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...providing platform for the voiceless and marginalised on issues of Governance and Public Policy.

Acknowledgements

The Kukah Centre is a mediation institution that offers alternative approaches to the challenges of leadership and the impact of conflict on national development. It also provides the platform for the voiceless and marginalised citizens to espouse their views on governance and public policy. At the heart of the Centre's work is interfaith dialogue aimed at promoting conversations among Nigeria's faith communities, and how these conversations can inform public policy decisions. The Centre also aspires towards the attainment of a more humane, democratic and free society where citizens can live in real and true freedom, unencumbered by any structure of exclusion on the basis of ethnic, religious, social status, economic or gender differences. In 2017, the implementation of this vision was made possible with direct funding from and partnership collaboration with different NGOs and agencies.

First, the Centre wishes to thank God for the successes achieved in 2017, and more so for the opportunities to collaborate and partner with other organisations whose mandate and expertise qualify them to provide complementary support critical to the success of the Centre's 2017 projects. In particular, the Centre will like to thank Ford Foundation, McArthur, Tony Blair Institute (TBI) for Global Change, Nigeria Stability and Reconciliation Programme, (NSRP), CARITAS, Northeast Regional Initiative (NERI), ProFuturo and the Borno State Ministry of Education for all the funding and partnership.

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FORWORD

The year 2017 witnessed unprecedented eruptions of violence across our nation. Under the shadow of the Boko Haram conflict, we watched helplessly as what came to be known as the Herder-Farmer conflict engulfed a good chunk of the northern states, covering Zamfara, Kaduna, Benue, Nasarawa, Taraba and some Southern states of the South West and South East. The leadership, overwhelmed by the excesses of Boko Haram watched helplessly as renewed agitations for an independent Biafra, calls for restructuring posed a serious threat to national cohesion.

Fulani herdsmen, often young boys, roamed city centres, highways, farmlands and entire landscapes with seeming abandon, consuming crops, threatening human security and causing traffic chaos, seeming to be both above the law and outside the spectrum of human decorum. Armed and dangerous, their ubiquity and government silence have raised the security threat to communal harmony to high levels.

The government's flagship programme of a fight against corruption seemed threatened and stalled as a plethora of

corruption cases against senior government officials seemed to overwhelm both the judiciary and the security agencies. Everywhere you turned, violence-steered ordinary citizens in the face. The military seemed to be ubiquitous, stretched in the North East but still its occupation arms covered over 30 of the 36 States of the federation.

Military offensive and in some instances complete negligence became the first choice rather than the last resort in dealing with these problems. The military adopted strong-arm tactics of intimidation of communities by such show of force and intimidation as operation python dance, crocodile smile for example. For a government that showed no resolve to deal with the threats of the herdsmen, this has elicited mixed reactions from communities that have felt the impact of what seems like army of occupation. Nothing could demonstrate more the precarious nature of our democratic space.

In keeping with its Vision as a platform for mediation and a means of giving voice to the weak, The Kukah Centre took a conscious decision to step in to see how best it could provide an

opportunity for victims to have their voices heard. Often, in response to crises, significant efforts aimed at ending such conflicts often appear to create parallel structures in affected communities. The government often downplays the role of non state actors such as community, religious and other leadership cadres who often do great work at great risk in times of crises.

The Centre's mission has been to understand the perspectives, concerns and needs of those affected by the different conflicts, and how their views, experiences and opinions can become part of the policy making process. The failure to listen to the voices of victims and affected communities in supporting peace processes creates the perception that those who have behaved badly are left of the hook, while the victims are left with no assistance. Resentment builds in and frustrators have no outlets. Individuals and communities often lie low and wait for the fire next time.

With assistance from the National Stability and Reconciliation Programme, NSRP, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, CARITAS Nigeria, North East Regional Initiative, NERI, Conciliation Resources and Profuturo, The Kukah Centre undertook three key projects in the course of the year. These programmes were essentially meant to equip Religious leaders, drawn from Christians and Muslims with the skills and attitudes meant to strengthen Social Cohesion. We conducted research on the Farmer-Herder conflict in Southern Kaduna aimed at giving identity and voice to victims for the purpose of

enhancing Inter-group engagements and reconciliation. Next the Centre undertook the design of new strategies for the Rehabilitation and Reintegration of victims, paying particular attention to the needs of affected communities. In this way, the victims were placed at the centre of the initiatives.

The Kukah Centre would like to appreciate the contributions of NERI, NSRP, Conciliation Resources, Caritas Nigeria, Tony Blair Institute and Profuturo for their partnership. The Centre looks forward to their continuous and greater collaboration in different areas of research, advocacy and public policy as we set our eyes on greater challenges in the area of policy design and articulation. We look forward to partnering with the Federal and State governments, National Assembly, other National and International Non-Governmental Organisations, and stake holders in the project of sustaining, deepening and widening our Democracy.

Fr. Atta Barkindo, PhD undertook and guided these projects under the watchful eye of Dr. Arthur Agham Martins. I am indebted to them, our Consultants and the entire staff of the Centre. For us all this was a great learning experience.

Most Rev. Matthew Flavian Tachib
Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Sokoto &
Founder, The Kukah Centre.



