
6	NEWS INCIDENT REPORTS	2344
7	CEWS INCIDENT REPORTS	1156
8	CEWS SITUATION REPORTS	98
9	ECOWARN INCIDENT REPORTS	182
10	ECOWARN SITUATION REPORTS	77
	TOTAL	4305

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

1. TO ENHANCE THE USE OF EARLY WARNING IN SUPPORT OF RESPONSE INITIATIVES

1.1 Election Monitoring, Analysis and Mitigation (EMAM)

As part of the European Union (EU) funded project titled “Electoral Violence Monitoring, Analysis and Mitigation” (EMAM)⁴, **WANEP** in partnership with the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and The United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS), hosted a Regional Lessons Learned and Experience Sharing Workshop from 26 April 2022 to 27 April 2022. The hybrid event saw the participation of over 70 people including representatives from Electoral Management Bodies (EMBs), GIZ, WANEP National Network secretariates and the Regional secretariate. The outcomes of the deliberations are expected to inform future electoral security interventions in West Africa.

1.2 In the context of preventing and mitigating electoral violence in the 2023 elections in Nigeria, **WANEP Nigeria** undertook the following in the Adamawa⁵ State:

- A Justice and Security Dialogue on Election Security Management on the theme “Pathway to 2023 Credible Electoral Process in Nigeria for Law Enforcement Officials in Adamawa State”: The dialogue sought to promote an improved community-level response to election-related violence in the State.
- A Justice and Security Dialogue on Youth Sensitisation on Election Security Management as a Pathway to 2023 Credible Elections in Nigeria: This activity enhanced participants’ knowledge of civic education, participatory democracy and election violence prevention in their State.

1.3 On 12 May 2022, **WANEP Sierra Leone** and other organisations participated in a cross-regional dialogue programme for traditional authorities in the eastern regional district of Kenema to deliberate on the role of paramount chiefs and other traditional authorities in enhancing and ensuring political tolerance and peaceful elections. Participants were further engaged on how to prepare for peaceful, free and fair electioneering processes before, during and after the 2023 general elections.

⁴ The EMAM project, launched in 2018 was implemented in 11 West African countries over a period of 42 months and covered 17 electoral processes

⁵ Adamawa State is in northeastern Nigeria.

1.4 On 15 June 2022, **WANEP Sierra Leone** participated in a conflict analysis session at the Government National Early Warning and Response Mechanism Centre. The process was enhanced by the experience of WANEP Sierra Leone in early warning and response mechanism. WANEP Sierra Leone was requested to continue providing expert support to the Centre.

1.5 **WANEP Sierra Leone** and other CSOs observed the Bye-elections held on 25 June 2022 in Constituency 056, Tonkolili District and local council Port Loko, Falaba, Karene and Kenema Districts. The credibility of the electoral process was enhanced by the involvement of WANEP and other CSOs.

2. TO STRENGTHEN WOMEN AND GIRLS' CAPACITY FOR POLICY INFLUENCING

2.1. Coordinated efforts to advance women's meaningful participation and inclusion in leadership

2.1.1. Coordination Support to the Women Peace and Security (WPS) Programme: In line with its mandate of providing oversight and coordination support to the WPS programme across the region, **WANEP** held the quarterly WPS Coordination meeting on 3 June 2022. The meeting was attended by National Network Coordinators (NNCs) and WPS focal points from 13 WANEP national networks who provided updates on their WPS interventions, progress made and challenges. A key focus of the meeting was the proposed localization of the GenderTalk Series⁶ to the national level for more visibility and to ensure that women, peace and security issues remain on the front burner across the region. A major outcome of the meeting was that it provided an opportunity to firm up preparations for the rolling out of the National GenderTalk commencing with Nigeria and Ghana in July 2022.

2.1.2. Strengthening WPS Platforms: In the reporting quarter, **WANEP** in its capacity as the convener of the UNOWAS initiated Working Group on Women, Youth, Peace and Security (WGWYPS-GH) convened two meetings⁷ of the Group to review the progress made so far in the implementation of the 2022 activity plan and to provide update on upcoming activities.

2.1.3. Engendering Early Warning and Response Mechanisms: On the strength of its partnership with ECOWAS, the WPS desk designed and facilitated the gender component of a training workshop⁸ for the ECOWAS National Response Mechanism Coordination Centers (NCCRMs). The training was held in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire on 30 May 2022 and was supported by WANEP in collaboration with the ECOWAS Commission's Directorate of Political Affairs, the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS), the European Union (EU) and the *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit* (GIZ).

