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Abbreviations and Acronyms

ACORD	Agency for Co-operation and Research in Development
ADA	Austrian Development Agency
AGM	Annual General Meeting
AU	African Union
CBO	Community Based Organization
CDA	Conflict and Development Analysis
CMT	Community Monitoring Team
CSO	Civil Society Organisation
CVE	Countering Violence Extremism
DANIDA	Danish International Development Agency
DERG	District Election Response Group
DPA	Directorate of Political Affairs
ECCAS	Economic Community of Central African States
ECOSOCC	Economic, Social and Cultural Council
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
ECOWARN	ECOWAS Early Warning System
ECPF	ECOWAS Conflict Prevention Framework
EMAM	Electoral violence Monitoring, Analysis and Mitigation
EPNV-JS	Education à la Paix, à la Non Violence et à la Justice Sociale
EU	European Union
ESR	Election Situation Room
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FEMWISE	Network of African Women in Conflict Prevention and Mediation
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation
GBV	Gender Based Violence
GIS	Geospatial Information System
GPPAC	Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflicts
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IDP	Internally Displaced People
IEC	Information Education and Communication
I4P	Infrastructure for Peace

IPCR	Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution
IPSS	Institute for Peace and Strategic Studies
KAIPTC	Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre
LG	Local Government
MDA	Ministries Departments and Agencies
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NAPs	National Action Plans
NDLEA	Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency
NERG	National Election Response Group
NEWS	National Early Warning System
NEWRC	National Early Warning and Response Center
NGO	Non Governmental Organization
PAPS	Political Affairs Peace and Security
PMC	Peace Monitoring Centre
PRAPs	Participatory Review and Analysis Process
RAJ-GUI	Réseau Afrique des Jeunesses de Guinée
SEA	Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
SGBV	Sexual and Gender Based Violence
SIDA	Swedish International Development Agency
SRSg	Special Representative of the Secretary-General
TOT	Training Of Trainers
UI	University of Ibadan
UN	United Nation
UNFPA	United Nations
UNSCR	United Nations Security Council Resolution
UNOWAS	United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WANEP	West Africa Network for Peacebuilding
WAPI	West Africa Peace Institute
WIPNET	Women In Peacebuilding Network

INTRODUCTION

This 2018 End of Year Report is the last but one such report before the evaluation of WANEP's 2015-2020 Strategic Plan implementation. As in previous years, this report provides contextual information that sheds light on progress made in the implementation of the Strategic Plan and also informs the nature, quality and direction that WANEP's peacebuilding efforts should focus in the ensuing year. This report provides a succinct overview and analysis of the implementation of planned activities and offers an understanding of the efforts and responses mobilized to manage complex peace and security challenges in the region, especially in countries that held elections in the year under review and those preparing to hold elections in 2019.

The report also identifies the context of crosscutting structural issues and changes that underpin the trends in peace and security in the region for 2018. Some of these include terrorism and activities of armed groups, drug and human-trafficking networks especially in the Sahel where groups believed to be remnants of Libyan jihadists with established bases in Mali and the different faces of Boko Haram continue to terrorise Burkina Faso, Niger, Nigeria and other neighbouring countries. Violent conflicts between nomadic herders across many parts of the region and with its epicentre as northern Nigeria and agrarian communities have escalated in the last three quarters, threatening the fragile peace in many parts of the region as well as Nigeria's upcoming elections. The political stand-off in Togo which has seen series of violent demonstrations still threatens life and property in that country even amidst the ECOWAS mediation efforts. The protracted state of fragility in Guinea Bissau continues to pose security concerns and stretch the resources and capacities of ECOWAS.

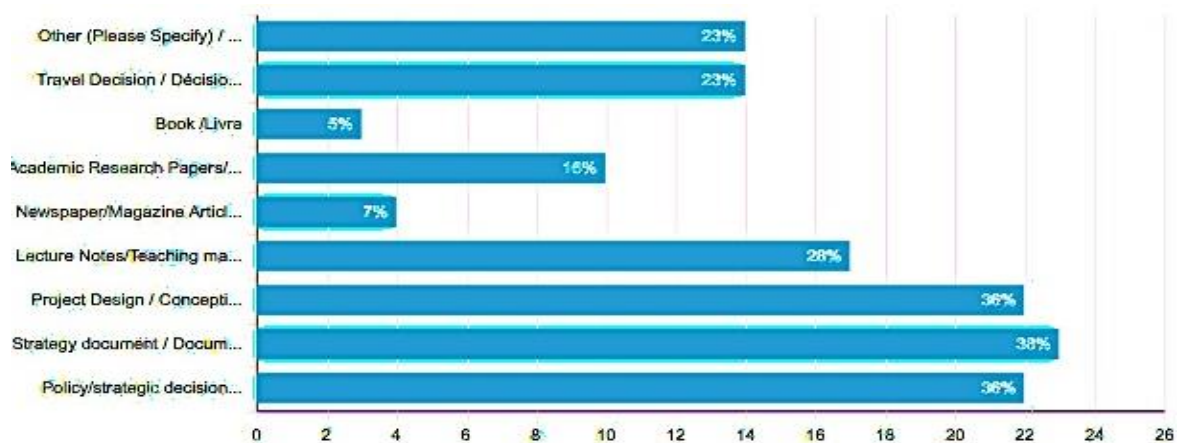
In the year under review, reports from the WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) showed a rise in incidences of floods, droughts, and pollution in Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Niger, and Mali. With agriculture as the mainstay of these countries, the impact of droughts and floods, in particular, on environment and food security as well as livelihoods is enormous. This has further accentuated poverty rates, famine and inequalities in most rural farming communities. In the Sahel region, especially Senegal, an estimated six million people are facing severe food shortages in a prolonged drought due to erratic rainfall, while the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) also estimates that 2.5 million livestock pastoralists and crop farmers in the region risk losing their income. This poses enormous threats to human security for the region.

