

PEACECORE II

Strengthening Capacities for Conflict Transformation and Livelihood for Groups in Vulnerable Situations in Nigeria's Central Zone



Challenge

For decades, Plateau State in Central Nigeria has experienced violent conflict between semi-nomadic herders and farmers over land disputes.

In recent times, the state has witnessed an increase in the severity and frequency of conflict, which have contributed to a neglect of water and power supply infrastructure and agricultural processing systems.

Similarly, increase in deforestation, drought, desertification, as well as climate change impacts and population growth have limited the availability of grazing and arable land for herders and farmers, thereby reducing agricultural yield.

These have all led to limited opportunities for income generation and diversification, ultimately affecting the livelihoods security of the population.



A group of men working in a field

Project Name	Strengthening Capacities for Conflict Transformation and Livelihood for Groups in Vulnerable Situations in Nigeria's Central Zone
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Project Region	Plateau State
National Partner	Plateau Peace Building Agency (PPBA)
Duration	11/2023 – 10/2026
Financial Volume	€ 10 Million

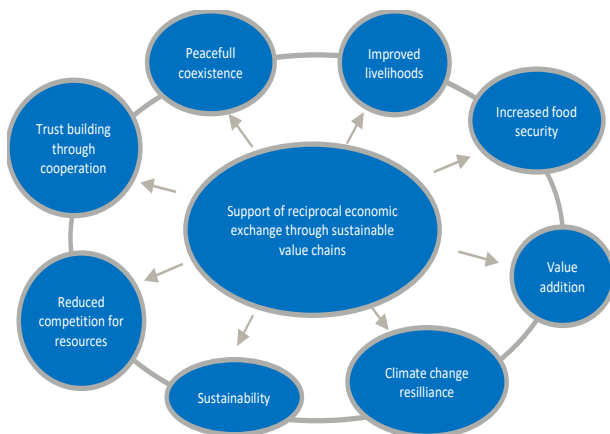
Our Approach

PEACECORE II adopts an integrated approach that is focused on conflict transformation, economic empowerment, and environmental sustainability as key pillars underpinning lasting peace and stability in Plateau State. The project pursues a participatory and inclusive approach that is centred on community priorities to ensure that project impacts are locally driven, context-specific, and sustainable over the long term.

The project consists of three fields of action:

- Supporting the Plateau Peace Building Agency (PPBA) with organisational development to strengthen the coordination of peace building efforts and processes

- Addressing the interrelation of peaceful coexistence and economic empowerment among cattle herders and farmers, Christians and Muslims, youth, elderly, women, and men cooperation with the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
- Implementing infrastructure and rehabilitation measures to strengthen peaceful coexistence, social and cultural exchange, and dialogue between conflicting groups



Impact so far...

- 120 community members trained as mediators in community based collaborative dispute resolution
- 81 disputes between conflicting groups addressed with the support of the trained mediators
- 9 trade agreements facilitated between farmers and herders to resolve tensions and create lasting partnerships
- 18 projects which provide access to basic infrastructure such as boreholes, solar power and market sheds implemented in selected communities volatile to conflict

Intended Impact in Numbers...

The project will target the rural population in Plateau State, especially women and groups in vulnerable situations.

The project aims to achieve the following

- 200 agreements through mediation of conflicts over natural resources
- 10 cooperatives or community-based initiatives focused on vulnerable groups, five of which are women's cooperatives, achieve economic independence
- Long-term and sustainable maintenance of 10 new or rehabilitated infrastructure measures for livelihood security ensured as of their commissioning
- In their initiatives, 20 communities take account of experience from five approaches that piloted the sustainable use of local natural resources for livelihood security
- At least 20 newly founded or existing (women's) groups have dealt with gender-specific topics



A woman in a field planting

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