

COMPPART 2024 Annual Report

Commitment to the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights

1. Describe how you have engaged in the Voluntary Principles Initiative over the past year.

We have in the past years involved in the following as a means to stay committed to the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights:

1. Participating in NGO Pillar calls
2. Making a Verification Presentation
3. Introducing ourselves as a participant of the Initiative in all our Letters to any Ministry, Department, or Agency of Government as a way to popularize the framework.
4. Maintenance of a WhatsApp Discussion platform titled COMPPART VPS, which currently has a total of 144 members cutting across Academia, Security, and Justice Institutions
5. Creating and maintaining additional WhatsApp platforms namely: "Security, Human Rights and You" and "Women, Security and Justice" to encourage citizens' participation in real-time discussions on issues of human rights and security as well as inclusivity. The two groups have a total membership of 176 and 150 respectively.

2. Describe efforts to increase transparency, both internally and externally, regarding your efforts to implement or support implementation of the Voluntary Principles.

Our membership of the VP is openly announced not only on our Website but also on our Letterheads and Business Cards

3. Describe any efforts to engage in dialogue with other participants of the Voluntary Principles Initiative.

We have been participating in programs of other member organizations such as Lite Africa when we are invited and also NGO Pillar Calls.

We participated in a Verification Presentation in December 2024 and also made our Presentation as well within the time allocated.

Procedures

4. Provide a summary of the findings of the verification process as outlined in the NGO Pillar Verification Framework.

The findings from the Verification Presentation was that there were many organization members of the VPS from Nigeria but we were not coordinated which caused our inability to gain the much-expected impact.

Funding challenges to COMPPART are also hampering its effort to further carry out coordinated intervention programs.

Promotion of the Voluntary Principles

5. Describe your efforts to raise awareness of and promote understanding of the Voluntary Principles with both internal and external stakeholders.

Designing, Printing, and Distributing the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights in Poster

format.

Also designing and distributing a Handbill called Citizens Rights Card that spelled out what the public is supposed to know about the Powers and Duties of Security Organizations and the Rights and Responsibilities of Citizens.

We are also, producing in a Poster format the Meaning of the Different Colors of Safety Helmet Worn at various sites. these are for public awareness and resilience building.

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.

Plans have been concluded to share the Plenary outcomes with Local Organizations upon the return of the Executive Director from each year's Plenary.

7. Describe your efforts to promote the adoption of the Voluntary Principles into relevant government of corporate policies, as well as international standards and/or guidelines.

Writing Introductory Letters and Mainstreaming VPS Discussion in all engagements in our organization including mentioning it to the Office of the National Security Adviser through the National Counter Terrorism Centre which we serve as a Steering Committee member of the Partnership Against Violent Extremism -PAVE Network in Nigeria.

Country Implementation

8. Describe efforts to strengthen the rule of law in the countries where you work.

Awareness raising through a one-hour audience participation Radio Programme Titled, Security, Human Rights and You on Passion94.5 FM Uyo, Akwa Ibom State. The program ran for a four-year and six-month period and has been suspended for now due to a funding challenge.

9. Describe efforts to conduct and monitor risk assessments for potential human rights violations in the areas where you work.

We are planning to undergo in-house training of all staff members on Risk assessment monitoring, Documentation, and Reporting in the second quarter of 2025

10. Describe your efforts to strengthen policies, procedures and guidelines related to the implementation of the Voluntary Principles.

Raising awareness on domestic framework that can provide for an indirect implementation of the VPS Framework namely the Administration of Criminal Justice Act/Laws of States and the Nigeria Police Act 2020.

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.

Partnership Training and public awareness to build host communities resilience to lawfully resist security sector impunity

12. Describe efforts to hold Voluntary Principles participants accountable for upholding their roles and responsibilities as members of the Voluntary Principles Initiative.

Networking, periodic monitoring, and experience sharing

Lessons & Issues

13. Lessons or issues from this reporting year, as well as plans or opportunities to advance the Voluntary Principles for the organization.

The lesson learned from the Verification presentation of last year particularly is that there is a need for greater collaboration with other organizations to avoid duplication of efforts as well as replication of best practices

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