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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to the memories of

Hajiya Bilkisu Yusuf
and
Alhaji Aminu Saleh, Wamban Katagum

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PREFACE
By Y. Z. Ya'u
Executive Director, CITAD

Advocacy is essentially about getting to induce a significant shift on the target audience. That may include asking and getting them to act in ways that would support the achievement of the goal. CITAD's peace advocacy, CITAD4Peace has been aimed at getting the citizens to not only recognize that peace building is a collective responsibility but also to take proactive steps in contributing to peace building efforts. This required an effective information transfer from the advocates to the target audience. CITAD recognized that such information transfer is most effective when the means of communication assures high level of receptability by the audience.

This is the situation that communication scholars refer to as the message is the channel, a clear case in which it is difficult to differentiate between the message bearer and the message. It is akin to the position of the powerful speaker in the context of dangerous speech who is able to mobilize the audience to either commit or condone voices, albeit in this case, it is to get the citizens to take personal responsibility in securing the peace in their communities. The standing of the message bearer in his or her community is what could be considered the conventionality in a polydiac relationship between convention, the speaker, situation and the audience, our situation being the state of insurgency in the country.

The conventionality that CITAD leveraged is the fact that certain people are well respected by the people such that their words are considered credible. These are the influential voices in society. Influential voice can come from a credible leadership provided among others by traditional rulers, community leaders, religious figures or celebrities. It can also result from an uncommon commitment to certain causes such as women rights, youth empowerment or even commitment to knowledge as in academic communities.

In prosecuting its advocacy, CITAD thus leveraged these various shades of influential voices to pass the message, mobilizing for

citizens' action to peace building. In the two years it carried out its campaign, the advocacy team, CITAD4peace visited over 300 carefully selected influential voices of different categories ranging from traditional rulers, religious leaders, community leaders to champions of women and youth causes and celebrities among others, people we have faith in that their voices could add the tunic to get the citizens to respond to the call for peace building, to turn defeated communities into highly resilient ones that are not only able to restore peace in the communities but also withstand attempts to return them to the state of anarchy.

This book, *Enlisting Influential Voices for Peace Building* is an extraction of the encounters with the influential voices typified by a selection of 52 of them, cutting across various shades. CITAD's aim in publishing the extracts is first to pay tribute to these great peace ambassadors who are ready to speak out for the cause of peace in our society and play critical role in the restoration of peace in Nigeria. In doing this, CITAD hopes that this would also inspire other influential voices to come out and speak in support of peace, thus multiplying the voices of reason that is necessary for sustained peace building. It is also our hope that ordinary people will be inspired and motivated to make a commitment to peace building from reading the inspiring thoughts and words of these great role models.

INTRODUCTION

In 2013, the Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD) received a grant from MacArthur Foundation to implement a social media-based campaign for peace and national unity. The specific objectives of the project included:

The key element of the project arising from the conviction that peace is a collective responsibility which was aimed at sensitizing people to this fact and to get them mobilized into working for peace. This was particularly important for the Northeast as well as other parts of the Northwest, which have been ravaged by murderous activities of the Boko Haram insurgents. The scourge has not only left thousands dead and millions as internally displaced persons (IDPs), but it also dislocated social fabrics which, in the process, met with the collective resilience of the people to resist further onslaught by the insurgents. For communities that had to bear the brunt of the Boko Haram insurgency, therefore, the peace campaign was aimed at rebuilding or strengthening of their collective community resilience.

As a social media-based campaign, messaging was critical and so we got some experts to craft appropriate messages which we disseminated using various social media tools and platforms that were established for this purpose. But while the right message is important in creating impact, it is even more so when the appropriate voice to convey the messages is used. For this reason, and in addition to the messages prepared by the experts, we decided to enlist the voices of influential figures in the community. These influential figures have captive audiences for their messages.

To enlist these voices and get them to speak out for peace, we embarked on a peace advocacy which involved paying visits to them. During the visits we enlisted their support and got them to speak which we then amplified using these various social media platforms and tools. These influential voices consist of several categories including traditional rulers, clerics and religious leaders, community elders, women leaders, academics, artistes and celebrities as well as youth leaders.

In the course of the two years since we commenced the project, we have visited more than 200 such influential voices. *Enlisting Influential Voices for Peace Building* is a selection of 50 representatives of the influential voices that we visited. The sample selection represents a range of voices, influences and audiences.

We decided to reproduce the voices in a book form so that the messages will not only be preserved but also reach out to wider audience beyond the confines of social media. Additionally, the compilation will also serve to motivate other influential voices to add up their voices in the efforts to establish lasting peace in our troubled country.

CHAPTER 1: TRADITIONAL RULERS

1.1 Getting Royal Blessings for the Peace Campaign

To get the blessings of the Emir of Kano, the CITAD4Peace train sought an audience with him but for the most part of 2014, he was indisposed.

Eventually, the Wambam Kano, HRH Alhaji Abbas Sunusi received the team on behalf of the Emir on Thursday, 12th March, 2014.

The team was received at the Council Chamber of the Palace. Training Coordinator, Mal. Ahmad Abdullahi Yakasai, who led the team, explained the purpose of the visit, which was to seek the support of the emirate council for the organization in carrying out its campaign for peace.



CITAD4Peace team during the peace advocacy visit to the Wambam Kano, HRH Alhaji Abbas Sunusi at the council chamber of the Kano palace

He explained that the social media-based campaign relied on the use of social media to send our peace messages which have come through initiating a number of peace activities by various platforms that CITAD



CITAD Training Coordinator, Malam Ahmad Yakasai presenting some peace publications to the Wambam Kano, HRH Alhaji Abbas Sunusi at the end of the peace advocacy visit

for peace in tertiary institutions, peace clubs in secondary schools, the youth for neighbourhood peace as well as community peace committees. He said that CITAD had been trained in a number of these platforms on the use of social media to campaign for peace rather than just using them or wasting their time chatting and even engaging in criminal and other anti-social activities.

Responding, the Wambai said these efforts were welcomed particularly given the state of insecurity in the country. He said that the Kano Emirate Council has also been working with all stakeholders to ensure the maintenance of peace in the state. He asked the organization to continue with this commendable job as he added: "Verily, we commend your courage, determination and patriotic effort with profound gratitude on behalf the Emir of Kano. With ethnic and religious tolerance, together we can build a better Nigeria through understanding and love, and by so doing, we can bring an end to the pain and suffering of all sentient beings."

1.2 On a Blitz of Peace Advocacy

As part of its project on campaign for peace through social media supported by Macarthur Foundation, CITAD has been carrying out advocacy to notable figures, especially in the northern part of the country to seek their indulgence to lend their voices in drumming to the members of their communities that peace can only be secured through the collective efforts of the members of the communities. For the February 2014 round of the advocacy, CITAD targeted high ranking Emirs in Yobe and Jigawa States. These were the Emirs of Machina and Nguru in Yobe State and that of Hadejia in Jigawa State.

The advocacy which commenced on 23rd February, 2014 first visited the Emir of Machina, HRH Alhaji Bashir Albishir Bukar Machinama (OON) in the afternoon of that day, who warmly received the delegation of CITAD led by Malam Ahmad Abdullahi Yakasai along with five others including Ado Shehu, Media Officer, Sufyan Lawal Kabo, Ibraheem Machina, Program Associate and Abdullahi Yakubu, Logistics Officer.

The team was received in the palace of the Emir. Malam Ahmad Yakasai briefed the Emir about the mission of CITAD4Peace which was



CITAD4Peace team in group photograph with the Emir of Machina, HRH Alhaji Bashir Albishir Bukar Machinama (OON) at his palace

to contribute in the restoration of peace in the northern part of the country by mobilizing citizens and community leaders to contribute to this process. He explained that CITAD has been working with various partners in different states sensitizing people on this civic responsibility. He said it was in this effort that the organization undertook a series of advocacy visits to influential voices in the region with a view to getting them to speak out against violence as well as add their voices in the call for citizens to commit themselves to peace process.

The Emir, who thanked the organization for honoring him with the visit, commended the organization for this public spirited effort and for the other various engagements of the organization. He called on Nigerians to embrace peace, adding that without peace no community could develop. He solicited for peace and tolerance among various religious and ethnic groups in the country, describing violence as satanic. He stressed that no religion preached violence.

At the end, the delegation handed over advocacy kits to the Emir which included various publications of the organization in relation to the peace building efforts, among which were two policy briefs on how to tackle the insurgency and another dealing with the plight of internally displaced persons in the region.



*CITAD4Peace team presenting peace publications to the Emir of Nguru,
HRH Mai Mustapha Ibn Kyari*

From Machina, the team moved to Nguru, the Headquarters of Nguru Local Government Area of Yobe State where they were also warmly

welcomed to the Palace of the Emir of Nguru, HRH Mai Mustapha Ibn Kyari in the morning of 24th February, 2014.

While warmly receiving the team, the Emir, in his speech, called on government to provide jobs for our teeming youths which he said will be the primary solution to preventing all forms of violence in the country. The Emir also called on youths to embrace peace, ethnic and religious tolerance in their dealings with their fellow countrymen. He then commended CITAD for initiating the CITAD4PEACE project and promised his full support for it.



Emir of Nguru, HRH Mai Mustapha Ibn Kyari glancing through some of the peace publications presented to him by CITAD4Peace members

From Nguru, the team headed for Hadejia, the Headquarters of Hadejia Local Government Area of Jigawa State where the Emir, HRH Alhaji Adamu Abubakar Maje (CON), received them in the afternoon of same day at his palace.

The Emir, who had his Hakimai (Title holders) around him, described the visit as historic because this was the first time a local NGO has visited him on a peace mission. In his speech, the Emir commended CITAD for its efforts toward development which include peace building and training in all areas of ICT. He further stressed that youth are strong components of peaceful co-existence of every nation and must not be ignored by the



Emir of Hadejia, HRH Alhaji Adamu Abubakar Maje (CON), being presented with peace publications by CITAD4Peace members at his palace

authorities, and therefore called on the government to provide them with jobs. He called on youth to resist all forms of vices that could trigger violence in the country. The Emir concluded by advising CITAD to include moral/religious peace inspirational quotes when making online posts, because according to him, some of these problems were attributable to ignorance among youths.

Analyzing the outcomes of the aforementioned visits, we felt the need to synergise with each other based on our common feelings for the insurgency in the Northeastern region of the country.



CITAD4peace team in a group photograph with Emir of Hadejia, HRH Alhaji Adamu Abubakar Maje (CON)

The significant humanitarian challenges facing the region must be resolved. The effects in these communities share common root causes and need to be addressed through holistic solutions. We need to understand that prevention of violence is a joint responsibility of policy-makers, opinion-leaders, CSOs, and donors. The priority focus needs to shift from response to prevention by authorities concerned.

All the Emirs we visited emphasized on one thing: a call on the government to provide sound education and jobs to youths as the only solution to the recurring violence and insurgency. Youth are disproportionately the main actors and victims of violence, discrimination and exclusion and therefore need to become the focus of attention and assistance.

1.3 Lunch Time Advocacy Visit to Emir of Kazaure

Passing through Tomas Dam in Dambatta town of Dambatta Local Government Area of Kano State on our way to Kazaure, the seat of Kazaure Emirate Council in Jigawa State, gives you an opportunity to reflect on what Boko Haram insurgency in much of Northeast and parts of Northwest of the country has created. Here was an abandoned land for fear of attacks especially in Yobe and Bornu that has driven away farmers from the land. This was in our minds as we set to meet the Emir of Kazaure, HRH Alhaji (Dr) Najib Hussaini Adamu (CON) on a scheduled peace advocacy meeting on Tuesday, 21st April, 2015. There was also the fact that the Emir, ever gracious of his time, had given us the lunch time to meet him.

Led by Malam Ahmad Abdullahi Yakasai, the team met the Emir in his palace along with some of his king makers as well as courtiers. Malam Ahmad thanked the Emir for the warm reception and also briefed the palace on the purpose of the visit which was to solicit for his voice and influence in speaking out for peace. Yakasai informed the Emir that CITAD had, with the support of MacArthur Foundation, been



CITAD4Peace team at the palace of HRH Alhaji (Dr) Najib Hussaini Adamu (CON) for peace advocacy visit

Implementing a project on promoting peace and national unity, primarily using social media tagged CITAD4Peace to purposely contribute to the restoration of peace, especially in the Northern part of the country where Boko Haram insurgency has been ravaging communities.

Yakasai also explained other components of the project which include conducting training for civil society organizations members to use social media to promote tolerance, diversity and peace in Northern Nigeria, developing and deploying social media platforms to be used to promote tolerance, diversity, peace and facilitate the formation of peace clubs in secondary schools and tertiary institutions across the region. He then ended his advocacy with a call on his Royal Highness for his fatherly advice and support and to join the growing voices of people of influential standing to promote peace in the country.



CITAD Training Coordinator, Malam Ahmad Abdullahi Yakasai presenting peace publications to the Emir of Kazaure, HRH Alhaji (Dr) Najib Hussaini Adamu (CON)

In response, the Emir thanked the team and pledged his full support to CITAD4peace. He urged all Nigerians to embrace the use of social media for peace promotion instead of using it to promote negative and widespread hate speeches, especially the types being instigated by the bad ones in the society. He particularly was delighted to see that organizations like CITAD were putting social media to good cause and advised that more education and enlightenment be conducted among the populace to enlighten them on the positive aspects of the social media.

At the close of the meeting, the team leader handed over an advocacy kit to the Emir, containing copies of the book on Insurgency and Human Rights in Northern Nigeria, Social Media Peace Campaign: Training Primer as well as policy briefs, leaflets offering suggestions on tackling the issues and addressing the plight of internally displaced people in the region.



*CITAD4Peace team in group photograph with the Emir of Kazaure,
HRH Alhaji (Dr) Najib Hussaini Adamu (CON)*

1.4 Breakfast at the Palace of Emir of Katagum

Katagum Emirate in Bauchi State is at the cross-roads of two major political centres, the old Kano and Bornu Kingdoms. It had to maintain its autonomy because of the delicate balance that the two powerful neighbors had to maintain. Also known as Guduri, the land is also a confluence of linguistic and cultural expression. With its people mainly consisting of the Hausa, Fulani and Kanuri as well as a sprinkle of minority ethnic groups such as Bade, it presents a unique Hausa culture that is distinctive of all Hausa Land. Fate can sometimes be cruel: having in the past served as a buffer zone in the unending conflicts between Kano and Bornu, Katagum is still a buffer zone, this time against the onslaught of the Boko Haram insurgents across Yobe State along the border with Potiskum. It has had its unsavory experiences of the insurgent attacks with many people killed. So it was not accidental that it registered prominently on our peace advocacy mission.

There is also another confluence of sort in Katagum. Home to the both Jama'are and Katagum rivers, it has expansive flood lands and rich fadama which make not only suitable dry season farming that is so lucrative, but also make fishing a major occupation. The fishermen say if you want to make a good catch, go to the river early. So, it was in order to make the best out of our peace advocacy in Katagum Emirate that we decided to make it a breakfast meeting at the Palace in Azare.

Our team, led by Malam Ahmad Abdul Yakasai (along with Sufyan Lawal Kabo, Ayuba Yusif Abubakar, Programmes Assistant, CITAD Bauchi, Abdullah Yakubu, Logistics Officer and the home-based Isah Garba, Programmes Coordinator, CITAD Bauchi and Barau Abdullahi, Programmes Assistant (CITAD Azare) was on Saturday, 28th February, 2015 at the palace by 9am at Azare. The team had gone to see the Emir of Katagum, HRH Alhaji (Dr.) Muhammad Kabir Umar (CON) as part of the advocacy to get influential people to lend their voices to the peace campaign.