2.2. Employing gender-informed peacebuilding and conflict prevention interventions at all levels

2.2.1. GenderTalk Series #8: Two sessions of the 8th edition of the WANEP GenderTalk Series (GTS #8) were held back-to-back on 30 June 2022, for Anglophone and Francophone audiences with a total of 60 participants in attendance. This edition addressed *The Place of Advocacy in Advancing the WPS Agenda*, a theme which resonates with WANEP's recognition of the vital role of advocacy to influence policies at the national, regional and continental levels on peace and security especially in West Africa.

⁶ The GenderTalk Series holds every quarter and provides the platform to advance women's meaningful participation and inclusion in leadership, decision-making and peacebuilding. Recommendations from the conversations serve as lessons learned and provide needed material for other stakeholders in their field of work while major outcome of the discussions are published in 'Gender Connect,' a quarterly publication of the WPS Desk.

⁷ The regular coordination meetings also serve as a capacity building platform for generating awareness on United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325.

⁸ The gender component examined modalities for the integration of gender into early warning analysis and response. Other areas covered included application of concepts, International/National legal normative frameworks, scenario building, and governance challenges among others.)

2.2.2. Support to the review/implementation of regional WPS mechanisms: WANEP's Regional Coordinator for Women Peace and Security (WPS) provided technical support to the review and implementation of regional WPS mechanisms at a regional stakeholders' workshop⁹. The workshop was organised by the ECOWAS Directorate of Political Affairs in collaboration with other relevant directorates, with support from the GIZ ECOWAS Peace and Security Architecture and Operations (EPSAO) project. The workshop was held from 20 to 22 April 2022 in Lagos, Nigeria, specifically, to review and validate relevant documents for the institutionalization of the Network of African Women in Conflict Prevention and Mediation (FEMWISE-West Africa¹⁰).

2.2.3. Contribution to the Advancement of the WPS Agenda: In the quarter under review, WANEP under the WPS programme provided expert support and contributions to several WPS webinars to share experiences, good practices and lessons learned from WANEP's experience in the promotion and delivery on the WPS Agenda across the region:

- WANEP WPS Coordinator was a speaker at an AU convened webinar held on 12 May 2022, under the theme: "Best Practices on the Implementation of UNSCR 1325 National Action Plans through the Lens of Civil Society."
- On 27 April 2022, the Coordinator was on an international panel to discuss the topic: "Interrogating Elections in Africa", organised by the International Peace Centre in collaboration with Mediators Beyond Borders International, the Food and Climate Organisation among others.

These engagements provided an opportunity for cross fertilization of ideas, networking, partnerships as well as exploring areas of possible collaborations. Through these fora, WANEP 's work and WPS interventions gained visibility.

2.3 From 14 to 15 April 2022, **WANEP Burkina Faso**, with support from UN Women provided technical support to three (03) partner organisations. Key areas of support included: i) accounting ii) leadership and iii) networking. A total of 15 participants (11 women and 4 men) took part in the coaching session.

2.4 WANEP Burkina Faso, with support from Danish Refugee Council (DRC), organised an experience sharing workshop for members of the Pool of Female Leaders¹¹ from 12 to 13 May 2022. Among other things, the workshop sought to define and formalise support between members of the pool and their mentors. 13 women and 6 men were engaged in the process.

2.5 In the month of April 2022, **WANEP Liberia**, with support from UN Women organised the following:

- A series of awareness raising activities in five (5) spotlight initiative counties¹²: The activities focused on legal instruments relating to Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (such as Rape Law, Domestic Violence Law, Sexual and Gender Based-Violence (SGBV) etc.). The activities resulted in an increased public awareness of these important legal instruments. Over 408 people were reached.
- A district town hall meeting to discuss the effect of SGBV on communities: The meeting was attended by 103 participants including traditional leaders, religious leaders, physically challenged people, youth, women and other community members.

⁹ The Regional Stakeholders Workshop was an initiative of ECOWAS Commission to institutionalise FEMWISE -West Africa as a supporting mechanism of the ECOWAS Council of the Wise (COW).

¹⁰ FEMWISE was established by the AU as a subsidiary mechanism of the AU Panel of the Wise to provide a platform for strategic advocacy, capacity building, and networking. It also serves to implement the commitments for women's inclusion into conflict prevention and peacemaking processes in the region.)

¹¹ The pool of female leaders was created under the Female Leadership Programme

¹² The counties are Grand Cape Mount, Lofa, Montserrado, Nimba and Grand Gedeh.

2.6 In the month of June 2022, members of the WANEP's Women in Peacebuilding Network (WIPNET)¹³ and other women of **Liberia** held a 14-day fasting and prayer session¹⁴ for peace and stability in Liberia.