Photo: Participants for the interfaith dialogue and engagement held in Minna, Niger State

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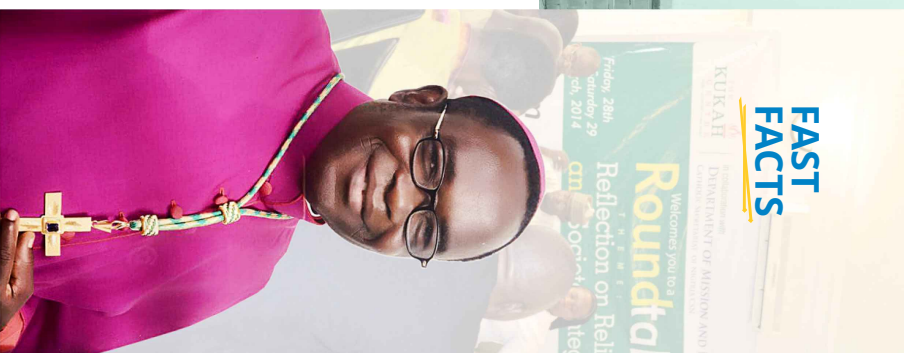
Believing that the pursuit of the Common Good of all citizens should be the basis for the existence of government, and that citizen participation in their own affairs should be at the heart of government, we shall, through this Centre, aspire to set up a mediating institution for achieving this.

We shall seek to conceptualize, identify, design, clarify and articulate proactive mechanisms that will increase policy proclivity, effectiveness and efficiency, and public participation and input for the attainment of the Common Good and the pursuit of the ideals of good governance.

VISION

To aspire towards the attainment of a more humane, democratic and free society where citizens can live in real and true freedom, unencumbered by any structures of exclusion on the basis of ethnic, religious, social status, economic or gender differences.

Faith, Leadership and Public Policy



BISHOP KUKAH

One of Nigeria's foremost public intellectuals, **Bishop Matthew Hassan Kukah** has delivered numerous lectures and written over seven books and scores of articles on various aspects of governance, faith, and public policy in Nigeria. He is well-regarded across the country and has been called "the conscience of the nation" and "Nigeria's spiritual guide," among other praise.

Born in Kaduna State in 1952, Bishop Kukah's background and experience have motivated his work to promote stronger Nigerian national unity through interfaith dialogue and promotion of economic and social justice for all citizens.

Bishop Kukah has deep experience in mediation and conflict resolution and has been a long-standing champion of peace and nation-building in Nigeria. These are the values that lie at the core of the work of the Kukah Centre.

THE KUKAH CENTRE

The Centre was established by Bishop Kukah to enhance and encourage greater citizen engagement in Nigeria. The Kukah Centre is a nonprofit organization that promotes an active and engaged citizenry by providing support for inclusive dialogue and advocacy initiatives.

The Centre treats political leadership as a collaborative exercise and aims to promote governance structures which incorporate multiple levels of engagement, including individuals, households, small businesses, the private sector, NGOs and government.

Interfaith dialogue is at the core of the Centre's work and involves actively promoting conversations among Nigeria's faith communities, as well as between leaders in faith and public policy.

FAST FACTS

LEADERSHIP

KUKUHAH CENTER was founded by Bishop **Morhoun Hassan Kukuha**. The Center was established in 2013 and became fully operational in 2015.

PROGRAMME AREAS

Good Governance, Leadership Development, Inter-faith Activities, Advocacy and Knowledge Promotion.

The scale-up of activities in these three programme areas took place quarterly within the year 2017.

STRATEGIC PARTNERS

British Council, UK Aid, International Alert, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, UK Department for International Development (DfID), Northern Governors' Forum, Women Interfaith Council (WIC), Centre for Population and Development (GENPODEV), Catholic Bishops Conference, Conciliation Resources, UK Catholic Caritas Foundation of Nigeria, Plan International, European Union, United States Agency for International Development, McAthur, Ford Foundation and others.

PROGRAMME PARTNERS AND ACTIVITIES

TONY BLAIR FOUNDATION:

This is a collaborative Christian Leaders and Imam Leaders' Preparation programme held from March 2017. It was aimed at equipping Religious Leaders with the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to strengthen social cohesion and resilience to extremist ideologies in communities served by selected participants.

NIGERIAN STABILITY RECONCILIATION PROGRAMME (NSRP):

This project titled: 'From the Valley of Death Memory, Healing and Inter-Group Dialogue in Southern Kaduna' was carried out in 5 LGAs of Kaduna State. The project was implemented between March and August 2017, and the final report/policy brief was published in September 2017. The objective of the project was to conduct a research, giving identity and a voice to victims for the purpose of inter-group and inter-community engagement to promote social cohesion, tolerance and co-existence.

CARTIANS NIGERIA:

The CARTIANS project was aimed at sustaining the established inter-group and inter-community dialogue platforms in communities of Southern Kaduna. It was implemented from April to July, 2017.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL INITIATIVE (NERI):

This is a project aimed at engaging communities affected by the Boko Haram conflict. The project seeks to understand the concerns, perspectives and needs of victims and affected communities on the

government's policy of deradicalization, rehabilitation and reintegration of victims. The project was implemented in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States, and it engaged community leaders, victims and stakeholders from May to August 2017. A report and a policy brief was published from the findings of this project.

CONCILIATION RESOURCES (CR):

This is an ongoing project that commenced in September 2017 and it is expected to last till March 2018. The project is centred on the need to ascertain the role of local perspectives, attitudes and initiatives in supporting peaceful transition in the North East.

PROFUTURO:

This is also an ongoing project in partnership with the Catholic Bishops Forum and Profuturo, a Spanish NGO. The project is a program of education that provides access to digital form of teaching and educating children and young people. It is intended to keep kids off the streets, and refocus their minds on the acquisition of skills through technology.



