

## July to September, 2017 Report

### OVERVIEW OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE REGION

**WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY:** In the quarter under review, most West African countries experienced flooding with varying degrees of damages and casualties. On August 14, 2017, heavy rainfall and mudslides in Freetown killed over 312 residents, mostly women and children. In Guinea, heavy rainfalls in August claimed 55 people, mainly women and children in Conakry and its environs. In Nigeria, massive flooding rendered over 15,000 people, mostly women and children homeless in Makurdi, the Benue state capital and submerged over 2,000 houses in Makurdi and its environs. It has become a trend every year between July and September for countries in West Africa to experience flooding which oftentimes culminate in loss of lives, forced displacement and destruction of properties.

**CRIME AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM:** Reports from the WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) and ECOWAS Early Warning System (ECOWARN) recorded 51 terror attacks with 272 fatalities in the reporting quarter in West Africa and Sahel countries. The Sahel region is one of the regions most affected by terrorism with Boko Haram, Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), Mourat, Attilam and Al-Mourabitoun extremist activities taking a deadly toll on human lives, destruction of properties

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