



THE KAFANCHAN WOMEN PEACE DECLARATION

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Kafanchan, Kaduna State, Nigeria*

PREAMBLE

We the Women of Sanga, Kachia, Kaura, Zangon Kataf and Jema'a in Kaduna State of Nigeria commit to this Declaration which summarizes the issues raised as well as recommendations made in the women's grassroots meetings held in the five Local Government Areas as mentioned above.

A 30 member steering committee was constituted comprising of women from different religious and ethnic backgrounds. The women's steering committee carried out sixteen advocacy visits to the traditional rulers, religious leaders and security agencies. Nine additional meetings of the women were held over the period. These included 5 grassroots women meetings of approximately 60, 1 enlarged plenary and 3 meetings with the 5 Kaduna women steering committee members in Kaduna.

The women shared concerns and issues directly affecting women, children, youth, persons living with disability and communities in general, especially during and after conflict. They highlighted the impacts of such conflict as being killings, destruction of homes and business premises, looting, rape, detention, torture, loss of property and means of livelihood among others.

Kaduna has had a number of ethnic, political and religious violence with very devastating impact on all community members. However, women bear the heaviest burden, especially with widows being displaced into camps which are often in a deplorable state.

PURPOSE

The Women Inter – Communal Dialogue is:

Convinced that women have over the years, been marginalized in the distribution of resources, empowerment and job opportunities

Convinced that school drop-out of young girls; becoming single mothers and low girls school enrolment; drug abuse among both boys and girls and youth unemployment have serious consequences on peaceful coexistence

Affirms that Indigene/migrant conflicts lead to suspicion and fear

Convinced that conflict between grazers versus Farmers leads to the raping and killing of women and girls

Recall that Land and Border Disputes hamper women's economic activities

Deeply concerned that Communitys' culture/tradition/customs deny women's right to land ownership

Concerned that reprisal attacks leads to more violence, results in the abandonment of wives and children

Concerned that a majority of Internally Displaced Persons (IDP's) are women and children who live in very hostile, threatening, unhealthy and vulnerable environment, which leads to psychological trauma

Concerned that majority of women in the community are unemployed with a significant number highly dependent on their husbands

Note that the use of provocative/derogatory languages against specific ethnic or religious groups causes conflict

Concerned that Women and Girls are unable to relocate back to their former aboard or communities due to lack of adequate housing and conducive atmosphere for peaceful coexistence

Concerned over the use of youths and children as thugs by politicians

Deeply concerned that Religious Intolerance and rumor mongering causes the escalation of conflict

Recall the inadequate provision of essential infrastructures that can meet the needs of herdsmen in the existing government grazing reserves

Concerned over unchecked proliferation of small arms and light weapons across the state

Frustrated by the non-implementation of previous findings and white papers on enquiries on the violent conflict crisis in Kaduna State

Recalling that the inclusion of women in peace processes is in line with the International Declarations and Conventions that the Government of Nigeria has ratified and is signatory to.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PREVIOUS EFFORTS TO FIND SOLUTION TO CONFLICTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES

1. The Government of Nigeria ratified UNSCR 1325, 1888 and other related Resolutions on Women, Peace and Security and developed a National Action Plan (NAP) for their implementation.
2. Efforts by Development and local partners for supporting NAP
3. The National Gender Policy in 2006 and recently reviewed it on the 2014 to guide all communities in integrating women and or womens' concerns in all decision making processes and promotion thereof, of it
4. The Government of Nigeria has passed a Child's Right Law which 24 States have adapted and domesticated (Kaduna State not inclusive). The protection of the survival and development rights opportunities for women's engagement.

Reaffirm our commitment to:

1. Uphold the principle of including all women in peace activities through leading and continued advocacy to ensure women's active participation in all local community initiatives of bringing and ensuring enduring peaceful coexistence among all inhabitants
2. Pay more attention on activities of our husbands, youths and children for the purposes of providing appropriate and timely advice that promotes peaceful co- existence.

CODE OF CONDUCT

We shall;

1. Support Local Government initiative that will increase the bringing of people of different religious and ethnic backgrounds into constant dialogue
2. Support State government policy on an integrated approach to improving inter communal relations such as through markets and town hall meetings
3. Encourage women trading across borders
4. Shall condemn continuous discrimination of women on policy actions including traditional and customary practices as supported by the provision of Section 42 sub section 2 of the Nigerian 1999 Constitution as amended
5. Commit to the responsibility of sustaining peace in Kaduna State
6. Commit to ending negative utterances and hate speech against ethnic and religious communities
7. Commit to verifying the source of information before jumping to conclusions
8. Commit to rejecting looted items from our children in the event of any violent crisis, rather investigate the source and report to relevant authorities

9. Commit to respect all religions, ethnic communities - whether indigene or settler – customs and culture
10. Commit to discourage spouses, relatives and siblings from engaging in violence
11. Commit to create a network of women that will link early warning to early response
12. Support efforts to engage youths in meaningful skills
13. Support the return of Internally Displaced Persons to their original homes while perpetrators of violence are sanctioned
14. Advocate for the increase of women in all decision making processes that promote peaceful co-existence in all communities.