FAST FACTS

PROGRAMME AREAS

Interfaith dialogue is at the core of the Centre's work and involves actively promoting conversation among Nigeria's faith communities as well as between leaders in faith and public policy. The Kukuha Centre aspires to promote an active and engaged citizenry by serving platform for inclusive dialogues and advocacy initiatives.

Activities of the Centre fall into three major programme areas:

GOOD GOVERNANCE

Programmes seek to build an informed and active electorate that recognizes the value of a system organized to ensure equality of opportunity and social justice

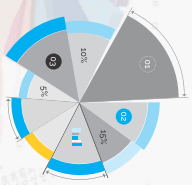
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Programmes aim to mentor the next generation of Nigerian leaders and create accountability in current leaders from all walks of Nigerian life to drive good economic and social policies and instill trust in communities

ADVOCACY AND KNOWLEDGE PROMOTION

Programme strives to raise awareness on critical issues of both historical and contemporary national importance with a view to promote active citizen engagement.

OUR RESULTS



The Kukah Center through its activities bridges the gap between interfaith initiatives and programmes that promotes good governance and inclusive democratic engagement. It is in the unique position of being a national center that facilitates leadership development, peace building and conflict resolution using interfaith approaches and through deepening citizen

engagement on public policy. This has yielded key results in the areas of citizen engagement, peer review among leaders at federal, state and local levels, and advocacy of public policy impact on social inclusion. The highlights of the impact of the work done thus far is presented in following section of this report.



Photo: A meeting session held in TKC office Abuja between NERI Consultants and Staff of the Kukah Centre.

Good Governance

Under this programme area, we are structuring an informed and active constituency that recognizes the value of a system organized to ensure equality of opportunity and social justice. To achieve this, we:

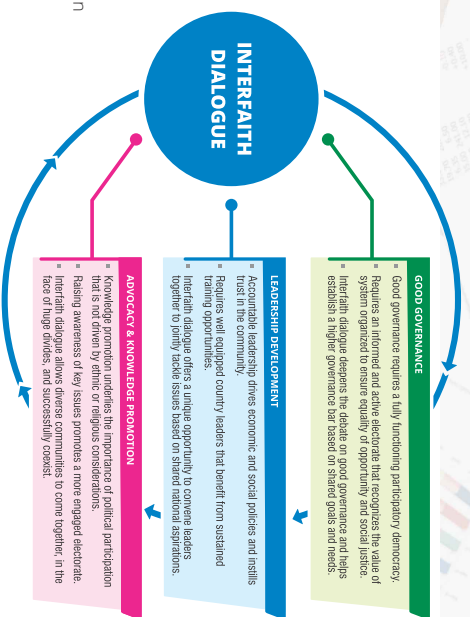
- conduct a functional participatory democracy through public awareness campaigns for the improvement and promotion of policy dialogue.
- initiate inter-faith dialogue to bridge the gap between seemingly distinct groups (religious, political and

otherwise), create platforms for engagement between religious leaders of different faiths, and help establish an atmosphere of mutual respect and appreciation between religions.

- Initiate studies on perceptions of good governance and dialogue with community-based organizations on the need for improvement of governance, and promote issue-based conversation

Good Governance

FIGURE 1:
Interfaith dialogue is central to the Kukah Centres Mission and Vision and is the foundation of the Centres activities



Faith, Leadership and Public Policy

Some 2017 Highlights on Our Work in Governance

We developed a National Framework on Deradicalisation, Rehabilitation and Reintegration (DRR) Initiative in the North-East and mobilized communities in selected LGAs in the North-east in order to expose them to this initiative

We developed a National Framework on Community Engagement as part of policy formulation on DRR in the North-east as well as Transitional Justice Measures for the region.

We convened traditional and religious leaders on community reintegration of victims and perpetrators of the Boko Haram conflict in Northeast

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North East Regional Initiative (NERI)

Photo: Strategy for community engagement and DRR with Borno State government.



This project was carried out from the month of May to August 2017 in collaboration with Northern Governors Forum. Three States namely, Adamawa, Borno and Yobe were covered in the course of this project. We at the Kukah Centre believe that with an inclusive method that centres on citizen engagement and interfaith dialogue, Nigeria can go a long way in improving its human development indicators. Since the 1914 amalgamation of the northern and southern regions of Nigeria by the British colonial government, Nigerians have continued to deliberate the issues of peaceful coexistence among the various ethnic groups and religious groups. The debate is as a result of the violent confrontation that has occurred among ethnic and

religious groups in the country. One of such violent attack is the Boko Haram terrorism that has resulted in the loss of lives, properties, displacement of victims, poverty and others. This informed our decision to conduct several community engagements in an effort to address the ongoing conflict and raise awareness on the need for peaceful cohabitation in the society.

The Kukah Centre in collaboration with the Borno State government is at the heart of providing a comprehensive policy strategy for community engagement and the eventual rehabilitation and reintegration of both victims and perpetrators of violent extremism in the North East. In this vein, we convened community leaders and

National Stakeholders on the

reintegration of violent victims in the Northeast – Adamawa, Borno and Yobe. Communities in selected LGAs were mobilized and engaged to expose affected ones to the prospects of Deradicalisation, Rehabilitation and Reintegration (DRR) initiative and to understand whether communities and individuals were willing to participate in the initiative. Furthermore, a 2-day National Stakeholders Forum was organized in Abuja on the 22nd and 23rd August 2017 for the purpose of developing a National Framework on Community Engagement as part of the policy formation on DRR in the North East.