The West Africa region despite these challenges, has been able to withstand the threats and made remarkable progress in peace and security and in several other spheres including economic growth and most especially, in political transition and democratization. After recording a historic political transition in November 2017 in Liberia, neighboring Sierra Leone followed in a "make or break" election which despite the high tension and a run-off dogged with accusations and counter accusations of vote rigging, was largely peaceful and successful. This was followed by the Malian election which was also largely peaceful.

At continental, regional and national levels, WANEP has enhanced its NEWS/WARN and also strengthened its collaboration with continental and regional systems by deploying and operationalizing its Liaison Office at the AU. The end of year report (January to December 2018) highlights key outcomes/results emanating from the activities of WANEP and its partners.

Highlights of Key Results

- **Partnered with the African Union (AU) and ECOWAS National Early Warning Response Centre to operationalize Election Situation Room (ESR)** that contributed to the peaceful conduct of the Presidential elections in Mali
- **Provided an advisory note and debriefing to the President of Ghana, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo**, the lead Mediator in the Togo Crisis to support track one dispute resolution between the Government of Togo and opposition parties.
- **Building the capacity of a new generation of professional West African Peacebuilding Practitioners:** The Enugu State University after receiving technical support from WANEP has instituted a Peace and Conflict Studies Department and has sent out notice of applications for the first batch of Graduate studies applicants.
- **An enhanced strategic partnership with the AU, ECOWAS, EU and the UN.** At the continental level, WANEP in the year under review fully operationalized its Liaison Office to the AU with the deployment of a Coordinator imbedded within the Continental Early Warning Unit of the Commission while enhancing the WANEP/ECOWAS Liaison Office. At the level of the United Nations, WANEP partnered with UN Women and IPCR to provide vital capacity including vulnerability assessment, risk, capacity assessment and gap analysis with 133 (68 women and 65 men) participants drawn from the states of Adamawa, Gombe and Jos. This resulted in the building of local peace architectures in the three northern states of Nigeria. WANEP also commenced a strategic partnership with the EU to ensure peaceful political transitions in Guinea Bissau, The Gambia, Senegal, Togo and with. In this regard, WANEP signed a contract with the European Union to implement a three-year project on Electoral violence Monitoring, Analysis and Mitigation (EMAM) in seven West African Countries (Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Senegal, and Togo).
- **Contributed to Successful elections in Sierra Leone:** WANEP in collaboration with its national, regional and international partners ensured elections in Sierra Leone were organized successfully without any major violence despite the tension that characterised the pre-election campaigning, run-off and post-election events. The success was facilitated by the establishment of WANEP's ESR which commenced with hotspot mapping validation of electoral-violence indicators, training of monitors, analysts and eminent decision makers and opinion leaders for response purposes. This supported the works of the AU mission and the Commonwealth Observer team led by His Excellency Kgalema Mothlanthe and HE John Dramani Mahama, respectively.
- **WANEP survey** undertaken in the course of 2018 discloses that **78%** of organizations and individual stakeholders and policy makers who receive WANEP Early Warning outputs use them to support their work in various ways. These include policy and strategy documents meant to respond to alerts, **38%**, making policies and decisions and for project design to respond to alerts, rated at 36% each. Twenty-eight per cent (**28%**) go into the development of training, lectures and workshop facilitation support whilst **23%** goes into making travel decision.



All 76 respondents (**100%**) who are recipients of the Early Warning Outputs surveyed from UN, ECOWAS, Ministries and Departments of national governments, NGOs, CBOs, CSOs, Donor agencies from 12 West African countries and two European countries (France, The Netherlands), say they want to continue receiving WANEP Early Warning products. Reasons given for the continuous need for the Early Warning outputs include they being; factual and reliable, standard of analysis, relevant to recipient's needs and frequent.

- **Development of guideline for the implementation of gender sensitive peace architecture and enhanced role of women in Countering Violent Extremism in Adamawa, Gombe and Plateau States of Nigeria:** WANEP in collaboration with UN Women and the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR) developed operational guideline for the operationalisation of a gender sensitive peace architecture and enhanced the capacity of women leaders, the media, traditional and religious institutions and youth leaders in Nigeria's Gombe, Adamawa and Plateau states in early warning and how to monitor early warning indicators to identify the threat of violent extremism and radicalization. This has resulted in increased security awareness of local people and willingness to organize against extremist tendencies and practices. The process has also resulted in the formalization of local peace architectures in the three states and the development of a gender sensitive Standard Operating Procedure to guide the operation of the Peace architectures in the three states.

