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Consultancy for Sokoto Field Coordinator

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Overview :

BACKGROUND

Insecurity in the North West region of Nigeria – especially Katsina, Zamfara and Sokoto is characterized by a complex blending of communal conflicts, farmer-herder conflict, armed banditry and organized crime. These conflict drivers are further amplified by demographic pressure, relative deprivation, perceptions of economic exclusion and climate-induced risks. While numerous peace agreements including in Sokoto and Zamfara and amnesties provided some short-term stability, violence that resurged in the North West, especially in 2020 poses a significant stability risk to the region and country as a whole. In Katsina and Kaduna States for example, organized communal violence and banditry attacks tripled from April to June 2021 and at least 80,150 and 67,192 people respectively are now in IDP camps with many more urbanely displaced. A UN mission to the region identified a combined number of 193 hotspot communities in Kaduna; 194 in Katsina; 106 in Zamfara and 40 in Sokoto – indicating the urgent need to mobilise urgent response and peacebuilding support to the region.

COVID-19 has further aggravated the root causes of conflict and contributed to the escalation of violence. Lockdowns and curfews at the peak of the pandemic amplified the economic burden on already vulnerable populations limiting the pursuit of livelihoods. With the restrictive measures, community peacebuilding efforts were undermined leading to the collapse of peace agreements and narrowing of the opening for women's participation in peacebuilding processes. The collapse of peace agreements and amnesties resulted in spike of violence in June 2020. Increased violent conflict and criminality in the zone would continue to slow the rate of economic recovery, hamper investments and women's empowerment and decrease available resources for service delivery and development. An holistic approach to address the spike in insecurity loss of government control, increased displacement, greater inter-communal conflicts, and criminal violence and resultant economic losses, the increased SGBV and VAW, eroded conflict management structure and the narrowed opportunity for women peace and security agenda should be prioritized.

ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEXT

UNDP has played a key role in mobilising and catalysing key partnerships around a prevention agenda to find lasting solutions to the NW Security challenge before it escalates to a full-blown crisis. UNDP is represented on the EU-led likeminded Group of Ambassadors and Heads of Mission on the North West. This platform meets on a monthly basis and brings together the UN Leadership and Ambassadors to collectively and collaboratively explore entry points for sustained advocacy, policy and programmatic response

UNDP has also been on the forefront of shaping the analytics on changing security dynamics in the region. Using sentiment analysis, this assessment conducted in Jan/March 2021 provided the basis upon which the Peace and Stability Outlook below was produced. A series of complimentary conflict analysis were undertaken by the EU, FCDO. Related assessments on the socio-economic context was carried out by UNICEF; while Humanitarian actors undertook rapid review of the evolving humanitarian situation in the country. The organisation also produced jointly by UNDP and FCDO as a framework for understanding the changing dynamics of instability in the North West. This note presented to the first North West Likeminded Group set the tone for high level advocacy and engagement in the region.

In terms of field engagement, UNDP convened both technical and high level inter-agency mission to the three states with the objective of mapping possible entry points for UN and International support to the region. This mission had a focus on prevention.

Therefore, UNDP Nigeria is looking for a National individual consultant to leverage on this work and lay the foundation for UNDP's programmatic support in the North West Region. The IC will support in undertaking capacity assessments of key peace and governance actors and systems; monitor conflict trends; support with key stakeholder engagement in the field and lastly support with the design of the programmatic framework for