The team was met by the Makama of Katagum, HH Alhaji Aliyu Hussain on behalf of the Emir. Accompanied by the Secretary of the Emirate Council, the Makama warmly welcomed the team to the Palace and explained why the Emir was not personally present to receive them.



*CITAD4Peace team discussing with the Makama of Katagum
HH Alhaji Aliyu Hussain during the peace advocacy visit*

Responding, the leader of the delegation, Malam Yakasai said they were at the Emirate to first express their solidarity and condolence to the people of Katagum Emirate over the various attacks by insurgents in Azare town that led to the death of scores of people. He said CITAD4Peace, the platform on which they were visiting the Emir, was a project aimed at contributing in the restoration of peace in the Northeast by mobilizing people and communities to collectively work toward peace building. He explained that CITAD has been working with various partners in different states of the nation, sensitizing people on this civic responsibility. He said it was in this effort that the organization undertook a series of advocacy visits to influential voices in the region with a view to getting them to all speak out against violence and add their voices in the call for citizens to commit themselves to peace processes. He then expressed the team's appreciation and gratitude for the honor done to it by the Emir who graciously accepted to receive them at a short notice.

Responding, the Emir thanked CITAD for the visit and commended it for its patriotic development efforts over time. He however, called on Nigerians to embrace peace and advised youths to resist being used as political thugs, adding that politicians who use youths to engage in political violence were compromising the lives of our youths. Instead of providing themselves to bad politicians to be used as machinery for violence, he admonished that youth should key into the vast opportunities provided by the fast growing ICT sector that has become the mainstay of most developed countries.

At the end of the visit, the Emir was presented with some peace related publications on CITAD4peace and who, on receiving the documents, prayed for the success of the mission and wished the delegation a safe journey back home.



*CITAD4Peace team in group photograph with the Makama of Katagum
HH Alhaji Aliyu Hussain during the peace advocacy visit*

1.5 The Emir of Potiskum Alhaji Umaru Bubaram Ibn Wuriwa Bauya Potiskum is one of the worst hit towns by the Boko Haram insurgency in Northeastern Nigeria for which the Emir of Potiskum, Alhaji Umaru Bubaram Ibn Wuriwa Bauya was visited by CITAD's peace advocacy team campaign on Thursday 18th June, 2015. As usual the purpose of the visit was to enlist the voice of the emir in the Centre's campaign for peace and peaceful coexistence in the region.

Speaking during the visit, the Emir said although there were both positive and negative sides of the social media, most youth have chosen the negative side for which reason he said many of them have ended up being brainwashed into engaging in practices that are contrary to what is beneficial to them and society at large

The Emir called on the government to create jobs through empowerment programs for the youth which he said will help keep them away from taking part in violent activities, adding that he was anxiously looking forward to the day the federal government's youth center in Potiskum would become operational so that youth in the area would be trained on different skills to become self-reliant. "This," according to the Emir, "will take away their attention from violent activities. But up to now the building work on the centre has not been completed not to talk of its operation. We welcome your idea and are ever ready to assist by passing across your messages to the people of our community."

1.6 The Emir of Damaturu, HRH Alhaji Shehu Hashim II Ibn Umar Amin E-Ikanemi

Damaturu is the capital of Yobe State, one of the three states most affected by the Boko Haram Insurgency. For this reason, this city which has suffered many bomb attacks as well as many shooting incidents appeared deserted. Commerce has virtually collapsed as most business premises are closed. Schools are also closed, while only few government agencies are fully working. Getting to Damarutu can be a nightmare as from all the three major approaches (Potiskum, Biu, and Maiduguri), it has literally been shut down by the insurgents.

On Thursday, June 18, 2015, CITAD's peace advocacy team also paid a courtesy visit to the Emir of Damaturu, His Royal Highness, Alhaji Shehu Hashim II Ibn Umar Amin Elkanemi, the Headquarters of Yobe State and the home state of both late Boko Haram leader Mohammed Yusuf and his successor, Abubakar Shekau.



CITAD's Coordinator, Bauchi Office, Isa Garba, presenting some peace publications to the Emir of Damaturu, HRH Alhaji Shehu Hashim II Ibn Umar Amin E-Ikanemi

In his speech during the visit, the Emir said after going through CITAD's profile and its peace project, he had realized that the Centre's work is very much relevant to the situation in the Northeast and commended CITAD for reaching out to the traditional institutions who he said enjoyed the respect of the people, and for which reason any message passed through them will likely be welcomed by the people.

The Emir added that although the insurgents have the notion that what they were doing was according to the true teachings of Islam, the religion does not preach violence which was why past generations of people lived peacefully alongside the followers of other religions. "Our noble Prophet Muhammad (SAW) was reported to have lived alongside non-Muslims, including Christians, Jews and traditionalists and even supported them in the ways he could," said the Emir of Potiskum. "If that was the case with our Prophet (SAW), then how can someone in the name of Islam descend on Muslims and other non-Muslims simply because they belong to a sect/religion that is different from theirs? I think the issue of unemployment and lack of religious knowledge are the causes of most of these problems."

1.7 One Bright Summer Morning with Wamban Kano



HRH, Alhaji Aminu Ado Bayero, Wamban Kano

Wambai of Kano is one of the most senior titles given to the sons of the Emir. HRH Alhaji Aminu Ado Bayero is a trained media professional and a community leader per excellence. He was the *Sarkin Dawakin Tsakar Gida* and District Head of Dala, one of the most populous local

Government in Kano State when this advocacy visit was conducted.

The CITAD4PEACE train had visited the traditional ruler on 20th March, 2014 for the peace advocacy mission. The team was led by Sufyan Lawan Kabo, Media Officer of CITAD, at his residence in Dala. The team briefed him about its mission and to seek his blessing as well as enlist his voice on the peace campaign.

He responded by thanking the organization for taking this initiative which he found commendable and assured them of his support. He said as traditional ruler, he has the responsibility to call on his subjects to live peacefully with one another and that what CITAD was doing was positive contribution to the society. He concluded by saying: "Peace is a task we must all put hands on deck in order to achieve. I really commend this effort because it came at the right time and it is well coordinated."

1.8 Peace Advocacy reaches Gaya, the '*Mother of Kano*'

Gaya is one of the Local Government Areas in Kano State, Nigeria. It is also called '*The Mother of Kano*' for history has it that Gaya is the origin of a man named *Kano* who first settled in the present Kano State on his search for ironstone. Gaya served as an important terminus of a migratory corridor through which there was an influx of immigrating peoples especially from Eastern Sudan, the Maghrib and the Middle East.

Before the 1976 Local Government reforms in Nigeria, Gaya was one of the districts that made up the then South-East administrative area with headquarters at Birnin-Kudu. With the reforms, Gaya Local government area was created. Gaya town has a distance of about 64Km from the State capital. The people engage mainly in agriculture, producing crops such as cassava, groundnut, millet, Guinea corn, Rice,

beans. Other occupations include trading, hunting and blacksmithing. According to historical account, the people that migrated into Gaya were warriors and hunters. Among them were seven brothers: Sharada, Chikaji, Dan Alahandu, Gabari, Kuka, Gaya and Kano. Kano was the leader of the hunting and blacksmithing clan who in search of iron ore went to Dala and subsequently settled there, and became one of the founders of ancient Kano. When *Kano* left Gaya for Dala hill, Gaya after whom the present day 'Gaya' was named, succeeded him.



Led by Sufyan Lawal Kabo, CITAD4Peace arrived the historic town of Gaya town on 6th of February, 2015 and headed straight to the palace of HRH Alhaji Ibrahim Abdulkadir, the Emir of Gaya and his *Hakimai* (title holders) as well as courtiers.

Kabo thanked the Emir for the warm reception and also briefed him on the purpose of the visit which was to solicit for his voice and influence in speaking out for peace. Yakasai informed the Emir that CITAD had, with the support of MacArthur Foundation, been Implementing a project on promoting peace and national unity, primarily using social media tagged CITAD4Peace to purposely contribute to the restoration of peace, especially in the northern part of the country where Boko Haram insurgency has been ravaging

communities. He also explained other components of the project which include conducting training for civil society organizations members to use social media to promote tolerance, diversity and peace in Northern Nigeria, developing and deploying social media platforms to be used to promote tolerance, diversity, peace and facilitate the formation of peace clubs in secondary schools and tertiary institutions across the region. He then ended his advocacy with a call on the emir for his fatherly advice and support and to join the growing voices of people of influential stand to promote peace in the country.

In response, the Emir thanked the team and pledged his full support to CITAD4peace. He also call on Nigerians especially the youth to shun all form of violence and as well embrace the use of social media for peace promotion. His words: "No religion on earth preaches violence, all religions preach peace. Youth must shun the bad eggs in our societies who out of selfish interests, influence people to participate in violence."

The Emir commended CITAD for its peace promotion effort and was impressed on the use Social Media for conducting the project.

At the end of the visit, the Emir prayed for the visiting team who later presented to him some peace publications.



CITAD Media Officer, Sufyan Lawal Kabo presenting CITAD4Peace peace publications to the Emir of Gaya, HRH Alhaji Ibrahim Abdulkadir during the visit

CHAPTER 2: CLERICS

2.1 Chief Imam, Kano Central Mosque, Prof. Sani Zahradddeen



The Kano Central Mosque is not just a historical monument but also special. It is located next to the Emir's palace and the Imam of the Mosque is considered the head of all the Imams in the State. This means that he is a very high ranking Cleric. The current Chief Imam who is also the Grand Imam of Kano is Professor Sani Zahradddeen , a former Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano and a Professor in Islamic Studies. He has also held several positions in the public service including being the Chairman of the Zakat Commission in the State. As the Imam of this historic mosque, his voice is extremely influential.

The CITAD4Peace team paid a peace advocacy visit to the Chief Imam of Kano Central Mosque, Professor Sani Zahradddeen on the 4th of May, 2015 at the Kano Central Mosque. The team was led by

Malam Ahmad Abdullahi Yakasai who thanked the cleric for accepting CITAD4Peace's request for the visit and briefed him about the mission of the peace project which he said was aimed at the restoration of peace in the Northern part of Nigeria by getting influential persons to lend their voices to the campaign for peace as well as speak out against youth violence.



CITAD's Training Coordinator, Malam Ahmad Abdullahi Yakasai (right) and Prof. Zahradeen Garba, the Chief Imam of Kano Central Mosque during the peace advocacy visit

In his response, the Cleric thanked the team for the visit and also commended CITAD for the Centre's patriotic effort in the area of peace promotion through engagement with stakeholders including students. He called on governmental and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Nigeria to emulate CITAD by educating Nigerians especially the youth on ICT and the use of social media for peace promotion instead of using it for negative purposes. At the end of the visit, the team handed over advocacy kits to the cleric which included various publications of the organization in relation to its peace building efforts.

2.2 A blissful evening at the *Tijjaniyya* stronghold

Bauchi State is located in the Northeastern part of Nigeria and it is one of the states worst-affected by the Boko Haram insurgency.



It is home to the famous Islamic scholar, Sheikh Dahiru Usman Bauchi. The Sheikh's contribution to Islamic knowledge in Nigeria and across Africa is beyond comparison. He is a man of intellectual prowess. The greatest influence in him in terms of intellectual disposition on all aspects of Islamic knowledge has a global recognition and he is the leader of the Tijjaniyya sect with millions of followers across the African continent.

On Thursday, 14th May, 2015, CITAD4Peace team paid him a peace advocacy visit at his Bauchi residence. Co-incidentally, the celebration of Late Sheikh Ibrahim Inyass Maulud day was taking place, and therefore, the house, which looks more of a royal dynasty, was filled with thousands of Tijjaniyya sect followers who came from all walks of life to celebrate with the Sheikh. Amidst ongoing activities, the Sheikh graciously granted audience to CITAD4Peace team who briefed him on their mission which was to seek his contribution in the promotion



CITAD4Peace team members praying with Sheikh Dahiru Usman Bauchi during the peace advocacy visit

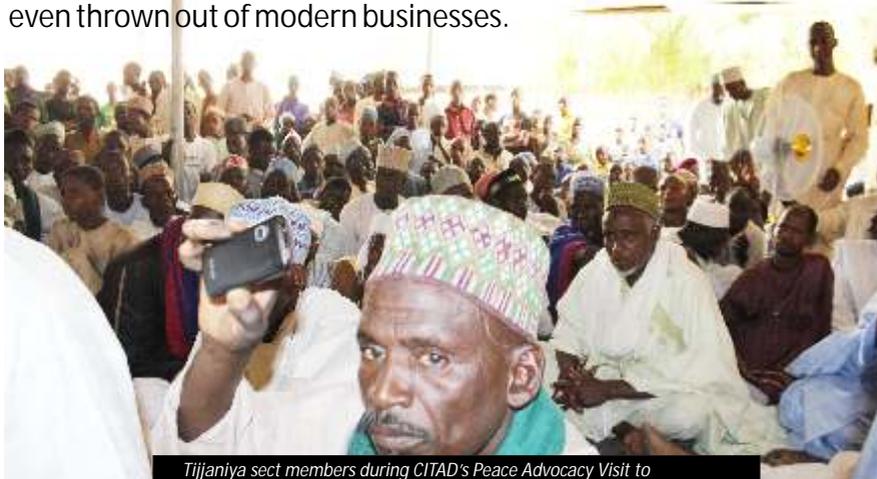
of peace in the northern part of Nigeria by lending his voice to the call for peace and to speak against violence among Nigerians.

In his response, the Sheikh pointed out that the insurgencies that engulfed the region were a deception and the world has since realized that. He stated that acquiring knowledge can never be sin in Islam so whoever believes in the 'Western Education is a sin' slogan does so out of ignorance. The scholar also advised Nigerians to stay away from agents of destruction who have been hiding under the stalk of religion to achieve their satanic goals. He then commended CITAD on its peace promotion effort and advised Nigerians especially the youth to embrace such effort in ensuring peace in the country.

“The people who call themselves Muslims or Christians but act and behave contrary to the teachings of both religions are not the good followers of these religions,” he added. He gave an example that even during the time of Prophet Muhammad (SAW), the Noble Prophet did live with non-Muslims and never did he kill or destroy their properties because they were not Muslims. Instead, he assured us and demonstrated that Islam is a religion of peace.

Malam also called on all Muslims in the country to enroll their children into western education, because “when we disallow our children to pursue this brand of education, we will, at the end, be pushed out of

the system in the country in both government and private agencies or even thrown out of modern businesses.



Tijjaniya sect members during CITAD's Peace Advocacy Visit to Sheikh Dahiru Usman Bauchi

The Sheikh also assured the team that his *Tijjaniyya* sect was ready to partner with CITAD any time the need arose. At the end, he prayed for CITAD's success in all its activities.



CITAD's Malam Abdullahi Ahmad Yakasai presenting some peace publications to the Sheikh at the end of the visit

At the end of the visit, the team handed advocacy kits to the Sheikh which included a book titled: **INSURGENCY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN NORTHERN NIGERIA**, and another titled: **SOCIAL MEDIA FOR PEACE CAMPAIGN** in addition to a policy brief titled: **RESPONDING TO THE PLIGHT OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN NORTHEASTERN NIGERIA**.

