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Commitment Description

7. Problem

- There is no operational structure for the mobilization and deployment of funds for the financing, coordination, and partnership in the peacebuilding process in plateau state.
- Lack of sufficient resources mobilization from the private sector and other non-governmental organisations, and such funding is necessary to insulate the peace processes from political and bureaucratic interference.
- There is an apparent neglect of funding for the peace processes geared towards conflict prevention and post-conflict recovery when compared to the relatively humongous votes for restoration of peace when the violent conflicts have already manifested.

8. Status quo

- Peacebuilding and security efforts are not given the necessary resources for conflict prevention (pro-active) rather a reactive approach using basically security agencies to respond to violent conflict is performed and most times lately.
- The Early Warning System in place is weak, this has caused drawbacks in efforts to nip in the bud, threats to peace. Evident is the wanton destruction of not less than 200 hectares of farmlands with crops belonging to over 30 families destroyed and 250 houses burnt in communities. There are about 80,000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the state; over 80% of whom have not been reintegrated back to their communities. Meanwhile, there is no budgetary provision for this.
- The PPBA has developed a Concept Note to serve as a layout for the development of the legislation for setting up the Plateau State Peace and Security Fund

9. Action

The Fund will be set up to operate windows in solving the problem

Window 1: Mobilisation of funds from donor agencies, private sector and public-spirited individuals.

Window 2: Activities that support conflict prevention and peacebuilding through coordinated dialogue, advocacy, peace education, sensitization etc.

Window 3: Institutional and organizational capacity building in ways that strengthen capacities for early warning, early response, coordination, advocacy and preventive diplomacy

Window 4: Peace Support Operations that provide timely response to complex emergencies and humanitarian needs.

10. How will the commitment contribute to solving the public problem?

The establishment of a Peace and Security Fund that will achieve the following:

- a) Serve as the official structure and pillar for all Peace and Security efforts in the state
- b) Provide a steady and sustainable pool of funds derived from both state and non-state actors, which will ensure speedier and more proactive response and mitigation of conflict and other pressing security related issues.
- c) Effectively dampen the impact of years of conflict on the social and economic wellbeing of citizens.

With the above steps in place, the following outcomes will be feasible:

- i). Responding crises situations speedily will translate to restoring normalcy in citizens lives, which means a rebuilding of communities and restoration of economy and livelihoods
- ii). ensuring that children who are kept out of school as a result of the security situation are able to be enrolled back in school more quickly
- iii). Enabling government to more effectively allocate resources for local government administration with will in turn buffer the efforts of the fund

11. What long-term goal as identified in your Open Government Strategic Vision does this commitment relate to?

Improve coordination and funding for peacebuilding efforts across all peace-related organizations to create and maintain a peaceful environment for sustainable development.

12. Primary Policy Area

The closest policy area to our peculiar but pertinent Peace and Security commitment is Civic Space

13. Primary Sector

- a) Cross-sectoral;
- b) Security and Public Safety.

14. What OGP value is this commitment relevant to?

- Public Participation, and
- Inclusion