

110 peace and reconciliation facilitators trained on peace building

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At least 110 peace and reconciliation facilitators drawn from across refugee hosting communities in Foni last Friday concluded two-day training on peace building, reconciliation and conflict mitigation.

The training was conducted at Kampant and Bwiam villages in West Coast Region's Foni Kansala District. It was funded by the Julia Taft Refugee Fund of the United States Embassy in Banjul and implemented by Gambia Food and Nutrition Agency (GaFNA) and St Joseph's Family Farm Center.

Speaking at the training at Bwiam, GAFNA's executive director Yusupha Gomez underscored the importance of the capacity building training, saying it targets to empower youth and adults with the requisite knowledge and approaches to enable them sensitize their respective communities, including refugee hosts in Foni on peace building, reconciliation and conflict mitigation.

He explained that GAFNA will be convening a one day seminar on peace building, reconciliation and conflict mitigation which will target local authorities, communities, political and opinion leaders.

Mr. Gomez said they will also organize sensitization and awareness creation activities on peace building, reconciliation and conflict mitigation through community radios, video shows and communal meetings among others.

He explained that there will be expansion of the existing Child Friendly Centers that will also serve as multi-purpose centers to include the hosting of meetings and other activities on peace building and reconciliation, conflict mitigation and other village issues.

At the end of the training, participants made some recommendations on conflict mitigation measures that will be shared with communities for discussion, adoption and enforcement.

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