2.3 CITAD4peace visits 'Mama CAN' at CAN Centre, Gombe

The Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) is the umbrella association of all Christians in Nigeria and this makes the association an important stakeholder in peace and national unity campaign, and even within CAN, CITAD had chosen to visit the women's wing of the association for no reason other than the position of women in building a peaceful society as well as being the major victims of violence, disunity and insurgency.

At the center, CITAD team was received by the women leader of the association popularly known as Mama CAN of Gombe State on 17th of June, 2015. After the introduction, Kabiru Sa'id Dakata who led CITAD team, explained the essence and mission of CITAD visit to the association.



CITAD4Peace team in a group photograph with Mama CAN (Fourth from left) at the end of the peace advocacy visit paid to her

In her response, 'Mama CAN' opened her speech with these words: "When I heard of your coming and the word peace being your slogan, I felt so good and grateful, because without peace there will be no development or progress and anything done at all people will amount to nothing". She continued: "Now that you have told us what you do and what you are here for, I want to assure you that we have equally bought your idea and will continue to support you. And I repeat, you're welcome a hundred percent."

Peace, according to her, is paramount especially that she personally was a direct victim of violence, and therefore assured that the

Christian women in Gombe will always be ready to support CITAD in all their efforts toward achieving success in the peace campaign. She also advised the team to include the traditional leaders in all their activities but cautioned that their training should not be mixed with that of the CSOs or religious leaders.

She also advised that the youth umbrella of the association should form part of the meeting as the youth are also important to this effort, especially in the usage of the social media for the campaign, promising to deliver the key message and also share the literature presented with the youth.

2.4 A few miles to the border with our peace mission

Sheikh Yakubu Musa Katsina is a popular Islamic preacher in Nigeria. He is also the leader of the *Izala* revivalist sect in Katsina. Precisely, JIBWIS means *JAMA'ATU IZALATU BIDI'A WA IQAMATUSSUNAH* translates Organization for the Eradication of Innovations and Establishment of the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet (SAW). JIBWIS is known to be one of the popular Islamic organizations in Nigeria with millions of followers across the country and beyond. It has been carrying out series of activities like establishing primary and secondary schools, private medical centres, computer business centres, women vocational centres and organizing *Da'awah* (Islamic Missionary) and seminars throughout Nigeria periodically. It is a



CITAD's Training Coordinator, Malam Ahmad Abdullahi Yakasai (left) presenting Peace publications to Sheikh Yakubu Musa Katsina

sect known to have re-oriented Muslim and Non-Muslim members on the teachings of Islam. The *Izala* which is a wing of the Sunni sect, has millions of followers and it has produced large number of Islamic scholars and professionals in various fields through their assistance and partnerships with local and international Islamic organizations. *Jama'atu Izalatul Bidi'a wa Ikamatussunnah* (JIBWIS) has indeed impacted the lives of many overtime through organizing voluntarily Islamic sermons, workshops, symposiums and training etc.

In CITAD's peace promotion effort, on 30th of April, 2015, CITAD4Peace team paid an advocacy visit to the famous Sheikh Yakubu Musa Hassan Katsina, the National Chairman, *Da'awah* Committee/ Katsina State and JIBWIS Chairman /National BOT Member of JIBWIS at his residence in Katsina, Katsina state.

CITAD4Peace delegation met the Cleric with some of his lieutenants in persons of Alhaji Sani Daura, (Deputy Chairman, JIBWIS Katsina State), Imam Haris Isa, (Chief Imam, JIBWIS Katsina), Alhaji Ibrahim Dabo, (DG, Manara), Malam Muhammad Alti, Katsina LGA Chairman, JIBWIS) and many other prominent religious clerics. The visiting team briefed them on the purpose of the visit which was to request for their voices in their peace promotion effort.



Responding, the cleric thanked the delegation for the visit and pledged their full support to CITAD4peace. He urged all Nigerians to embrace the use of ICT in all aspects of life including peace promotion. "Our people, especially the youth should embrace it for it is one of the best media to spread peace messages. We are in the ICT era and surely we cannot do without it.

"Modernity has applied it in our day-to-day activities. Yours, (CITAD4peace initiative) is a welcome idea and I appreciate it more because of the medium you are using for the peace promotion. ICT is wisdom bestowed upon mankind by Almighty God and it is no doubt playing important roles in all arenas of life. Through ICT, Islam is spreading more and more. JIBWIS assures you of our support at the state and national levels," he concluded.



2.5 A pleasant evening with Malam Nura Ahmad, the National Chairman, Fudiyyah Academics

Mallam Nura Ahmad is the National Chairman of Fudiyyah Academics, the umbrella body of the over 300 primary and secondary schools across the country under Sheikh Ibrahim Zakzaky-led Islamic Movement in Nigeria and a senior lecturer at the Department of Islamic Studies, College of Education, Azare with about 25 years of experience. He is currently undergoing his PhD at the International University of Africa, Khartoum- Sudan.

In his response, Mallam Nura Ahmad expressed his happiness over the visit and thanked CITAD for coming up with such initiative. "The term insurgency is very new in the history of Islam, for Islam teaches peace

until the emergence of this new ideology among Muslims in the name of religion, I mean the concept of *Wahabism* which considers any other person that doesn't believe in it (either Muslim or non-Muslim) as infidel who should be killed in the name of Jihad. In the true teaching of Islam, one has no authority to interpret the verses of the Qur'an unless one is a recognized authority in the exegesis of the Quran," he explained. He also expressed his happiness over the pledge by the new Nigerian government to decisively deal with Boko Haram and urged Muslim scholars to preach the true teachings of Islam so that the youth won't fall victims of those who may wish to mislead them into engaging in acts that are un-Islamic in the name of Islam.

2.6 Malam Abdullahi Imam Usman, the Deputy Chief Imam, Azare Central Mosque

Mallam Abdullahi Imam Usman is the Deputy Chief Imam of Azare Central Mosque and a lecturer at the Islamic Studies Department, College of Education Azare. Speaking during CITAD's peace advocacy visit to him on 29th of June 2015, the Islamic scholar urged community leaders to utilize social media platforms like Facebook in preaching peace. He also urged Islamic scholars most of whom he said only see the bad side of the social media to also do so.

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"The social media is a very effective and easier means of passing information to thousands of audience within a short period of time. And for peace to be achieved, there must be mutual respect among the different religious groups and religious knowledge must only be acquired from authorized religious scholars. Therefore, for CITAD peace campaign to be more effective, the Centre must also sensitize and train both religious and traditional leaders on the use of social media to particularly dispel the misconception many of them have on the social media," he advised.

At the end of the visit, the team presented CITAD's peace advocacy kits to the Imam which included the publications: *Insurgency and Human Rights in Northern Nigeria* and *Social Media for Peace*

Campaign as well as a policy brief titled: Responding to the Plight of Internally Displaced Persons in Northeastern Nigeria.



2.7 A visit to the Chairman of the Kano Council of Ulama, Sheikh Malam Ibrahim Khaleel

Sheikh Malam Ibrahim Khaleel is an Islamic scholar based in Kano State, Nigeria, who at one time expressed interest in running for governor of the state in the 2011 elections.

Sheikh Khaleel is known for his simple but sometimes controversial *fatwa*. For example, when in 2005 most teachers condemned a woman who led a prayer in the US, Sheikh Khaleel said there was nothing wrong with that. He has said that divorce was a consequence of disobeying the rules guiding Muslim marriage, or acting contrary to the Islamic teachings. He has challenged the public over the gross neglect and abuse of the rights of women in the Muslim family. He has also said that businessmen should always have the fear of God in whatever they do, and is in favor of price control rather than allowing market forces to determine prices.

On 24 November, 2007 Sheikh Ibrahim Khaleel became Chairman of the Kano branch of the Nigeria Council of Ulama, an organization of Muslim religious leaders.

CITAD peace advocacy team had paid a peace visit to Sheikh Ibrahim Khaleel on 30th April, 2015. The scholar cautioned the public against the use of hate and dangerous and provocative utterances as these are strongly prohibited by all religions. He further cautioned the youth against all forms of violent activities as they are the key actors used to build or destroy the society.

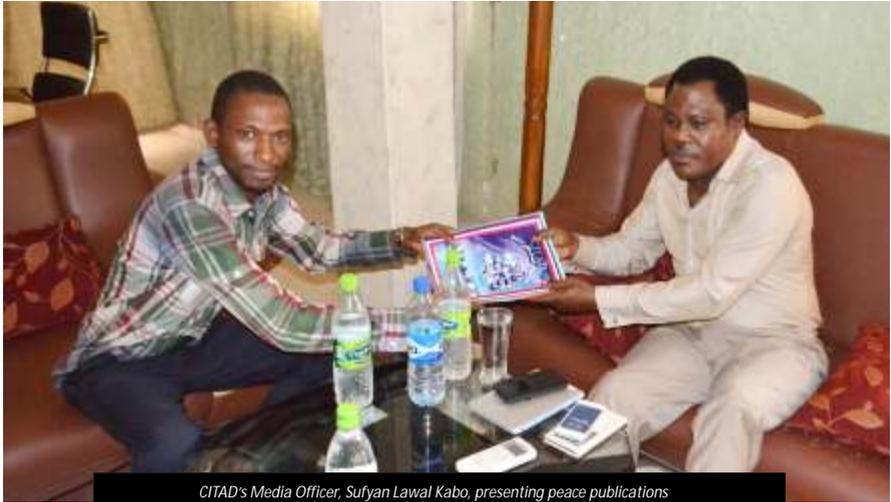


2.8 “Follow peace with all men”Bishop Ransome Bello is one of the men CITAD4Peace followed

Bishop Ransome Bello is the President, Christian Association of Nigeria, (CAN) Kano Branch. He is the founder and the Presiding Bishop of Calvary Life Assembly International Inc, a church with branches in Africa, Europe and America. He is also the President of Ransome World Outreach Ministries (RWOM). He is a distinguished Christian leader, a seasoned teacher and a prolific author. The gospel has taken him to many continents, including America, Europe and Asia. He also established 45 branches of the church in all the Local Government Areas of Kano State.

He left the Deeper Christian Life Ministry in 1990 to pioneer a new work after he was duly released and blessed by his spiritual father with strong positive pronouncements and prayers.

Dr. Ransome-Bello is undoubtedly one of the most respected Bishops in Nigeria today especially in Pentecostal circles. His simplicity and humility has endeared him to various people irrespective of tribe and religion. He is a role model who has raised so many ministers who today occupy various leadership positions. Bishop Bello is a mentor and a father to so many ministers.



CITAD's Media Officer, Sufyan Lawal Kabo, presenting peace publications to Bishop Ransome Bello during the advocacy visit

He is currently the National Vice-President of the Pentecostal Fellowship of Nigeria (PFN), taking oversight of all the Pentecostal churches in North-West Nigeria (comprising Kano, Jigawa, Zamfara, Kebbi, Sokoto, and Katsina States). He is also Chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Kano State.

Bishop Bello also serves in various leadership levels with several International Christian organizations such as the International Communion of Charismatic Churches, International Ministerial Council of Great Britain and United Council of Christian Churches. He is listed in the Almanac of the Christian World (published in USA 1992 edition) as a Pastor of one of the fifty largest churches in the world. He is President, Global Leadership Fellowship network; networking ministers and church workers for effective training.

Recently, Bishop Bello was appointed a friend of the Bayero University, Kano, Nigeria. He has received numerous awards including the National Christian Prestigious Award (NCPA) by Christendom Information Bureau of Nigeria, the Inter Community Relations Award by the Northern Minority Peoples Forum and the Merit Award from the Benue Peoples' Forum.

He is a great instrument of peace, unity and stability within the Christian community in Kano State. Because of his strong commitment to peace and stability and his great influence and acceptance within the Christian community, he was appointed as a Patron of the Center for Inter-Religious Co-existence in Kano state, with the then Kano State Governor and the Emir of Kano, Alhaji Ado Bayero as Grand Patrons.

On 7/4/2013, CITAD4PEACE delegation paid a courtesy visit to the President, Kano Branch of Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) in his office at Calvary Life Ministry, Zungeru Road, Kano. The delegation was given a warm reception by the Bishop.



Having briefed him on CITAD4PEACE which objective is to spearhead peace building and national unity, the cleric expressed appreciation for the visit. His words: "Injustice and inequality are a threat to peace. A minority anywhere is a majority elsewhere. Insecurity is a problem to all Nigerians. I don't believe that the insurgents are fighting for the sake of Islam else they wouldn't have been bombarding mosques. The Bible tells us to follow peace with men."

The Bishop also appreciated and commended CITAD's peace efforts. He said: "Organizations with such good intentions like CITAD are rare. If we have like minds, we'll have peace in this country. CITAD, verily, I commend you, keep it up. I shall log on to your social media platforms and be making inspiring comments on the promotion of peace".

2.9 Use Social Media to Build Society - Sheikh Abdullahi Saleh Pakistan

Sheikh Abdullahi Saleh Pakistan is one of the most influential clerics in Kano. He is the Chief Imam of Rijiyar Lemo Friday Mosque. He is a well respected scholar with large followership especially among the youth.

On 14/5/2015 CITAD4Peace advocacy team took their advocacy to Sheikh Abdullahi Saleh Pakistan at his mosque at Rijiyar Lemo, Fagge Local Government Area of Kano State. The team was led by Malam Ahmad A. Yakasai, who is the Training Coordinator of CITAD. He briefed the scholar on the mission of the team. While welcoming the visitors, the Scholar cautioned the public to use all valid social media platforms to promote peace. He equally cautioned the youth against all forms of violence as such acts were capable of destroying the society.



Sheikh Abdullahi Saleh Pakistan (third from right) being presented with peace publications by CITAD's Programmes Coordinator, Malam Isyaku Garba

2.10 In Peace we Stand - Sheikh Qaribullah Nasiru Kabara

The Qadriyyah Sect is the largest concentration of Sufi adherents in post-colonial Africa. Under the leadership of Khalifa Sheikh Qaribullah, the Qadriyyah has been exposed to the world, while retaining its local roots, using media technologies to spread the message of peace and conflict resolution through mutual dialogue and through well-developed websites and other social media platforms the likes of Facebook, Twitter etc. He ascended to the leadership in 1996 after the death of his father, Sheikh Muhammad Nasir Kabara.

On various peace missions, Khalifa Sheikh Qaribullah Nasir Kabara had paid visits home and abroad. One of these visits was to the offices of the Union of Muslim Organisations in the UK and Eire, where the Khalifa exchanged views with officials about the significance of bringing different Muslim groups together under the same umbrella for peaceful dialogue with other clusters of believers.

This visit highlights how Qadiriyya movement in Nigeria is working towards peace advocacy among the various adherents of Islam, not only in Nigeria, but also in the West African sub-region. The outcome of the visit to the UMO was to highlight the power of unions in religious dialogue.

Another significant peace visit he made was the House of Parliament in London where the Khalifa and his entourage were given exclusive tours of the House of the Lords and the House of Commons.

The Khalifa and his entourage had met with John Robertson, Labour MP who had earlier in 2007 visited Kano and paid courtesy calls to the two Khalifas of the Sufi movements in Nigeria namely Sheikh Qaribullah for



CITAD4Peace team with Sheikh Qaribullah Sheikh Nasiru Kabara at Darul Qadiriyya

Qadriyyah, and Sheikh Isyaka Rabi'u for Tijaniyya on how best to move Nigeria forward through engagement in peaceful dialogue.

Considering the Sheikh's status and significance to CITAD's peace mission, on 5th December, 2014 CITAD4Peace team paid him an advocacy visit at *Darul Qadiriyya* (Qadiriyya Headquarters) headquarters located at Kabara Quarters, opposite the Kano palace.

