



Annual Report

Year - 2022



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1. Forwards:

GRA's Board Chair (Ladi Clark Musa)

The past year has underscored the strength of our partnerships and the resilience of our team. Each interaction, each intervention, and each conversation have been a step forward on the path to transformation. Our collective efforts are a testament to the power of collaboration and the profound impact we can create when we work together. The achievements celebrated in this report serve as milestones in our ongoing journey. They are not just markers of progress, but also reminders of the potential we possess to shape the narrative of gender equality and justice. These achievements are a testament to the power of collective action and the profound change that can be ignited when we come together with a shared purpose. As we look ahead, I am filled with optimism about the road that lies before us. The challenges we face are significant, but so too is our determination to overcome them. Our commitment to gender equality, social justice, and the empowerment of all individuals remains unshakable. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to every individual who has contributed to our cause—our team members who tirelessly work behind the scenes, our partners who stand by us through thick and thin, and our supporters who believe in the change we are striving to create. Your dedication and belief in our mission fuel our passion and drive us to reach new heights. (BC)



GRA's Executive Director (Timothy Ali Yohanna)



As we reflect upon the accomplishments of the past year, I am struck by the remarkable strides we have taken in pursuit of our mission. The key achievements we have celebrated stand as powerful markers of our progress. The launch of the Youth Peace and Security (YPS) - National Action Plan (NAP) in Borno State under the European Union project signifies a monumental step towards fostering sustainable peace and security. This accomplishment is not just a testament to our determination, but also a testament to the potential we hold in shaping the future of conflict-affected communities. Our engagement with the Women, Peace, and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF) has yielded transformative outcomes. The ongoing projects, including the Training of 100 Service Providers, have equipped individuals with the skills and knowledge necessary to address and combat gender-based violence. Furthermore, the remarkable journey of a survivor of conflict-related sexual and gender-based violence (CR-SGBV) and a member of the survivor network, who traveled to the United Kingdom to participate in the PSVI International Conference, demonstrates our commitment to amplifying survivor voices on an international stage. These accomplishments are a testament to the collective efforts of our team, partners, and beneficiaries. In a world marked by complexity and uncertainty, our determination remains resolute. We are committed to leveraging our achievements as building blocks for even greater impact. Our journey continues, and as we forge ahead, we must remain steadfast in our commitment to creating a world where every individual can live with dignity, free from fear and discrimination. (ED)

2. About Grassroots Researchers Associations (GRA):



The Grassroots Researchers Association (GRA) is a non-profit, nonpartisan rights-based organisation that was established in 2016 and registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission of Nigeria as a local content hub for the purpose of supporting grassroots initiatives and actions based on research that advance community development, justice, and victim support.

The vision has become the reference point for facilitating grassroots development as an active grassroots mobilizer towards improving the total quality of human life and social justice in Nigeria. Accountability, local content, result-oriented tactics, innovation, and enthusiasm are our steadfast commitments as key values.

Our programmes span the areas of governance, social economic development, and conflict, security, and justice. Mission: To be an active grassroots mobiliser towards improving the quality of human life and social justice Vision: To become the reference point for facilitating grassroots development, justice and victims support. The organisation has registered as civil societies and works with many stakeholders with a functioning head office in Abuja, Nigeria as well as regional offices in the North-East and North Central regions. We operate with independent governance structures which include a 7-member women-led board of trustees, a 9-member advisory board, 18 operational staff members who are permanent employees, 42 volunteers, and more than 300 community mobilizers.

Our organization's strengths lie in our emphasis on promoting local content, utilizing local language, networks, and volunteers, maintaining a local presence, and prioritizing digital security. Areas of improvement include staff capacity and turnover, financial procedures and policies, contextual understanding of issues, and staff management. We are exploring opportunities to increase our online presence, leverage local content, and establish relationships with local institutions, networks, and state actors. We acknowledge the challenges posed by limited access to local communities due to insecurity caused by both state and non-state actors.

We engage with various stakeholders, including funders, civil societies, victims, institutions and communities, local government, and the state. Our engagements encompass identifying, promoting, advocating, monitoring, supporting, sensitizing, and documenting. Our organization focuses on four main themes: climate change, conflict, security and justice, local governance, and socioeconomic development. We cater to children, women, people with disabilities, victims of SGBV, and at-risk youth in the field of socioeconomic development. In the area of conflict, security, and justice, our target audience includes SGBV and human rights abuse victims, children and people with disabilities, missing persons, offenders, and vulnerable individuals, both state and non-state actors. For climate change, we target rural and community farmers, herders, fishermen, traders, policymakers at community, local government, and state levels, as well as informal/traditional institutions. In terms of governance, our target audience includes citizens at the local government and state governance levels.

