

# INTERFAITH DIALOGUE FORUM FOR PEACE

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## 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

*COMPILED BY IDFP NIGERIA*

*PARTNER: INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE CENTRE (KAICIID)*

## ABOUT IDFP NIGERIA

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The Interfaith Dialogue Forum for Peace (IDFP) was established as a national interfaith and intercultural dialogue through funding and facilitation of the King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID)), Vienna Austria. The IDFP was formally inaugurated on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in Abuja Nigeria with 100 Christian and Islamic leaders evenly divided.

### VISION

IDFP envisions a Nigeria where there is religious tolerance and mutual coexistence, hate speech is prohibited and freedom of religion ensured.

### MISSION

The mission of the Forum is to mobilize adherents of all religious faiths in Nigeria towards creating opportunity for building trust, confidence and cooperation through dialogue.

The IDFP has five organs comprising:

- The Patrons ----- 2 members
- The Board of Trustees (BOT) ----- 10 members
- The Executive Council (EC) ----- 10 members
- The Central Coordinating Council (CCC) ----- 40 members
- The General Assembly (GA) ----- 112 members

IDFP Stakeholders:

- International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID) - Founder/Sponsor
- The Kukah Centre - Partner
- Institute of Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR) - Partner
- Interfaith Mediation Centre (IMC) - Partner

## COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH KAICIID

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The IDFP Nigeria and the International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID) signed a collaborative agreement from for 2018 and 2019 regarding Inter-Institutional Cooperation in the area of Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue in Nigeria. In 2018, IDFP received funding contribution from KAICIID to cover the operating costs of IDFP and implementation of the “Interreligious Dialogue (IRD) Initiatives” for projects proposed by IDFP and the 2019 General Assembly.

KAICIID is an intergovernmental organization that promotes dialogue to build peace in conflict areas. It does this by enhancing understanding and cooperation between people of different cultures and followers of different religions. The Centre was founded by Austria, Saudi Arabia and Spain. The Holy See is the Founding Observer. Its Board of Directors comprises prominent representatives from five major world religions (Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism). The Board designs and supervises the Centre’s programmes.

## IDFP MEETINGS/CAPACITY BUILDING

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The EC and CCC held their statutory and emergency meetings. The dates for each meeting held by the EC and CCC in 2018 are highlighted below:

S/N	EC Meetings	CCC Meetings
1.	16 <sup>th</sup> January	17 <sup>th</sup> January
2.	16 <sup>th</sup> February (emergency)	19 <sup>th</sup> April
3.	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	4 <sup>th</sup> July
4.	18 <sup>th</sup> April	25 <sup>th</sup> November
5.	14 <sup>th</sup> May (emergency)	
6.	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	
7.	6 <sup>th</sup> September	
8.	13 <sup>th</sup> November	

Three capacity building trainings (CBT) were organized for members of the CCC to strengthen the capacity of the members for efficiency and results. These were organized to precede the quarterly CCC meetings with the exception of the first quarter that no training took place because of the GA. The following were the trainings undertaken for members of the CCC in 2018,

- CBT on Inclusive Communication was held on April 18<sup>th</sup> and was facilitated by Imam Nurayn Ashafa and Pastor James Wuye of the Interfaith Mediation Centre.
- The second CBT focused on Monitoring and Evaluation facilitated by Blessing O. Christopher; and Negotiation and Decision-making by Joseph Atang.
- The third CBT had three sessions; successful Photographic Communication by Kaleb Warnock, Conflict-Sensitive Communication by Joseph Atang and Internal Reporting Mechanism by Marlen Rabl.

## 2018 GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT

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The 2018 GA took place on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in Abuja and had participants from the IDFP BOT, EC, CCC and other members of the General Assembly. The patrons, His Eminence Sultan of Sokoto was present while the CAN President was represented. The keynote addresses were presented by Prof. James Kantiyok on Christian perspective and Mr. Kamor Disu presented on the Islamic perspective on the theme “multi-cultural and multi-ethnic concept in a society.”