3-day community engagement forum held in Maiduguri for the DRR initiative

During this engagement, five categories of presentations were made:

- **Current National Policy on DRR**
- **Findings from Maiduguri - Victim/Community Perspectives**
- **Developing a National Framework on Community Engagement**
- **Developing a National Framework on DRR**
- **Developing Possible Transitional Justice Mechanism**

Participants at the Programme held in Maiduguri on the 27th to 30th June 2017 provided perspectives and views concerning next steps on community reintegration of ex-Boko Haram members – including the development of national framework and continuous community engagement as well as specific community perspectives on transitional justice measures in the North-east.

Needs of the Communities

During the implementation of the entire project, the needs of the communities as expressed by the stakeholders are linked to Everyday Peace Indicators (EPI) which includes:

- The call to improve the economic situation in the North East.
- The request that all violent extremists who have perpetrated heinous crimes be held accountable for their actions.
- Many of the stakeholders demanded for an end to kidnapping, night raids and attacks and the need for all abducted victims to be returned.
- Compensation, rehabilitation and reintegration of victims should have priority over and above the Deradicalization, Rehabilitation and Reintegration (DRR) of Boko Haram members.
- A demand was made for massive infrastructural development of the North East, including empowerment initiatives for targeted groups such as youths and women.
- Specifically, some of the stakeholders requested for the removal of roadblocks and the redeployment of security services some of whom they fear, have compromised and can no longer be neutral in the discharge of their duty.
- The community stakeholders called for further step down programmes of community engagement, and a bigger and more inclusive policy discussion event.



Photo: A cross section of Muslim and Christian clerics, Tony Blair personnel and Staff of The Kukah Centre after a focus Group Discussion held in Abuja.

Leadership Development

With our work in this programme area, we work in affiliation with the current leaders from all walks of Nigerian life in order to achieve good economic, educational and social policies and instill trust in communities. To achieve this, we:

- * Conduct public education to increase citizen intellect and participation.
- * Develop relationships with key stakeholder in the private and public sector as well as civil society and faith-based organizations, and foster collaborations in areas of common interest.

- * Engage emerging leaders in a fellowship programme to enhance their leadership skills.

Efficient leadership in Nigeria creates a distinction in the educational learning. Leadership not only matters; it is only second to teaching among school related factors in its impact on student learning. The effect of leadership is likely to be maximally felt in schools where the education needs of students are majorty heightened.

Some 2017 Highlights on Our Work in Leadership

We signed an MOU with the Northern Governors' Forum and the Catholic Bishops' Conference in order to reform primary education and growing a culture of Peace in Northern Nigeria.

We conducted various training that will assist in identifying partners and schools that will participate in the ongoing project.

We work jointly with the PROFUTURO teams in providing access to quality education and the use of New Technologies through making available the necessary tools to the vulnerable people for their usage.

ProFuturo Foundation

Photo: Launch of the Profuturo Project by the Kukah Centre with the Northern Governors' Forum and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria.

This is an ongoing project funded by Spain which commenced in June 2017 and elapses August 2018. It is expected to last for 18 months. We at the Kukah Centre launched a Profuturo Project in Maiduguri, Borno State in collaboration with the Northern Governors' Forum and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria. The project is committed to detect and define actions, plans and projects to combat poverty by means of providing qualitative education to the most vulnerable sectors of the population in Nigeria and to contribute to the sustainable development of the world.



Reforming primary education and growing a culture of Peace in Northern Nigeria

Profuturo foundation was established in Spain with the aim of improving the opportunities of boys and girls in vulnerable situations through transformation education initiatives based on an innovative and high quality digital education. In other words, this project seeks to provide free and quality primary education as well as guaranteeing children's access to basic Reading, writing, values and life skills. In this way, the foundation is committed to education as an essential instrument for the eradication of poverty.

On May 26th 2017, The Kukah Centre signed an agreement and went into partnership with the Profuturo Foundation in establishing an institutional communication channel between them through a monitoring committee in order to contribute to the creation of equal opportunities for children and young people through digital education and the definition of activities aimed at strengthening quality education and social fabric.



Photo: Participants' visit to St. Michael's Cathedral, Minna, Niger State



This ongoing project is divided into two phases:

Phase 1: for over 3 months, teams designed for the setup of the project will conduct different activities in order to define the complete project

- * Identify local partners for project deployment
 - * Prospect schools to confirm sustainability for the project
 - * Set up calendar for the project deployment
- Phase 2:** for 12 months, projects will be implemented in selected schools and activities to be conducted includes:
- * Delivery of equipment
 - * Training of teachers and champions

- * Continuous support from champions and report every 15 days
- * Monitoring and reporting – quarterly reports

Length and validity of the project

Phase 1: 1st June – 30th September 2017

Phase 2: 1st October 2017 – 30th September 2018

The digital tools utilised for the children in the course of this project are:

- * Transport case or container (holds all the tools, ensuring the security and mobility of the equipment)
- * Portable PC
- * Tablets
- * One mini HD projector with battery
- * Rechargeable lamps

Advocacy and Knowledge Promotion

Our work in this programme area is to raise awareness of key national issues in order to promote citizen engagement. To achieve this we:

- * establish community engagement in partnership with key stakeholders

- * work with organisations and stakeholders to establish and promote memory preservation on memorable issues and events
- * establish a framework for media engagement in order to create awareness and dissemination of programme information and events organized by the Centre.

