



# WOMEN ORGANIZATIONS, PEACE BUILDING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN NIGERIA

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## Abstract

This study examined how women led organizations through their peacebuilding activities promote sustainable development in Nigeria where weak institutions and limited access to justice have stalled efforts at sustainable development.

## Objectives

- 1 Explain the link between women organizations peacebuilding and attaining sustainable development in Nigeria
- 2 Examine the ways through which women organizations facilitate the realization of the SDGs in Nigeria.
- 3 Identify the development driven initiatives of women organizations in Nigeria

## Methodology

Analysis of reports of women organizations engaged in peacebuilding in Nigeria. Documentary review of organizations activities and profiling on Peace insight, an international organization that highlights the work of local peacebuilders globally.

## Findings

- I. Gender inequality affects women's role in sustainable development as peace and development are intricately linked and complement each other
- II. Civil society collaboration is needed to achieve the SDGs in Nigeria
- III. Women organizations through informal peacebuilding activities drive the process of development. These initiatives include programs targeted towards poverty alleviation such as provision of micro credit schemes, skills acquisition, training and capacity building for women and provision of infrastructures in rural communities.
- IV. Women organizations also take on advocacy campaigns to get government at all levels to carry out their responsibilities as regards development projects and putting in place policies that are in line with sustainable development.
- V. Women organizations create awareness about bills and policies that enhance the welfare of women and society in general. They push for bills that support gender equality and that promotes justice and fairness for all.

Women Organizations

Peacebuilding

Sustainable Development

Social welfare, Relief and Support

Advocacy

Peace education

Grassroots development

Women economic empowerment

## Conclusions

- It is crucial to engage women organizations in longer term development and rehabilitation efforts.
- Government and donor agencies should support women development initiatives in grassroots peacebuilding.
- Women organizations are key partners in development projects and are useful to implement development policies, programs and projects utilizing the bottom-up approach which makes meaningful impact in the society.

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