The EC Co-Secretaries and CCC Co-chair highlighted the progress and achievements recorded by IDFP in 2017 and the plans for 2018.

### Progress Report:

- Establishment of a common forum for Christians and Muslims representatives to address interfaith issues.

- Introducing interfaith platforms in troubled areas like Kaduna, Plateau, Yobe, Taraba, Benue, Borno and Adamawa states.
- Capacity building of the IDFP in order to improve transparency, financial capability in leadership transition and fund raising.
- Supporting the creation of a code of conduct to regulate Muslim/Christian preaching through workshops and seminars.
- Supporting sponsorship of the bill on hate speech to the National Assembly
- Establishment of early warning networks in targeted areas in collaboration with the National Human Right Commission in targeted areas.
- Social development programs at community levels through small grants to the IDFP member organizations.

## **IDFP NIGERIA PROJECTS/INITIATIVES**

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### **Introduction/Executive Summary:**

Under the terms of the 2018 collaborative agreement with International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID), the Interfaith Dialogue Forum for Peace (IDFP) initiated and implemented five (5) projects. The projects were designed and developed to respond to the current conflict challenges particularly in Northern Nigeria. The projects included peace advocacy visits to five conflict flashpoint states; national advocacy campaign on the prevention of hate speech; fostering farmers and pastoralists dialogue in Nigeria; advocacy and sensitization for peaceful elections in Nigeria 2019 and sensitization on the rights of women and children in Nigeria. The five projects were implemented by a team comprising of IDFP EC, CCC, other members and KAICIID local partners targeting 12 states and directly reaching more than 2,000 beneficiaries and 2 million TV/Radio viewers and listeners on average. The IDFP implemented all these projects with the funding support from International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID) Vienna Austria.

In addition, some member organizations of the IDFP were supported by KAICIID to implement key initiatives under its small grants programme.

### **Project 1: Peace Advocacy visits to flashpoint states:**

The peace advocacy visits to five flashpoint states namely Benue, Plateau, Taraba, Kaduna and Zamfara were initiated by IDFP to respond to the concerns on the growing nature and scope of the conflicts in Nigeria that are gradually assuming regional, religious and ethnic dimensions. These conflicts have the potential to escalate tension and impact negatively the approaching 2019 general elections especially in the identified flashpoint states. Thus, IDFP considered it very crucial to make an intervention with the objectives to:

- i. Demonstrate sympathy and show empathy to the affected conflict communities;
- ii. Engage conflict communities in peace and reconciliation advocacy;
- iii. Make findings on the profile, sources, parties, nature, dynamics, and previous interventions of the conflicts;
- iv. Design further intervention strategies as determined by the findings; and
- v. Introduce IDFP and KAICIID to the conflict communities as well as state and local authorities.

The Advocacy visits had four major activities carried out across the five target states. These activities include;

- Advocacy meetings with critically affected individuals and families, policy makers and implementers; as well as groups and organizational stakeholders
- Fact finding town hall meetings with stakeholder and communities
- Fact finding visits to affected communities
- Sympathy and advocacy visits to IDP camps

### **1. Benue State**

The team was led by Alh Ibrahim Yahya while Prof Peter Agogo was the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) chair. The advocacy visit took place from 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2018. The team visited the three major tribes- the Tiv, the Idoma and the Igede. They had useful interactions with the people of both religions – Muslims and Christians, with town hall meetings in Gboko, Otukpo and Makurdi. The IDFP committee through their interaction with the various stakeholders found out that the crises were non-religious but religion was used as a tool to mobilize support or inflict injury on the other. Other issues included land disputes, destruction of farm produce and the introduction of an anti-open grazing law. In the three town hall meetings and Visits to IDP camps, 1262 participants were in attendance.

### **2. Zamfara State:**

The advocacy visit took place from 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and was led by Alh Aminu Yakubu Mahmoud (Dankaden Bauchi) and the LOC chair was Fr Stephen Ojapah.