Some 2017 Highlights of Our Work in Advocacy and Knowledge Promotion

We organized community engagements and inter-group dialogues between the Fulani Herdsmen and the Christians in SK to foster peaceful coexistence.

We engaged displaced victims –women, children, youths and men of the conflict at the IDP Camp Kadanchan

We worked with the media for the creation of awareness and information dissemination during workshops and roundtable discussions.

We conducted interviews and distributed copies of questionnaires across the selected LGAs of Southern Kaduna which was afterwards collated and analysed by our teams.

Nigerian Stability Reconciliation Programme - NSRP

In recent years, Fulani herdsmen and farmers conflict has remained the most predominant conflict in the country, especially in Southern Kaduna. The necessity to provide food crops for animals and for human consumption has led to the extensive use of the land. The competition between these two agricultural land users has often times turned into serious crisis resulting to deaths, injuries and destruction of properties. Victims of these conflicts are faced with the challenge of forgetting the harm committed by the perpetrators.

The NSRP went into partnership with Kukah Centre to conduct a study in managing Fulani/Herdsmen conflict in Southern Kaduna. We at the Kukah Centre believe that

'an eye for an eye will only make the whole world go blind,' hence to avoid this, we engaged selected communities in 5 LGAs (Jema'a, Zangon Kafaf, Kauru, Kauru, and Sangi) of Southern Kaduna for a peaceful inter-group dialogue and memory documentation as a step to healing in Southern Kaduna. This project was carried out from April to June 2017.

Our Advocacy and Knowledge Promotion work in 2017 emphasized more on tolerance, forgiveness, unity and peaceful coexistence, while providing a path through which a continuous inter-group dialogue can be encouraged to achieve a common good for the society.



Photo: Intergroup dialogue held in Southern Kaduna between the Fulani herdsmen and the Christians



Documenting Memories of Victims

It is paramount for the people of Southern Kaduna to have a database that keeps record of persons and occupations of various ethnic groups for proper documentation and references when needed. Reconciliation goes beyond hugging and shaking of hands. It is a settlement that comes from the heart which transcends to true and positive change – Bishop Matthew Kukah, 2017

We at the Kukah Centre organized victim engagements at the IDP Camp in Karambun on the 5th of April 2017. These victims were women – including widows – children, youths and men. As part of the healing process and for the purpose of documentation and establishment of centotrips, their losses and experiences were both quantitatively and qualitatively collected and collated by our teams. Focus Group Discussion was equally organized within the 5 selected LGAs of Southern Kaduna on the 11th April, 2017. Community engagement and inter-group dialogue between the Fulani

Herdsmen and Christians was also organized by the Kukah Centre on the 17th of April down till the 22nd of April 2017.

During these engagements, the Kukah Centre convened a total number of 625 participants from across the communities of the selected five LGAs. We sought to find out their tales, grievances and possible solutions to end this crisis. A light refreshment was given to the participants after each engagement.

Faith, Leadership and Public Policy

Intergroup dialogue held in Southern Kaduna between the Fulani herdsmen and the Christians

Our advocacy also seeks to enhance the relationship between faith and public policy. In 2017, we held series of workshops and engagements to help drive conversations and peaceful coexistence between the Muslim groups and Christians in Southern Kaduna.

To work towards attaining peaceful coexistence in Southern Kaduna where majority of people engage in farming activities and menial jobs as a means of livelihood, we believe that the first step is to create spaces for a variety of voices to be heard. It is in this vein that we engaged women and youths, providing them with an opportunity to share their experiences and suggest solutions which will help form the basis for our advocacy.

A one day Roundtable Discussion was organized in partnership with the Women Interfaith Council, Kaduna (WIC) on the 20th July, 2017 in Catholic Social Centre, Independence Road, Kaduna. At the discussion, the topic 'Impact of Crisis on

Women centered on the widowhood as the major effect of conflicts on women. The discussion was attended by over 40 participants drawn from Muslim, Christian and ethnic organizations from across the selected LGAs of Southern Kaduna.

Another one day Roundtable Discussion was organized on the 21st July, 2017 in Catholic Social Centre, Independence Road, Kaduna. The topic 'Reconciliation through Youth involvement and Empowerment' dealt on the situation of youths in Southern Kaduna, how they have been affected by the conflicts; and entrepreneurial opportunities for youths in the face of the crisis.

The discussion was attended by over 50 participants drawn from Muslim, Christian and ethnic organizations from across the selected LGAs of Southern Kaduna.



Photo: A cross section of women at the roundtable discussion in Catholic Social Centre, Kaduna



Photo: A cross section of women and youths at a roundtable discussion in Catholic Social Centre, Kaduna



Photo: The Minister of Agriculture, Audu Ogbeh, Bishop, Kulan and delegates at the Roundtable discussion with farmers of Southern Kaduna held in Kafanchan



Amplifying the voices of Farmers

Over ninety percent of people living in Southern Kaduna are predominantly farmers. Farmers who are majority the victims of the conflict are not left out in the quest, hence, the Kakah teams engaged local farmers of Southern Kaduna for a Roundtable discussion on the 29th of July, 2017 in New Choice Hall and Hotel at Kafanchan. The topic “Reconciliation through Wealth Creation” was treated where farmers were enlightened on diverse farming techniques for bumper harvest and the use of Farm smart app for improved farming.