Our organization structures its strategy around knowledge products, capacity building, impact and needs assessment, datafication and systems, dialogue and sensitization, and local content documenting and storytelling. These strategies involve developing knowledge products on local content, building the capacity of local actors, assessing the needs of our target audience and local actors/communities, creating systems to track our interventions and processes, promoting dialogue and sensitization through technology, IEC materials, and town hall meetings, as well as documenting and sharing human stories, issues, challenges, and local actors' needs to enhance the quality of human life.

Our organizational structure comprises of a nine-member advisory board and seven governing councils, or board of trustees, 70% of which are led by women. The directors of operations, programmes, institutional support, and strategies collaborate closely with the executive director, who oversees managing the organization's people and financial resources. This helps decision-making inside the organization.

3. Year 2022 Under Reviews:

First Quarter Q1 (January – March) 2022

Advocacy Visit to the Commissioner of Education:

On January 25, 2022, Grassroots Research Association (GRA) organized an advocacy visit to the Commissioner of Education in Borno State. The Honorable Commissioner, Lawan Abba Wakilbe, and his entourage from the Ministry of Education participated in this visit. The GRA team comprised selected participants from social groups that had received training on Strengthening Social Mobilization and Accountability towards ending SGBV and VAWG. These groups, including the Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) Network, the Federation of Muslim Women's Association of Nigeria (FOMWAN), and the Women Wing of the Christian Association of Nigeria (WOWICAN), collaborated with GRA to address SGBV and violence against women and girls in specific wards of Borno State. During the visit, the groups presented a communique to the Honorable Commissioner, emphasizing the importance of educational initiatives, raising community awareness, and engaging traditional and religious leaders to combat violence against women and girls. The Honorable Commissioner pledged support for free education to SGBV survivors and children born as a result of rape. The visit facilitated a fruitful exchange of ideas and provided an opportunity to keep the Commissioner informed about GRA's activities.



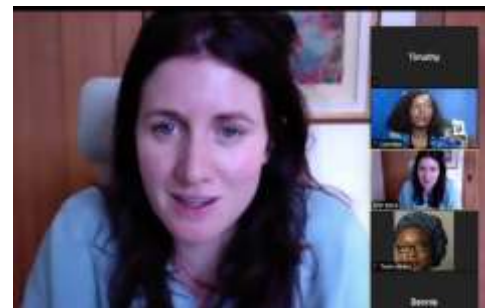
EU - Monthly Cluster Club Meetings (MCCM)

In February 2022, the Monthly Cluster Club Meetings were conducted, with one taking place on February 24 in Maiduguri and another on February 28 in the remaining states. These meetings proved beneficial in enhancing stakeholders' understanding and directly contributing to the project's logframe. Throughout the project, cluster members had access to capacity-building training and engagement opportunities. As a result, they developed a clear understanding of the goals of the three clusters, namely peace-

building, transitional justice, and democratic governance. The Monthly Cluster Club Meetings facilitated collaboration among cluster members to identify priority areas aligned with their objectives. This led to the creation of action plans to address challenges in their respective states and drive social change within their communities.

VAW Prevention Workshop Series in Nigeria: RESPECT

Between January 18 and March 22, 2022, Timothy Ali Yohanna, the Executive Director of Grassroots Researchers Associations (GRA), participated in a 10-week workshop series on the RESPECT implementation package. The workshop, facilitated by UN Women, WHO, UNFPA, and other affiliated UN agencies, focused on preventing violence against women (VAW) through evidence-based policy recommendations. The workshop aimed to empower governments, civil society organizations (CSOs), and UN agencies in developing, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating comprehensive interventions to prevent VAW. It reviewed the latest research, shared participant experiences, and explored effective strategies and approaches outlined in the RESPECT framework and implementation guidelines.



