



**COMPPART.
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PEACEBUILDING.**

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**REPORT ON ACTIVITIES AND OUTREACH FOR THE VOLUNTARY
PRINCIPLES ON SECURITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS.**

C O M P P A R T FOUNDATION FOR JUSTICE AND PEACEBUILDING.

For over four years 2014 to 2019, COMPPART Foundation for Justice and Peacebuilding (herein refers to as COMPPART) formerly Community Policing Partners for Justice, Security and Democratic Reforms, has been an arrow head in conducting practical and on ground sensitisation of communities, security agencies and corporations within the extractive sectors of mining and hydro-carbon on the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights and as well serving as a reference point for practical resolution of conflicts and sustainable access to remedies using the strategic approach of “knowing and showing” to reducing conflict and encourage dialogue.

With a sustained commitment to being the centrepiece in defending the rights of citizens through improved justice delivery and peacebuilding, COMPPART contributes to more peaceful and prosperous society especially at the community level by reducing all forms of antagonistic relationship between the civil populace and the different security and law enforcement agencies thus building public confidence in the security and justice sectors.

COMPPART is a registered not - for - profit, human rights focus organisation established since 2002, with a functional office in Oku - Abak, Abak Local Government Area, Akwa Ibom State, Niger Delta region. Nigeria. With about seventeen years of persistent advocacy on active involvement of community and it members in the determination of their security and human rights priorities using the strategies of

“knowing and showing” instead of “naming and shaming”, COMPPART contributes immensely to more peaceful business environment with clear nexus between human security and economic development by localising global best practices and globalising local dynamics for the benefit of learning from trusted best practices. Our guiding principle is “Localising the global and globalising the local best practices on human rights and law enforcement using “Knowing and showing”

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**VOLUNTARY PRINCIPLES ON SECURITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS
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1.COMMITMENT TO THE VOLUNTARY PRINCIPLES.

COMPPART is highly active at its own level with the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights as an “Engaged NGO” since 2017 and subsequent membership as a “Participant” in 2019. Though joining the initiative in 2019 the commitment of COMPPART led to her admission as a full participant in 2019 and the subsequent vying for membership into the steering committee under the NGO Pillar which was approved in February 2020. Further within the period COMPPART developed “Tools for Human Rights and Security Advocacy for Civil Society Organizations and Extractive Host Community Leaders” This publication is widely disseminated through our webpage www.comppartfoundation.org/publications.

2. COMPPART has long featured the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights on its social media pages namely Community

Policing Partners Facebook Page and as well as its twitter handle @COMPPARTFOUNDAT . In addition to provision of extensive information and reporting on our programmatic activities with regards to ongoing project in the Akwa Ibom State. We also frequently publicise the VPSHR through the production and distribution of the the VP document in large print poster format to members of the public, security agencies and community leaders. Further to this are two dedicated telephone numbers which the public can call during working hours to make complaints or ask questions.

3. COMPPART effort in further popularising the VPSHR led to the commencement of a Radio Programme tagged “Security, Human Rights and You” which started on the 19th of July 2019 and still running every Friday from 7-8pm on Passion 94.5 FM Uyo Akwa Ibom State. The Radio Programme which helps to build community members resilience to lawful resist impunity using dialogue as advocated with the VPSHR can be listen to any where in the world through internet Radio at www.passionfm.ng

4. To continue in her pursuits towards multiples activities related to the VPSHR promotion and implementation, COMPPART have produce a poster with the Control Rooms Phone numbers of all the Police Formations across the 36 States of Nigeria and the Federal Capital Territory and as well created a WhatsApp discussion platform for stakeholders ranging from Companies, Government , Civil Society and Community Leaders whom we have had direct contact with in the course of different programmatic and demonstration interventions. Above all, we are a member of the Nigeria In country Implementation Working Group . This is also backed up with attendance in the monthly NGO pillar calls and attendance in In-country meetings. We have never missed out in any meeting of the In-Country Working Group except when we are not invited.

Also, since joining the Initiative in 2017, we have attended two year Annual Plenary in the United States of America and United Kingdom in 2018 and 2019 respectively.

POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND /OR GUIDELINES TO IMPLEMENT THE VOLUNTARY PRINCIPLES BY COMPPART.

5. COMPPART continues to pursue activities related to the promotion and implementation of the VPSHR, in furthering their implementation and networking with other organisation for the benefit of sharing experience, lesson learned and replication of best advocacy strategies. Organizations that have always been on hand to answer us from their experience is Fund for Peace and The Netherlands Embassy in Nigeria.

The support received from The Netherlands Embassy have help in popularisation of the framework in all the states of the Niger Delta region through awareness raising and guides on how to develop advocacy materials have been assisted by Mr J.J. Messner Executive Director, Fund For Peace, Washington D.C.

