PEACEWOMEN National Action Plan (NAP) Initiative

PeaceWomen’s NAP Initiative builds civil society & other stakeholders capacity to enhance implementation & impact of Security Council Resolution 1325 and Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda.

"Lasting change can happen when we 'speak truth to power.'" - Maria Butler, PeaceWomen Director on motivation for PeaceWomen NAP work.

Objective: PeaceWomen’s NAP Initiative provides the tools and coordination needed to strengthen and amplify civil society voices and analysis. It is part of our approach to promote a progressive gender-perspective in preventing conflict and creating peace through bridging global and local efforts on implementation of the WPS agenda.

1) Enhance accountability
   • PeaceWomen provides a comprehensive online database for monitoring and evaluation (M&E) searchable by country or index to explore key issues including NAP indicators, budgets, goals, and civil society engagement.
   • PeaceWomen’s WPS 2013 mobile app includes a special section on NAPs with key information.
   • PeaceWomen is developing a NAP “Scorecard” for M&E, and advocacy for the 2015 high level WPS Review.

2) Promote inclusive participation and local ownership
   • PeaceWomen works with national activists and WILPF members to engage and strengthen development of NAPs. For example, PeaceWomen created a NAP Toolkit with WILPF-Nigeria as part of their successful advocacy to launch a Nigeria NAP in 2013.
   • PeaceWomen amplifies the voices of women’s rights advocates including WILPF activists in global decision-making.

3) Strengthen an integrated approach to conflict resolution
   • PeaceWomen promotes WILPF’s integrated approach to conflict prevention that addresses root causes of violence, and links disarmament, WPS and human rights.
   • In 2013, Human Rights Council (HRC) supported our advocacy recommending the development of a 1325 NAP in its Colombia Universal Periodic Review; the CEDAW Committee support for effective implementation of the DRC’s NAP in its DRC review; and recognition of state obligations to “respect and ensure” human rights in Security Council Resolution 2122 (2013).

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