At a town hall meeting on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018, organized by the Federal Ministry or Information; the State Governor said “the State has witnessed over 60 attacks since 2011 which according has led to the death of over 4000 people, affecting 500 towns and villages across 13 local governments in the state”. He continued by saying “this has led to the destruction of 3000 hectares of farmlands, rustling of 25,000 cows and over 6000 people sustained different degrees of injuries.”

The advocacy committee organized town hall meetings and met with influential stakeholders in the state to understand the issues and the responses being undertaken to address the needless suffering and loss of lives. Some of the stakeholders visited included security agencies, traditional rulers, religious groups, government officials, socio-cultural associations etc. The visit to Zamfara State reached a total of 178 direct beneficiaries.

Some of the key stakeholders specifically asked IDFP to intervene in the areas below:

- Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Associations requested IDFP to come back soonest to assist in the mediation processes between them and the state government and the armed groups;
- The commissioner of police equally asked IDFP to assist by engaging “Yan Sa Kai” (vigilante group).

### **3. Kaduna State:**

The team was led by Alh Ishaq Kunle Sanni while the LOC chair was Imam Muhammad Sani Isah. The visit was to help address the triggers of violence in the state which usually occurs over poor relationships between the Christian and Muslim adherents. New conflict factors led to clashes between crop and livestock farmers which resulted to the destruction of property and death of many persons.

The visit purpose was to hear first-hand information from the target groups and communities on the issues, challenges and recommendations on how to address the problems. The IDFP committee visited key stakeholders such as the Commissioner of Police, religious and traditional leaders. A town hall meeting with various stakeholders that included women, youth, community/traditional leaders and religious leaders among several others was held to hear their perspectives on the conflict issues in the state. In total, 190 stakeholders were reached by the visiting IDFP team.

The major challenge faced by the IDFP committee was the attack on the team on their way from Kafanchan following the kidnap of the late Agwom Adara and the subsequent killings of some of his entourage and the reaction by the youth who blocked the high way to Kaduna.

#### **Recommendations:**

- More awareness on the media for people to know where to report on issues of insecurity and the safety of human lives.
- Capacity building program on Early warning and Early Response for both the farmers and pastoralist
- There should be a program on forgiveness and reconciliation on the conflict in Kasuwan Magani and its environs.
- A continuous media programs on radio and television on the need for the citizens to imbibe the culture of peaceful coexistence should be aired.
- Hate speeches is on the increase, there is need for political parties, religious and traditional leaders should convey a Summit on how to mitigate such negative utterances.

### **4. Taraba State:**

The delegation was led by Bishop Dr. Sunday Onuoha while Elder Leah Olusiyi Solomon was the LOC chair. The team was in the state from 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.

The team visited two IDP camps in Jalingo and donated food items and condiments. The delegation also went to Mambilla and visited the Chief of Mambila at his Palace to have a meeting with him and intimate him on the reason of the visit including IDFP's plans to intervene in the communities affected by conflict in order to promote peace and tolerance among various beliefs. Similarly, the delegation paid advocacy visits to the Lamdo of Gashaka and Aku-Uka of Wukari, and held discussion on the need for peaceful coexistence.

Town hall meetings were held in Jalingo, Mambilla and Wukari. Participants unanimously agreed that the only way we can preserve and protect the sanctity of human life is for people to begin to have respect and tolerance for each other. They also called on government to treat its citizens with fairness, equity and justice where impunity should not be entertained because of religious, ethnic and political affiliation. The IDFP were able to reach 1357 stakeholders and IDPs in Taraba state.

#### **Next Steps/Recommendations Taraba:**

In order to respond to the crises in Taraba state;

- i. IDFP should train religious leaders to teach their adherents peaceful co-existence, tolerance and to preach against hate speech
- ii. IDFP should support JNI and CAN to introduce interreligious platform to cement relationship.
- iii. Education support services are needed across Taraba state affected areas and encourage women's participation in dialogue and peace buildings efforts.
- iv. Humanitarian support is needed in the state, especially in the affected areas.

