

# PEACECORE II

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



### Challenge

For decades, Plateau, Kaduna, and Taraba States in Nigeria have been plagued by violent conflicts between semi-nomadic herders and farmers over land disputes. These conflicts have escalated in frequency and severity in recent times.

The intensifying conflicts have severely disrupted critical infrastructure, including water, power supply, and agricultural systems, which are vital to local livelihoods. Environmental challenges such as deforestation, drought, desertification, and climate change, have further strained the availability of grazing and arable land, reducing agricultural yields and limiting income-generation opportunities.

Traditional mediation mechanisms that once supported conflict resolution are increasingly ineffective, highlighting the urgent need for inclusive approaches to restore trust, reduce violence, and improve livelihoods across these regions.



A Peace Walk in Plateau State

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Project Region	Plateau, Kaduna and Taraba State
National Partner	Plateau Peace Building Agency (PPBA)
Duration	11/2023 – 10/2027
Financial Volume	€ 15 Million

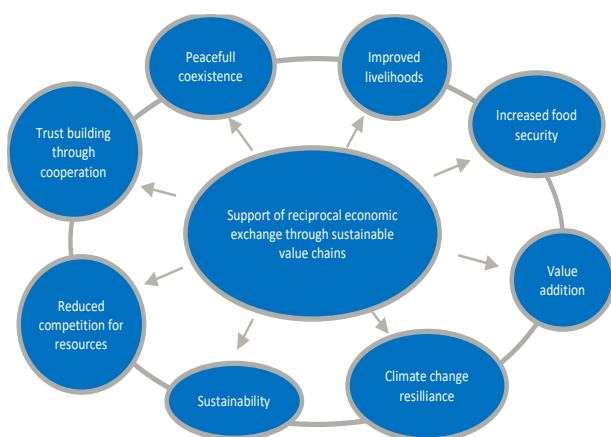
### Our Approach

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 four 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
- Building capacities of young people as actors for peaceful coexistence and deradicalisation in communities are strengthened



### 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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