Report of the 1-day national consultative workshop on the *Frontline* programme in Nigeria and linking *Frontline* to post-2015 development frameworks HELD ON 29TH JUNE, 2016 AT PENTORISE HALL, BODIJA, IBADAN, OYO STATE, NIGERIA.

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ATTENDANCE

About 50 participants including representatives from Nigeria Police Force, Nigeria Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Federal Road Service Corps, Oyo State Fire Services, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Oyo State Emergency Management Agency, West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP-Nigeria), Climate and Sustainable Development Programme, University of Ibadan, Participating Organisations, Students, Media and so forth were in attendance.

BACKGROUND

As the emphasis of the Post 2015 Development Agenda including the Sustainable Development Goals 2015, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the Paris Agreement-moves from creating policies at a global level to implementation at national and local levels, GNDR is focused on ensuring communities at the Frontline of disasters are part of and benefit from these policies.

The whole essence of the Frontline project, Nigeria, is to capture local knowledge of all threats; collate data which can be analysed; inform local, national and global policies, programmes and project; locally monitor the progress of all post 2015 development agenda, disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation; develop local, national and global database which is used to formulate local level indicators which is used to assess the resilience of those living at the frontline.
OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

The workshop had the following objectives:

- To make public the outcome of the frontline survey conducted in selected risk zones in Nigeria.
- To seek partnership with various stakeholders for joint actions and learning programmes tailored towards the resilience of communities at the frontline of disasters.
- To establish a working group known as ‘GNDR Post Sendai Monitoring Group’ that will monitor the implementation of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030).

PROGRAM CONTENT

- **Goodwill messages:** Goodwill messages were by GNDR West Africa Coordinator Mr Adessou through Skype call, followed by representatives of WANEP, Mr Lanre Yusuf, OYSEMA and NEMA respectively.

- **Field Experiences:** Mrs Tosin Apiriola Ajayi whose organisation worked around four agrarian communities including Ilemona, Sare, Afon in Kwara State. She explained that focus group discussion was used to interact and engage the stakeholders including youth, aged, disabled, men and women. She stressed that one of the challenges faced was the difficulty in getting accurate informations. Miss Vanesa also spoke on behalf of Centre for Peacebuilding and Disaster Relief (CEPADR), one of the Participating Organisations who worked around four urban slum communities including Ajegunle, Ijora Badia, Makoko all in Lagos. She pointed that one of the positives from the engagement was the zeal and passion on the part of the people to work with them on building the resilience of the communities.

- **Frontline Project Report:** The NCO Mr. Kolawole Amusat presented the report of the Frontline project since inception and particularly the analysis of the Frontline Survey from the various risk zones the project is being implemented. He made emphasis on the need to use the Frontline outcome for effective engagement of policy makers and towards action planning with the communities at the frontline of disasters. He concluded that both GNDR members and potential members can access the frontline survey report for advocacy purposes at various levels in the country.
• **Linking Frontline to Post 2015 Development Frameworks:** Mr Kolawole Amusat emphasized that as development workers there are three major agreements all development workers should be working towards now which are Sustainable Development Goals 2015, Sendai Framework Agreement for Disaster Reduction 2015-2030 and the Paris Agreement 2015. In all of these both government and civil society have their roles in building the resilience of community members at the frontline of disasters. The whole essence of the Frontline project is the monitoring of the implementation of these frameworks. As a result of this there is the need to have a team working to build the resilience of those at the frontline. This group in Nigeria will be known as the **GNDR Post 2015 Monitoring Group**.

• **Presentation of GNDR Strategy 2016-2020:** The policy document of the Global Network for Disaster Reduction (2016-2020) was presented and distributed to all GNDR members in Nigeria present at the National Consultative Workshop.

**OUTCOME**

- The one-day national consultative workshop provided the opportunity to publicize the report of the frontline survey conducted in six selected zones in Nigeria to a wider stakeholder.

- The event provided the opportunity for various stakeholders and participants to have a clearer understanding of the focus, goal, vision and mission of GNDR/Frontline project in Nigeria.

- The various participants present gave their commitment and words in partnering with CDRCR/GNDR and participating in the Post Sendai Monitoring Group when it is established.

- All members of GNDR who attended the national workshop got the policy document titled *GNDR STRATEGY 2016-2020*.

**CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Since the whole essence of frontline project is to work with community members facing everyday disasters, participants emphasized the need to localize and domesticate the findings of the frontline survey to community members. They suggested that in furtherance of the project, community associations including members of market associations, hunters association, farmers associations and so forth should be included in subsequent workshops and meetings since more than 70 percent of the respondents lived in the rural areas.
• Most of the participants that attended the national consultative workshop emphasized the importance of adequate funding to the success of any disaster reduction strategy in our local communities and states. Efforts should be put in place to pressurize government both at the local, state and national level to increase funding for implementing disaster risk strategies.

• Participants especially GNDR members appealed to the National Coordinating Organisation (NCO), Centre for Disaster Risk and Crisis Reduction (CDRCR) to make the report of the Frontline Project available to them through emails.

CONCLUSION

Honourable Emem Edoho who gave the closing remark on behalf of GNDR Nigeria and Centre for Disaster Risk and Crisis Reduction (CDRCR) thanked all participants for their support and for taking time out to attend the National Consultative Workshop on the Frontline project. The workshop came to a close by 1:35pm.