Second Quarter Q2 (April – June) 2022



EU - Abuja Regional Conference

The Regional Conference held in Abuja, Nigeria, from May 9–13, 2022. Its primary objective was to foster physical collaboration among Cluster leaders, state coordinators, and Program Managers from the BAY states, enabling them to deliberate and establish crucial project components. The conference served as a platform for the project team to exchange ideas derived from various states within the different project clusters. These initiatives were subsequently amalgamated into regional endeavors for implementation in Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe. During the conference, participants voted on a network name, identified joint initiatives, engaged with the EU sounding board, and attended the EU open day. All BAY project managers, state coordinators, and cluster leaders were in attendance. This inaugural Regional Conference provided the cluster leads with an interdisciplinary intellectual forum for project-related discussions. Additionally, it afforded them the opportunity to visit the European Union Youth Sounding Board, where they received information about its members, focus areas, and potential avenues for collaboration. The meeting facilitated discussions among the cluster leads on potential joint or individual projects. As part of their engagement, a representative from Search for Common Ground (SFCG) provided training to the cluster heads on the Youth Peace and Security (YPS) document, focusing on its five main pillars: participation, prevention, protection, partnership, and disassociation.

WPHF: Radio Drama Series Review in Borno & Yobe

On April 27, 2022, stakeholders conducted a review of the 10-episode radio drama script, involving local community stakeholders, traditional authorities, media practitioners, GBV specialists, GBV activists, and academia. The specific objective of the review was to assess the radio drama series' impact on the target population regarding SGBV and VAWG prevention and response, human rights abuses, harmful cultural practices, and the promotion of SRHR while ensuring strict adherence to local culture, best practices, and policies. By enhancing the target audiences' understanding of the consequences of SGBV/VAWG, the aim was to instigate positive changes in behaviour, policies, and practices. The strategic goals of the review included ensuring that the scenes align with the global GBV framework for service provision, identifying scenarios that may be misinterpreted or yield unintended results, and ensuring the accurate representation of typical camps in Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe. The first and second episodes of the Radio Drama Series for the quarter were successfully aired in May, with subsequent rebroadcasts to reach a wider audience.



Study on Conflict between host communities and the Savannah Sugar Company in Lamurde:

In June 2022, a two-year USAID-funded project called "Northeast Connection" initiated a data collection exercise to investigate the "Conflict between host communities and the Savannah Sugar Company in Lamurde LGA of Adamawa State." The study focused on the Savannah Sugar Company to comprehensively analyze the underlying causes of conflicts between private companies and host communities, as well as formal and informal dispute resolution processes that could alleviate tensions between private enterprises and host communities. The data collection employed a mixed methodology, combining qualitative and quantitative results-based approaches, to bring together the perspectives of various stakeholders through a participatory and outcome-oriented process. Surveys were conducted with stakeholder government offices, state legislators, civil society organizations (CSOs), community members (including women's groups and persons with disabilities), and private sector groups in communities and local government areas (LGAs).

Third Quarter Q3 (July – September) 2022

GSF - Interim Reparation Scooping Studies

Global Survivors Funds (GSF) collaborated with CGE, YIAT, and GRA to conduct interim reparation scoping studies on conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV) in Adamawa, Borno, and Yobe states. GRA was responsible for the Borno State component of the study. The primary objective of the mapping and scoping study was to gather the perspectives of survivors of Boko Haram's CRSV regarding interim reparations focused on education, with the aim of involving survivors in the co-creation and design of education-related interim reparative measures. The study collected data in four Local Government Areas (LGAs) in Borno state: Chibok, Monguno, Maiduguri Metropolis, and Gwoza. Stakeholders interviewed included survivors, NGOs, government agencies, international and local NGOs, traditional institutions, and community groups. The study utilized key informant interviews, focus group discussions, and surveys to gather primary data. Additionally, a special feature on the released Chibok girls was included, where 16 of the girls were interviewed to capture their views.



Africa Peace and Security Accountability Meeting in Nairobi Kenya organized by HAKI Africa



Timothy Ali Yohanna, executive director of Grassroots Researchers Associations (GRA), participated in a three-day meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, from August 31 to September 3, 2022. The meeting, organized by HAKI Africa, aimed to enhance peace, security, and human rights in Africa. HAKI Africa is a Pan-African civil rights organization based in Mombasa, Kenya, working towards promoting human rights and improving livelihoods. The meeting sought to foster cooperation between state and non-state actors to uphold the rule of law and human rights. Representatives from ten African nations attended, and the discussions focused on improving access to justice

throughout Africa.

WPHF: On-going Projects: Training of 100 Service Providers

As part of our project in partnership with the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund under the Global Spotlight Initiative, GRA organized training sessions in Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe states on August 20 and 27, 2022. The training aimed to strengthen social mobilization and accountability in ending sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and violence against women and girls (VAWG). A total of 100 service providers participated in the training, representing various sectors such as security actors, legal and justice, community stakeholders, and civil society organizations. The participants developed action plans to translate their learning into practice. The training received positive feedback and commendations from the participants in all three states of the BAY region.



