

UN employs 40 women for peace, security in Plateau

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The United Nations has engaged no fewer than 40 women as mentors to promote its peace and security programme in four local government areas of Plateau, an official has said.

Ms Sequester Surma, the Gender Technical Adviser of Women, Peace and Security in Plateau stated this at a capacity building workshop in Jos on Monday.

The workshop was on “Gender and Equality Opportunities Law, Strategic Advocacy for Government Workers and Civil Society Organisations.”

Surma said the programme was community based and that it engaged women as mentors in coordinating activities that promote women peace and security as criteria for fast-tracking development.

“We are working with women mentors, community leaders and religious leaders as key opinion stakeholders in ensuring peace and security in the society.

In Plateau, we have 40 women mentors, among them five lead women mentors and 35 others spread across the local governments.

“We are building their capacity to be able to implement the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325/

“It addresses the inordinate impact of war on women and the pivotal role women should play in conflict management, resolution, and sustainable peace to curb violence especially at the grassroots.

“The UN Women programme ‘Promoting women engagement in peace and security in northern Nigeria, is in four local governments of Wase, Riyom, Mangu and Jos North in Plateau and engages women leaders in 16 communities.