Live Learning Experience: Beyond the Immediate Response to the Outbreak

Thematic session - The Peace Agenda in the post-COVID19 reconstruction

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#BeyondTheOutbreak
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- Engagement with local/subnational levels of governments in peace-building activities and SDG16+ implementation.
  - Capacity building in Peace and conflict transformation
  - Empowering youth and women in post-conflict communities - eg through young adult peace champions projects
  - Facilitating talking circles/community parliaments / dialogues between right holders and duty bearers
  - Awareness on SDGs, promoting participation of local actors
  - Some times act as a link between the government and the community

**Regional level:** Coordinate peace building efforts in 16 countries in Eastern and Central Africa regional network – under [GPPAC](#)
COVID-19: challenges and responses

- Disruption of peacebuilding interventions
- Fuelled specific violence like domestic violence.
- Human rights violations and abuse (militarisation of enforcement)
- Illiteracy
- Lack of harmonized cross-border approach

- Online platforms and virtual coordination - with COVID-19 national and district taskforces
- Issue monthly COVID-19 observation reports - e.g. in South Sudan
- Worked with Peace champions/former warriors in Karamoja region and crafted local messages that have reduced cattle raiding during COVID-19; “raiding will bring COVID-19 in our region”
Recommendations for local and regional governments (mainly drawn from CECORE/GPPAC SDG16+ - May 2020)

• Build the capacity of local structures – eg community peace structures and local councils – as apposed to adhoc taskforces
• Enhance local participation and ownership – involve traditional leaders, media, private sector, youth as active partners
• Sensitivities to vulnerable groups is key – pregnant women, disabled, etc
• Focus on human security and resilience
• Prioritise funding towards SDG 16+ targets; more specifically to help ensure that these funds will address the COVID-19 pandemic and its localised impact on human security
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