CITAD Training Coordinator who led the team thanked the Sheikh for the warm reception he gave and briefed him of CITAD4Peace mission and sought his contribution in the promotion of peace in Nigeria especially in the northern region by lending his voice to the call for peace and to speak against violence among the people.

Responding, the Sheikh commended CITAD for its wonderful peace building mission and called on Nigerians to resist call by any cleric to engage in any form of violence. "No religion preaches violence. Terrorism is impelled only by agents of the devil who live by people's

blood. Prophet Muhammad (SAW) preached peace and had ordained Muslims to live peacefully with non-Muslims and had even permitted marriage between followers of other religions like Christianity and Judaism.”

The cleric called on government to provide youths with jobs and other entrepreneurship skills in order to sway them away from taking part in any form of violence. “*An idle mind is the devil's workshop*” the Sheikh added.

At the end of the visit, Sheikh Qaribullah Nasiru Kabara presented some publications he made to CITAD4Peace team and the team also presented CITAD4peace publications he authored.

CHAPTER 3: WOMEN LEADERS

3.1 “We Must End Poverty to Overcome Insurgency”

-Hajiya Salamatu Garba, Executive Director, Women Farmers Advancement Network (WOFAN)

Women Farmers Advancement Network (WOFAN) is a not-for-profit organization registered with the Kano state government as a Community Development Association in 1995. WOFAN provides a wide range of services to rural communities, particularly women and children, towards promoting economic, social and political empowerment and Hajiya Salamatu Garba is the founder/Executive Director of the organization. Since 1995, Salamatu Garba has played a key role in building and directing the functions of the organization.

Salamatu Garba, a former lecturer with Bayero University was an active member of Women in Nigeria (WIN) a foremost gender advocacy organization which not helped in popularizing gender issues but also gave many women organizational experience. Salamatu Garba's experiences in WIN and in the university combined to shape her engagement with issues of rural people that today is a leading voice on rural development and ensure favourable outcomes for women in the farming value chain.

On the 28th of May 2015, CITAD4Peace team paid a peace advocacy visit to her at her WOFAN office along BUK Road, Kano. The team members consist of Malam Ahmad Abdullahi Yakasai, CITAD Training Coordinator, (who led the team), Sufyan Lawal Kabo, Media Officer, Ado Shehu Yakasai, Human Resource Officer, Khadija Ismai'l and Marwanatu Muhammad, Gender Assistants. The visiting team briefed Hajiya Salamatu on the mission of CITAD4Peace which was aimed at contributing towards the restoration of peace in the northern part of Nigeria by getting influential people to lend their voices to the call for peace as well as speak against violence among Nigerians.

In her response, Hajiya Salamatu stated that the two main causes of insurgency in Nigeria were poverty and improper upbringing. She added that until poverty and unemployment issues were addressed

and until parents, especially mothers, adhere to giving good home training to their children, the country will never be free from insecurity threats. "Charity begins at home, therefore, parents, especially mothers should take good care of their children and also monitor them to ensure they don't associate with bad friends," she said. " We must watch our children; where they go, the kinds of friends they move about with and of course their behaviors. She also advised that Instead of promoting violence, youth can achieve their dreams when they remain committed to their careers. As leaders of tomorrow, they have to live by example and shun any form of violence. "I maintain that all religions of the world have similar ideals of peace, love; the same goal of benefiting humanity through spiritual practice, and the same effect of making their followers into better human beings. All religions teach moral precepts. All teach us not to misbehave, shed blood, and so on.



CITAD4Peace team with Hajija Salamatu Garba (middle) in her office during the peace advocacy visit

"We must promote better interfaith understanding so as to create a workable degree of unity among Nigerians. This may be achieved in part by respecting each other's beliefs and by emphasizing our

common concern for human well-being. These two steps will enable us to act both individually and together to create the necessary spiritual conditions for peace.

Finally, she called on Nigerians to go beyond ethnic and religious sentiments or any kind of sentiment in forging bonds of friendship, “as we come together in forging peace in our dear country Nigeria.” Hajiya Salamatu commended CITAD for its peace promotion and other Developmental efforts and promised WOFAN's support for the goals of the CITAD4Peace project.



At the end of the visit, the team presented CITAD's peace advocacy kits to her and which included the publications: “Insurgency and Human Rights in Northern Nigeria” and “Social Media Peace Campaign” as well as a policy brief titled: “Responding to the Plight of Internally Displaced Persons in Northeastern Nigeria”.

3.2 Advocacy Visit to Rahama Women Development Project Office, Bauchi

As part of its peace campaign project, CITAD had also visited Rahama Women Development Project, an age-long established NGO. It was established in 1989 in Bauchi State and works primarily, from inception, in areas of women and youth empowerment. It is also working in the areas of health, education, water and sanitation, civic education, governance, human rights, peace, education and peace building as well as income generation and with an objective that is geared towards social and economic development of women and their families. It also promotes skills development through vocational skills training.

Again, the organization works towards encouraging its members to participate actively in health and health-related activities such as reproductive health and HIV/AIDS education.

During the visit on 10th June, 2015 CITAD was received by Hajiya Hadiza Musa (Programmes Coordinator) of the organization with two other programme officers in persons of Helen R. Jamal and Mrs. Monica. In her response to the CITAD's lead person's speech, Malam Isa A. Garba on ways the community will ensure absolute peace and eradication of insurgent activities hatched by Boko Haram in the Northeast, Hajia Musa stated that such ways included the rehabilitation of youths within the communities affected by the activities of Boko Haram needs thorough study and proper orientation of the youth in order to wipe out the traces of the urge and desire to participate in heinous activities such as those brought about by Boko Haram. Added to this also, is that religious leaders must see themselves as having a vital role to play in disseminating information related to peace campaign and advocating religious teachings on good morals. Skills acquisitions should also serve as a means of avoiding redundancy and drug abuse among youths.

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Mrs. Jamal also admonished that parents are the key actors in the proper upbringing of their children within the stated norms and values of the society so that they become important members of the community in conjunction with religious provisions.

Hear her: "It is a shameful thing for a parent to have a wayward child hence, the need to intensify teaching on morals, strengthening of societal relationships, bearing collective responsibilities regarding societal problems and the proper upbringing of the children."

Making a categorical statement on the need to go back to the drawing board, she cited as an example the 1980s "Maitatsine" saga which was handled with kid gloves and which may have metamorphosed into the current Boko Haram insurgency.

Giving a recipe on how such problems could be tackled, she said poverty and associated political issues must be curbed. Poverty, she noted, is a major factor aiding insurgencies by Boko Haram in the Northeast. The inability to empower the youths in the region, she added, has diverted their attention from the pursuit of their livelihood.

3.3 Peace advocacy visit to Adolescents Health and Information Program (AHIP)

Adolescents Health and Information program (AHIP) is one of the major NGOs in Kano with focus on adolescent issues and working with

young adolescents through the provision of information. It also has a school comprising nursery, primary and secondary schools sections as well as adult education for elderly women. In addition, AHIP is the sponsor of one of the successful basketball teams in Nigeria. It plays in the national division one league.

The leader of AHIP is Mrs. Mairo V. Bello, a former banker and member, national office of the radical women organization, Women in Nigeria (WIN). She is a very influential person not only among women but as a community leader.

As a natural candidate for our peace advocacy, CITAD paid the advocacy visit to AHIP on the 11th of June 2015. The team consisted of four persons, including Malama Khadijah Ismail, Marwanatu Mohammed, Abubakar Yusuf Auyo and Abdullahi Mohammed Mustafa. An introduction was made by Khadijah, where she briefed AHIP management about CITAD, its main goals and objectives.

Malama Marwanatu who led the delegation, explained that the purpose of CITAD visit was to create awareness on the existence of NGOs like CITAD and AHIP as well as to preach, educate and enlighten the society on the need for peace and its importance for our unity. She also thanked her for the good reception.

Marwanatu explained that CITAD is soliciting for her voice in the call for peace. CITAD, with the support from MacArthur Foundation, she said, has embarked on a peace project titled CITAD4peace aimed at peace promotion and national unity, primarily using social media as a veritable tool. She further explained to her about the other components of the project which include, conducting training for civil society organizations' members on the use of social media to promote tolerance, diversity and peace in Northern Nigeria in particular and the country in general, developing and deploying social media platforms to promote tolerance, diversity, and peace as well as to facilitate the formation of peace clubs in secondary schools and tertiary institutions across the region.



CITAD4Peace team in a group photograph with AHIP's Executive Director, Mrs. Mairo V. Bello (fourth from left) at the end of the peace advocacy visit

She added that, it was also part of CITAD objective to enlist influential voices like that of AHIP in order to achieve the objectives of educating the community about peace.

On their part, the AHIP management welcomed CITAD and expressed how grateful they were to have CITAD as their special visitors of the day.

In her statement, the Director AHIP, Hajiya Mairo Bello said that she has always been a champion of peace resolution in Nigeria, explaining that peace as self-control and motivational mechanism towards mutual co-existence in any given community or society is very important.

She observed that lack of or absence of peace does create the problem of mental or psychological instability in the society, describing peace as “a habit that initially starts from our minds and grows into our homes and finally to our societies hence, a change in individual attitude can be considered as a driving force for peace in any given community”.

She concluded by expressing AHIP's gratitude to CITAD for the visit and highlighted some of their main activities to include vacation or training in their centre as their source of income.

CITAD was presented with some of the AHIP's literature, and so were CITAD's publications presented to AHIP at the end of the visit too.

3.4 Mrs. Sheba G. T. Bukar, Zumunta Women of the ECWA Good News Church, Azare

Mrs. Sheba G. T Bukar is the spokesperson of Zumunta Women of the ECWA Good News Church, Misau Road, Azare and Head, Office and Technology Management (OTM) Department at Abubakar Tatari Ali Polytechnic, Azare Campus.

Speaking during the visit on 5th of June 2015, Mrs. Bukar said, for Nigeria to achieve sustainable peace, Nigerians must imbibe religious and ethnic tolerance. "God has created us with our various differences, be it in terms of religion, sect, race, or ethnicity, to be able to live peacefully with one another. The Bible says: We should try and avoid anything violent," she said.



CITAD4Peace team in a group photograph with Mrs. Sheba G.T. Bukar and other member at the end of the peace advocacy visit

At the end of the visit, the team presented CITAD's peace advocacy kits to her which included the publications: Insurgency and Human Rights in Northern Nigeria and Social Media Peace Campaign as well as a policy brief titled: Responding to the Plight of Internally Displaced Persons in Northeastern Nigeria.

3.5 Mrs. Anne Nwadiogo, Diocesan President, Catholic Women Organization, Kano Diocese.



On the 5th of May, 2015, the CITAD4Peace advocacy team paid a peace advocacy visit to Mrs. Anne Nwadiogo, the President, Catholic Women Organization, Kano Diocese, at her office. During the visit, Sufyan Lawal Kabo (CITAD Media Officer), who led the team, explained the purpose of the visit which was to solicit for her voice in the campaign towards the restoration of peace in the troubled Northeastern region of Nigeria and the country at large. Voices of prominent religious leaders like hers, he said, were very important to the CITAD4Peace mission.

Responding, Mrs. Anne Nwadiogo commended CITAD for the wonderful peace restoration project and hailed the idea of using social media as platform for their campaign, which she said had the capacity to reach out to the main targets (youth) with relative ease. She added that it was time Nigerians used the slogan 'change' to change their ways by living in peace with one another. She then pledged her organization's full support for CITAD4Peace efforts and wished it success.

At the end of the visit, the team presented CITAD's peace advocacy kits to Mrs. Nwadiogo. These included publications such as "Insurgency and Human Rights in Northern Nigeria" and "Social Media Peace Campaign" as well as a policy brief titled: "Responding to the Plight of Internally Displaced Persons in Northeastern Nigeria".

3.6 Hajiya Altine Abdullahi , Executive Director, Voice of Widows, Divorcees and Orphans Association of Nigeria (VOWAN)
Voice of Widows, Divorcees and Orphans Association of Nigeria (VOWAN) is one of the most important women organizations in Kano State. It organizes and promotes the interest of women, focusing on the plight of widows, divorcees and orphaned children.



CITAD4Peace team in a group photograph with the VOWAN Executive Director, Hajiya Altine Abdullahi during the peace advocacy visit

Because of the high incidence of divorce in the state, the organization has been at the forefront of seeking solution to this problem and has played significant role in state marriages that the state government had been conducting in the last four years.

As a well-respected organization, the voice of its leader is important in sending out peace message to especially women. On the 11th of June, 2015, CITAD4Peace's advocacy team paid visit to Hajiya Altine Abdullahi, the Executive Director(ED) of Voice of Widows, Divorcees and Orphans Association of Nigeria (VOWAN). The team was led by Mallam Ado Shehu Yakasai who briefed the ED about CITAD4Peace, its goals as well as accomplishments. He described CITAD's visits to individuals and organizations as one of the Centre's most efficient ways of propagating peace in the society.

In her response, Hajiya Altine Abdullahi said her organization was always ready to participate in peace building activities, conflicts

resolution as well as curbing unemployment in the society. She therefore urged the new Nigerian government to do everything possible to reduce the level of unemployment by creating jobs in the society. She also called on other organizations (non-profit, government and private), to emulate CITAD in terms of peace promotion activities.

“The federal government should work with the state governments in the region to develop programs that will address youth unemployment in the region which is the key driver of conflicts resolutions. And the CSOs should set up community sensitization initiatives with a view to mobilizing them to engage in peace building efforts,” she added.

At the end of the visit as usual, the team presented CITAD's peace advocacy kits to her, and these included our publications: Insurgency and Human Rights in Northern Nigeria and Social Media Peace Campaign as well as a policy brief titled: Responding to the Plight of Internally Displaced Persons in Northeastern Nigeria.

3.7 Mrs. Dudu Madugu, Executive Director, Responsible Citizenship and Human Development Initiative

Mrs. Madugu is a women rights activist with a long history of civil society engagements and was one of the civil society delegates to the 2014 National Conference. She has a wide range of experience in the areas of peace building, reconciliation and conflict resolutions. She is the voice of the common people especially the womenfolk of her community.

After she was briefed on the mission and objective of Citad4peace, Mrs. Madugu said she had for a long time been an advocate of peace and worked in various aspects of peace building and conflict resolution. She expressed her fears over the aftermath of the Boko Haram insurgency regarding plans of the government and other stakeholders for both the insurgents and their victims in post-Boko Haram Nigeria.

“There is a serious challenge that may come up after the insurgency,” she said. “Let's take the example of the Civilian JTF in Borno, they are now helping to curb the insurgency, and as a result they now have weapons in their possession and also know how to operate them. After the insurgency, they can become another menace in the society,” she forewarned.

At the end of the visit, the team presented CITAD's peace advocacy publications to Mrs. Madugu, which included *Insurgency and Human Rights in Northern Nigeria* and *Social Media Peace Campaign* and a policy brief titled: *Responding to the Plight of Internally Displaced Persons in Northeastern Nigeria*.

3.8 Madam Hannatu Ibrahim, 'Mama Gombe' Director, Guidance and Counseling for Development Association

Madam Hannatu Ibrahim, 'Mama Gombe', the Director of Guidance and Counseling for Development Association is a woman of immense virtues who has contributed immensely to the development of the people of her Gombe community and the Northeast at large, in gigantic proportions which earned her the sobriquets “Mama Gombe” and “Mama Northeast”.