We call on Kaduna State Government of Nigeria to:

1. Develop adequate infrastructures in the existing grazing reserves
2. Reflect ethnic and religious diversity of Kaduna in all government appointments and projects
3. Reactivate the former Marketing Boards to cater for the needs of farmers
4. Establish a peace and reconciliation commission saddled with the responsibility of continuous promotion of peace dialogue between conflicting communities, reconciliation, resettlement and reintegration of displaced persons and disarmament
5. Revisit, make public and implement recommendations of previous white papers by various peace committees
6. Introduce the teaching of peace and conflict management in primary, secondary and tertiary institutions of the state
7. Identify perpetrators and sponsors of violent conflicts and enforce appropriate sanctions to serve as deterrent to others
8. Reactivate all the nonfunctional factories and textile industries to provide employment for teeming youths of the state
9. To be very proactive in its intervention in identifying early warning signs around security matters and work strictly by rule of law
10. Launch a research into the sources and proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons and ensure the protection of informants
11. Ensure equal participation of women in all stages of peace and security talks
12. Take effective security measures in girls' schools to prevent female students from abduction, harm and violence
13. Take specific measures to reduce violence by organizing educational courses and initiating campaigns that raise awareness on sexual violence and violence against women
14. Promote the use of positive rhetoric for the benefit of women and removal of obstacles and security concerns that hinder their progress and lack of participation in political life

15. Build partnerships and work on trust building between non-governmental organizations and the government in the formulation of broad policies, strategies and implementation of peacebuilding processes
16. Promote women's economic independence in the rural and urban areas by ensuring women's access to credit facilities, vocational training, information, communication and markets for products
17. Develop, to the fullest, the potential of girls and women of all ages and ensure their equal participation in building a better world for all
18. Enhance the role of women and girls in the development process by committing more gender sensitive resources to support conflict prevention and resolution
19. Set up trauma counseling centers in the community.

We call on the Community Leaders to:

1. Enable the increase of more women in all decision making processes that promote peaceful co-existence in all communities
2. Set up a Drug Identification Committee to identify drug sellers and hand them over to NDLEA for prosecution
3. Promote regular intra and inter ethnic and religious dialogue among the people in Kaduna State; women inclusive
4. Remove impediments that hinder women from owning land and property

IMPLEMENTATION

We commit to interact between us women to discuss common problems on a frequent basis through organizing women's monthly meetings across ethnic and religious communities.

We end this declaration, as women who have actively participated in the Inter-communal Peace Dialogues and Conflict Mediation in Kaduna State.

This Declaration presents a first but crucial step in ending violence and creating a new legacy, in which everyone, including women is involved. The Kaduna women assessed the most effective strategies to consolidate dialogue, prevent violent conflict and nurture sustainable peace. The women have found a common position and means of resolving current and averting future violence and harnessing a common vision to shape a new future.

This Declaration expresses women's resolve to end local conflicts among communities through working together irrespective of religious, ethnic differences and residency.

Signed this 23rd day of March 2016, in Kaduna State

KADUNA HD WOMEN'S STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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1.	Sanga	Comfort Habila (Chairperson)	Numana		09090856
2.		Catherine Chukwu	Igbo		09090856
3.		Patuma Haruna	Fulani		09090856
4.		Hassana Usman	Hausa		09090856
5.		Jummai Danladi	Nandu		09090856
6.	Jema'a	Monica A. Tete (Chairperson)	Kaninkon		09090856
7.		Haj. Maimuna Abdullahi	Hausa		09090856
8.		Hadiza Umar	Fulani		09090856
9.		Esther M. Adamu	Fantswam		09090856
10.		Grace Joel	Yoruba		081
11.	Kaura	Mary Julius (Chairperson)	Sholio		09090856
12.		Manjam Sa'adatu	Hausa		09090856
13.		Angelina I. Boye	Takad		07
14.		Kande Ishaya	Kagoro		09090856
15.		Zainab Adamu	Fulani		09090856
16.	Kachia	Christiana Joseph (Chairperson)	Kuturmi		09090856
17.		Victoria Anthony	Bajju		081
18.		Karimatu Musa	Fulani		09090856
19.		Hauwa Kadarko	Adara		09090856
20.		Bilkisu Baku	Hausa		09090856
21.	Zangon-Kataf	abaro Yaro (Chairperson)	Ikulu		081
22.		Elizabeth Olaniran	Yoruba		09090856
23.		Blessing Goje	Bajju		09090856
24.		Rebecca H. Akut	Atyap		09090856
25.		Haj. Zainab Ibrahim	Hausa		09090856
26.		Bukola Ajao	FIDA		09090856
27.		Amina Kazaure	WIC		09090856
28.		Badiyya Sa'eed	FOMWAN		09090856
29.		Lovina Dasat	CAN		09090856
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