These key results were achieved through activities implemented from January to December 2018 with support by SIDA and ADA. A summary of the planned and implemented activities with key progressive outputs and outcomes is presented in the matrix below as follows:

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- National Early Warning System (NEWS) Products Update – Annex 2

Summary of Activities

Strategic Objective 1: National Early Warning and Response Systems (incorporated with national peace and security architecture) are functional in all Member States and linked to ECOWAS Early Warning and Response System				
#	Planned Activities	Implemented Activities	Mean Of Verification	Results
1.1	Capacity Building/skills development for Early Warning team	Capacity of 12 Regional Early Warning and program team, 13 News Managers built in Arc Geospatial Information System and reporting	Activity report	Enhanced early warning and response processes in support of ECOWAS Peace and Security Mechanisms
1.2	Support for data collation and input into the ECOWAS and AU Early Warning Systems	Support provided for data gathering in all 15 ECOWAS member states in all four quarters. Data fed into the NEWS, ECOWARN and Africa Reporter from January to December	NEWS Outputs	WANEP early warning products support institutions in their peace and security and other decision-making. For example, the Gambian Government established a Lands Commission as recommended by WANEP – The Gambia in the quick updates published in June. UN agencies such as UNFPA have identified new areas of intervention based on findings and recommendations in the Conflict and Development Analysis (CDA) report. Warnings by the Niger local Peace and Security Committee helped to avert planned insurgency attacks in the Tillabery region of that country
1.3	Training / retraining of Community Monitors in at least 5 countries	Monitors in 6 countries have been trained/retrained within the period. In Guinea , WANEP in collaboration with the Agency for Co-operation and Research in Development (A.C.O.R.D) and Réseau Afrique des Jeunesses de Guinée (RAJ-GUI), trained 38 community monitors. In Sierra Leone , 500 monitors/observers were trained and deployed in prioritized risk areas based on hot spot mapping analysis across the 16 Districts of the country; The Gambia : Refresher training was conducted for 30 Community monitors while orientation exercises were held for 120 domestic election observers. Ghana : 29 Community monitors trained in	Quarterly Reports, Training Reports	

		<p>enhancing Community Monitoring Teams (CMTs) and the usage of open source to monitor and report on Human Security related threats onto NEWS.</p> <p>In Mali, 60 monitors were trained in enhancing their knowledge on reporting on election related violence triggers and the mechanisms of Election Situation Room.</p> <p>In Togo 35 Community Monitors were trained to strengthen reporting process for the reduction in violence</p> <p>In Senegal, WANEP held Dispute Management Training for staff of the election body and allied agencies and collaborators in readiness for the 2019 elections</p> <p>In Guinea, Expert clusters have been developed, hotspot mapping done and early warning indicators developed in preparation for elections</p>		
1.4	Support the development of Election Early Warning and Response mechanism to prevent and mitigate electoral violence threats in Sierra Leone, Mali and Nigeria	<p>ESR in Sierra Leone provided 12 election situation updates, 36 major Response activities in the General Election and Run-Offs to support the peaceful elections.</p> <p>In Mali, WANEP in partnership with DCAF, develop hotspot maps and set up response groups who worked to mitigate violence. WANEP also produced policy brief, "Élections 2018 et insécurité au Mali: Défis</p>	Activity Reports, Quarterly Reports,	<p>The development of the ESR mechanisms improved information flow, analysis and early response that contributed immensely to peaceful elections in Mali and The Gambia</p> <p>In Sierra Leone the response mechanisms responded to issues of suspected double voting in Kenema which threatened the peace. In Bombali the National Security was called in to stop a political party official who was campaigning at the voting</p>

		<p>et enjeux and updates that supported response initiatives.</p> <p>WANEP and its partners also established the National Election Response Group (NERG) and the District Election Response Group (DERG) in The Gambia as mechanisms to prevent electoral violence.</p> <p>WANEP in collaboration with AU and ECOWAS has developed and launched an online Early Warning system to help mitigate electoral violence in Nigeria's 2019 election.</p>		<p>center and had incurred the anger of the youth. Similar responses were made in Tonkolili and Kono.</p>
1.5	Operationalize Election Situation Room (Mali and Sierra Leone)	<p>In Mali, WANEP partnered with the African Union (AU) and ECOWAS National Early Warning Response Centre to operationalize Election Situation Room (ESR) that contributed to the peaceful conduct of the Presidential elections in Mali Election Situation Room (ESR) operationalized in Sierra Leone (in Freetown and Kono) during the country's general elections. ESR specifically monitored, analyzed, reported and facilitated responses to violent threats to the peaceful conduct of the elections held on March 7, 2018 and the run-off held on March 29.</p> <p>Additionally in The Gambia, WANEP leading a CSO-Coalition on Elections, operationalized ESR for the April Local Government (LG) election with funding from UNDP.</p>	Situation Report, Quarterly Report	<p>The ESR contributed immensely to the success of the elections in Sierra Leone as captured in the statements of some key personalities who experienced the ESR: <i>"This WANEP Situation Room is indispensable for accurate projection and prompt response to any evolving situation. AU mission can only say; 'all power to your elbows' - Kgalema Mothlanthe, African Union Head of Observers</i></p> <p><i>"Very much impressed with the remarkable work WANEP is doing in the sub-Region. We especially appreciate the setting up of the ESR to ensure close monitoring of the electoral process. Well done!!!" - HE Mohamed Ibn Chambas, SRSR, UNOWAS</i></p> <p>The Gambia also witnessed a violence free Local Government election as a result of the contribution of the ESR. The process also motivated the UNDP to commit funding for the electoral cycle 2021 – 2023.</p>