Speaking during CITAD4Peace's visit to Mama Gombe on 17th June 2015, Kabiru Sa'id Dakata briefed her on CITAD's peace project, what it had achieved and its future plans.

In her response, Madam Hannatu Ibrahim said: “Peace is an issue that should concern each and every one of us in Nigeria. I believe in collective responsibility therefore peace is part of me, it is my life and I will continue to preach peace till the end of my life. Look at the *Alamjirai* that are roaming the streets looking for what to eat while they watch others enjoying good food, riding expensive cars and sleeping in luxurious houses; this situation can hardly support peace. We must have a sense of collective responsibility to achieve peace in the society.” She added that, for Nigeria to achieve lasting peace, the country must fight corruption which she said is one of the major

Causes of insurgency and insecurity in the country. At the end of the visit, the team presented CITAD's peace advocacy kits to her, such as Insurgency and Human Rights in Northern Nigeria and Social Media Peace Campaign and a policy brief titled: Responding to the Plight of Internally Displaced Persons in Northeastern Nigeria.

3.9 Malama Fatima Ahmad, Sisters Forum of Islamic Movement in Nigeria

Malama Fatima Ahmad is the zonal representative of Sisters Forum of Islamic Movement in Nigeria under the leadership of Sheikh Ibrahim Zakzaky. The movement is estimated to have about ten million members, half of which are women.

CITAD4Peace team paid her a peace advocacy visit in her office in Azare, Bauchi state on 7th June 2015. The team briefed her that CITAD has embarked on a peace project titled CITAD4peace aimed at peace promotion and national unity, primarily using social media as a veritable tool. They further explained other components of the project which include conducting training for civil society organizations' members on the use of social media to promote tolerance, diversity and peace in Northern Nigeria in particular and the country in general, developing and deploying social media platforms to promote tolerance, diversity, and peace as well as to facilitate the formation of peace clubs in secondary schools and tertiary institutions across the region.

Speaking during the visit, Malama Fatima said: "As a woman from the Northeast where attacks by insurgents have become an everyday menace, I must raise my voice to tell the world about the history of insurgency in the Northeastern part of Nigeria. We will never forget the abducted Chibok school girls, those impregnated women, and many women who lost their husbands and so were forced into street begging and some into exile. So, the women are at the receiving end of the insurgency as they will be the ones left to train the orphaned

She noted that for the youth to be good future leaders, the society must give them proper attention by shunning individualism, a situation where people are only concerned about the plight of those close to them and therefore do not respect the opinion of followers of other religions and schools of thoughts that are different from theirs.



Malama Fatima Abdullahi (second right) and some members

“Parents should also guide and monitor their children's conduct. The society should also give room for teachers, neighbors, friends, relatives and other members of the society to punish every child accordingly in the same way they will punish their own children,” she advised.

Lastly, she call on the government to provide youths with jobs and other entrepreneurship skills.

3.10 Women are agents of peace says Mrs. Jummai Alhamdu Dr. (Mrs.) Jummai Alhamdu, a lecturer in the Federal College of Education, Kano for about 20 years before joining development work full-time.

She told CITAD: “Currently, I am the Executive Director of a civil society organization, called Women and Youths for Justice and Peace Initiative (WAYJPI).

“My area of interest and specialization in development work includes peace building and conflict resolution, gender and good governance. I have received training in peace building from Croc Institute of Peace

Building Notre Dame (South Bend USA) and West Africa Institute of Peace Building (Accra Ghana) among many others.



*Mrs. Jummai Alhamdu, Executive Director,
Women and Youths for Justice and Peace Initiative (WAYJPI).*

She has worked with many development agencies like USAID Office of Transition Initiatives (USAID/OTI), African Development Foundation (ADF), Catholic Relief Services Nigeria (CRS/Nigeria) and State Accountability and Voice Initiative (SAVI/DFID). She has worked in various positions that include Program Manager, Training and Evaluation Manager, Training Coordinator and Team Leader of the organisation. She is also a consultant with Justice for All (J4A) as the Civil Society's Coordinator (CSOs) in the North. "I work to build the capacity of CSOs, to be strong and vibrant in their work in order to ensure effective and sustainable development", she enthused.

She is an outstanding mentor for many civil society activists and works to enhance the capacity of many CSOs in the North. Her voice finds good reception especially among youth and women in the region.

On Thursday, 20th August, 2015 CITAD4peace team paid a peace advocacy visit to Dr. (Mrs) Jummai Alhamdu at her office located at

Suite B9 Ummi Plaza, Trade Fair Complex, off Zaria Road, Kano. Sufyan Lawal Kabo, who led the team thanked her for the warm reception and also briefed her on the purpose of the visit which was to solicit for her voice and influence in speaking out for peace. Kabo further explained that CITAD, with the support of MacArthur Foundation, has been implementing a programme on the promotion of peace and national unity, primarily using the social media, CITAD4Peace, to purposely contribute to the restoration of peace, especially in the Northern part of the country where Boko Haram insurgency has been ravaging communities.

He also explained other components of the project which include, conducting training for civil society organization members to use social media to promote tolerance, diversity and peace in Northern Nigeria, develop and deploy social media platforms to promote tolerance, diversity, and peace as well as facilitate the formation of peace clubs in secondary schools and tertiary institutions across the region. He then solicited for her support toward CITAD4Peace goal by lending her voice for peace.

Responding, Dr. (Mrs.) Jummai Alhamdu called on Nigerians especially the youth to shun violence, but instead engage in productive ventures and pay attention to their studies so that they can come up with certificates that will help them in their life endeavors.

Her words: "Our youth should use the social media productively. Social media are important tools for the dissemination of vital information that can deter them from engaging in social vices. They should also use the social media for their studies and for productive engagements and interactions.

"I will also call on the youths to shun drug abuse which is a basic problem and the genesis of their misbehavior. They should distant themselves from bad friends and negative peer group members who will always try to influence them on such bad habits.

"Drug addiction has no value to their lives; rather, it destroys them and brings pain and heartache to their families and societies. They should keep away from friends that can lead them to destroy their lives and

properties. They should hold onto their faiths wholly and practice it thoroughly. People of the underworld use many youths to perpetrate evil because they barely learn their faiths deeply.



CITAD Media Officer, Sufyan Lawal Kabo, presenting some peace publications to Mrs. Jummai Alhamdu at the end of the visit

“All religions preach peace and dissuade violence. If people adhere to the teachings of their religions and apply same deeply enough in their ways of lives, this will become their bridge for social development that will build their lives and the society for the betterment of all,” she stated. She said women as agents of peace needed to shun frivolous living and focus more on taking good care of their families and doing well for what will be good for their lives and their communities. Finally, she called on them to relate well in cooperative and empowerment ventures that will increase their productivity and help them to cater for themselves and influence their friends and neighbors on the significance of living a peaceful and productive life.

At the end of visit, like in similar visits, CITAD4Peace team leader handed to Dr. (Mrs.) Alhamdu, a peace advocacy literature containing

publications like: Social Media for Peace Advocacy, Insurgency and Human Rights in Northern Nigeria, Spreading the Word, Creating Hope etc.

3.11 The *Amirah*, Federation of Muslim Women Associations of Nigeria (FOMWAN), Gombe State Chapter

The Federation of Muslim Women Associations of Nigeria (FOMWAN) is the umbrella body of all Muslim women in Nigeria and the CITAD4Peace advocacy team was at FOMWAN's Gombe State office on 17th June, 2015.

Speaking during the visit, Kabiru Sa'idu Dakata, the leader of the team, spoke on the essence of the CITAD4peace project and described FOMWAN as a key to the peace advocacy mission considering its position as the largest umbrella body of Muslim women in the country.

In her response, the *Amirah* expressed her happiness over the visit. "Peace is the backbone of everything; without peace nothing will go well. Therefore what you said you are doing is a part that stands for the whole. I'm also happy that you targeted youth in the project which is very important because if the youth embrace peace, it will be everywhere as they constitute a large and sensitive part of the society's population," she said.

She stated that FOMWAN had since its inception been engaging in peace building activities, adding that CITAD's approach to peace campaign will compliment what FOMWAN had been doing for a long time. "For us in FOMWAN," she said, "peace is very important because as a religious organization we know that without peace there will be no chance of even practicing the religion. I personally can attest to this because when Boko Haram attacked Gombe during the just concluded general elections, they passed through this area and I can recall that on that day, I neither ate nor prayed throughout the day, which taught me that without peace there will be no religious practice."

The *Amirah* stated that peace could only be achieved if there was justice and fairness in the country and expressed her organization's readiness to partner and support CITAD in the peace project. At the end of the visit, the team presented CITAD's peace advocacy kits to her. These included the publications: "Insurgency and Human Rights in Northern Nigeria" and "Social Media Peace Campaign" as well as a policy brief titled: "Responding to the Plight of Internally Displaced Persons in Northeastern Nigeria".

CHAPTER 4: ELDERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

4.1 CITAD4Peace meets with Ambassador (Dr) Yusuf Maitama Sule, Danmasanin Kano



CITAD4Peace members in a pleasant moment with Dr. Yusuf Maitama Sule during the peace advocacy visit paid to him

Dr. Yusuf Maitama Sule is a Nigerian politician, elder statesman, an astute politician, intellectual, acclaimed orator and eloquent diplomat. He was the First Republic's Minister of Mines and Power. In 1976, he became the nation's pioneer Federal Commissioner of Public Complaints. He was appointed Nigeria's representative to the United Nations at the advent of the civilian rule in September 1979. While there, he was Chairman of the United Nations Special Committee against Apartheid.

Speaking during CITAD4Peace's visit, Dr. Maitama Sule said: "Nigerians are said to be the most religious people on earth; yet, they barely practice the full teachings of their religions. Otherwise, the aura of peace would have been perceived everywhere in this country. It would have been a country to emulate in terms of peaceful co-existence and harmony. No religion on earth encourages violence.

All religions teach similar moral values, not even tribalism or sectionalism is entertained in any of these religions. None of them teaches its followers to shed the blood of non-believers. Rather, all religions encourage peace with fellow men.

“Even the most important aspect of Muslim worship, Salat, ends with the word Assalamu Alaikum which translates 'Peace to You All'. The 'All' does not refer to Muslims alone, it refers to mankind.

“Also, Christianity teaches that 'Love thy neighbor as you love thyself'. Therefore I call on Nigerians to follow the teachings of their religions, and there will be peace in the land. All religions teach peace,” he further admonished.

CITAD4Peace's two-hour audience with Dr. Yusuf Maitama Sule on 18/06/2015 was so great, educative and very entertaining. It was more of an interactive session with the elder statesman. During the peace advocacy visit, the former Ambassador gave sermon to Nigerians on how and why they should live peacefully with each other. He sighted the example of how early politicians like the Sardauna of Sokoto, and Premier of the then Northern Nigeria, Sir Ahmadu Bello, Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe and Chief Obafemi Awolowo respected each other unlike the present crop of politicians who go to the extent of encouraging youth to take arms against other party members or leaders.



“To further this prevailing need for unity,” Dr. Maitama Sule said, “I have been calling on Nigerians to embrace peace and shun violence in all forms. Peace education should be promoted at all levels. It is important for us to make peace our priority in Nigeria because that is what we need most at this time. We need a new agenda anchored on peace all over the land. We need peace more than any other thing and therefore, all Nigerians must resolve to shun violence in any form. Authorities concerned, CSOs/CBOs, community and religious leaders should focus more on enlightenment campaigns to promote peace. By so doing, surely we will achieve peace in this great country, Nigeria,” he concluded.

At the end of the visit, the team presented CITAD's peace advocacy publications to him which included, “Insurgency and Human Rights in Northern Nigeria,” “Social Media Peace Campaign” and a policy brief titled: “Responding to the Plight of Internally Displaced Persons in Northeastern Nigeria”.

4.2 Kano State Hisbah Board joined our peace campaign

The Kano State Hisbah Board was established to complement what the police are doing to check indiscipline and other social vices. This includes ensuring peaceful co-existence amongst the citizens of Kano State. With this in mind, the CITAD4Peace advocacy team took its campaign to the Board on Tuesday, 28th January, 2015.

Speaking during the meeting, the Director-General of the Board, Alhaji Abba Sufi, who received the team on behalf of the Board's Chairman, Malam Aminu Ibrahim Daurawa, expressed his appreciation to CITAD for coming up with the idea of building peace in Nigeria.

Briefing the DG on the Citad4Peace project, Kabiru Sa'id Dakata, CITAD's Senior Programmes Officer, explained that CITAD4Peace was a social media-based campaign for peace with several components including students4peace, peace clubs in secondary schools, capacity building for teachers on civic education for peace building at schools

as well as the setting up of community peace committees in various communities.



Responding, Alhaji Sufi commended CITAD for its effort in using social media for peace building which he described as the best medium to target the youth on this matter. He expressed the readiness of the Board to partner CITAD in its upcoming project titled: 'Bringing an end to Begging,' describing begging as another big threat to peace.

4.3 Prof. Abdullarashid Garba: Peace Studies are important in the society

Prof. Abdullarashid Garba is currently the Registrar of National Examinations Council (NECO). He was Deputy Vice-Chancellor Bayero University, Kano. He took an appointment as Co-ordinator of the General Studies Programme at the newly established Northwest University, Kano.

A peace activist, he had presented a peace lecture organized by CITAD at Mambayya House, Kano. When CITAD established the Students for Peace (S4P) at Northwest University, the members of the club had had a natural ally in this personality and decided to visit him.

On 9/5/2014 CITAD4Peace team met him and briefed him about the peace project that CITAD was building as well as the establishment of the S4P at the university. He had already been following the project but the S4P was a new development that he found very interesting. He welcomed the idea and agreed to be a patron of the club in the

personal donation of money to the students to help them carry out some fundamental activities.



Professor Abdulrasheed Garba

Impressed by the project, Prof. Garba incorporated it as a case study in the GSP course on Peace and Conflict Resolution for which all students of the university are required to take up before graduation. This singular act not only helped to popularize peace activism among the students of the university, but also led to the growth and expansion of the NW-S4P.

4.4 Alhaji Faruk Dalhatu, MD Freedom Radio calls on youth to embrace peace and be religious tolerant

Without doubt, Freedom Radio today is one of the most influential radio stations not only in Kano but in the whole of Northwest of the country. With a chain of stations in Kano, Jigawa and Kaduna states, it has an effective coverage of the whole of the Northwest.

As the first private radio station in the region, it has built a reputation of providing space for what cannot be aired in the public radio. This has made it to become the most widely listened radio station in the region. And given its strategic placing therefore, CITAD has always maintained a productive partnership with the radio station, for over three years now. The two have worked together in the popular weekly interactive programme, *A Kasa A Faifai*, which enlightens members of the public on budget processes in the two states of Kano and Jigawa.

With the launch of the peace campaign, CITAD therefore sought to expand the frontiers of the partnership to include peace building programmes. On this, CITAD4Peace on 16/1/2014 paid an advocacy visit to the Managing Director of Freedom Radio, Alhaji Faruk Dalhatu.



CITAD4Peace team in a group photograph with Freedom Radio executive members at the end of the advocacy visit paid to the station

In his remark, CITAD Media Officer, Malam Sufyan Lawal Kabo, who led the team, briefed the Freedom Radio management on the CITAD4PEACE project and its objectives, while Malam Abdulganiyu Rufa'i, the project coordinator, explained some of the components of the projects which included establishing peace clubs in schools and setting up of peace committees in various communities

In response, Alhaji Faruk Dalhatu commended CITAD on its effort for primarily using social media as the best medium to pass their peace messages to particularly the youth. He also commended CITAD's past efforts in the peace campaign, citing the example of the A KASA A FAIFAI, the budget tracking radio program that enlightens the general public on the need to participate in the Kano State budget implementation.