Publication of Research Report

We at the Kakah Centre partnered with the British Council to realize the success of this project – From the Valley of Death, Memory, Healing and Inter-Group Dialogue in Southern Kaduna – which was published and disseminated on the 8th of September, 2017 at Akasa Pyramid Hotel, Kaduna. This dissemination workshop had the attendance of 38 members cutting across different religions, government, parastatal and ethnic groups within the State.

The Minister of Agriculture, Audu Ogbe was present at the Roundtable discussion where he enlightened the farmers on other crop farming and modern farming equipment for increase in wealth and food supply.

The Roundtable discussion was attended by 200 participants drawn from Muslim, Christian, ethnic groups and organisations from across the selected LGAs of Southern Kaduna.



Photo: 2017 Research Report officially declared at the Dissemination workshop in Kaduna

Tony Blair Institute of Global Change – TBlGc

Interfaith dialogue involves actively promoting conversation among Nigeria's faith communities. We at the Kukah Centre create platform for inclusive interfaith dialogues and engagement at different community level.

Photo: Interfaith dialogue and engagement conference held in Minna, Niger State



The Development Initiative of West Africa (DIWA) and Da'wah Institute of Nigeria (DIN), sponsored by Tony Blair Institute for Global Change went into partnership with the Kukah Centre to collaborate Christian leaders and Muslim leaders on the peaceful coexistence amongst the two faiths.

The workshop was held at the International Conference Centre, opposite Government House Minna, Niger State on the 16th to 19th May, 2017.

The Tony Blair team for Global Change, initiated the attendees of their programmes in Nigeria over the past two years,

concentrating particularly on their 2017 Interfaith Religious program with DIWA and TKC.

In partnering with the Tony Blair Institute of Global Change, we at the Kukah Centre supported and managed Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) with participants, facilitators and staff of the Christian Leaders and Muslim leaders in order to equip them with the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to strengthen social unity and peaceful coexistence among the two religious groups.

Engagement and Interfaith Dialogue

Photo: 1.62 - Training session for Christian clerics and Muslim clerics 3&4. A Focus Group Discussion held in TKC Abuja with Muslims and Christian clerics



A Focus Group Discussions was held at the Kukah Centre Conference room, Abuja from the 7th to 8th of August 2017. A total number of 17 clerics participated in the discussion - (9 Muslim clerics and 8 Christian clerics). They were divided into three groups and each group was interviewed by Fr. Atta Barfando (TKC), Anne Brady (TBlGc) and Maria Chiara Roselli (TBlGc) respectively.

The following issues were discussed:

- Did the Clerics understand the problem?
- Were there improvements in their various communities based on their inputs?

- Have there been any marked improvement in their involvement with each other (Muslims and Christians)?

At the end of the exercise, participants representing the two major religions (Christian and Muslim) fully understood how to mediate and bridge the gap between the two faiths in order to foster good relations.

In Abuja and Minna respectively, the clerics were taught that despite their differences, they can learn to tolerate and accommodate one another. They collectively suggested that a separate training session should be organised for

pastor's wives and Imams wives. Other groups of women and youth groups should be included as well. The focus group meeting also utilized video diaries as an M&E tool to interview some of the clerics.

Participants expressed high level of satisfaction with the training, particularly the aspect that dwell in erasing their doubts and fears about Muslims being violent. A pastor from Kano shared that they were able to invite Imams in the community to eat and pray with them. They were also able to show the Imams pictures they had taken with Sheik Lemu inside a church during their training thereby indicating their openness.



Photo: Interfaith dialogue and Engagement conference held in Minna, Niger State



Empowerment and Peace Building

A training course for Imams in empowerment and peace building was considered. The objective being to prepare the Imams for conflict management and more sustainable peace building efforts and to train them to understand the boundaries of tolerance in Islamic jurisprudence and in handling interfaith and intra faith extremism. This training course was conducted in three states namely, Yobe, Kano and Gombe from 17th July to 3rd August 2017. Ninety one Muslim clerics were trained in the three states. The participants were Imams, religious community influencers and heads of Islamiyyah schools. The

language used to communicate to the participants was Hausa language.

As part of the training exercise, participants were made to visit the different religious places of worship. The Muslim and Christian participants visited St. Michael Cathedral Minna after which the Central Mosque was visited by the same participants. This was initiated in order to create a mutual understanding and oneness between the two faiths.

Faith, Leadership and Public Policy

Looking Forward

Only five years into our existence, The Kutah Centre with the help of international bodies has made great progress in the conduct of both empirical and evidence based research on conflicting religious and ethnic issues within the country. Equally, we served and continue to serve as a medium for intervention between the Nigerian government and the masses. In the future, we plan to enlarge our scope to cover other geopolitical regions within the country and to invite more partners and foreign aids for the realisation of this dream.

In 2018, some of our activities will be founded by:

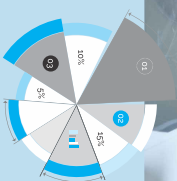
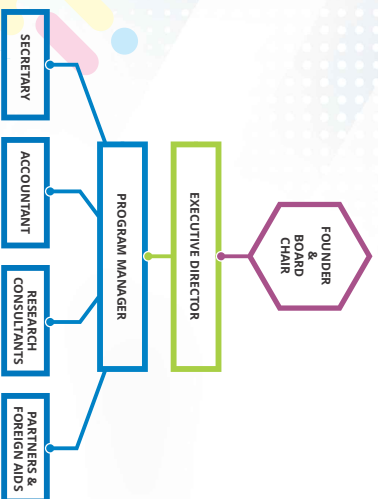
- **Profuturo**
- **Plan International**
- **Tony Blair Institute for Global Change**
- **Conciliation Resources**
- **Contrary Violent Extremist Advocacy**
- **North East Regional Initiative (NERI)**
- **McArthur**
- **National Peace Committee (NPC)**