COMPPART has been in a wide range of advocacy programmes that have assisted community members in states of Akwa Ibom, Rivers, Edo, Cross River and Abia to embrace dialogue in resolving community / police conflicts through the reception and processing of complaints from community members to relevance authorities and ombudsman agencies for redress and in the same vein provides feedback to the victims and relatives.

Furthermore, trainings have been organised on the framework for Traditional Rulers of Oil Producing Communities as well as Affected Communities under the aegis of “Mbong Ikpaisong Afud Annang” and Forum of Clan Heads in Akwa Ibom State. Similar Trainings have also been organised for Police, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corp and as well as Ethnic Nationalities in the Oil producing Community of Eket,

Esit Eket and Ibeno which are the host Local Government of ExxonMobil.

PROMOTION OF THE VOLUNTARY PRINCIPLES

COMPPART has in the past four years promoted the VPSHR among different stakeholders within the extractive host communities of Eket, Ibeno, Eastern Obolo, Ukanafun, Abak and Essien Udim Local Government Areas of Akwa Ibom State as well as Local Police and Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corp in Akwa Ibom , Abia and Rivers States of Nigeria.

In Cross River State the stakeholders in the Mining Communities of Akamka coal Government Area and Ikot Uduak in Calabar South Local Government Areas were sensitised on the framework. The was also backed up with a Public Session to the cROSS RIVER state House of Assembly during which COMPPART was given the opportunity to educate all the Parliamentarians during a public session on the floor of the House.

In Rivers state, COMPPART organised a one day stakeholder training for security forces and Civil Society Actors n the State particularly in Port Harcourt.

In Abia state, Sensitisation and promotion of the framework took place in Aba South Local Government and in Akwa West where COMPPART Staff member Jick Thomas Azi took time to sensitised the community members on the VPSHR.

In Edo State, in partnership with WOCAP, a Benin Based Nongovernmental Organisation, COMPPART carry out sensitisation on the VPSHR for Youths, Women, Traditional and Community Leaders and as well as Civil Society actors.

In most of the promotional programme company like SevenEnergy were invited to share their experience and benefit of the VPSHR and in overall, COMPPART has helped to increase community level dialogue with different security and law enforcement agencies using the provisions of the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights.

Our awareness creation on the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights have help to an extent that though Nigeria is yet to sign into the initiative, communities and security forces especially the Police have been encourage to adopt the lofty provisions of the initiative in organising local interaction between communities and law enforcement agencies.

Assessment and evaluation of this in Akwa Ibom State where we are based shows a significant reduction in Police Community Violence with increase reduction in rights violations especially with regards to third degree polling which has been on the high side since the return to civil tute in 1999.

COUNTRY IMPLEMENTATION

All our activities are within Nigeria and particularly in states of the Niger Delta region. However, mention of the VPSHR is always made by COMPPART in meetings where it attended outside of the region especially as a member of the Civil Society Committee of Police Reforms and as well as the observatory Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice Act 2015.

Also, our membership in the African coalition on Corporate Accountability ACCA and the Coalition for Rights in Development, we have had the opportunity of further promoting the VPSHR in the Annual General Assemblies of these coalitions outside the shores of Nigeria to other countries such as South Africa, Ghana, Cote de Ivoire and Kenya in East Africa.

Similarly, COMPPART Radio programme which is aim at “Building Community Resilience to Lawfully Resist Impunity” through conducting assessment and monitoring potential human rights violations by state security forces stretches far beyond the organisation specific VPSHR programming.

In the aspect of reception and processing of complaint of any form of violations by security agencies, COMPPART follow a model of close consultation and partnership problem solving with different agencies , and as such respect the confidentiality of such processes. The processes allows COMPPART to have honest conversations with community members and security agencies within the parameters of trust and confidence building. Doing this also afford COMPPART the opportunity of serving as a centrepiece in the protection of citizens human rights through improved service delivery in order to build public confidence in the security and justice sectors especially at the community levels.

LESSON LEARN AND ISSUES

Our experience in chairing the Network on Police Reforms in Nigeria and building upon our experiences in previously implemented projects such as monitoring the conduct of security forces during elections since 2003 general elections in Nigeria has help us to be able to gradually recognise issues which has serve as lessons in working to make the security forces human rights compliance especially in their dealings with extractive host and affected communities.

Our recent work on the platform of NOPRIN on the level of Police compliance with the Administration of Criminal Justice Acts 2015, is one particular issue of concern which COMPPART is not relenting in ensuring that community level awareness and active involvement of host communities is a serious issue that must be tackled headlong going forward.