#### **5. Plateau State**

The team was led by Amir Muhammad Jameel Muhammad and Rev Dr Zakka Ahuche was the LOC chair. The visit was designed to respond to the incessant violent conflicts the state has been experiencing since 2001 which has led to the loss of lives and properties. The diverse historical context of Jos has become one of the major causes of crisis across the state coupled with the recent spate of killings and destruction consequent upon the farmers and herders conflict.

The team conducted several advocacy visits to key stakeholders and actors in Plateau state who are working on the security situation in the state. During the visits, the delegation said they were in Jos on fact-finding mission to understand why the crisis has persisted and the support that IDFP can provide towards resolving the conflicts through dialogue. Some of the stakeholders visited include:

- Commander Operation Safe Haven (OPSH)
- The Gbong Gwom Jos and Chairman, Plateau Council of Chiefs, His Royal Majesty
- The Department of Security Services (DSS)
- The Commissioner of Police
- The JNI and MACBAN
- The IDP camp at Anguldi in Jos South local government
- Bassa Local Government Council (LGC)
- Bokkos LGC
- The IDP camp in Bokkos
- Barkin Ladi LGC
- IDP camp at Heipang Barkin Ladi
- IDP camp in Ban Riyom LGA
- Riyom LGC Chairman and Gwom Rwei Riyom

The town hall meeting was held in Jos with representatives from IDP camps in the five LGAs earmarked for this fact finding mission, CSOs, security operatives etc.

Some of the speakers from the indigenous farming communities stated that herdsmen destroyed more than fifty (50) of their villages, killed many and drove out the rest of them. Their homes and farmlands are now being occupied by the herdsmen. Elder Daniel Gashish said “we lived peacefully with the Fulani and suddenly we woke up on June 23 and 24, 2018 and found ourselves being attacked. We do not want to live in IDP camps any longer. We want to return to our villages.”

The Legal Adviser to Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN), Plateau State Chapter, Barr Sani Isah Mohammed, expressed deep sympathies with victims of the attack and said MACBAN “totally condemns attacks on villages” and called for improved security before the displaced people can return to their villages.

The Plateau state IDFP Advocacy team were able to reach 5212 local leaders and IDPs.

### **Recommendations:**

1. Since all parties are willing to dialogue and are looking for a lasting solution to the crisis, IDFP should take advantage of this situation and move in as fast as possible. It is obvious that the people have faith in IDFP.
2. IDFP should seek support from KAICIID and other donor agencies to alleviate the sufferings of these people and help them with building materials so they could rebuild their homes.
3. IDFP should employ her skills in Dialogue and Mediation to restore lasting peace in the state.

### **Project 2: Fostering Farmers and Pastoralists Dialogue In Nigeria**

The IDFP initiated this project to respond to the increasing clashes between farmers and pastoralists in wetland areas of the Middle Belt, North Central and Southern Nigeria. The Project’s specific objective is to increase farmers and pastoralist engagement in peacebuilding and improve attitudes and perceptions towards peaceful coexistence, mutual trust and confidence building.

The key activities include;

- Consultation and identification of target participants
- Conference on farmers and pastoralist dialogue
- Media dialogue on farmers and pastoralist dialogue.
- Production of road-map/communiqué for peace for farmers and pastoralist.

### **Progress Report:**

A mini-conference of crop and livestock farmers on dialogue for peace in Nigeria was held on 22nd December, 2018 in Kaduna. The conference invited critical stakeholders and equipping them to engage each other to work on a joint initiative for peace in Nigeria.



Assoc. Prof Usman Mohammed of the Kaduna State University summarized his presentation and said what we need is a policy to address the conflict. The second paper was presented by the National President, Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN) on the way forward on crop and livestock farmers' conflict in Nigeria: The speaker highlighted key issues on; fighting criminality, insincerity on the part of the security agencies, excesses on the part of the vigilante groups who engage in jungle justice, delay in prosecuting those apprehended etc. A conference communiqué was produced and shared widely with the media and public.