2.7 On 11 May 2022, 11 members of the National Women Coalition (NWC) from **Mali** took part in a restitution workshop of the Lessons Learned Conference on the UNDP funded project titled: "Building an Inclusive Approach to Post COVID-19 Recovery, Crisis Recovery and Governance Reforms in the Sahel and Côte d'Ivoire- Phase II". The workshop made it possible for participants to take stock of the progress of the project and to also update the action plan of the Coalition.

2.8 WANEP Nigeria organised a two-week seminar on promoting community wellbeing focused on the Tostan Model¹⁵. The Seminar introduced key elements of the Tostan model as an empowering education programme to representatives of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs). 43 participants were equipped with knowledge and skills to promote relationship-building and collaborations which will encourage the use of positive values and human rights as guiding principles in achieving community wellbeing.

2.9 The "Women Voices for Peace radio programme", an initiative supported by **WANEP Nigeria** was aired weekly during quarter two of 2022 in five (5) states of Nigeria, namely, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Delta and Lagos States. 30 guests featured in the radio programme and over 3.5 million persons were reached.

2.10 WANEP Nigeria hosted a justice and security state high level dialogue of effective multi-stakeholders' response to Sexual Gender- Based Violence (SGBV) in Yola, Adamawa State. The event created a platform for effective and collaborative response to SGBV and victim support by service providers in Adamawa State.

2.11 In the quarter under review, **WANEP Sierra Leone** took part in radio programme discussions focused on women's participation in electoral processes. The radio programmes contributed to an enhanced awareness of communities regarding the inclusion of women in the electoral process in Sierra Leone.

3. TO BROADEN THE PEACE EDUCATION PROGRAMME AND SUPPORT YOUTH PARTICIPATION AND VOICE IN ISSUES OF GOVERNANCE, PEACE AND SECURITY

3.1 WANEP Expands Peace Education Programme Beyond West Africa: On 29 April 2022, **WANEP** held an interactive session with key stakeholders and relevant partners to share lessons learned from its 20 years of experience in peace education programming. The session held online attracted over 70 participants including teachers, students, representatives of the Ministry of Education and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), as well as WANEP Regional and Network Coordinators. The session marked a key entry point for WANEP to provide technical support to CSOs in DRC for the establishment of a peace education programme in formal schools as part of ongoing efforts towards regional stability.

¹³ The WIPNET programme is a component of WPS mainly implemented at the national level to mobilise a critical mass of women and build their capacity to play key roles in peacebuilding and human security within their communities

¹⁴ The prayer session is a spiritual approach to peacebuilding.

¹⁵ The Tostan Community Empowerment Programme provides a holistic approach towards developing and uniting Nigerian communities to end violence against women and girls, promote community wellbeing and to enhance adequate community entry approaches

3.2 Assessing the Implementation of Teaching Manual on Preventing Violent Extremism in Nigeria and the Sahel: WANEP held a virtual lessons-learned workshop to assess the implementation of the teaching manual on preventing violent extremism developed by WANEP and ECOWAS in 2019. The workshop, held on 22 April 2022, was focused on key achievements, challenges and lessons learned from the implementation of the pilot phase of the Manual¹⁶. It also provided an opportunity to reflect on strategies to consolidate the achievements and develop strategies to expand the implementation of the Manual to other ECOWAS Member States. The workshop was attended by well over 80 participants.¹⁷

3.3 Harnessing Youth Voices for Change: Summit on Democracy and Political Transitions in Africa: From 28 to 29 June 2022, WANEP convened a Youth Summit on Democracy and Political Transitions in Africa dubbed “YouthVoices4Change” Summit,” in Accra, Ghana. The Summit created an avenue for some 80 young people to reflect upon and share ideas on the implications of unconstitutional changes of government in West Africa and the resurgence of military coups in the ECOWAS region. The Summit¹⁸ was a collaboration between ECOWAS, WANEP, the AU and the African Governance Architecture (AGA)-Support Project, funded by the European Union and implemented through Expertise France.

3.4 As part of support to the Youth Peace Club in Burkina Faso, WANEP Burkina Faso, with support from Eirene Sahel, organised the following:

- A meeting focused on the validation of management tools for 22 young people (of which 10 were young women);
- A training on administrative writing for 15 youth;
- A training on podcasting for 40 participants (of which 23 women);
- A training on early warning for 40 participants (of which 18 women);
- A training on the theme: “Intergenerational dialogue: how to bridge the gap”¹⁹ for 30 participants.

3.5 On 1 June 2022, the National Coordinator of WANEP GUINEA-BISSAU took part in “*Djumbai*²⁰ 2022” with children on the theme “Growing up in peace”. The aim of the meeting was to instill a culture of peace and non-violence in children.

3.6 From 3 to 4 June 2022, WANEP Mali conducted a training on advocacy and gender inclusion, as part of implementation of the Just Future programme in Mopti. Participants developed advocacy actions for a greater inclusion of youth and women in decision-making. A total of 31 participants benefitted from the training.