		Conducted risk-mapping exercise to identify hotspot areas, reviewed and validated the pre-determined election monitoring indicators to reflect current dynamics.		
1.6	Strengthen Infrastructures for Peace (I4P) in The Gambia and Cote d'Ivoire	<p>WANEP The Gambia in partnership with UNDP began undertook a Conflict and Development Analysis (CDA) as part of the initial assessments for the development of an Infrastructure for Peace.</p> <p>WANEP in collaboration with GPPAC, held consultations with CSOs and allied agencies in Sierra Leone to develop guiding recommendations and standing committees for the establishment and implementation of an infrastructure for Peace.</p> <p>In the case of Cote D'Ivoire, as a result of inadequate funding coupled with the lack of an appropriate political environment, the proposed activities will be accomplished in 2019</p>	Activity Report	Standing Committees established are engaging with political leaders and players in Sierra Leone to help resolve emerging post-election peace threatening issues.
1.7	Debriefing on peace and security with ECOWAS/AU/ECCAS	WANEP Executive Director and the Coordinator of WANEP Liaison Office in ECOWAS met H.E. General Francis Awagbe Behanzin, Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security (PAPS). The PAPS Director was given a briefing on the current peace and security status of the region and the reaffirmation of WANEP's continued support	Quarterly Report	<p>Collaboration between WANEP and ECOWAS reaffirmed. In the words of the ECOWAS Commissioner, "WANEP is a critical stakeholder in achieving ECOWAS' peace and security agenda".</p> <p>Recommendations and framework of partnership between CSOs and ECASS developed in support of building working relationships between CSOs and</p>

		<p>and unique relationship with ECOWAS</p> <p>WANEP met with ECCAS, ECOWAS, AU and selected CSOs from the ECCAS region to share WANEPs experience in working with inter-governmental organizations and to provide support for CSOs in ECCAS to build strong partnership with the inter-governmental organization</p>		intergovernmental organizations in Central Africa
1.8	Debriefing of ECOWAS Ambassadors on State of peace and Security in West Africa	<p>WANEP participated and briefed ECOWAS Ambassadors on the progress and retrogression on democratic governance and its implication for peace and stability in the region during the maiden Thematic Briefing session with the ECOWAS Ambassadors at the ECOWAS Commission in Abuja.</p> <p>A second scheduled briefing could not take place as a result of unavailability of several of the Ambassadors</p>	Activity Report, Quarterly Report, ECOWAS Thematic Briefing Report	The Briefing Session enabled the institution of a forum for collaboration between ECOWAS Directorate of Political Affairs (DPA) and the Ambassadors, by specifically stimulating robust exchange of information on key thematic issues in the region.
1.9	Provide Planning, M&E strategic support to AU/ECOWAS	<p>Supported the validation of the AU Continental Results Framework for UNSCR 1325 in Addis Ababa</p> <p>Participated and provided technical support to the Joint Planning Meeting of ECOSOCC six sectorial clusters in Cairo</p> <p>Supported the Validation Workshop of the ECPF Plans of Action in Abuja</p>	Activity/Quarterly reports	<p>Draft baseline for the implementation of 1325 in Africa developed. An ECOWAS level baseline on 1325 developed to be incorporated into the AU continental Results framework</p> <p>Joint Action Plan for ECOSOCC and AU produced</p>

1.1.0	Support to Regional Analysts	Produced 4 thematic reports, 7 policy briefs, 168 monthly bulletins, 30 updates, 25 situation tracking (see annex 2 for details)	Quarterly reports	Enhanced support for Peace and ECOWAS Peace and Security Mechanisms through the production of detailed analytical reports, situation tracking, quick updates and policy briefs on contemporary peace and security dynamics and disseminated to key stakeholders in the at national, regional, continental and global levels.
1.1.1	Support to PMC			
1.1.2	Production and publication of NEWS-outputs	Four thematic reports Policy Brief, Sierra Leone, Mali, Senegal, Guinea Bissau		Analysis contributed to various policy discourse at regional national and continental levels

Strategic Objective 2: Citizen capacity is developed and deployed in peacebuilding and conflict prevention interventions at community, national and regional levels

#	Planned Activities	Implemented Activities	Mean Of Verification	Results
2.1	Support to Peace Education activities in ECOWAS member states	<p>In Nigeria, WANEP organized Peace Education Training for 1000 Pupils in 18 Primary Schools in the Kosofe Local Government. 700 students, 20 teachers and 15 community leaders have been sensitized on the dangers of Drug and Substance Abuse in Bassa, Local Government Area of Plateau State.</p> <p>WANEP and the Institute for Peace and Strategic Studies (IPSS) of the University of Ibadan (UI), Southwest Nigeria formalized their partnership with the signing of an MOU.</p> <p>In Senegal through its member organization, Dynamique de Paix, WANEP held a "Peace Rally" for 500 young people in Ziguinchor on</p>	<p>Activity/Quarterly report</p> <p>Activity/Quarterly report</p> <p>Activity/Quarterly</p>	<p>Various trainings and other engagements in the region have resulted in the formation of youth and school peace ambassadors' groups that are supporting peacebuilding in their schools and communities. In Senegal, a platform for robust discussions and opportunity to chart a road map for finding lasting solution to the Casamance issue has been established and WANEP-Senegal will provide technical support in the development of action plans on the peace strategy.</p> <p>In Niger, peacebuilding processes are beginning to prevent conflict in the South-East region of Niger, with special focus in 4 communes of Diffa Region of Bosso, Toumour, Kabléwa and Nguigmi and in Nigeria, the formalization of WANEP/UI relationship</p>