Forth Quarter Q4 (October – December) 2022

EU: Launch of Youth Peace and Security (YPS) - National Action Plan (NAP) in Borno State



On December 6, 2022, the Grassroots Researchers Associations (GRA) officially launched the YPS-NAP in Maiduguri, Borno State. This launch was part of the EU-funded consortium Project titled "Nigerian Youth, Community Peacebuilding and Resilience to Crisis and Fragility." The event involved various stakeholders, including government organizations, international non-governmental organizations (INGOs), and civil society organizations. The stakeholders committed to advancing the youth peace and security agenda in Borno State and signed a declaration on the NAP document. The Youth Initiative for Good Governance, Peace, and Justice (YIGGPEJ) played a key role in coordinating the initiative, and the stakeholders acknowledged and appreciated the efforts of the implementing partners and the youth group.

GSF: Stakeholders' Acceptance Quorum and Validation Workshop

We organized a workshop to validate the gathered data, bringing together various stakeholders. The workshop aimed to involve stakeholders in the validation, contextualization, and exploration of the findings. Community leaders, key government stakeholders, and other participants widely acknowledged and supported the mapping effort. They commended the project, endorsed the research findings, assessed the outcomes, and provided valuable suggestions that were translated into actionable steps and embraced. The workshop saw the presence of high-level stakeholders, including representatives from Borno State's education and women's affairs commissioners, permanent secretaries, and regional administrators. A total of 19 stakeholders attended the meeting, and the presentations received approval.



GSF: PSVI International Conference in London (Q4)



In the fourth quarter, specifically on November 28 and 29, 2022, a survivor of conflict-related sexual and gender-based violence (CR-SGBV) from Nigeria, along with a member of the survivor network, traveled to the United Kingdom (UK) to participate in the PSVI International Conference. This conference, organized by Grassroots Researchers Associations (GRA), a national partner, and sponsored by the Global Survivors Funds (GSF), provided a platform for the attendee to contribute as a prominent survivor activist. The participant attended the GSF-coordinated workshop titled "Reparations are possible Now," where survivors from various countries came together to present a collective agenda for restitution. The Grassroots Researchers

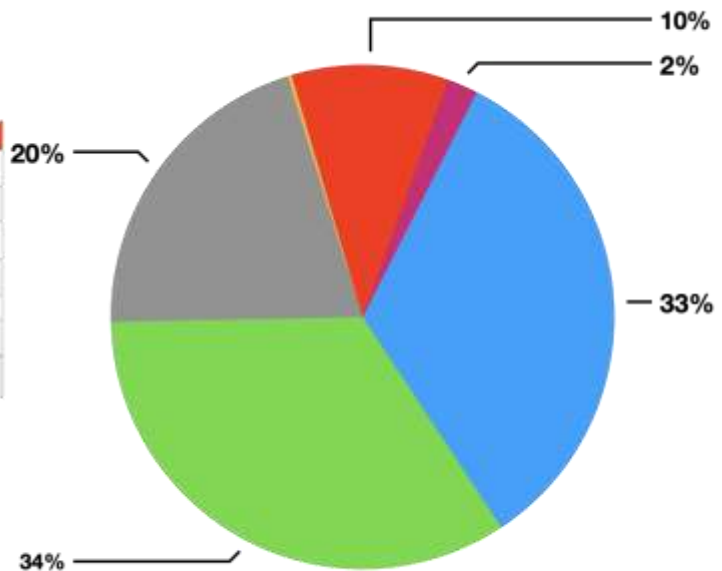
Association (GRA) also provided SGBV activist training to the participant from Nigeria.