The project's media dialogue airs on DITV/Alheri and Nagarta radio for both the English and Hausa audience to sensitize the general public on the resolution reached at the conference on crop and livestock farmer's conference and other matters arising from the conflict. The broadcast began on 31st of December, 2018.

- The media dialogue is tagged "NATIONAL AGENDA" & "ZARE DA ABAWA"
- Both DITV/Alheri and Nagarta radio will be airing 8 episodes each in Hausa and English beginning from December until February 2019.

This project is led by Imam Sani Isa and supported by IDFP.

### **Project 3: National Advocacy Activity on the Prevention of Hate Speech**

The aim of this project is to sensitize the populace that hate speech breeds discord and disunity within the society. The project intends to contribute to addressing the epidemic of hate speech ranging from the prejudices held against various ethnic and religious groups to the proper use of social media. This project is coordinated by Fr Stephen Ojapah and supported by IDFP.

Objectives of the Project:

- Ensure the education of Nigerians using one state or (four pilot states) with regards to hate speech through Radio Television and the social media,
- To create individuals who desire peace, positivity and progress for all others regardless of their religious and ethnic affiliations, and ultimately for the nation at large.
- To reduce animosity between different tribes and religions in the country.

**Progress recorded:**

- Signing of contract with two TV stations; NTA Kaduna and Jos for the broadcast of 13-episodes 30-minutes TV discussion programme each on preventing hate speech. Catholic TV Abuja agreed to broadcast the TV program free. These broadcasts have since commenced in the two states.
- National advocacy campaign on social media with influential bloggers and activists including campaigns on the IDFP Facebook page for peaceful 2019 elections.
- The project also produced radio jingle to publicize the project including the TV programme which will end by March 2019.

This project is led by Stephen Ojapah and supported by IDFP.

#### **Project 4: Advocacy and Sensitisation for Peaceful Elections in Nigeria 2019**

Nigeria is a country of overlapping regional, religious, and ethnic divisions. Rifts between the North and South, ethnic groups and religious adherents often coincide and have sometimes resulted in sectarian violence. Lack of deliberate measures to actively engage youth in the electoral process has significantly weakened electoral processes and democracy. This is in addition to the ineffective representation of youth in the governance of the country; and manipulating them as tools of political intimidation and violence.

#### **Objectives**

- To complement the effort of the Nigerian government in promoting non-violence elections towards achieving stable democracy in the country.
- To educate and sensitize citizens especially youth to the basic rules and institutional features of democratic political systems, rights, and practices through organised trainings and dialogue

#### **Progress Report:**

- The IDFP monitoring committee held preparatory and planning meetings prior to the implementation of the project.
- The project produced 1,300 pieces of polo and round neck T-shirts and caps that were distributed during the youth workshops and dialogues in Jos and Kaduna. Other materials produced were 100 folders and notepads and two 2 banners.
- Two workshops and dialogue on peaceful 2019 elections were organized for 60 youth in Kaduna and Plateau states from 16<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> December, 2018. Nasarawa state was replaced with Plateau state due to the current socio-political challenges in the state.
- The workshop and dialogue with youth leaders were covered by the Voice of America and Radio France in Hausa language while local media stations covered in both English and Hausa.
- Two 60-seconds TV and two radio jingles in Hausa and English were produced to sensitize the populace towards peaceful 2019 elections. Plateau Radio Television Corporation is currently broadcasting 30-slots of the TV jingles while Liberty TV in Kaduna is broadcasting 90-slots in Kaduna whereas Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria is airing 60-slots of the Radio jingles.

The project is coordinated by Dr Auwal Farouk Abdussalam and supported by IDFP.

