

## Our Achievements

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Since 2001, WANEP-SL has worked on thematic programs in capacity building and institutional development, training of local peace monitors in early warning and early response at border communities to monitor and report on conflict as well as generating local responses for conflict prevention. Trained monitors through WANEP-SL has established Chiefdom Response Committees to compliment and highlights areas of potential threats and draw government's attention to areas falling short in the discharge of security services in combating smuggling of drugs, arms and commodities including merchandise, agricultural produce and livestock.

WANEP-SL collaborated with Mano River Women's Peace Network (MARWOPNET) and other organizations/institutions including the Government Ministry of Social welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs to develop a National Action Plan for the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs) 1325 and 1820 in Sierra Leone.

WANEP-SL collaborated with the National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA) to implement the symbolic reparations program and psychosocial counseling for war victims in rural and underserved communities.

WANEP-SL promotes the domestic implementation of international peacebuilding and human rights standards by building the capacity of rural communities including women and human rights advocates to claim and realize women's human rights. This is done through the development of new knowledge and the utilization of a rights-based approach.

WANEP-SL collaborates with other civil society organizations to host the 'biggest ever' civil society learning and sharing forum on Peace and Development (PaD Forum). Twice annually, this program brings together civil society actors, media and the private sector to build relationships, promote lesson learning and a non-violent environment. The forum (social evening) is always climaxed with the issuance of peace and development communiqué with action oriented recommendations for all relevant partners. Equally, the forum campaigns for the peaceful settle of the Yenga, border conflict, Eastern Region of Sierra Leone, which continues to pose as a threat to our fragile peace and democracy.

Together with efforts by other actors in and outside Sierra Leone, WANEP-SL is proud to be part of the process that has resulted in the ongoing relative peace prevailing in the country. It has been actively instrumental in working with other partners to manage pre to post election

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conflicts (Ballots not Bullets campaign) to maintain and build the peace. Today, in the minds of most Sierra Leoneans, it is peace that should rein and not war.

Inclusive coordination, experience sharing, knowledge exchange and capacity building have been the valuable asset consolidating the peace initiatives within the WANEP-SL framework, a lesson worth sharing.