3.7 WANEP TOGO in partnership with Youth4Peace Togo organised a sensitisation session on the theme: "social networks and peace" on 5 April 2022. 42 participants (including 16 young women) were trained on i) misinformation and its characteristics and ii) techniques to identify false information.

¹⁶ The pilot phase of the Manual was implemented from 2020 to 2021 and benefitted 20 schools, 60 teachers and more than 1000 students in Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Nigeria.

¹⁷ Participants comprised school administrators and teachers from the pilot schools, representatives from the Ministries of Education in Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Nigeria, WANEP National Networks and Regional Office, ECOWAS Education Directorate, GPPAC, GIZ, UNESCO and other relevant stakeholders

¹⁸ Specifically, the Summit was a platform to explore and identify opportunities for young people to contribute to good governance as well as build and strengthen a community of practice. It further provided an avenue for the young people to interrogate the progress of implementation of the African Union (AU) and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) frameworks on Democracy and Good Governance.

¹⁹ Among other things, the training focused on UNSCR 2250 and resource mobilisation strategies.

²⁰ “*Djumbai*” in Guinea-Bissau Creole is an informal gathering of people chatting with one another. The *Djumbai* 2022 with children is an initiative of the kumpuduri peace group, in Buba, region of Quinara in Southern Guinea-Bissau

3.8 On 13 April 2022, **WANEP Togo**, in partnership with the UNESCO Student Club of Lomé University, held a training on self-esteem and self-image for young girls. 38 participants (35 young women and 3 men) were equipped with self-image and self-esteem tools for better leadership and to better contribute to development and peace. This training formed part of the 10th edition of the public speaking competition ²¹ of the club.

3.9 With support from the United Nations Population Fund-Togo (UNFPA), under the project “Support to youth organisations for their participation in conflict prevention and strengthening of social cohesion for sustainable peace in Togo”, **WANEP Togo** supported the following Youth organisations with various initiatives as follows:

- **Organisation des Jeunes Engagés pour le Développement Durable (OJEDD):** OJEDD spearheaded land dispute resolution initiatives in the village of Alinka. OJEDD also paid advocacy visits to relevant stakeholders to promote peace and non-violence at prefectural level and a greater involvement of young people in development actions and projects.
- **Association des Jeunes pour le Développement des Savanes (AJEDES):** AJEDES organised an inter-religious dialogue for 30 youth in Dapaong on 9 April 2022. AJEDES also paid advocacy visits to the chief of Kantindi canton for the involvement of women in the resolution of land conflicts at canton level. The visits took place on 11 and 25 April 2022.
- **Volontaire International pour la Vie Associative et Sociale: Les Fermiers du Monde (VIVAS-FM):** VIVAS-FM sensitised 47 people (22 women, 16 girls and 9 men) in Dzrekpo (located in the Maritime Region of Togo) on living together and non-violent communication. The meeting was held on 24 April 2022. They also resolved a community conflict in Dzrekpo.
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- **ADEPOBA:** The Association held a football gala on 4 and 24 April 2022 in the Communes of Oti Sud 2, and Oti Sud 1 respectively, that helped to foster social cohesion. 299 young players and some 350 supporters including 85 girls took part in the first gala.

4. TO EXPAND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND BUILD THE CAPACITY OF INSTITUTIONS TO PERFORM THEIR MANDATE EFFECTIVELY IN HUMAN SECURITY

4.1. From 1 to 31 May 2022, 289 local actors, including 50 women, were trained in conflict prevention and management in 10 communes of the Boké region, in western Guinea. The trainings were carried out by **WANEP Guinea**, under the Early Warning and Early Response System (EWER) project funded by the *Agence Nationale de Financement des Collectivités Locales* (ANAFIC) and the World Bank.

4.2 **WANEP Guinea** hosted a workshop on the validation of advocacy notes of the *l'Alliance Citoyenne pour la Transition (ACT)* from 10 to 11 June 2022. 25 participants, including three (03) women from CSOs and associations that are members of ACT were in attendance.

4.3 From 20 to 25 June 2022, **WANEP Guinea** organised 10 focus groups in the commune of Dubréka, in the north of Conakry, with men and women groups to help increase the level of information and

²¹ The theme of the competition was "Student, leader of my community".

understanding of the communities on the activities of the Guinea Electricity Access Improvement Project (PAAEG).²²

4.4 In the month of April 2022, **WANEP Liberia**, with support from Catholic Relief Services (CRS) held an Open Space Theater in a hotspot community (Parker Paint community) focused on Peace, reconciliation and social cohesion. The event sought to build and enhance collaboration between community actors for peaceful coexistence and sustainable peace. In attendance were representatives from USAID, CRS, marginalised youth, motorcyclists, religious leaders, WIPNET women and network members of WANEP Liberia.

