

SMART PEACE: PARTNERSHIP FOR CONFLICT PREVENTION AND PEACEFUL CHANGE

Thematic area	Working towards global security and stability
Consortium-lead	Conciliation Resources (www.c-r.org)
Consortium Partners	The Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, The Asia Foundation, Behavioral Insights Team, Center for Security Studies at ETH Zurich, Chatham House and International Crisis Group
Countries	Central African Republic, Nigeria, Myanmar
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Objective

Smart Peace will deliver outcomes on three critical aspects of peacebuilding and conflict resolution:

- Greater capacity for key conflict actors
- Stronger and more inclusive relationships among conflict actors that consolidates peace agency and supports sustainability
- More joined up local, national and international policies that address complex and persistent conflict challenges.

How will we do this:

1. The consortium combines expertise in conflict analysis, community dialogue, elite mediation, evaluation, policy influence and behavioral science to deliver targeted and adaptive conflict resolution interventions in Central African Republic (CAR), Myanmar and Nigeria.
2. Programmatic interventions are tightly linked to a participatory, granular and dynamic analysis of the conflict system and constantly tested and adapted through evidence and learning.
3. Lessons learnt from practical experience are shared within the consortium and externally to improve global policy and practice.

Impact

Key stakeholders involved in conflict resolution, including communities, are better supported to manage change peacefully in the Central African Republic (CAR), Nigeria and Myanmar.

Activities with examples in 2019/2020

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Change we want to see in 2020: build capacity of local community peace groups to mediate conflict, enhancing their ability to prevent and reduce violence, support them to build networks with each other and with political authorities and security forces at provincial and national level; promote peaceful use of agro-pastoral space between herder-farmer communities and cross-border committees. *If local peace initiatives are more effective in identifying and addressing tensions, violent conflict in the focused localities will reduce.*

Our work in 2020: research on herder-farmer conflict dynamics; community dialogues to identify conflict root causes and alternatives to violence; establishing local mediation and conflict resolution initiatives and cross border committees; improving the capacity and coordination of existing community mediation structures; meetings, public dialogues and trainings on the management of agro-pastoral spaces and systems.

NIGERIA

Change we want to see in 2020: strengthen understanding and relationships between local communities, people associated with Boko Haram, militia groups, and security and government actors, in order to facilitate their participation in mediation and dialogue processes towards reconciliation and reintegration. *Improved levels of trust among communities and militias will lead to increased communication and collaboration between them and greater community protection from violence.*

Our work in 2020: mapping ex-combatants and militias and analysing existing reconciliation processes and needs; engaging with existing reintegration mechanisms; dialogue among militia and vigilante groups, between militias and communities and between women and militias; community dialogues with people associated with BH; researching existing reintegration policies and frameworks.

MYANMAR

Change we want to see in 2020: build a better understanding of Myanmar's recent conflicts to contribute to improved foreign peacebuilding assistance. If international

support is improved, then it is more likely that entrenched and fundamental barriers can be addressed, and open up possibilities for supporting peaceful change to address underlying causes of conflict in local governance and the security sector. *Promoting positive structural changes means that barriers to peace can be addressed.*

Our work in 2020: influencing donor approaches by joint research reports about 1) changing context of conflict and political dynamics, and future scenarios, and 2) stock-take of conflict ‘types’ across Myanmar and the range of interventions to address them; engage national level security actors to develop a common vision for the security sector; develop local level engagement through training, dialogue and technical support.

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Smart Peace Theory of Change