He further stated that Freedom Radio and CITAD had been partnering

on various aspects of development and as usual, assured the visiting delegation of the station's support in the peace campaign, adding that youths are the best vehicles of attaining peace in every society. He therefore called on them to embrace peace and be religion-tolerant.

4.5 Bauchi Ministry of Education partners CITAD

Bauchi State is part of the Northeast region and has been experiencing a rather low intensity of insurgency. It was also here that the first major confrontation between the members of the Boko Haram and the authorities started when they began to attack government targets, beginning with a police station and the Central Prison in Bauchi where they released a number of inmates, including their members who were being held there.

As we extended our peace building activities, CITAD sought it was important to seek the partnership of the State Government to organize Peace Clubs in the state's secondary schools. For this reason, the organization paid a peace advocacy visit to the State Commissioner of Education, Alhaji Ibrahim Muhammad Aminu in his office on May, 21, 2014 in Bauchi, the state capital.

Led by Alhaji Ibrahim Sani, a Board member of CITAD, the team briefed the Commissioner and his staff on the various initiatives CITAD was undertaking, targeting school and communities. Sani thanked the commissioner for the warm reception and also briefed him on the purpose of the visit which was to solicit for his voice in the call for peace. CITAD, with the support from MacArthur Foundation, he explained, has embarked on a peace project titled CITAD4peace aimed at peace promotion and national unity, primarily using social media as a veritable tool. He further explained to him about the other components of the project which include, conducting training for civil society organizations' members on the use of social media to promote tolerance, diversity and peace in Northern Nigeria in particular and

the country in general, developing and deploying social media platforms to promote tolerance, diversity, and peace as well as to facilitate the formation of peace clubs in secondary schools and tertiary institutions across the region.

To underline the seriousness with which the Ministry accords the partnership, the Commissioner designated Mr. Joshua Kushe, a deputy director in the Ministry to be the CITAD Desk Officer with the responsibility of coordinating the activities of the partnership between CITAD and the Ministry as well as providing a point of contact for CITAD liaisons with the ministry.

This brings to three the number of partnerships CITAD had entered with ministries of education in relations to the peace activities in schools. Since then peace clubs have been established in 15 secondary schools in the state.

4.6 A zauna lafiya don samun ci gaba (Live in peace for it is the bedrock of development) says the Sarki

Sabon Gari market is the largest multi-purpose market not only in Kano State, but also in Northern Nigeria. Unlike Kwari or Dawanau markets which are for specific items, Sabon Gari, officially called Muhammadu Abubakar Rimi Market, really answers to the adage for Kano, which is Tumbin Giwa. It is also where traders from all parts of the country and beyond trade their wares.

Besides its cosmopolitan nature, the market is strategically located on the boundary of the two local government areas of Fagge and Nassarawa in Kano metropolitan area. Sabon Gari is inhabited mainly by people from the Southern part of the country, mostly the Igbo, while Fagge was originally a settlement for people from Northern part of the country and the neighbouring countries.

Nassarawa is largely a government reservation area where the rich and highly placed Nigerians live and next to it, is the industrial district of Bompai, a predominantly workers settlement of Brigade, Dakata and Tudun Wada. As a result of this, the interface that Sabon Gari Market possesses had seen it create many ethnic and religious conflicts in the past.



A side view of the Sabon Gari Market

This is why we decided to take our advocacy to the market and engage the people on the peace building efforts. The team decided to visit Alhaji Nafi'u Nuhu Indabo, the Sarkin Kasuwar Sabon Garin Kano (Market Chief) in his office at the market on 5th March, 2014.

Alhaji Nafi'u Nuhu Indabo along with some of his key officials warmly received the team. After being briefed about the mission of the team, he declared that he had already become the Peace Ambassador in Sabon Gari Market. He observed that there can be no development and progress without peace, and therefore called on all Nigerians irrespective of their ethnic or religious cleavages to live in peace with one another.

He particularly called on traders to realize that without peace, there can be no business activities. He then promised to relay the message of the campaign to the traders in the market and order them to also

relay back in their respective places of residence. “Peace is everything” the Alhaji Indabo continues. It is what made us to live together with the Igbos and other tribes that have been doing business in this market for centuries without any hitch. This is to tell you that all the conflicts that are now arising are handiwork of the evil ones who live by the sword. We need to unite in order to fight these enemies of humanity. We may be speaking different languages , but the language of peace is understood by all and sundry. Today, the world has turned into a global village and we should embrace each other for global peace and interfaith harmony.”

The Sarki sighted example with his deputies (men from other tribes) and other traders whom they’ve been living together with at the Sabon Gari market for over a decade in peace.

Finally, Alhaji Nafi’u Indabo commended CITAD4Peace mission and promised to be a ambassador to it.

The team thanked Alhaji Indabo for the warm reception accorded them and handed him copies of advocacy materials, urging the traders to embrace the use of social media for both peace building and for the marketing of their goods.



CITAD4Peace team in a group photograph with the Sarki of Sabon Gari market Alhaji Nafi'u Nuhu Indabo and his officials at his office during the peace advocacy visit

4.7 Working for Peace: The Example Of American University In Nigeria And Adamawa Peace Council

On 13th March, 2014, I was in Yola, Adamawa State on a peace building experience sharing visit during which we were hosted by the management of the American University in Nigeria (AUN) and officials of the Adamawa Peace Council (an interfaith initiative working to ensure that peace is maintained in the state). Adamawa State is one of the three states under emergency rule and its northern tip, bordering Yobe and Borno States has been repeatedly under attack from the insurgents, resulting in the death of many people. Thousands of people have been displaced, and are now living in both formal and informal refugee camps both within and outside the country. There is an acute humanitarian crisis as lives of those displaced have been disrupted and they hang on to virtually nothing.

The Adamawa Peace Council and the AUN are engaged in a joint peace building effort to secure the peace of not only Yola, the immediate host community of the university but also for the whole state. The efforts concretized the concept of the gown meeting the town in a symbiotic partnership that should be a model for other universities, and indeed all institutions of higher learning to emulate.

The Peace work of the two rests on six pillars. These pillars derive from the philosophy of the university which is to set itself as the first development university in the country where students are trained to understand and solve problems in accordance with their deepest values and beliefs, using interdisciplinary approach to education. This philosophy commits the university to helping its community and society achieve equitable and sustainable prosperity, where all have the freedom and opportunity to pursue their dreams, based on respect for the traditions, religion and cultural heritage of the students.

The university is helped in this by its huge investment in information and communication technology (ICT) infrastructure. It has one of the best data centre in the world, an award winning e-library, a fully

wireless campus and huge bandwidth that allows it to give to a number of places in its host environs. To underscore the seriousness with which it regards its huge ICT investment, it was able to poach the West African Regional manager of CISCO, the leading networking equipment and e-learning company, to be its Chief Information Officer. All classes, laboratories, theaters, hotels, and indeed all facilities are not only connected to a wireless network but are ICT compliant and managed with 24-hour electricity supply.

Not surprising the first pillar of the peace initiative leverages this excellent ICT infrastructure. Noting that unemployment is one of the causative factors for youth restiveness, a push factor for recruitment into the camps of insurgency, the ICT-based entrepreneurship training of Adamawa Peace Council and AUN seeks to turn vulnerable youth to job creators. In this work, the Adamawa Peace Council has the responsibility of discovering and recommending vulnerable for the 8-week training that the university provides free for them. The youth learn basic ICT skill, and then advanced skills along with entrepreneurship training to make then set up small scale businesses. So far, over 2000 such youth have been trained under the programme.

The second pillar connects the university students with pupils of secondary schools in the state. This programme code-named STELLAR (Student Empowered through Language, Literacy and Arithmetic) a mentoring programme. With STELLAR, the university helped to establish science and technology clubs in secondary schools and use its students as mentors to the pupils, teachers and motivators. Each student of the university works with a group of four to five pupils enhancing them in math, sciences and languages. The idea is to help in getting pupils to appreciate the sciences and be motivated to learn and make their grades in WAEC and NECO so that they could gain admission to higher institutions and read the sciences, thus helping to overcome the current shortage of science and technology graduates not only in the state but in the country generally. Apart from the knowledge the pupils gain, they are also motivated to develop strong desire for university education. So far over 60 such clubs have been established.

STELLAR has added a leading library, assisted students to author over 50 original children books and has translated a dozen of them into Hausa, Fulfulde and other languages. It is also complemented by another project called JOLLYPHONIC which is a reading training tool developed by Jolly Phonics Corporation of UK. The motivation for this was the realization of that a lot of students in public schools do not know how to read. Under it, teachers are trained on how to use the tool to teach reading for pupils of primary schools. On the surface, this does not look like a peace initiative. The aim however is to overcome the reading difficulties of the pupils. The inability of pupils to read and write means that they are unlikely to be admitted into a university or any higher institution and will find it difficult to get a job. Without jobs and education, they are potential recruits for those who are committed to unleashing violence on the society. Therefore jollyphonics strikes at the potential recruitment base of insurgency. In the project, the university trains, monitor and evaluate pupils' progress while Jolly Learning provides the textbooks, classroom materials and teacher training.

The fourth plank is JAMB tutoring programme. Here students of the university provide coaching on writing JAMB examination for prospective candidates. This is a free service to the community whose objective is to assist candidates pass with the requisite grades for admission to higher institutions. Like STELLAR, the tutoring is done in the campus, thus introducing the candidates to a university life with the aim of motivating them to aspire to get a place. The tutoring also helps the university students to deepen their understanding of their subjects and provide with a leadership training opportunity.

Pillar number five connects the university with members of the host community directly. This is the valuables from waste project. Driven by the Office of Sustainability of the university, the Yola EcoSentials is built around three r's- reducing, reusing and recycling waste. It is a venture created to recycle discarded materials into valuable art goods such as purses, mats, handbags and wristlets while reducing the consumption

of such wasting resources as paper, water sachets, etc. As a wireless campus, its electronic marking system means that paper is not used for examinations.

The sixth pillar has two components. Peace through sports organizes youth in the various communities into sporting clubs and regularly host competitions among them. For now the focus is on football and basketball but there are plans to develop other sports. Motivational prizes are mobilized from within the university and community. The sporting engagements help to reduce idleness and socialize the youth into competitive and cooperative spirits. The second strand is the Annual Yola Peace Day, celebrated usually as part of the graduation ceremony of the university. These are spaces for people from all parts of the country to come and share ideas and experience on promoting peace in the society.

To complement these regularized programmes, the university and the Adamawa Peace Council have recently launched a drive for mobilizing relief materials to be distributed to displaced persons. In this, the two are collaborating with the Centre for Women and Adolescent Empowerment, a Yola based NGO which has set up a relief distribution outlet at Mubi, northern Adamawa. The materials mobilized by the two are to be taken to Mubi at the end of this March and is to be continued. A new initiative also is in the cooking, focused on attending to the problems of almajirai in the community.

Although my visit was for one-day only, it was pack-full of activities. We had gone round various facilities in the university, talked to different project coordinators and spoke with several beneficiaries of both the ICT-training and STELLAR. We observed JAMB tutoring and Jollyphonic classes. We saw students in action, visited sites of the valuables from waste project, took souvenir of some of the products from recycled discards. We ended up for a dinner with officials of the Peace Council who had just returned from a 2-week Interfaith Peace-Building workshop organized by the Tony Blain Faith Foundation in the UK. I also had discussed with Turai Abdulkadir of Women and

Adolescent Empowerment who runs the relief distribution outlets in Mubi with a view to linking up with her in our own efforts at mobilizing and channeling relief materials.

The one-day was quite enriching for me. CITAD4Peace, the project I work for has established students for peace (Students4Peaces) in various tertiary institutions across five states and peace clubs in secondary schools in three states. In our conception, these two were two parallel initiatives. In Yola, I found the meeting point of the two by having the students of AUN (the equivalent of our S4P members) tutoring and mentoring pupil-members of the science and technology clubs (the equivalent of our Peace Clubs in secondary schools). I have found the equivalent of our ICT-based entrepreneurship but done in much closer collaboration with the community than ours. I was able to discuss possible routes for conveying relief materials and safe houses for temporary storage of these. In have also, more importantly, seen how community and university work on common goal and in synergy.

I came back happy that I made the trip and more convinced of the line of advocacy that I had been pushing that peace building is a primary responsibility of members of the community. I have seen it working in Yola.

By the time I was going to Yola, my impression of AUN was here was an elitist enclave in Nigeria. No doubt its fees are beyond the reach of ordinary citizens but the quality of education given, the type of life changing experience that the students undergone, the infrastructure and facilities available and above all, the spirit of the university sharing its resources and endowment with its host community, are positives that are lacking in other Nigerian universities. In the end, the income of the university only goes to pay for just about 25% of its expenditure need and therefore it is heavily subsidized by its founder. The partnership between the university and the Adamawa Peace Council is a compelling story that needs to be told and shared with as many so that we could all be inspired to do even more for peace to reign in our communities and the country.

4.8 "The Child Belongs To Every One" - Rahama Radio

Rahama Radio is one of the new private radio stations in Kano. The station was established in 2013 and transmitting on 97.3 FM in Kano metropolis. The Managing Director of Rahama Radio is Hajiya Binta Sarki Mukhtar, a woman leader, a professional and philanthropist. She is no doubt an influential voice in the media industry and the business world of Kano. Indeed, to head such a strategic information outlet as Rahama Radio, means providing an important avenue for moulding public opinion. CITAD therefore found it imperative to engage her with view to deepening the existing cordial relationship between the station and CITAD, especially in the area of peace building programmes.



On 5th July, 2015, CITAD4Peace paid her a peace advocacy visit, during which Sufyan Lawal Kabo led the team. He explained to her the purpose of the visit as well as other components of the project which include having peace clubs at secondary schools and tertiary institutions, visiting traditional leaders, religious clerics, stakeholders, periodic publications on peace etc.

Receiving the delegation on behalf of the Managing Director of the station, Shamsu Abdullahi Kademi of the commercial unit welcomed the initiative, saying it was timely, considering the current situation of

the society. He said Rahama Radio gives emphasis to societal re-orientation as such, their input will be obtained.

Kademi observed that if the society could flashback to the practice of yesteryears when 'a child belongs to everyone', the societal problems as being witnessed today will be drastically reduced and peace will be for all.

Kabo then handed some peace publications of CITAD4PEACE to Mallam Kademi who promised that the radio station will make use of them for the benefit of the listening audience.

4.9 Aminu Garba Sidi, Bauchi Christian-Muslim Peace Movement

On 15th June 2015 CITAD's peace advocacy team was also at the Bauchi Christian-Muslim Peace Movement office in Bauchi, Bauchi State. The team which was led by Isa Garba was received by Aminu Garba Sidi, the coordinator of the movement. During the visit, the team leader gave a brief history of CITAD as well as its efforts in mobilizing youth for peace and harmony in the country.



From left: Executive Director, Christians-Muslims Peace Movement, Alhaji Aminu Garba Sidi, CITAD's Coordinator, Bauchi Office, Isa Garba and a member of CMPM

In his response, Aminu Sidi said the idea for the establishment of the movement was born out of the sudden eruption of religious crisis in Tafawa Balewa Local Government Area of the state, which led to the loss of many lives, adding that the platform has provided avenue for both Christians and Muslims to have interactive fora as a means of preventing future recurrences of such ugly incidents. "Without peace, there will be no development and without development there will be no peace," he said.