PART II

FIGURE 2: Projects and the schedule of activities carried out within the year 2017 is best illustrated in the table below:

PROJECTS	TITLE	ACTIVITIES
NSRP	From the Valley of Death Memory, Healing and Intergroup Dialogue in Southern Kaduna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic meeting held on the 28th March, 2017 at Kukah Centre Kaduna Training of Data collectors held on the 4th of April, 2017 at the Catholic Social Centre, Kaduna Victim engagement and Focus Group discussion held between 5th - 16th April, 2017 in Jama'a, Sangga, Zango Kafar, Kaura and Kauru LGAs Community engagement/Intergroup dialogue held between 17th - 22nd April, 2017 in Jama'a, Sangga, Zango Kafar, Kaura and Kauru LGAs of Southern Kaduna Validation exercise held on the 31st May, 2017 at Kafanchan Roundtable Discussions held on the 20th, 21st and 29th July, 2017 at Kafanchan and Kaduna respectively Dissemination Workshop held on the 8th of September 2017 at Assa Pyramid Hotel, Kaduna
NERI	Convening Community Leaders and National Stakeholders Forum on Reintegration in the Northeast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant kick - off event held on the 26th May, 2017 at the Kukah Centre Preliminary planning and mapping meeting held on the 6th June, 2017 at the Kukah Centre Community mobilization from 26th - 30th June 2017 in selected nine LGAs - three each from Adamawa, Borno and Yobe (Mubi North, Madagali & Michika (Adamawa State), Bama, Gwoza and Maiduguri (Borno State), Damaturu, Geidam and Yunusari (Yobe State). A 3-day Community engagement held in Maiduguri from 27th - 30th June, 2017 National Stakeholders Forum held in Abuja on the 22nd - 23rd August, 2017
CARTIAS	From the Valley of Death Intergroup Engagement for Healing in Southern Kaduna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic meeting held on the 28th March, 2017 at Kukah Centre Kaduna Victim engagement and Focus Group discussion held between 5th - 9th April, 2017 in Jama'a, Sangga, Zango Kafar, Kaura and Kauru LGAs Compilation of reports from 1st - 15th May, 2017 at Kukah Centre, Kaduna Strategic meeting for Roundtable Discussions on the 10th May, 2017 at the Kukah Centre, Kaduna. Roundtable Discussion held from 30th May - 1st June 2017 at Kaduna
TONY BLAIR INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL CHANGE	A Collaborative Christian Leaders and Imam Preparation Package	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop on Interfaith dialogue and engagement held on the 16th to 19 May 2017 at Minna, Niger State Focus Group Discussion and Key Informant Interviews held on the 7th to 8th August 2017 at TFC Abuja M&E Training conducted in Yobe, Kano and Gombe from 17th July to 3rd August 2017
PROFUTURO FOUNDATION	Child Poverty and Education in the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kick started in June 2017 and expected to last for the period of 18 months Signed MOU on the 26th May, 2017 at the Kukah Centre, Abuja office Held a Strategy Retreat on the 14th of Oct. 2017 at the Kukah Centre Kaduna office
CONCILIATION RESOURCES	The Role of Local Perspectives, Attitudes and Initiatives in Supporting Peaceful Transition in the North East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An ongoing project expected to last for the period of 6 months Kick started on 1st September 2017

FIGURE 3:
The Centre maintained a flexible structure during the execution of its projects in 2017



INFOGRAPHIC

Figures 4-6 comprehensively elucidates the outdoor activities and the results derived from the studies carried out within the year 2017.

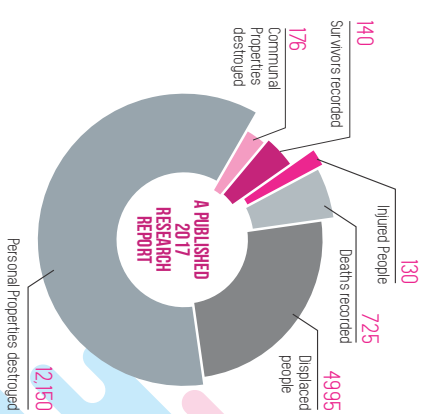
'Profuturo Foundation' and 'Consultation Resources' projects are still under execution and were not included in the table.