#### **Project 5: Workshop & Sensitization on the Rights of Women and Children**

This was the last project approved for 2018. The IDFP intends to implement this project with a view to empower 40 women and youth through strengthening their capacity, consciousness and awareness about human rights and peace building. The project was approved in December 2018 and due to the planning of the 2019 GA, the implementation of the project was shifted to Jan-Feb 2019. Evang. Charity Moses is the focal person for this project and is supported by IDFP.

#### **Objectives:**

- a. To create more awareness on human right especially for women and youth and reduce violence and discrimination.
- b. To raise consciousness on women and child's rights, trafficking of persons
- c. To engage and encourage women and youth through capacity building so that they are capable of participating in programmes

### **2017/2018 Small Grants Programme**

In 2018, KAICIID supported seven (7) IDFP institutional members to implement initiatives in Nigeria. Below are the project, implementing organizations and the nature of the action.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Implementing Organisation</b>	<b>IDFP Action Plan</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time-frame</b>
Youth Summit on Inter-religious Harmony and media engagement on Protection of holy sites.	Youth Wing Christian Association of Nigeria (YOWICAN)	5. Violent extremism and hatred are addressed through pilot interventions in the targeted areas	Abuja, FCT; Enugu; Sokoto; Lagos; Rivers;	1 month
My neighbour	The Muslim League for Accountability (MULAC)	5. Violent extremism and hatred are addressed through pilot interventions in the targeted areas	Kaduna, Kaduna State	3 months
Intra-Faith Round Table on Deradicalisation in Nigeria	Supreme Council for Shariah in Nigeria (SCSN)	2. Religious education programmes and tools are developed to promote mutual understanding in the religious institutions	Kaduna, Kaduna State	3 months
Youth Interfaith Frontiers	Muslim Students' Society of Nigeria	5. Violent extremism and hatred are addressed through pilot interventions in the targeted areas	Kaduna, Kaduna State	4 months
Ecumenical Women Forum against hate speech	Christian Council of Nigeria Women Wing	5. Violent extremism and hatred are addressed through pilot interventions in the targeted areas	Abuja, FCT	2 days
Peace and Tolerance education among youth male	Muslim Sisters Nigeria	2. Religious education programmes and tools are developed to promote mutual understanding in the religious institutions	Maiduguri, Borno	2 months
Proposal for Southern Kaduna Peace Process On Trustbuilding and Peaceful Coexistence	CAN	5. Violent extremism and hatred are addressed through pilot interventions in the targeted areas	Southern Kaduna	6 months

## LEGAL REPORT

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At the last GA in 2018, a resolution was adopted for the review of the IDFP constitution. Consequently, a committee was set up by the EC and ratified by the CCC. Below are sections of the constitution that was reviewed on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and the adoption and ratification of the constitution review will be done during the 2019 GA.

### **Constitution Review:**

1. The draft copy of the reviewed IDFP Constitution with the amendments indicated on it by way of underlining new inputs or crossing deleted areas.
2. A clean copy arising from effecting the changes thereto.
3. A summary of all alterations therefrom.

**By-Laws:** The developed by-laws will be presented to the GA for ratification

## PUBLICITY REPORT

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The publicity team has in 2018 worked towards the realization of the mission and vision of the IDFP.

**CREATION OF IDFP WEBSITE-** the website was created since 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2018 – [www.idfpnigeria.org](http://www.idfpnigeria.org). The website has hosted 1,305 (one thousand three hundred and five) visitors within the past 6 months.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLE:**

- Twitter- #idfpnigeria
- Facebook- @IDFPNigeria
- Instagram- @IDFPNig
- WhatsApp platforms created include National IDFP members, IDFP EC, IDFP CCC etc

**PRESS STATEMENTS** - During the period under review, IDFP released following press statements and held press conferences: The press statements can be found on our websites:

- Press Conference held at the end of the 2018 General Assembly, Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 2018
- Press Conference held on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Barca Liga Hotels Abuja

**ADVOCACY VISITS:** The IDFP engaged a media consultant, Mr Simon Reef who covered the advocacy visit in the five states namely: Plateau, Benue, Taraba, Zamfara and Kaduna. The event was captured in electronic, print and social media: some of which were:

- Leadership Newspaper - October 26, 2018, page 38
- Leadership Newspaper - October 26, 2018, page 39
- Blue Print - November 1, 2018, full page 20
- Blue Print weekend - November 3, 2018, page 40
- Nigeria Pilot - October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018, page 29
- Leadership Weekend - October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, page, Headline.