	<p>the theme ‘young people in action for peace in Casamance.’ WANEP collaborated with Peace Association of DAHRA to conduct sensitization and awareness on non-violence and peaceful co-existence for young people in DAHRA community located in the Louga region of Dakar.</p> <p>In Niger WANEP at the request of the Government is implementing a project tagged ‘Integrated Regional Stabilization of the Lake Chad Basin in the Diffa region’. WANEP-Niger is in collaboration with the Regional Directorate of Youth and Sports of Diffa in the implementation of these activities</p> <p>WANEP – The Gambia, championed the inclusion of Peace Education into the Gambian school curriculum and provided technical support for the drafting and validation of the conflict analysis Manual of the Gambia.</p> <p>WANEP-Togo under the second phase of the Education à la Paix, à la Non Violence et à la Justice Sociale (EPNV-JS) project funded by UNDP trained 163 persons including school Directors, Advisers and Inspectors in Kpalimé community. The training was geared towards getting the commitment and buy-in of the Directors for the establishment of Peace and Peer Mediators Clubs in selected</p>	<p>report</p> <p>Activity/Quarterly report</p>	<p>has paved the way for deepened engagements between the two institutions particularly under the WANEP Peace Education Program.</p> <p>Plans to institutionalize Peace Education based on recommendations from colloquium developed for implementation in Togo</p>
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		<p>schools in the project implementation area.</p> <p>WANEP and partners organized a national Colloquium on Peace Education and the importance of institutionalization of Peace Education in Togo with the platforms of different educational levels in Togo.</p> <p>WANEP-Guinea trained 20 young leaders (8 women and 12 men) on leadership, resource mobilization and conflict management in Kankan and Conakry. Several cultural events were organized in the third quarter to raise youth awareness on non-violence and foster peaceful co-existence.</p> <p>WANEP-Burkina Faso trained six members of the Peer Mediators Club from three high schools in Ouagadougou on non-violence strategies and conflict management as stipulated under UN Resolution 2250.</p>		
2.2	Building Community resilience and capacity for Countering Violent Extremism (CVE)	<p>In Nigeria, WANEP facilitated strategy sessions for Security Sectors (Commission of Police, Commissioner for Justice - Ministry of Justice, Secretary House Committee on Security, State Commander, NDLEA, State Commander and Plateau State Peace Building Agency) to develop resilience strategies in the violence prone Plateau state</p> <p>In collaboration with the UN Women, WANEP supported the establishment of local</p>	Activity/Quarterly report	<p>Former members of violent gangs are operating as behavioral change advocates among the youth. 10 Policemen and 10 community member groups and 3 drug enforcement officers have formed a network to prevent gang violence in the area.</p> <p>Traditional leaders, religious leaders and state and non state agencies collaborating at community and state levels to sustain early warning and response to avert extremist and other violent attacks in Gombe,</p>

		early warning and response systems in Violent Extremism prone Gombe, Adamawa and Plateau states of northern Nigeria		Adamawa, Plateau, Borno and Benue states
2.3	Curricular review for the incorporation of CVE strategies in peace education in the Sahel region	WANEP and the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) in collaboration with the ECOWAS Commission held a two-day Experts Meeting with the theme: <i>Developing a Framework for a Curriculum on Countering Violent Extremism in the Sahel Region</i> . Existing curriculum on CVE was reviewed and skill gaps in Peace Education and a framework guide for CVE component of Peace Education curriculum developed	Quarterly report	Draft Curriculum on CVE has been developed and will be validated in the first quarter of 2019 and implemented across the Sahel Region and Nigeria
2.4	Organize WAPI 2018 thematic courses in collaboration with KAIPTC	WANEP in collaboration with KAIPTC held the 17th Session of the West Africa Peacebuilding Institute (WAPI) with 27 participants (10 women, 17 men). The participants were primarily drawn from the five pilot countries of Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire and Mali, where ECOWAS National Early Warning and Response Centres (NEWRC) have been established. Others came from government Ministries and agencies as well as CSOs from Member States	WAPI report	Enhanced capacity of 27 practitioners who are beginning to support the ECOWAS National Early Warning and Response Centers in the five pilot countries (Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire and Mali).
2.5	Strengthen the capacity of media in West Africa in conflict sensitive reporting	Media-CSOs Roundtable organized by WANEP Nigeria to unveil the research findings on the 'impact of investments in Agriculture and Climate Change Adaptation	Activity Report	Better understanding of peace and security and enhanced support for peacebuilding reportage in session of media