4.5 On 5 April 2022, **WANEP Mali** hosted a meeting for the *Plateforme Échange Action*²³ (PEA), of which it serves as chair. The meeting aimed to strengthen the synergies of action between members of the platform to improve governance of the security sector by supporting the Malian State in its Security Sector Reform (SSR) policy. It was attended by 18 representatives from organisations such as WANEP-Mali, EUCAP SAHEL MALI, Search for Common Ground, ARGA-Mali, WILDAF-Mali, Think Peace, *Volontaires pour le Mali*.

4.6. As part of the UNDP funded project titled *Appui au Cadre Politique de Gestion de la Crise du Centre du Mali à travers la mobilisation des communautés*²⁴, **WANEP Mali** spearheaded the following:

- Awareness raising campaigns, from 15 to 19 April 2022: These campaigns were to introduce the project to various stakeholders in Niono and Macina²⁵, in the Segou region. The initiative also sought to prepare the ground to facilitate the implementation of the project in the region. 23 people including four (04) women were reached.
- A forum on peace and reconciliation: The forum was attended by 25 people, including seven (07) women. The event, held on 18 April 2022, provided an opportunity to better inform and sensitise community actors on i) *the Cadre Politique de Gestion de la Crise du Centre*²⁶ (CPGCC), ii) the socio-security issue in the locality of Macina, iii) stabilisation initiatives carried out by CSO actors iv) and on the participation of community actors in the stabilisation process in the central region.
- Information and awareness-raising meetings from 25 to 30 April 2022: The meetings focused on the CPGCC, intervention strategies and conflict management mechanisms. The meetings provided a platform to educate civil society actors on their role in the implementation of the CPGCC. About 200 people were engaged, including 71 women and 103 young people in the two localities targeted by the project.
- Capacity building sessions for local committees on the CPGCC: The sessions organised from 27 to 28 April 2022 were attended by 30 participants. They also served as a framework for exchange around several key themes to further increase the knowledge of the participants in terms of coordination and capitalisation of stabilisation efforts to ensure a synergy of actions.

²² The project is focused on hydro electricity generation

²³ In English: Exchange Action Platform

²⁴ In English "Support to the Political Framework for Crisis Management in Central Mali through Community Mobilisation". The project seeks to contribute to efforts to consolidate peace, stabilise and restore state authority in central Mali, where insecurity is growing exponentially.

²⁵ The project target areas are Niono and Macina

²⁶ In English: Political framework for managing the political crisis in the central region of Mali

- A community dialogue session on peace and reconciliation on 17 May 2022: This session was attended by 25 participants, including seven (07) women and nine (09) young people.
- Information and awareness-raising meetings on the CPGCC: The meetings, held from 21 to 22 May 2022, were attended by 123 people (including 41 women)
- Capacity building sessions from 18 to 20 May 2022: These sessions were organised for women and youth CSOs on their roles and responsibilities in crisis management and peacebuilding in the target areas of the project. The sessions recorded the participation of 50 participants, of which 13 were women.
- A capacity building session focused on the coordination of stabilisation and peacebuilding actions in Ségou: The session was organised from 22 to 23 June 2022 for members of the permanent secretariat and sought to enhance their knowledge in ensuring a seamless coordination of efforts.

4.6 Throughout the month of June (1 to 30 June 2022) **WANEP Mali** embarked on an introductory mission of phase 2 of the project titled "Establishment of Advisory Committees (CCS) in the project target areas²⁷. The mission made it possible to inform and mobilise decision-makers and key actors at national, regional and communal levels to ensure the effective implementation of the CCS project.

4.7 At the invitation of the *Centre d'Information et de Documentation Citoyennes (CIDOC)*, **WANEP Mali** took part in an Expert Dialogue on Approaches for the co-production of security in Mali on 23 June 2022. WANEP Mali shared lessons learned from Phase I of the implementation of CCS project in Mali.

4.8 From 24 to 26 June 2022, **WANEP Mali** participated in the capitalisation workshop of the project titled: "Strengthening Confidence and Collaboration between Communities and the Defence and Security Forces" in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. The meeting aimed at improving collaboration between security providers and community actors for stability and security across the Liptako-Gourma Region. The meeting also provided an opportunity for WANEP and its partner, Search for Common Ground (SFCG) to draw lessons learned from the project in order to improve future interventions to strengthen civilian-military collaboration.

4.9 **WANEP Nigeria** in partnership with the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Response to Terrorism, organised a 4-day Training of Trainers (ToT) on Coalition Building for Violence Prevention. 25 participants benefitted from the training. The ToT also empowered CSOs to develop multisectoral and multidisciplinary partnerships to prevent violence.