**CONDOLENCES-** Condolence letters were sent on behalf of IDFP on the demise of:

- Late CAN General Secretary; Rev Dr Musa Asake
- Late Agom of Adara Kingdom, HRH, Dr. Maiwada Raphael Galadima

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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### Office Rent

The administrative steps taken to ensure the smooth running of IDFP was the renewal of the office rent for the four-bedroom duplex situated at No.1 Etang Ogbuli Crescent, Jabi, Abuja. The office accommodates both the IDFP and KAICIID Country Programme.

### Secretariat

There are currently four (4) staff directly employed by IDFP Nigeria through its collaborative agreement with International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID).

- i. Mrs Faith Tsola John-N – Co-Coordinator Christian
- ii. Mrs Zainab.M. Ahmed – Co-Coordinator Muslim
- iii. Miss Rashida Bala - Janitor
- iv. Irmiya Joshua – Security Guard

In addition, KAICIID employed Lantana Abdullahi as programme officer to support the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of IDFP projects in Nigeria. The Country Expert Mr Joseph Atang provides overall leadership for KAICIID country programme in Nigeria.

### Imprest

The sum of fifty thousand Naira (50,000.00) only is given to the secretariat on a revolving basis for utilities, stationeries, internet and petty office materials.

### Purchase of office equipment

Some equipment was purchased to ensure the smooth running of the office. These include:

1. 2 No. Air conditioners
2. 1 No. 3-1 Printer
3. 1 No. Internet Router

## BUILDING LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS WITH CSOs

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The IDFP and KAICIID had the following exploratory interactions on potential partnership and made presentations on IDFP and KAICIID work in Nigeria as follows:

- Meeting with the Country Director, Global Peace Foundation (June 19<sup>th</sup>)
- Interaction with Director of the Cardinal Onaiyekan Peace Foundation (June 19<sup>th</sup>)
- IDFP attended the Austrian National Day at the Austrian Embassy in Abuja
- Interactive meetings with the Nigeria Army Resource Centre to collaborate on youth conference
- Meeting with GHR Foundation (19<sup>th</sup> June)
- Presentation on IDFP/KAICIID to the Human Rights Group of Foreign Embassies in Nigeria at the Spanish Ambassador's Residence in Abuja (June 20<sup>th</sup>)
- Meeting with the Director of Alhabibiyya Centre Abuja (June 25<sup>th</sup>)
- Meeting with the security expert of the EU delegation to Nigeria June (29<sup>th</sup>)
- Webinar on IDFP to Joint Learning Initiative (Aug 6<sup>th</sup>)
- Meeting with selected members of Voice of Hope (Network of Professionals, Aug 17<sup>th</sup>)
- Presentation to Taking All Men Brother (TAMEB)
- Meeting and conference of Interfaith Initiative for Peace with Co-secretary Alh Yahaya on violence free 2019 elections (October 12<sup>th</sup>)

## FINANCIAL REPORT:

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In its commitment to the collaboration agreement, the International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID) has released the funding as outlined 2018 agreement for both operational and project costs.

The detailed financial report is attached separately as an annex to this report.

As part of IDFP's attempt to increase financial stability and local ownership, the members to make monthly contribution of the sum of one thousand Naira (N1000.00) only beginning from July 2018. It is envisaged that this initiative will be applicable to all members of the General Assembly from 2019 as part of its internally generated revenue. The total sum of seventy-nine thousand Naira (N79,000.00) was generated internally through the contributions of IDFP.

