

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 recognising 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>Report</u>
1	Describe how you have engaged in the Voluntary Principles Initiative over the past year.	<p>New Nigeria Foundation (NNF) attended the meetings of Verification Presentations on the Voluntary Principles Implementation.</p> <p>NNF also participated in NGO Pillar calls, webinars and virtual forums organised by the VP Secretariat during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>The Foundation participated in the activities to mark 20 Years of the Voluntary Principles.</p>
2	Describe efforts to increase transparency, both internally and externally, regarding your efforts to implement or support implementation of the Voluntary Principles.	There has not been a significant update. This is due to the outbreak of the coronavirus disease and the consequent lockdown which affected implementation of activities.
3	Describe any efforts to engage in dialogue with other participants of the Voluntary Principles Initiative.	The Foundation participated in the presentation of the National baseline and scoping study report on the implementation of the VPSHR in Nigeria in September 2020.

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.	

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.	NNF promoted the VPs through its quarterly Newsletters and website.
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.	NNF is an active member of the In-Country implementation Working group and has been involved with the recent efforts of the NWG to facilitate Nigeria's adoption and signing on to the VPSHR. To this end, the NWG has had several meetings with relevant government agencies in Nigeria including the Ministry of Justice, Federal Ministry of Mines and Solid Minerals Development, Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs and Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation. However, the outbreak of the Coronavirus slowed down these efforts in 2020.

D. Country Implementation

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8	Describe efforts to strengthen the rule of law in the countries where you work.	NNF, using social media platforms, continued its advocacy against crude oil theft and illegal oil refining. Illegal oil refining destroys the environment and threatens human existence. .
9	Describe efforts to conduct and monitor risk assessments for potential human rights violations in the areas where you work.	No significant change since 2020 report
10	Describe your efforts to strengthen policies, procedures	Some of the outcomes of NNF's engagement with stakeholders

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	and guidelines related to the implementation of the Voluntary Principles.	on its advocacy against crude oil theft resulted in a number of policy recommendations that can enhance the implementation of VPI. The recommendations have been made available as an open public access document.
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.	NNF could not continue the second engagement with the Nigeria Police due to the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic in 2020.
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 organisation	NNF intends to continue creating awareness through its social media platforms, newsletter and on its website. One big lesson from the coronavirus pandemic is the need to be innovative in our approach to promoting the implementation of VPs. We are considering virtual training programmes and other activities with target stakeholders.