4.10 **WANEP Nigeria** organised a justice and security dialogue training for police officers on human rights and law enforcement. The training facilitated a holistic understanding of human rights and law enforcement for 30 police officers within the context of the Nigerian Constitution and relevant legal instruments.

4.11 In the quarter under review, **WANEP Nigeria** initiated a dialogue with Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) on access to justice. The dialogue sought to build trust between communities, judiciary and security actors.

²⁷ The target areas include Bamako, Ségou, Barkala, Macina, Sana, in the Ségou region; Timissa in the San region; Koutiala, Yorosso in the Koutiala region; the Mopti region (Kona and Sio); the Bandiagara region (Bankass); the Douentza region (Hombori, Haïré) and the Nara region (commune of Nara)

4.12 From April 2022 to June 2022, **WANEP Sierra Leone** took part in a series of radio awareness and advocacy programmes that contributed to:

- An enhanced awareness of communities with regards to the activities of WANEP Sierra Leone in promoting peace and security;
- Helping educate people on the effect of drug abuse, crime and violence in their communities, particularly among youth, in the country.

4.13. **WANEP Sierra Leone** provided a capacity building training for 20 traditional leaders (12 women and 8 men) on how to use democratic principles and accountability in promoting governance and social cohesion in their communities. The training was held on 21 April 2022.

4.14. On 22 April 2022, **WANEP Sierra Leone** conducted an advanced chiefdom level capacity building training on effective leadership and dialogue and mediation. 20 traditional leaders (12 women and 8 men) benefitted from the training and are expected to use effective leadership, dialogue and mediation in promoting peace, security and social cohesion in their communities.

4.15. As part of the *Brot für die Welt* funded project titled "Economic Resilience to Violent Extremism, Phase 1", **WANEP Togo**, in partnership with its member organisation *Association pour la Sauvegarde du Couple Nature - Homme pour un développement autocentré* (ASCNA-HO) organised the following:

- A training focused on cooperative business creation techniques and cooperative principles: The training, held from 13 to 15 April 2022, aimed to strengthen the capacities of participants on i) methods for business identification, planning and organisation ii) the establishment of a mechanism for regular monitoring of an Income Generating Activity (IGA) to ensure its competitiveness and economic viability in the local socio-economic environment and iii) principles and values related to cooperatives. The training was attended by 99 participants (77 women and 22 men, from 5 cooperatives).
- Drafting of the statutes and internal regulations and supporting the cooperatives to hold their Constitutive General Assemblies (CGAs) from 18 to 22 April 2022: The CGAs were an avenue to elect members of the management committee and the supervisory committee of each cooperative. The CGAs were attended by local and customary authorities as well as administrative agents responsible for agriculture and livestock farming.
- A hands-on training on business management techniques and basics of community peacebuilding from 25 to 30 April 2022: Participants were trained on administrative and financial management tools for the governance of their cooperatives as well on basics of community peacebuilding.
- A training for the project implementation team from 30 May 2022 to 4 June 2022 in Dapaong, in the Savanes Region of Togo. Participants were trained on the monitoring and evaluation requirements of the donor organisation, *Brot für die Welt*.

4.16 At the request of *Programme des relations islamo chrétiennes en Afrique*²⁸ (PRICA), **WANEP Togo** trained religious leaders on preventing and countering violent extremism, specifically on the theme "Strategies for Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding in the Sahel Region". This workshop organised on 12 May 2022 brought together religious leaders from the Sahel region and the coastal countries of West Africa.

²⁸ English: Programme for Islamic-Christian Relations in Africa

4.17. As part of the Wellspring Philanthropic Fund US project titled “Strengthening a Gender Sensitive Early Warning and Response Mechanism for the West and Central Africa Region”, **WANEP** organised a two-day training (16 to 17 May 2022) on Dialogue and Mediation for members of the Coalition of CSOs for Peace and Conflict Prevention in Central Africa (COPAC) Steering Committee in Kigali, Rwanda.

4.18. The Coordinator of WANEP’s Liaison Office to ECOWAS represented **WANEP** at a Collaborative Planning Exercise held from 17 to 19 May 2022, in Mararaba in the Nassarawa State of Nigeria. The meeting, organised by ECOWAS with support from the USAID Reacting to Early Warning and Response Data in West Africa project (USAID/REWARD), brought together representatives from ECOWAS, CSOs, Peace and Security Experts and the Academia.

4.19 In the context of the partnership between WANEP and ECOWAS, **WANEP** facilitated some sessions at a five-day workshop organised from 30 May 2022 to 03 June 2022 under the theme “Strengthening the thematic analysis of the National Centers for the Coordination of Response Mechanisms (NCCRM) on Gender, Governance and Human Rights”. The workshop, held in Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire was attended by participants from ECOWAS, UNOWAS, WANEP, GIZ, OSIWA, as well as analysts from the NCCRMs from Cote d’Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Sierra Leone and The Gambia.