		<p>on Small Scale Farming in Nigeria and its linkages to violent conflicts.</p> <p>WANEP-Benin designed IEC materials aimed at generating awareness on women's right of access to rural land and landed property. To garner support on the subject matter, capacity building activities for 12 community based journalists and 6 gender rights advocates were held.</p>		
2.6	Provide advocacy support through information and visibility on key normative instruments on peace and security	<p>In Guinea, a total of 442 young people, including 205 girls (46%), benefited from capacity building on UNSCR 1325 and related resolution 2250.</p> <p>In Niger 157 people from vigilante and security groups were trained on the concepts of social cohesion and community safety based on 2250. Another 13 were trained on conflict analysis, mediation and negotiation.</p>	Activity/Quarterly report	Platform of young advocates formed to spread the tenets of UNSCR 1325 and 2250 in 5 districts in Guinea and Niger
2.7	Strengthen the capacity of Youth in peace processes in West Africa	<p>In Liberia, 30 Youth Animators have been trained to organize 60 community Outreach advocacy visits on youth participation in local and national governance and leadership that ensures peaceful co-existence</p> <p>In Guinea a TOT in Conflict Management and prevention strategies was held for selected network members. The trained trainers will be deployed to step down the training in Conakry, Upper Guinea and the Forest</p>	<p>Quarterly reports</p> <p>Quarterly reports</p>	<p>Increased youth led community outreach on the prevention of SGBV and promotion of women participation in decision-making in Liberia. As a result of campaigning, a revised Liberian Domestic Violence Act was passed (albeit, without the clause on FGM).</p> <p>Young people at the local level in Guinea, are building early warning structures to help ensure peace at that level.</p>

		<p>Region.</p> <p>In Liberia, WANEP in collaboration with the Ministry of Education advocated for the integration of Peace Education in Liberian schools' national curriculum.</p>	Quarterly reports	Advocacy in Liberia contributed to the Ministry of Education producing and launching a new curriculum titled "Peace and Religious Education", to be used from grades 1 – 12.
2.8	Review the implementation of the Mali Human Security program and Peace Accord	The review process has been integrated into WANEP Mali's statutory periodic reviews and included in the work-plan of staff undertaking review visits to various locations of the program	Annual Report	This has resulted in WANEP Mali generating more interest from partners who have committed funding, continues to inform specific human security concerns in Mali by the EU, UN and other international partners
Strategic Objective 3: Research results are utilized in policy advocacy to promote peace and security				
#	Planned Activities	Implemented Activities	Mean Of Verification	Results
3.1	Research on Youth, Peace and Security: Migration, state fragility and resilience capacities	<p>The planned research could not be carried out as a result of the envisaged donor not being able to provide the requisite funding. However, the following research activities were undertaken:</p> <p>WANEP Liberia conducted a Mapping of services for Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Works.</p> <p>In Ghana, WANEP in collaboration with GIZ undertook a research on the Current causes of violent at Alavanyo and Nkonya (95-year old conflict)</p>	Quarterly reports	<p>Findings from these researches are being used by various institutions for policy making and for other interventions. For instance, the mapping in Liberia helped to identify issues of SEA and SGBV during road construction. Preliminary recommendations from the research has helped to identify referral pathways and service providers for victims.</p> <p>The research in Ghana is being used to design new peacebuilding processes in Alavanyo and Nkonya</p> <p>The surveys in Togo and Nigeria are supporting response mechanisms and other program interventions and policy advocacies.</p>

	<p>WANEP-Togo conducted a survey on utilizing traditional mechanisms for peaceful transformation of conflicts in 29 cultural areas in 31 chiefdoms.</p> <p>Another study assessed the violent situation in the city of Kpalimé and its surroundings</p> <p>WANEP-Nigeria conducted a field assessment on the persistent Farmer-Herder Conflicts in Benue State of Nigeria.</p> <p>WANEP conducted a survey to determine usage of its Early Warning and Response outputs by relevant stakeholders and how the products are impacting policy discourse in the region</p> <p>WANEP-Benin Conducted a research on sexual violence as it affects girls in selected schools. The finding was validated by major partners and key stakeholders.</p> <p>WANEP The Gambia and the UNDP conducted a survey on Conflict and Development to identify and analyze current responses to conflict drivers and peace engines in the Gambia. Preliminary findings from the study was validated by a cross-section of relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>WANEP conducted survey on the production and usage of its Early Warning products by partners and allied national and regional</p>	<p>The Gambian Research report has been shared with various stakeholders including the UN, AU, ECOWAS, amongst others and will serve as a resource for understanding the conflict dynamics in the Gambia</p> <p>WANEP Survey results confirms that WANEP's research documents, publications and policy briefs serve as a key reference sources on peacebuilding and conflict prevention in ECOWAS and Africa.</p>
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		agencies and institutions		
3.2	Organize policy forum on 2017 WANEP CVE research findings and recommendations	WANEP in partnership with ECOWAS held a Policy Dialogue on Violent Extremism on the theme “Current Dynamics and Challenges of Violent Extremism in West Africa”. The meeting was chaired by former ECOWAS Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, Mrs. Salamatu Suleiman	Meeting report	The meeting generated strategic policy options from the year-long research undertaken by WANEP and also provided a platform to review and evaluate the various approaches to eradicate terrorism and violent extremism. Key outcome of the meeting was the finalization of the draft action plan on preventing violent extremism based on the research findings and recommendations
3.3	Generate Annual Regional Human Security Report based on WANEP Early Warning System	A Peace and Human Security Outlook for 2019 was produced	Survey Reports	The outlook is expected to inform national, regional and continental stakeholders in their policy and program planning and implementation
Strategic Objective 4: Gender capacity in peacebuilding and conflict prevention is developed and deployed at community, national and regional levels				
#	Planned Activities	Implemented Activities	Mean Of Verification	Results
4.1	Consolidate Women, Peace and Security initiatives in ECOWAS member states	<p>In Nigeria, WANEP and the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR) held Lessons Learnt Forum under the UN Women’s Program on ‘Promoting Women’s Engagement in Peace and Security in Northern Nigeria’, funded by the EU. The Forum brought together 71 participants comprising 33 men and 38 women from the three project states of Adamawa, Plateau and Gombe.</p> <p>Twenty (20) Community members, 10 Divisional Crime Police Officers, 5 Civil</p>	Quarterly Reports	<p>Participation and abilities of women to report abuse enhanced. For example: 105 trained community members have become anti GBV advocates and spreading the knowledge to other community members</p> <p>Trained beneficiaries in Liberia have established small businesses (local soap production, beads making), are economically independent and have minimized reliance on their partners and reduced violent abuse.</p> <p>The study identified all the initiatives undertaken</p>