At the end of the visit, the team presented CITAD's peace advocacy kits to him and which, as usual, included publications like, "Insurgency and Human Rights in Northern Nigeria" and "Social Media Peace Campaign" as well as a policy brief titled: "Responding to the Plight of Internally Displaced Persons in Northeastern Nigeria".

4.10 Goron Sallah for the Wamban Katagum

The two days following Sallah celebrations are usually observed by visits and exchange of gifts in Hausaland. CITAD decided, on 19th July, 2015 to take an unusually Sallah gift to the Wamban Katagum, Alhaji Aminu Saleh (GON). This was a peace advocacy visit. Led by its Executive Director, the CITAD Team met the Wambai in his House in Azare, Katagum Local Government of Bauchi State.

It is indeed, an understatement to say that the Wambai is a peace Ambassador. As a former Secretary to the Federal Government, he was a member of the Group set up by the Federal Government in 2013 to establish contact with the Boko Haram insurgents and explore the possibility of direct talks between them and the government. In addition, he was personally affected when the insurgents, on the 26th of September, 2012 gunmen attacked his House and killed two policemen. Earlier, his close associate, Jarman Katagum, had also been killed by the group. But there was something we wanted the Wambai to do, which was to speak out as a community leader for the people to take the responsibility of securing their communities by making their contributions as peace makers.

He gave us a warm welcome and as usual, the house was full with other guests, among who were a popular religious leader who runs a

weekly radio programme on Freedom Radio, Dutse and the Dallatun Fika, a key title holder in Fika Emirate of Yobe State. This, therefore, turned out to be one advocacy hitting at several targets at the same time for us.



We briefed the Wambai and his audience about the CITAD Peace Project, including details about its various components such as the peace clubs, the Students for Peace (S4P) initiative and the newly added component of cattle tracking information system. We needed him to add his voice as a community leader to peace building efforts.

The Wambai then thanked us for the visit, not failing to acknowledge that he had always associated himself with CITAD. He explained that the situation was related to both the crisis in education and employment and that states in the Northeast should participate in the project in order to quickly address their educational problems. He loves talking about education and this day he was at his best and offered his suggestions.

First, we must question ourselves on why we have the long vacations (he explained this was meant for the colonial education officers to travel by sea back to their country, spend a couple days for the holiday and return to work as it took more than a month for the ships to reach UK from Lagos). He argued that cutting the holiday short would give us

An extra semester and thus reduce the number of years students have to spend before graduating.

Second, he suggested, as a way of tackling shortage of Science teachers, a crash programme for the conversion of the non-Science teachers to Science teachers should be arranged. He said when Murtala regime faced the problem of shortage of telecommunication technicians in the country, he suggested for a crash programme, taking failed schools leavers and giving them a six-month training to sit the City and Guilds exams that resulted in the setting up of the Post and Telecommunications Training Schools in Oshodi, Kano, Kaduna and Bauchi. It was also the same reasoning that led to the Pivotal Teacher Training programme in which secondary school leavers were made to spend one year at a Teachers' College to take the Grade 2 examination. This was successful in producing more qualified teachers. Both of these experiments were a huge success and he thought we could learn from them.

His third suggestion was that in spite of our linguistic differences and the politics surrounding the choice of language of instruction in schools, we must return to mother tongue as the language of learning. He explained that this was why countries like Malaysia, Pakistan, China and a host of others have been successful in domesticating Science, which has remained alien to us. He then asked the following question: "Is the pupil in the classroom trying to understand the English Language or the subject that is being presented in English Language? In the end, he neither could master either," the Wambai quipped. He shrieked at the fact that a single classroom now, accommodates over 120 pupils!

His fourth suggestion was that any major intervention should be parallel to the ministries of education which he argued, have been part of the problem and therefore cannot be part of the solution. Bringing them on board will only give them opportunity to think of how they would nest their interests in the bargain. Again, his was an idea that was tested when he was in government as the Secretary to the Federal Government at the time retired General Muhammadu Buhari was made to head the Petroleum Trust Fund (PTF) which ran parallel to ministries and delivered very well in the areas of health, education and roads.

We ended the visit by giving him the new publications of CITAD and condoled with him over the death of his last born, a son, who died in Egypt two weeks earlier.

4.11 Peace Building: a Task for All

- Miyetti Allah Kautal Hore Association, Zamfara State Chapter
Miyetti Allah Kautal Hore Association of Nigeria is an organization of Cattle Breeders in Nigeria. It was registered as an NGO but is now more of a Livestock Producers' Organization. The board of trustees consist five emirs: the Sultan of Sokoto, the Emir of Kano, Emir of Katsina, the Emir of Zazzau, and the Lamido of Adamawa. It was registered as a charitable organization in 1986 and it has been in existence for close to 28 years now. It is the largest Fulani organization in Nigeria, representing more than 9 Million Fulani herdsmen and nomads throughout Nigeria. It has the largest Fulani online platform *Zone Fulbe* with more than 167,000 active members.



CITAD Media Officer, Sufyan Lawal Kabo presenting CITAD4Peace peace publications to the Secretary of Zamfara State chapter of Miyetti Allah in Gusau

Cattle Rustling is among the serious problems *Miyetti Allah Kautal Hore* is addressing. Cattle Rustling prevalence has been widespread, particularly in the northern part of the country where cattle rearing is a major means of livelihood for many. Recent developments tend to have implicated cattle rustling in the rising wave of violence in northern Nigeria.

Some of the consequences of cattle rustling include loss of cattle by rearers and frequent conflicts with loss of lives, loss of GDP by affected states and high social costs to both individuals and the nation.

Assisting in curbing this phenomenon, the Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD) under the CITAD4Peace project has been conducting another wing of peace promotion programme titled Using Social Media to address Cattle Rustling. CITAD has been working with other civil society organizations and Fulbe associations in the establishment of network of volunteers to work with in this phase.

Workshops and trainings are being conducted for civil society and Fulbe members on Cattle Rustling. The CSOs are being briefed on CITAD effort for the establishment of a National Cattle Rustling Information System (CaTRIS) whose objectives include providing cattle rearers with training on use of ICTs to prevent/track cattle rustling, provision of reporting mechanism etc while the Fulbe members are being trained on how they can receive rustling attempt alerts, track stolen cattle and send instant reports using simple phone coding. Alongside, the rearers are being taught how to take, send pictures and make instant alert messages via phone apps like *Watzapp* and *Imo* to groups created for such purposes.

So far, three workshops have been conducted in Zamfara, Bauchi and Kaduna States.

It was after the Zamfara State workshop on Cattle Rustling held on 12th June, 2015 that CITAD decided to pay a peace advocacy visit to office of the state's chapter of Miyetti Allah Kautal Hore Association situated along Sadi Saad road, Gusau, Zamfara state.

The state Chairman, represented by his Secretary, Alhaji Muhammadu Abdullahi and other officials of the organization warmly received the visiting team led by CITAD Media Officer, Sufyan Lawal Kabo who explained to him the purpose of the visit. His words: "... our visit to Zamfara state is to conduct a workshop on Using Social Media to Fight Cattle Rustling therefore deemed it necessary to pay an advocacy visit to your reputable office in order to canvass support. In this context, Miyetti Allah Kautal Hore as an influential Fulani socio-cultural association is the first place we thought we should visit..."

Responding, Alhaji Muhammadu Abdullahi thanked CITAD for her patriotic contribution toward curbing the incessant menace of cattle rustling evading the region. "...cattle rustling might be a national problem but it dearly affects us more. This is an adversity that so much concerns us because both the actors and victims are always the Fulanis. We've been restless since the time cattle rustling issues persists: We've been meeting with government, Fulbe organizations, other stakeholders and volunteers over this and God's willing, we are hoping that it will soon come to an end." I called on Nigerian government and other well meaning Nigerians to assist the Fulanis in the fight against cattle rustling and address the unending issue of cattle rearers/farmers rear for it is deeply eating on the rearing culture of the Fulani ethnic group thus causing a serious setback to our economy and peaceful co-existence of our dear country." Abdullahi also stated that the federal government must to revisit the *Burtali* (nomadic routes) in order to bring an end to such incessant conflicts.

Finally, the team presented some peace publications to the chairman and the visit came to an end.

The delegation was warmly received by the Executive Director of the company, Alhaji Hamisu Lamido Iyantama, an Actor, Producer and Writer. Briefing him on the CITAD4PEACE project, Sufyan Lawal Kabo, also explained its objectives and some of the components of the projects which include establishing peace clubs in schools and setting up of peace committees in various communities.

Responding, Iyantama, on behalf of Iyantama Multimedia, expressed happiness over CITAD's efforts toward peace promotion, primarily using Social Media which he said is the best medium for targeting youths. He added: "For our country to get to the Promised Land, Nigerians, especially our youth, must embrace peace and love one another," he stated. During the visit, Alhaji Iyantama assured the delegation of his support and willingness to partner with CITAD in the promotion of peace in our dear country.

5.2 Our youth must be given good education for them to shun ungodly clerics. -Ali Jita, popular musician



Ali Isa Jibrin is a popular singer, songwriter, record producer, and actor. Called Ali Jita, his contributions to Hausa music, along with his style of music brought him fame and even made him a figure in the popular tradition for over a decade among the Hausa people of West Africa.

His vocals were often accompanied by live drums and piano beats. He is currently one of the best performing artistes and a house-hold name in the region. His films include *Gimbiya*, *Bakandamiya*, *Kishi*, *Murmushin Alkawari*, *Zaman Aure* and lately Garin Gimba. As a young artiste born in 1983, he has become very popular with the youth and commands a huge following.

On Wednesday, 8th July, 2015, CITAD4peace team paid a peace advocacy visit to this veteran musician called Ali Isa Jibrin (Ali Jita), at his musical studio located at Gidan Dan Asabe, Zoo Road, Kano. CITAD Media Officer, Sufyan Lawal Kabo, who led the team thanked Ali Jita for the warm reception and also briefed him on the purpose of the visit which was to solicit for his voice and influence in speaking out for peace.

Kabo further explained that CITAD has, with the support of MacArthur Foundation, been embarking on the project with sole aim of promoting peace and national unity, primarily using the social media, CITAD4Peace, to contribute to the restoration of peace, especially in the Northern part of the country where Boko Haram insurgency has been ravaging communities. He also explained other components of the project which include conducting training for civil society organizations' members on the use of social media to promote tolerance, diversity and peace in Northern Nigeria, developing and deploying social media platforms to be used to promote tolerance, diversity, peace and to facilitate the formation of peace clubs in secondary schools and tertiary institutions across the region. He then ended his speech with a call on Ali Jita for his support through lending his voice as a popular celebrity towards achieving

Responding, Ali Jita thanked the team for the visit and pledged his full support to CITAD4peace. He urged all Nigerians especially the youth to embrace peace because without peace, nothing is achievable. "One great factor that is causing unrest especially in the Northern part of Nigeria is the high level of ignorance among youth. No educated youth will offer himself to any bad politician or fake cleric to be used as political thug or even end up killing himself in the name of martyrdom," he observed.

At the end of the meeting, the team leader presented some peace publications to Ali Jita.

5.3 Alhaji Kabiru Maikaba, Kannywood Film Actor

Alhaji Kabiru Maikaba, a trained nurse, found his talent in acting while still in the service of Bayero University, Kano. He acted several films which endeared him to the public and in 2006 resigned his appointment with the university to devote his time to the creative industry. A respected actor, he is always a crowd puller. Among the films he acted are: *Bakan Dabo*, *Tsaka Mai Wuya*, *Nusaiba*, *Namaliya* among others

CITAD4PEACE's advocacy team paid a visit to this veteran Kannywood film actor, Alhaji Kabiru Maikaba at his office in Kano on . The advocacy team was led by Sufyan Lawal Kabo who explained the purpose of the visit as well as the various components of the project which included peace advocacy visits to traditional leaders, religious leaders and other stakeholders as well as the formation of peace clubs in tertiary institutions and secondary schools.



CITAD Media Officer, Sufyan Lawal Kabo (left) presenting some peace publications to Alhaji Kabiru Maikaba at the end of the peace advocacy visit

In his response, Alhaji Kabiru Maikaba expressed gratitude to CITAD4Peace team for the visit and commended for their peace promotion effort using the social media and other means to pass their message across. He called on Nigerians especially the youth to embrace peace and also advised them to use all means, particularly

for unnecessary things. “Youth own the social media. They should use them to promote peace. It is their era,” he further advised.

At the end of the visit, the team presented CITAD's peace advocacy materials to him. These included publications like, “Insurgency and Human Rights in Northern Nigeria” and “Social Media Peace Campaign” as well as a policy brief titled: “Responding to the Plight of Internally Displaced Persons in Northeastern Nigeria”.

5.4 “Without Peace, no Development” Says Atete

Actress Halima Atete won the best Actress award in 2014. A popular star, she has featured in many films. With an unblemished career, she is a toast for young film watchers. CITAD set out to meet joining this Kannywood Peace Ambassador and she did not disappoint us. On the 5th of January, 2014, a team of CITAD4Peace paid her a peace advocacy visit. Led by CITAD's Media Officer, Sufyan Lawal Kabo, the team met her at a film shooting location where she wished to meet with them.

The team explained to her the purpose of the visit which was to enlist her voice in the campaign for peace. Sufyan explained that CITAD was



CITAD4Peace team with the popular Halima Atete during the peace advocacy visit paid to her at a film shooting location

out to mobilize citizens to realize that peace was a collective responsibility for which all have to make their contribution. He said while using social media to campaign for peace, CITAD had been visiting a number of influential people such as her very self to add to the voice for peace.

Actress Atete welcomed the team and expressed delight that she was considered worthy of being called a peace ambassador. She believes that peace is something that is necessary for the growth of the society. In her words: "Without peace, there won't be development," adding, "I would like to use this opportunity to call on Nigerians to embrace peace so as to ensure the country's unity and development."

She assured the team of her support and was ready to join in any peace activity that CITAD would be organizing.

5.5 ALA calls on youth to shun all forms of violence

Aminu Ladan Abubakar (Ala) was born in Yakasai Quarters of Kano City in 1973. Hear him speak: "I started my academic quest with the Islamic education, called the 'Muhammadiyah education', as it is traditional with most Hausa communities to first attend the Qur'anic or Arabic schools from the very beginning. I then attended Tudun Murtala Primary School Kano, after which I was enrolled into Government Secondary School, Kawaji, Dakata also in Kano, finishing in 1992. "Upon completing my secondary education, I immediately engaged myself with creative writing and found a lot of pleasure in writing fiction stories also known as romantic literature," he told CITAD.

A prolific writer, ALA has written and published nine (9) books so far, among which are '*Jirgi Daya*' and '*Ceto Ko Cuta*' which was sponsored and published by *A Daidaita Sahu*, the societal reorientation agency of Kano State Government.

A famed singer, he started song writing at the early stage of his life, and the society was quick to find an idol in this talented singer.

The CITAD4Peace team consisted of Malam Sagir Abubakar, Malam Abdulganiy Rufa'i, Malam Danbalarabe and Sufyan Lawal Kabo, who together, paid him a peace advocacy visit on 4th January, 2014 at his office in Kano. The team led by Sufyan Lawal Kabo, explained its mission which was to enlist Ala in the peace campaign, noting that his music resonated well with the people in the North.



