

**INITIATIVE OF THE VOLUNTARY PRINCIPLES
ON SECURITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

NGO PILLAR REPORTING GUIDELINES

I. INTRODUCTION

The Participation Criteria of the Initiative of the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights (“Voluntary Principles Initiative”) sets forth each Participant’s intent to engage in full dialogue on the implementation of the Voluntary Principles. The Criteria further state that each Participant is to report annually to the Plenary on its efforts to implement, and/or assist in the implementation of, the Voluntary Principles.

The purpose of the Reporting Guidelines is to help: (i) support transparency regarding efforts to support and implement, and/or assist in the implementation of, the Voluntary Principles; (ii) assist Participants in reporting on efforts to implement the Voluntary Principles to the Plenary; and (iii) facilitate the exchange of good practices among Participants.

The reports are *not* intended to grade implementation by one Participant against another. Participants are expected to describe their efforts to implement the Voluntary Principles each year recognizing any and all security and legal considerations, as well as practical issues related to the collection of required information.

II. NGO PILLAR REPORTING GUIDELINES

The NGO Pillar Reporting Guidelines are divided into five sections:

- (A) Commitment to the Voluntary Principles;
- (B) Procedures;
- (C) Promotion of the Voluntary Principles;
- (D) Country Implementation; and
- (E) Lessons and Issues.

Sections A-E set forth expected reporting commitments and Section E is optional.

Note that, for some of the Reporting Guidelines, there are detailed Guidance Notes. While these Guidance Notes are optional, robust and fulsome annual reports will take due consideration of them, and seek to incorporate them where applicable and appropriate.

III. REPORTING CONTENT

A. Commitment to the Voluntary Principles

	<u>Reporting Guidelines</u>	<u>Guidance Notes</u>
1	Describe how you have engaged in the Voluntary Principles Initiative over the past year.	<p>New Nigeria Foundation (NNF) participated actively in the activities of the Nigerian Voluntary Principles In-Country Implementation Working Group including attending several cross-pillar meetings held at Abuja, Nigeria. The Foundation also participated during the visit of the VPI to Nigeria in January 2018. We worked with the NGO pillar to develop a communication document that was used for public awareness during the visit. NNF also participated in NGO Pillar calls organised by both the VP Secretariat and Nigeria NGO Pillar and stakeholders.</p> <p>The VPI Secretariat developed a training manual on the VPs in the period under review and NNF did a pilot in Lagos, Nigeria using the material.</p>
2	Describe efforts to increase transparency, both internally and externally, regarding your efforts to implement or support implementation of the Voluntary Principles.	<p>NNF's engagements, activities and efforts on the VPI were prominently published on the Foundation's newsletter, website and its MD's report to NNF Board. The Foundation also conducted training of men and officers of the Nigeria Police Force. The training was used to introduce Voluntary Principles to Nigeria Police Force in Lagos.</p> <p>NNF developed an innovative programme called Brutality Tracker to support citizens reporting of human rights violation by personnel of the Public Security Forces.</p>

3	Describe any efforts to engage in dialogue with other participants of the Voluntary Principles Initiative.	<p>NNF participated in activities of the in-country working group in Nigeria.</p> <p>There are also internal efforts within the Foundation and with other members of ICoCA Forum Nigeria to identify cross-cutting activities that could be implemented jointly across similar networks (VPI, ICoCA, The Observatory, ACCA and OECD-Watch) for resource optimization.</p>
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B. Procedures

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4	Provide a summary of the findings of the verification process as outlined in the NGO Pillar Verification Framework.	<p>This section could include a description of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how the NGO updates Participants on implementation support via annual reports and periodic presentations, including how the NGO participates in open discussions and peer review of implementation; and • any progress on points raised during peer review at the Annual Plenary Meeting or during a call/meeting held by the Verification Working Group.

C. Promotion of the Voluntary Principles

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5	Describe your efforts to raise awareness of and promote understanding of the Voluntary Principles with both internal and external stakeholders.	<p>NNF conducted a training for 52 persons (29 females and 25 males) from various units of the Nigeria Police Force, Lagos State Command in attendance. At the end of the training, the capacity of the participants with respect to Human Rights was enhanced and awareness of the Nigeria Police Force, Lagos State Command on the voluntary principles; its human rights framework; human rights ethics and responsibilities in compliance with the VPSHR and relevant policies regarding</p>

		human rights and ethical conduct was increased.
6	Describe efforts to engage and facilitate participation of non-member CSOs, affected communities, and other relevant stakeholders in the Annual Plenary Meeting or workshops.	
7	Describe your efforts to promote the adoption of the Voluntary Principles into relevant government or corporate policies, as well as international standards and/or guidelines.	The Foundation is involved in the activities of the in-country working group in Nigeria which has as one of its objectives the promotion for adoption of VPs in Nigeria.

D. Country Implementation

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8	Describe efforts to strengthen the rule of law in the countries where you work.	
9	Describe efforts to conduct and monitor risk assessments for potential human rights violations in the areas where you work.	NNF engaged the Lagos State government through the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources to adopt the VPs approach following the discovery of crude oil deposits in the state. The essence of this effort is for the state to proactively guard against the negative experiences in other regions of the country.
10	Describe your efforts to strengthen policies, procedures and guidelines related to the implementation of the Voluntary Principles.	
11	Describe your efforts to engage with or support engagement with the public security sectors and/or private security sectors in the countries where you work.	The Foundation embarked on a visit to the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) Lagos Command in July 2018 to create awareness on the VPs to the Commandant and Officers of the Corps. We also discussed training of personnel of the Corp.
12	Describe efforts to hold Voluntary Principles participants accountable for upholding their roles and responsibilities as members of the Voluntary Principles Initiative.	

E. Lessons and Issues

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13	Lessons or issues from this reporting year, as well as plans or opportunities to advance the Voluntary Principles for the organization	<p>The training programme for the Nigeria Police Lagos Command and NSCDC could not progress after the first batch as a result of lack of funds. The first training was funded wholly by NNF.</p> <p>Also, we could not deploy the Brutality Tracker mentioned earlier as a result of funding challenges.</p> <p>In the coming year, we hope to advance these plans as funds are secured.</p>