	<p>society groups and 5 Health Officials were also trained on issues of gender crimes and integrated response to support the victims in Jos North of the Plateau state</p> <p>In Liberia Women under the Peace Hut initiative mediated 60 cases. They also monitored 250 rape cases that were reported to the police and provided psychosocial counseling for 100 of the survivors/victims of GBV.</p> <p>WANEP trained 60 youth in Economic Empowerment.</p> <p>240 semi-illiterate community residents in 4 counties trained on GBV and masculinity</p> <p>WANEP in partnership with UNOWAS, carried out a study titled; “Monographs on women’s political participation in West Africa and the Sahel: strategic positioning or political tactic,” aimed at ascertaining the level of women’s political participation in the region.</p> <p>WANEP The Gambia trained women in campaign financing for political position, self-empowerment, leadership, communications skills and women in peacebuilding and advocacy processes to build them for elections</p> <p>WANEP-Cote d’Ivoire facilitated series of meetings with 200 selected women’s</p>	<p>towards strengthening women’s political participation, the level of harmonization of international conventions and national laws in regards to women’s political participation and is being used to inform interventions for political participation of women in the region</p> <p>In the Gambia, 2 of the women trained contested as Mayoral candidates during the May Local Government Election. One of the two trained women, Rohey Malick Lowe, emerged winner during the hotly contested election and became the first woman to be elected Mayoress in the Gambia.</p> <p>In Cote d’Ivoire and Liberia, the confidence of women in entering political leadership positions is rising with increasing numbers of women putting themselves up for election and other leadership positions.</p> <p>The Abobo Peace Hut in Cote d’Ivoire, with technical support from WANEP Regional Office has resolved about 88 cases of gender-based violence since inception</p> <p>In Nigeria, the training strengthened women’s role in conflict prevention, peace-making and peacebuilding by equipping them with the skills for effective participation in peace processes especially in the areas of Dialogue, Mediation and other</p>
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		<p>organizations in the country to generate awareness about the 2018 Regional elections and to advocate for increased women's participation</p> <p>WANEP-Liberia continued to utilize the Voices of Women Radio Program to broadcast and draw attention to strategies for increasing women's participation in politics, leadership, decision-making and peacebuilding. The network trained 75 women in leadership and governance, campaign financing for political position and community initiatives in 12 communities of three Counties</p> <p>WANEP and IPCR, under the auspices of the EU funded program on 'Promoting Women's Engagement in Peace and Security in Northern Nigeria,' trained 120 community conflict monitors and Analysts in the three project states of Adamawa, Gombe and Plateau on Early Warning, Dialogue and Mediation, conflict prevention, gender among others. Civil society, FBOs, CBOs, traditional/religious leaders, women groups, and Ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs) also benefited from the training</p>		<p>preventive mechanisms. Local peace architectures developed as a result, are responding to conflict issues in Jos, Gombe and Adamawa.</p>
4.2	Develop and review of NAP on UNSCR 1325 in West Africa (Cape Verde and Ghana) in partnership with	<p>WANEP provided technical support for the evaluation of Ghana NAP 1 and the development of NAP 2.</p> <p>In Cape Verde, WANEP in partnership with</p>	Quarterly Reports	<p>Enhanced Ghana NAP 2. Gained support of key implementing institutions in Ghana.</p> <p>In Cape Verde a comprehensive and inclusive Roadmap for the development of the National</p>

	ECOWAS and UNOWAS	UNOWAS held consultative meeting with key stakeholders including the First Lady, CSOs, parliamentarians and requisite civil servants to develop a roadmap for the development of National Action Plans.		Action Plan has been developed and agreed by all stakeholders in readiness for implementation
4.3	Facilitate the implementation of the AU Continental Result based framework on UNSCR 1325	WANEP in collaboration with ECOWAS, is conducting an assessment of the implementation of the NAPs in ECOWAS member states to support the enhancement of AUs established baseline	Activity Report	Assessment will establish a reliable data on the level of implementation of UNSCR 1325 across West Africa
4.4	Women Peace and Security Annual Conference: Linking Women's Economic empowerment to Conflict Prevention within the context of the SDGs	This activity was planned in collaboration with the AU Gender Focal person who suddenly left the AU. This affected implementation coupled with budget difficulties. This has been duly considered in the 2019 plan		
4.5	Develop online database of West African female mediators (supporting FEMWISE Mediation Roster)	WANEP tracking of progress on FEMWISE showed a status that does not require an online data investment. The activity was therefore reduced to providing a vetted list to the AU for inclusion in their roster. The activity is therefore no longer in the plan even though the list will be developed and forwarded to FEMWISE.		
4.6	Conduct high-level Dialogue and Mediation training for women	10 women Trained in Dialogue and mediation at WAPI 2018	WAPI report	Increased number of women mediators for FEMWISE Roster