## CHALLENGES:

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1. Late and poor retirement of funds by members entrusted to carryout activities on behalf of IDFP. Project and activity reports are also not submitted on time.
2. The issue of the administrative structure of the IDFP in relation to the EC and CCC has not yet been settled.

3. There has been slow response by members towards redeeming the agreed monthly contribution of N1,000.00 as part of the initiative to ensure financial sustainability and ownership.
4. Abuse of the WhatsApp platforms: IDFP observed with great concern the rate at which the various IDFP WhatsApp platforms are littered with many unsolicited and unwanted broadcast, some of which has in recent times caused tensions among members.
5. Non-engagement of an IT manager: In the last EC meeting, the publicity secretaries recommended the need to engage an IT manager, whose responsibility will be to manage IDFP website and pages.
6. Lack of a professional camera for the office of the publicity secretaries: There is a need to acquire a professional camera in order to give the desired result.
7. Non-use of the IDFP official email- even though this email has been created and shared to the secretariat and IDFP leadership, personal emails are still used for official communication. This does not project the organization's image well to external actors.

## ANNEXES:

### ANNEX 1:2019 IDFP Nigeria Work Plan

	Item	Subtotal in Dollars	Total in USD	Deliverables	Justifying Documents
I/2019	Maintenance (building and office equipment)	1,156		NA	Invoices and receipts.
	Salaries for IDFP Administrators and Janitor (1st quarter)	3,642		Services provided	Reports + Payslips.
	Internet, Post and Office Supplies	520		NA	Invoices and receipts.
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$5,318</b>		
	National Peace Conference (including EC Meeting 1/2018; CCC Meeting 1/2018; BoT Meeting and IDFP GA)	109,827		Conference Report, including decisions and agreed follow-up.	Invoices and receipts.
	IRD Initiatives	23,121		Concept Note (s) linking the initiatives to the IDFP Action Plan; activity report; deliverables as in described in the concept note. Report and documentation	Invoices and receipts.
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$132,948</b>		
	<b>Quarter 1/2019 Total</b>		<b>\$138,266</b>		
II/2019	EC Meeting 2+3/2019 and CCC Meeting 2/2019	21,006		Report on the meeting, including decisions and agreed follow-up.	Invoices and receipts.
	Salaries for IDFP Administrators and Janitor (2nd quarter)	3,468		Services provided.	Reports + Payslips.



	Internet, Post and Office Supplies	520		NA	Invoices and receipts.
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>24,474</b>	<b>\$24,474</b>		
	<b>Quarter 2/2018 Total</b>		<b>\$24,474</b>		
III/2018	EC Meeting 4+5/2019 and CCC Meeting 3/2019	21,006		Report on the meeting, including decisions and agreed follow-up.	Invoices and receipts.
	Salaries for IDFP Administrators and Janitor (3rd quarter)	3,468		Services provided.	Reports + Payslips.
	Internet, Post and Office Supplies	520		NA	Invoices and receipts.
	Office rent	12,717		NA	Invoices and receipts.
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$37,711</b>		
	IRD Initiatives	17,341		Concept Note (s) linking the initiatives to the IDFP Action Plan; activity report; deliverables as in described in the concept note. Report and documentation	Invoices and receipts.
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$17,341</b>		
	<b>Quarter 3/2018 Total</b>		<b>\$55,052</b>		
IV/2018	EC Meeting 6	3,838		Report on the meeting, including decisions and agreed follow-up.	Invoices and receipts.
	Salaries for IDFP Administrators and Janitor (4th quarter)	3,468		Services provided.	Reports + Payslips.

	Internet, Post and Office Supplies	520		NA	Invoices and receipts.
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$7,827</b>		
	<b><i>Quarter 4/2018 Total</i></b>		<b><i>\$7,827</i></b>		
	<b>Grand total in Dollars</b>		<b>\$225,618</b>		
	Operating Costs in Dollars		\$75,329		
	Project Costs in Dollars		\$150,289		