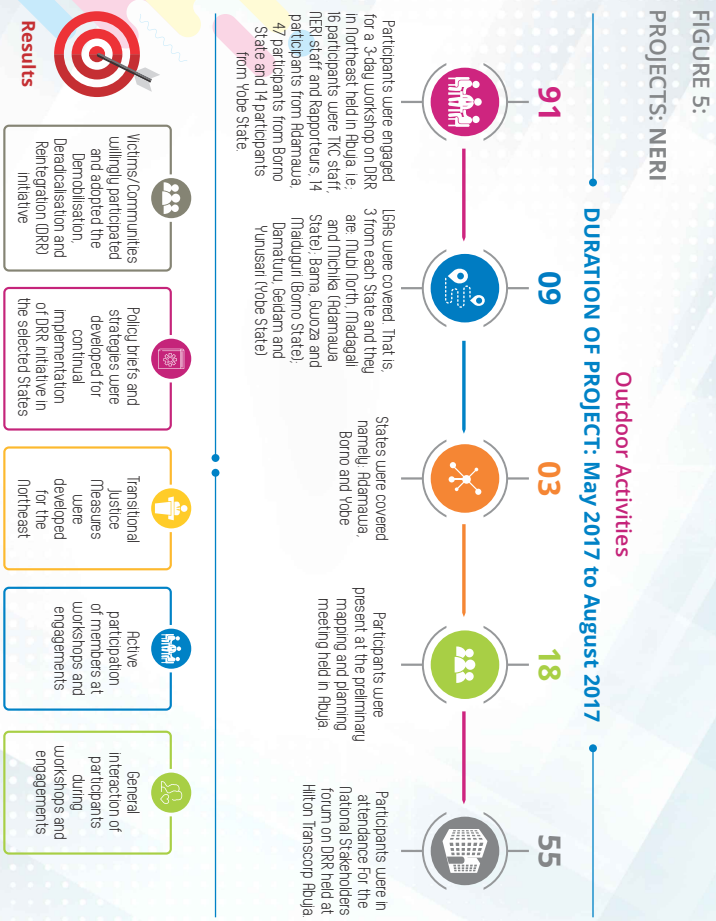
FIGURE 4:
PROJECTS: NSRP

Outdoor Activities

- This project was carried out from April to June 2017
- A strategic meeting held in TKC Kaduna office had 15 persons in attendance
- Training of data collectors held in Social Centre Kaduna had 25 participants in attendance
- Copies of questionnaires were distributed within the 5 selected LGAs
- A total number of 179 interviews were conducted in 5 LGAs. I.e. 123 males and 54 females. 97 interviewees were from Jemara LGA, 38 were from Zango Kadal LGA, 24 were from Kaura LGA, 38 were from Kauru LGA and 22 were from Sangha LGA.
- 15 communities were visited within the selected 5 LGAs.
- 251 victims were engaged in the DP camp Kafanchan
- 167 people were engaged for the Focus Group Discussions.
- 269 people were engaged for the Community/inter-group dialogue participants in attendance
- Validation exercise held in Wondoland Kafanchan had 69 participants in attendance
- 25 participants were present at the Roundtable discussion with Women held in Social Centre Kaduna
- 30 participants were present at the Roundtable discussion with Youth held in Social Centre Kaduna
- 120 participants were present at the Roundtable discussion with Farmers held in New Oracle Hall, Kafanchan.
- Dissemination workshop held in Asa Pyramid, Kaduna had a total number of 40 persons in attendance.

Results:





PART III

FIGURE 1: STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2017

	Notes	2017 N	2016 N
Assets:			
Current Assets	2	19,112,188	832,374
Bank balance		22,745	10,090
Cash balance	2	<u>19,134,933</u>	<u>842,464</u>
Non-Current Asset			
Building Renovation ¹	1	15,441,642	-
Plant & Machinery	1	135,000	380,000
Motor Vehicle	1	3,930,000	1,038,390
Furniture & Fittings	1	986,870	<u>2,726,295</u>
Office Equipment	1	<u>2,940,110</u>	<u>4,146,185</u>
Total Asset		42,268,595	4,987,649
Current Liability		-5,000,000	-
Net Assets		<u>36,268,595</u>	<u>4,987,649</u>
Represented by:			
Excess of Income over Expenditure		36,268,595	4,987,649
Accumulated Funds		<u>36,268,595</u>	<u>4,987,649</u>
Board of Trustees			

FIGURE 2: CASH FLOWS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2017

	Notes	2017 =N=	2016 =N=
Cash flow from operating activities			
Surplus for the year		31,280,906	1,343,482
Add depreciation		3,799,943	1,006,555
		<u>35,080,849</u>	<u>2,350,037</u>
Changes in working capital			
Increase in current liability		6,000,000	-
Purchase of Fixed Assets		22,788,380	2,570,500
Cash flow from financing activities		-	-
Cash & Bank financing at the beginning		842,464	1,062,922
Cash and bank balancing at the end of the year		<u>19,134,933</u>	<u>842,464</u>

FIGURE 3: INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2017

	Notes	2017 =N=	2016 =N=		Notes	2017 =N=	2016 =N=
Income:							
Staff Salary		24,165,757	1,090,000	Workshops		110,8220	1,191,615
Transport & Travels		4,850,934	1,501,199	Advert for programmes		363,640	1,233,700
Office expenses		4,967,372	1,650,847	Printing & Stationeries		504,689	1,554,728
Office maintenance/repair		222,500	1,031,735	Utilities		175,140	292,125
Audit fee		1,000,000	-	Diesel		150,000	350,500
Programme & Projects	4	31,573,905	4,894,233	Penalty		-	-
Lunch/Entertainment		308,705	1,967,385	Total		<u>82,655,968</u>	<u>25,892,690</u>
Conference, Convention & Meetings		3,799,943	1,006,555	Surplus/ (Deficit) of income over expenditure		31,280,906	1,343,482
Staff Pension		576,000	-	Surplus brought forward		4,987,649	3,644,167
Web Design/Internet		186,501	180,000			<u>36,268,555</u>	<u>4,987,649</u>
Postages		46,100	-	Surplus/ (Deficit) carried fwd.		-	-
Honorarium		284,650	765,000				
Toiletries/Beverages		1,038,252	246,804				
Office Rent		190,214	1,720,000				
Bank Charges		3,163,716	83,933				
Vehicle running		158,000	1,126,873				
Consultancy fee		1,404,970	2,065,000				
Accommodation for programmes		-	448,000				
Others costs		-	622,500				
Donations		-	-				



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