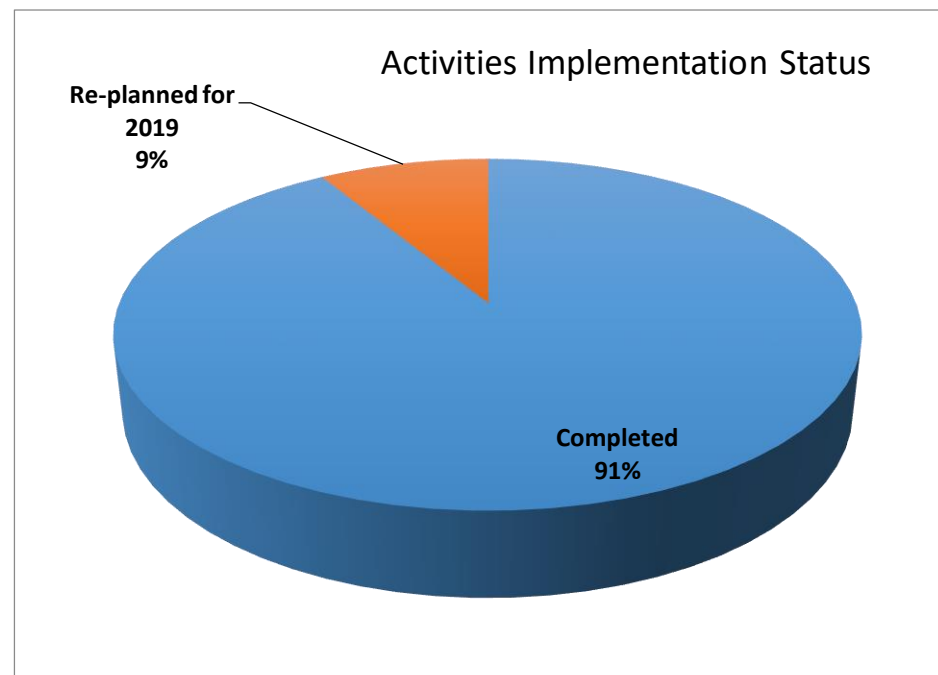
4.7	Capacity building on gender analysis for CSOs	This activity was integrated into the WAPI training in which capacity was provided for 10 participants	WAPI report	Enhanced capacity of participants
4.8	Support to WIPNET Program Officer	Support provided for the January-December period under review	Bank statements/Annual financial report	Committed and capacitated human resource providing technical support to ECOWAS, AU and peacebuilding in the region
Strategic Objective 5: Institutional and financial sustainability of WANEP (National Network and Regional Secretariat) ensured				
#	Planned Activities	Implemented Activities	Mean Of Verification	Results
5.1	Technical support to National Network Governance	<p>Technical program support provided to WANEP secretariats in Ghana, Sierra Leone, Togo, Nigeria, Mali, Cape Verde, Benin. Annual General Assemblies (AGM) were also facilitated in Benin, Côte d'Ivoire and Togo</p> <p>National Board Meetings were also held in 14 National Networks (Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo)</p>	Activity Report/Minutes of board meetings	Enhanced operations of supported secretariats which reflected in increased accountability and visibility of WANEP National networks with cascading effects on increased funding and partnerships.
5.2	Organize 2018 Participatory Review and Analysis Process (PRAPs)	The WANEP 2018 Participatory Review and Analysis Processes (PRAPs) held on January 24 to 26, 2018 in Accra under the theme: <i>Harmonization and Institutional Reforms: Repositioning WANEP to meet Current and Emerging Challenges</i> . The biennial event was aimed at bringing together all parts of the organization in a friendly but critically reflective process to assess current human	PRAPs report	PRAPs provided a platform to assess WANEP's operations against current and emerging human security challenges, determine next steps, responsibilities and timeline, plan collectively in reaching expected outcomes and deepen the understanding of current reforms at ECOWAS among others.

			financial report	
5.1.0	Support to Network Development	Institutional support provided	Bank statements/Annual financial report	
5.1.1	ICT Office Equipment	To be accomplished in 2019		
5.1.2	Documentation of WANEP's 20 years contribution to peace and security in Africa	Data and information gathered for documentary is in progress.	WANEP publications	Enhanced publicity of WANEP and partners work and achievements
5.1.3	Translation Service	Translation services procured to enhance training sessions WAPI, preparation of Annual Report and other WANEP publications	Activity Report	
5.1.4	Production and Publication of Annual Report	2018 Annual Report produced	Annual Report	
5.1.5	Collaborate with ECOWAS/AU to Develop framework for Private sector support for peacebuilding in West Africa	To be redesigned for later implementation		

Annex 1

2018 ACTIVITY PLAN – STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2018

A total of 46 major activities were planned for the year. Thirty-six (36) representing 78.2% activities out of the 46 were implemented as planned. Eight (8) were modified and implemented bringing the total implementation to Forty-two (42). This represents 91.3% accomplishment. Four activities, representing 9.7% could not be implemented due to changes in context and budgetary shortfalls. These were reviewed during the 2018 annual review and planning session taking into consideration the changing context and continuous relevancy and have been integrated into the 2019 workplan.



Annex 2

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