4.20 From 21 to 23 June 2022, **WANEP** organised a Multi-stakeholder Consultation and Training on Alternative Dispute Resolution for political parties in Burkina Faso. The training sought to enhance the capacity of election stakeholders to develop sustainable dispute resolution structures to manage disputes and minimise election related disputes and violence. The training falls in the context of the GIZ ECOWAS Peace and Security Architecture and Operations (ESPAO) project.

4.21 The Coordinator of **WANEP**’s Liaison Office at the AU provided capacity building support at a GIZ-supported training organised for CSOs on local peacebuilding from 9 to 10 June 2022.

4.22 In the quarter under review, **WANEP Guinea-Bissau** participated in several radio broadcasts. The purpose of these radio programmes was to promote a culture of peace and participation of CSOs in the promotion of active citizenship in order to influence good governance. They also served to promote and create awareness of WANEP in Guinea-Bissau.

5. UTILISING RESEARCH CAPACITY TO SUPPORT POLICY ADVOCACY AND LEVERAGE PARTNERSHIPS

5.1. From 12 to 13 May 2022, **WANEP** participated in a two-day writing workshop on the research study titled: “Surviving multiple vulnerabilities: voices of farmers and pastoralists in Africa borderlands”²⁹ in Kenya. The workshop was hosted by the UNDP Africa Borderlands Centre (UNDP ABC)

5.2 In the month of June 2022, **WANEP** undertook a research study titled “Supporting Inclusive Transitions in Africa” (SITA)³⁰. The study involved conducting qualitative data collection through key informant interviews (KIIs) and focus group discussions (FGDs) in Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire, and Ghana on diverse issues relating to political transitions in Africa. “Vox pops” were also collected during

²⁹ The research study was launched in October 2021 and covered four countries, namely, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Nigeria. It sought to amplify voices in community members in hard-to reach border communities in the four target countries on their vulnerabilities and contribute to development of strategies to enhance resilience within these communities.

³⁰ SITA is an initiative of the UNDP Africa Regional Africa

the data collection process. WANEP presented key findings of the study at a regional online event held on 21 June 2022.

5.3 In the context of the UNDP funded project titled “*Appui au Cadre Politique de Gestion de la Crise du Centre du Mali à travers la mobilisation des communautés*”³¹, **WANEP Mali** undertook a research study to understand the communities' perception of the project and to identify the actors/initiatives in charge of stabilisation efforts. A sample of 80 people were interviewed, 30% of whom were women and 40% were young people.

5.4. As part of the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) funded project titled “Fight Against Cross-Border Cattle Rustling in the Senegal-Guinea-Bissau Border”, the implementing partners (**WANEP Guinea-Bissau, WANEP Senegal** and the watchdog committee set up for the project) carried out a baseline study and a local security diagnosis. This study identified security problems, levers and existing frameworks for combating cross-border cattle rustling in the project's intervention areas.³² The report of the study was presented to local authorities at an event held on 20 May 2022. More than 30 participants in the three target regions of Guinea-Bissau (including 06 women representing administrative and local authorities and religious leaders from Bafata, Cacheu and Oio villages) attended the event.

5.5. WANEP Togo participated in the validation workshop of Togo's report on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) organised by the Ministry of Development Planning and Cooperation from 24 to 25 May 2022.

6. TO STRENGTHEN WANEP'S INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY AND ITS MEMBER ORGANISATIONS TO DELIVER ON THEIR MANDATE

6.1 WANEP Regional organised an orientation session for 17 new Board members from its National Networks in Ghana, Liberia, Mali and Niger on 13 June 2022. Participants were introduced to the organisation's key policies, procedures and principles. The session forms part of WANEP's efforts to strengthen its institutional framework.

6.2 WANEP Benin conducted a step-down training³³ for its staff on the theme: “Intergenerational dialogue: how to bridge the gap” on 15 April 2022. Twelve (12) participants (7 women and 5 men) benefitted from the training.

6.3 On 27 May 2022, **WANEP Benin** held a knowledge sharing session for its staff on human rights-based approach. Nine (09) participants (7 women and 2 men) took part in the session.

6.4 In the second quarter of 2022, **WANEP Sierra Leone** organised regular in-house trainings for its Staff, interns and volunteers on how to prevent and protect themselves and their families against COVID-19.

6.5 On 22 April 2022, **WANEP Togo** held the second quarterly meeting of the year for its member organisations. The meeting held online was attended by eight (08) member organisations and allowed for updates from members on the status of their activities.