4. Financial Year 2022:

Revenue for the Year - 2022

European Union (EU)- Grant	N37,788,062
WPHF UN/EU Spotlights	N38,681,022
USAID - PEA / Creative Associates	N23,310,600
Mukwege Foundation / SEMA	N287,337
Global Survivors Funds (GSF)	11,475,967
Donations from Individuals	N2,242,000
Total Revenue	N113,784,988

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<i>For The Period Ended 31st December 2022</i>		
Revenue	2022	2021
European Union (EU)- Grant	37,788,062	42,224,108
Spotlights Initiatives (WPHF) UN/EU	38,681,022	25,453,660
USAID - PEA / Creative Associates	2,242,000	10,361,600
Mukwege Foundation / SEMA	287,337	613,708
GRA- Self Funded / MNSA	-	480,000
Global Survivors Funds (GSF)	11,475,967	-
Donations from Individuals	2,242,000	3,380,192
	113,784,989	82,513,268
Expenses:		
Direct Program Cost		
Accommodations	6,356,455	6,323,363
Transport & Travelling	8,120,056	7,816,742
Stipend/Per-diem	3,646,186	4,178,092
Printing & Stationery	1,591,610	1,985,554

	Consultancy Fee	11,786,399	4,573,680
	Comunication/Internet Allowance	468,000	2,217,450
	Travels and Transport	5,034,648	2,720,806
	Monitoring and Evaluations	648,943	951,245
	Seminar and Workshop	3,824,465	1,346,403
	Hiring of Halls	5,795,475	4,387,314
	Mobilisation & Advocacy	9,762,710	807,109
	Lunch for participants	1,377,250	1,897,937
	T-Shirt and Face cap production	1,618,350	-
	Volunteer Stipend	2,402,833	-
	Field Agent Stipend	8,656,349	-
	Tea Break for participants	33,250	1,695,567
		71,122,980	40,901,262
	Administrative Expenses		
	Salaries and Allowance	30,961,333	17,431,584
	Office Rent	2,361,050	368,700
	Office Consumable	1,230,358	969,914
	General Fuel Cost	-	9,400
	Office Equipment Maintenance	383,400	101,627
	Internet Allowance	20,000	-
	Electricity Bill	274,595	38,100
	Seminars and Conference	272,000	
	Staff Capacity Building	50,800	542,450
	Media and Publicity	2,958,735	10,000
	General Maintenance	677,444	724,804
	Computer Consumable	-	74,000
	Legal Fees	50,000	-
	Data Management service	3,040,000	-
	Medical expenses	944,700	-
	Recruitment expenses	438,900	-
	Entertainment	337,380	-
	Compliance Service	-	94,500
	Depreciation	939,306	884,306
		44,940,001	21,249,384
	FINANCE CHARGES		
	Bank Charges	374,602	264,184
	<i>Retained Surplus (Deficits)</i>	<i>xxxxxxx</i>	<i>xxxxxxx</i>

5. Key Reflections & Focus

Key Reflections - Annual Report 2022

In our pursuit of advancing gender equality and safeguarding human rights, our organization has made significant strides throughout the year 2022. We have remained steadfast in our commitment to upholding the principles of the Women's Rights Approach, Survivor-Centered Approach, and Women-Led Approach. These approaches have not only guided our actions but have also led to remarkable achievements that resonate with our mission and vision.

Women's Rights Approach:

Our adherence to the Women's Rights Approach has driven our efforts to empower women and champion their rights at every level. Through collaborative initiatives, such as the Global Survivors Funds (GSF) partnership with CGE, YIAT, and GRA, we have embarked on interim reparation scoping studies, shedding light on conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV) in Adamawa, Borno, and Yobe states. These studies have illuminated the challenges faced by survivors, aiding us in designing targeted interventions that uphold the rights of women in these regions. Additionally, the radio drama series, meticulously designed to address SGBV and VAWG prevention, human rights abuses, harmful cultural practices, and the promotion of SRHR, has reached and influenced our target population. By respecting local culture, adhering to best practices, and aligning with policies, we have ensured that our interventions resonate deeply and create sustainable change.

Survivor-Centered Approach:

Our Survivor-Centered Approach has been central to our activities, ensuring that survivors of conflict-related sexual and gender-based violence (CR-SGBV) are at the heart of our initiatives. The landmark achievement of a survivor's participation in the PSVI International Conference in the UK speaks volumes about our commitment to amplifying survivor voices. This survivor activist's contribution not only highlighted the survivor's resilience but also showcased the power of survivor perspectives in shaping global discourse on CR-SGBV.

Women-Led Approach:

Our commitment to the Women-Led Approach is exemplified by our Women Lead Board, consisting of 70% women and 30% men. This leadership structure reflects our dedication to promoting gender parity and enabling women to take the helm in driving change. Our achievements stand as a testament to the transformative power of women's leadership, creating a more inclusive and equitable organizational environment.

6. Partners:



Ladi Clark Musa

Board Chairperson
31st/12/2022

Timothy Ali Yohanna

Executive Director
31st/12/2022