CITAD4Peace team in a group photograph with the popular Hausa Musician, Aminu Ladan Abubakar (ALA) at the end of the peace advocacy visit

"Malam Sufyan, your medium is surely a good source for people especially the youths who need to be liberated from the shackles of ignorance, and misconceptions. In today's world, social unity cannot be achieved without timely, accurate, relevant guidance and I see CITAD's effort as one of the best agents of promoting PEACE!"

The above statement was made by Aminuddeen Ladan Abubakar, popularly known as Aminu Ala, a highly respected Hausa singer and novelist. Ala who was vividly very enthusiastic about the project, called on youth, as leaders of tomorrow, to live by example and shun any form of violence and embrace PEACE in the interest of the country. He also urged them not to allow themselves to be used as political thugs, expressing his appreciation and willingness for the partnership.

5.6 I Sign for Peace. - Sani Danja



Sani Danja is a household name when it comes to Kannywood and music in Northern Nigeria. Reputable for his unique costumes and Indian-style song-and-dance routines, the 'Danja' in his name has been with him since childhood because he's said to be stubborn and resilient. He is one of the few to have made success in both Kannywood and Nollywood.

A star wing of 'Two Effects', a super production company, Sani Danja is said to be a hit-promoter of any film he stars in. He played a lead role in the English-version of *Wasila*, a super hit movie produced by Lerawa Film Productions, Kaduna. Sani Danja's success in the industry has been widely praised. He featured in many home and international movies and he is one of the producers/actors who revolutionized the *Kannywood* movie industry.

In its effort to promote peace in the country, on this day 2/1/2014, a team from the Centre of Information Technology and Development (CITAD) under the CITAD4PEACE project, in persons of Sufyan Lawal Kabo, Kabiru Sa'idu Dakata and Khadija Ismai'il paid a courtesy visit to the famous celebrity, Sani Danja at his Badawa Layout residence.

The purpose of the visit was to partner with him toward contributing a voice in the on-going CITAD4PEACE project.

In his response, Sani Danja expressed contentment and appreciation to CITAD for involving him in the project. He expressed willingness to partner with CITAD and assured of his support towards this patriotic objective, adding that the culture of peace can only be achieved by ensuring social justice and fundamental human rights.

5.7 From this moment, consider me part and parcel of this peace movement. - Shehu Hassan Kano

Shehu Hassan Kano is a trained-teacher-turned journalist and actor. He has featured in many radio documentaries including the BBC Media Action series as well in many films in the Kannywood. He runs a hugely popular weekly interactive radio programme , *Mukyakyata* on Freedom Radio that is listened to by a large audience of both young and old, men and women. This made us to target him as a Peace Ambassador.

In its promotion effort, on 14th March, 2014, CITAD delegation led by its Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Malam Isyaku Garba paid visit to this prominent Hausa movie actor in his office. He received the team warmly with his usual banTERS.

Malam Garba explained that they were in his place to enlist his support in the campaign for the restoration of peace in the Nigerian communities. He said voices like his which are well recognized and respected, would be useful in mobilizing people to contribute to the peace building efforts initiated by CITAD as well as to dissuade youth from engaging in violent activities. In particular, the team would like him to be using his Facebook profile to be passing peace messages across.

He responded by first by thanking CITAD for deeming him worthy of visit and enlisting in their peace campaign, noting that Kano City had gone through bad times over the years and that it was important for all hands to be on deck to give peace a chance. He also volunteered to

join the campaign by using his social media platform to pass peace message as suggested by the team. His parting words were: "From this moment, consider me part and parcel of this peace movement."



CITAD Programme Coordinator, Malam Isyaku Garba presenting peace publications to the famous actor, Shehu Hassan Kano at the end of the visit

5.8 CITAD4Peace crossed the historic Wudil River to see Alhaji Rabilu Musa (Ibro)

Rabilu Musa (Dan-Ibro) was born in 1971 and attended Danlasan Primary School and Teachers College Wudil for his secondary school education. He joined Nigerian Prisons Service in 1991 and rose to the rank of Inspector. He joined the Film Industry as a comic actor in 1999, although he took acting as a career from JSS 3. A highly popular and effective comedian, he deployed his humor for social advocacy and in the process engaged even the authorities. As a result, he was jailed several times by the Kano State Government for acting in movies believed to be violating the censorship rules in Kano.

Dan Ibro is believed to have acted in more movies than any present Kannywood actor. Popular among his movies are *Oga Abuja*, *Maja*, *Doctor Ebola*, *Hassana da Hussaina*, *Wuta Sallau* and many others. Ibro was 43 years old until his death on the 9th of December, 2014.

On 13/3/14, CITAD team paid an advocacy visit to Dan Ibro. This popular and multiple award winning comedian was met at his Wudil Residence. The purpose of the visit was to solicit his support on the ongoing CITAD4PEACE project whose objectives are for peace promotion.



The team was led by Sufyan Lawal Kabo, CITAD Media Officer who briefed the actor about the purpose of the visit, who in turn expressed appreciation for the honour and welcomed the idea of using films to promote peace in the society.

He said he had been using the film media as tool for social advocacy and therefore he wholeheartedly welcomed partnership with the CITAD and to serve as its Peace Ambassador.

His words: "...as an actor, I see peace promotion as my responsibility. CITAD4Peace platforms would now become my working fields. I commend your effort."

5.9 Without peace, our future and that of our children is at stake - Hajiya Hajara Usman

Hajiya Hajara Usman has acted in Hausa films for about 30 years and is known for her motherly role in such films. An award winning actress, she has also been long in the Kannywood so much that she has mentored many upcoming actresses in the field.

A versatile and high profile actress, Usman has featured in over a hundred films. Among these were, *Yar Tasha* directed by Ali Nuhu, *Abu Naka*, *Ban Saketa Ba*, *Ga Fili Ga Mai Doki* and *Alhini*.



CITAD4Peace team in a group photograph with the famous actress, Hajiya Hajara Usman at the end of the peace advocacy visit paid to her

The CITAD4Peace visited her on the 14th of March, 2014. CITAD Media Officer, Sufyan Lawal Kabo led the team which met the actress in her house. He briefed her about the CITAD4Peace social media campaign and the design of the organization to enlist her as a peace ambassador to work for peace, both in her Facebook profile and in film acting.

Hajiya Usman who started acting on television, said she had always been a social crusader and sees the current situation as challenging and that if we do not act quickly to restore peace, our future and that of our children is at stake.

5.10 Nigerians Should Cherish The Beauty of Our Diversity and Preach Peace. - Alh. Isa Bello Ja, Veteran Kannywood Actor



His name is Alhaji Isa Bello Ja, but Kannywood Film Industry calls him Dattijon Arziki (responsible elder). He is a veteran icon in the industry and is often considered by audiences and commentators to be one of the greatest Kannywood actors of all time. Ja's career spans more than 40 years, during which time he has received numerous accolades and honours, competitive and honorary, home and away. Among them is on Best Culture Promoter awarded to him by Ranar Mawaka Foundation in conjunction with the Department of Nigerian Languages, Bayero University, Kano.

The actor has featured in a number of block-buster Kannywood films such as *Madadi*, *Inda Take* and *Yanar Gizo Gizo*. Ja's versatility in acting made him to be regarded as one of the greatest screen performers in Kannywood film history. He has had an extensive career on TV Drama series produced by Kano state-owned television station CTV (Now ARTV) in the 80s. Some of these home dramas include *Hadarin Kasa*, *Bakan Gizo* and *Kowa Ya Bar Gida*.

On Sunday 23rd August, 2015, CITAD4Peace members paid Alhaji Isa Bello Ja a peace advocacy visit at his office located at NNDC Quarters, Zaria Road, Kano. The team was warmly received by the actor. Sufyan Lawal Kabo, who led the team, expressed appreciation for the

reception and also briefed him on the purpose of the visit which was to solicit for his voice in the call for peace. CITAD, with the support from MacArthur Foundation, he explained, has embarked on a peace project titled CITAD4peace aimed at peace promotion and national unity, primarily using social media as a veritable tool. Kabo further explained to him about the other components of the project which include, conducting training for civil society organizations' members on the use of social media to promote tolerance, diversity and peace in Northern Nigeria in particular and the country in general, developing and deploying social media platforms to promote tolerance, diversity, and peace as well as to facilitate the formation of peace clubs in secondary schools and tertiary institutions across the region.

Responding, Alhaji Isa Bello Ja thanked the team for honouring him by way of the visit and also commended CITAD for engaging in such a patriotic project. He also applauded the mediums and strategies being used their goal. "Globally, Social Media is being used as one of the mediums for reaching out to all people and passing all sorts of messages. Peace campaign shouldn't be an exception," he admonished.



CITAD Media Officer, Sufyan Lawal Kabo presenting peace publications to the veteran actor, Alhaji Isa Bello Ja at the end of the visit

He called on youth to shun drugs and stay clear of war mongers and prophets of doom. "...our country is witnessing its most difficult time

in terms of insecurity and youths are the tools being used to fuel all sorts of conflicts. I call on Nigerians to stay away from these illicit goons and desist from being influenced by the blood monies they offer. No religion encourages violence. Evil perpetrators only take advantage of the ignorance in our youth to instill in them, such mystifying ideas in order to achieve their devilish goals. Therefore, I call on government to provide jobs for our youths.

“We must desist from provocative and inciting utterances. Let us be religion-tolerant, cherish the beauty in our diversity and preach peace, for it is paramount for any meaningful development. As celebrities, surely we have a big role to play in the call for peace and that's what we'd keep on doing,” he concluded.

At the end of the visit, Alhaji Isa Bello Ja was presented with CITAD peace publications.

APPENDIX

Table of visitation

S/N	Date	Influential visited	Where
1.	15/6/2015	Aminu Garba Sidi, Bauchi Christain-Muslim Movement	Bauchi , Bauchi State
2.	7/6/2015	Malama Fatima Ahmad, Sisters Forum of Islamic Movement of Nigeria	Azare, Bauchi State
3.	14/5/2015	Sheikh Abdullahi Saleh Pakistan	Rijiyar Lemo, Kano State
4.	14/2/2015	HRH Alhaji Adamu Abubakar Maje (CON), Emir of Hadejia	Hadejia, Jigawa State
5.	7/4/2013	Rev Ransome Bello, Chairman, CAN, Kano	Kano, Kano State
6.	20/3/2014	HRH, Alh Aminu Ado Bayero, Sarkin Dawakin Tsakar Gida, Hakimin Dala	Dala, Kano State
7.	2/1/2014	Sani Danja	Badawa, Kano State
8.	16/1/2014	Alhaji Faruk Dalhatu, the Managing Director of Freedom Radio	Sharada, Kano State
9.	13/3/2014	Alhaji Rabilu Musa(Ibro)	Wudil, Kano State
10.	5/1/2015	Actress Halima Atete	Kano, Kano State
11.	18/2/2014	Alhaji Nafi'u Nuhu Indabo, Sarkin Kasuwar Sabon Garin Kano	Kano, Kano State
12.	30/4/2015	Sheikh Malam Ibrahim Khaleel	Kano, Kano State
13.	8/7/2015	Ali Isa Jibrin (Ali Jita)	Kano, Kano State
14.	13/3/2014	Wambai of Kano, HRH Alhaji Abbas Sunusi	Kano, Kano State
15.	30/4/2015	Sheikh Yakubu Musa Hassan Katsina, National Chairman, Da'awa Committee/ Katsina state JIBWIS Chairman /National BOT Member	Katsina, Katsina State
16.	26/06/2015	Alhaji Kabiru Maikaba	Kano, Kano State
17.	5/3/2014	Alh. Hamisu Lamido Iyantama	Kano, Kano State
18.	28/1/2015	Alh Abba Sufi, Director General, Kano Hisbah Board, Kano	Kano, Kano State
19.	18/06/2015	Ambassador (Dr) Yusuf Maitama Sule, Danmasanin Kano	Kano, Kano State

20.	17/6/2015	Madam Hannatu Ibrahim 'Mama Gombe'	Gombe, Gombe State
21.	17/6/2015	Mrs Dudu Madugu, Executive Director, Responsible Citizenship and Human Development Initiative	Gombe, Gombe State
22.	11/6/2015	Hajia Altine Abdullahi , Executive Director, Voice of Widows, Divorcees and Orphans Association of Nigeria (VOWAN)	Kano, Kano State
23.	5/5/2015	Mrs. Anne Nwadiogo, Diocesan President, Catholic Women Organization, Kano Diocese	Kano, Kano State
24.	5/6/2015	Mrs. Sheba G. T. Bukar, Zumunta Women of the ECWA Good News Church, Azare	Azare, Bauchi State
25.	11/6/2015	Mrs. Mairo V. Bello	Kano, Kano State
26.	10/6/2015	Rahama Women Development Project	Bauchi, Bauchi State
27.	5/7/2015	Rahama Radio	Kano, Kano State
28.	17/6/2015	Amirah, the Federation of Muslim Women Associations of Nigeria (FOMWAN) Gombe State chapter	Gombe , Gombe State
29.	29/6/2015	Mallam Abdullahi Imam Usman, the Deputy Chief Imam, Azare Central Mosque	Azare, Bauchi State
30.	29/6/2015	Mallam Nura Ahmad, the National Chairman of Fudiyah Academics	Azare, Bauchi State
31.	12/6/2015	Miyetti Allah, Zamfara State Chapter	Gusau, Zamfara State
32.	17/6/2015	Christian Associations of Nigeria (CAN)	Gombe, Gombe State
33.	14/5/2015	Sheikh Dahiru Usman Bauchi	Bauchi, Bauchi State
34.	4/5/2015	Chief Imam, Kano Central Mosque, Prof. Sani Zahraddeen	Kano, Kano State
35.	18/6/2015	Emir of Damaturu, Alhaji Shehu Hashim II Ibn Umar Amin Elkanemi	Damaturu, Yobe State
36.	18/6/2015	Emir of Potiskum Alhaji Umaru Bubaram Ibn Wuriwa Bauya	Potiskum, Yobe State
37.	28.2/2015	Palace of Emir of Katagum	Azare, Bauchi State

38.	21/4/2014	Emir of Kazaure	Kazaure, Jigawa State
39.	24/2/2014	Emir of Nguru	Nguru, Yobe State
40.	23/2/2014	Emir of Machina	Machina, Yobe State
41.	21/3/ 2014	Alhaji Ibrahim Abdulkadir , District Head of Gaya	Gaya, Kano State
42.	20 /3/2014	Prof Margee Ensign, President, American University of Nigeria, Yola	Yola, Adamawa State
43.	14/3/2014	Hajiya Hajara Usman	Kano, Kano State
44.	14/3/2014	Shehu Hassan Kano	Kano, Kano State
45.	5/12/2014	Sheikh Qaribullah Sheikh Nasiru Kabara	Kano, Kano State
46.	21/5/2014	Bauchi State Commissioner of Education Alhaji Ibrahim Muhammad Aminu	Bauchi, Bauchi State
47.	9/5/2014	Prof. Abdulrashid Garba, Coordinator GSP	Nassarawa, Kano State
48.	28/5/2015	Salamatu Garba, Executive Director, WOFAN	Kano, Kano State
49.	19/7/2015	Wambam Katagum	Azare, Bauchi State
50.	4/1/2014	Aminu Ladan Abubakar ALA	Kano, Kano State
51.	23/8/2015	Alhaji Isa Bello Ja	Nassarawa, Kano State
52.	20/8/2015	Dr. Jummai Alhamdu	Kano, Kano State



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