³¹ In English: Support to the Political framework for managing the political crisis in the central region of Mali through community mobilisation

³² The project is implemented in six (06) regions (in Senegal in Sédhiou, Kolda and Ziguinchor and in Guinea-Bissau in the areas of Oio, Cacheu and Bafata) and is aimed at improving the management of cases of insecurity and trafficking related to livestock theft by strengthening collaboration between the population and the security forces in the cross-border areas of natural Casamance and Guinea-Bissau.

³³ WANEP Benin had participated previously in a training on intergenerational dialogue, organised by ECOWAS, from 29 March 2022 to 31 March 2022

6.8. On 21 May 2022, **WANEP Togo** with support from WANEP Regional organised a refresher training for its community monitors. The online training sought to enhance their capacities on data collection and data analysis for the Early Warning System of WANEP Togo. 32 participants benefitted from the training.

6.9. On 21 May 2022, **WANEP Togo** built the capacity of three (03) new interns and one (01) accountant on how to make presentations using Microsoft PowerPoint.

6.10 WANEP Togo held its 2022 General Assembly on 21 June 2022, under the theme “WANEP Togo in the face of peace and networking challenges”. The date also marked the 20th anniversary of WANEP Togo.

7. COLLABORATIONS AND EFFECTIVE NETWORKING

7.1 On 5 April 2022, the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) in collaboration³⁴ with **WANEP**, held the 2022 edition of the KAIPTC’ Stakeholder Dialogue Series (SDS) in Banjul, The Gambia³⁵. Discussions focused on the implementation of the ECOWAS Conflict Prevention Framework (ECPF) and collaborative approaches to conflict prevention and peacebuilding. Participants were drawn from CSOs in West Africa, ECOWAS, Development Partners, Government Agencies and Non-Governmental Organisations.

7.2 In the quarter under review, **WANEP** hosted the following:

- A delegation from the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution led by its Director General, Dr. Bakut Tswah, on 1 April 2022 to discuss the role of traditional institutions in the management of agro-pastoralist conflicts in West Africa.
- 25 visiting Mercator Fellows, on 24 May 2022 who learned about WANEP’s peacebuilding activities and the role of women and youth in peace processes in West Africa.
- A delegation of Malian women³⁶ on 24 June 2022 as part of their mission to Ghana³⁷ to solicit for the lifting of the ECOWAS imposed sanctions on Mali. Discussions focused on effective approaches and strategic engagements to facilitate the recovery process.

7.3 On 10 May 2022, **WANEP** in partnership with ECOWAS held the first Thematic Briefing session of the year 2022 with ECOWAS member states’ Ambassadors. The event was titled “The 2022 Security Outlook Amidst Military Incursion into Politics and the Limits of ECOWAS Peace and Security Mechanisms”.

³⁴ The event was in keeping with the requirements enshrined in the framework of the five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the KAIPTC and WANEP and also with WANEP’s strategic objective to play a facilitation role in the implementation of the ECPF.

³⁵ The Gambia was the second country to host the second edition of the SDS. The first country was Senegal, where the event was held on 22 March 2022.

³⁶ The women were members of the Women Consortium of Mali and comprised representatives of the Women Network for Peace and Security in West Africa (NOPSWECO), the National Women Coalition (NWC), the African Women Leaders Network (AWLN), the Network of former African Women Ministers and the Network in charge of the monitoring of women’s participation in peace agreement.

³⁷ The Malian women were on a two-day advocacy visit to Ghana to meet with key stakeholders including top government officials, civil society and development partners to seek their support for the economic and social recovery process of the country to minimize the impact of the sanctions on Malian citizens, especially on women.

7.4 On 31 May 2022, **WANEP** participated in an online briefing session with the political and military advisors of ECOWAS' neighbouring States and the five (05) permanent members of the Security Council. The meeting was hosted by the ECOWAS Political Affairs Directorate. Discussions focused on the impact of the military incursion in the constitutional order in the ECOWAS region.

7.5 On 2 June 2022, the Network of Ethiopian Women's Associations (NEWA), based in Addis-Abba, Ethiopia had a virtual benchmark exercise with **WANEP**. Discussions focused on WANEP's experience in women peacebuilding at local, national and regional levels.

7.6 In the quarter under review, the Coordinator of **WANEP's** Liaison Office to the African Union (AU) generated two thematic reports to brief the Director of Political Affairs, Peace and Security (PAPS) of the AU Commission on the security situation of the region. The reports focused on the following thematic areas:

- Assessment of the Accra Initiative response to the spread of violent extremism and terrorism in coastal states of West Africa
- Maritime Security in the Gulf of Guinea: A Review of UNSCR 2634 (2022)

The Coordinator also provided support in early warning as part of WANEP's partnership with ECOWAS.