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Dear Mr. Tahara,

Final Narrative Report of "Enhancing National Capacities for Counter-Violent Extremism, Anti-Piracy and Protection of Civilians" Project.

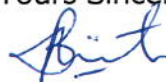
Warm Greetings from United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Nigeria.

We are delighted to inform you that the above-mentioned project: **Enhancing National Capacities for Counter-Violent Extremism, Anti-Piracy and Protection of Civilians Project** had been successfully implemented from March 2023 to March 2024.

We have the honour to transmit the final narrative report in line with the reporting obligation of UNDP under the project for your information and record. The final financial report will be submitted by June 2025.

We wish to reiterate our appreciation for the usual support of the Government of Japan which enabled the implementation of this important project and look forward to our continued partnership.

Yours Sincerely,



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Attached: Final Narrative Report



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Enhancing National Capacities for Counter-Violent Extremism, Anti-Piracy and Protection of Civilians Project [Nigeria]

Project Number: 01000401

Final Project Report

(March 2023 – March 2024)



The MLAILPKC Commandant, Major General E.A.P. Undiandeye presenting a souvenir to the Ambassador of Japan, His Excellency Kazuyoshi Matsunaga, at the Closing Ceremony of the Protection of Civilian in Armed Conflict Course, NARC, Abuja, 2nd June 2023. Photo: Embassy of Japan.

Project Summary

Country: Nigeria

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Acronyms

AU	African Union
AWP	Annual Work Plan
BMATT	British Military Advisory Training Team
CP	Counter Piracy
CPD	Country Programme Document
CVE	Counter Violent Extremism
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
GMS	General Management Support
GTAG	German Technical Assistance Group
GOG	Gulf of Guinea
GoJ	Government of Japan
ICT	Information, Communication and Technology
IMB	International Maritime Bureau
IP	Implementing Partner
JICA	Japanese International Cooperation Agency
LPAC	Local Project Appraisal Committee
MBNP	Ministry of Budget and National Planning
MDAs	Ministries, Departments and Agencies
MLAILPKC	Martin Luther Agwai International Leadership and Peacekeeping Centre
NARC	Nigerian Army Resource Centre (NARC)
NIM	National Implementation Modality
NN	Nigerian Navy
OSSAP	Office of the Senior Special Assistant to the President
POPP	Programmes and Operations Policies and Procedures
PDT	Pre-deployment Training
POC	Protection of Civilians
POTI	Peace Operations Training Institute
PSOs	Peace Support Operations
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
TICAD	Tokyo International Conference on African Development

TOT	Training of Trainers
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNFPA	United Nations Fund for Population Agency
UNSDCF	United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework
UNSDPF	United Nations Sustainable Development Partnership Framework

1. Executive Summary

In over a decade, Nigeria has been confronted with the influence and attacks of terrorists cloaked as Boko Haram in the northeast. The activities of these terrorists have resulted in the loss of lives and properties, displacement of millions of the local population and a colossal economic loss. In recent time, these terrorists have expanded their areas of influence to the northwest and other parts of the country and operated under different nomenclatures, such as, banditry, kidnapping and Fulani herdsmen. The achievement of these groups was alleged to have been largely aided by the local communities which facilitated intelligence and logistics for them. The efforts of the security agencies to convert the influence and activities of these organized crime groups have yet to yield the desired results. In some cases, military kinetic operations against the terrorists resulted in civilian casualties and severe injuries, and damages. There is an urgent desire to sharpen the capacities of security agencies on counterterrorism and protection of civilians for a more effective response and reduction in civilian casualties. There is also the imperative to persist with intervention on counter piracy in GoG to a deeper and sustainable impact.

The 'Enhancing National Capacities for Counter-Violent Extremism, Anti-Piracy and Protection of Civilians Project' was formulated to strengthen national capacities of Nigeria, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and Gulf of Guinea (GoG) countries' efforts to reduce the influence and activities of violent extremism and pirates, as well as protect civilians in armed conflicts. The prime goal of this project will be actualized through an output: 'Capacities of security agencies and relevant stakeholders for counter-violent extremism, anti-piracy and protection of civilians in armed conflicts enhanced'.

Key Achievements:

The project which implementation commencement date fell within the 2023 general election has been able to record a few milestones within the reporting period. The results recorded within the reporting period were:

Project Launch: The project was officially launched at the Nigerian Army Resource Centre (NARC), Abuja on 9th May 2023. The event was attended by varied project stakeholders including representatives from the Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning (MFBNP), Embassy of Japan, Ministry of Defence, Nigerian Army Headquarters, Nigerian Navy, Director General, NARC, UNDP, Martin Luther Agwai International Leadership and Peacekeeping Centre (MLAILPKC) management and staff, and NARC Policy Course participants and the media. The event was well publicized and reported by the media (print and electronic), thus, ensured wide visibility to the Government of Japan for funding the project and the collaborating partners.

Enhanced capacities for counter-violent extremism: The two weeks counter-violent extremism course organized by MLAILPKC was held at the Nigerian Army Resource Centre (NARC), Abuja from 5th – 17th Nov 2023. The course had 30 participants (14 women) drawn from five ECOWAS Member States including Ghana, Benin, Sierra Leone, Togo and Nigeria in attendance. The course was designed to strengthen the capacities of relevant stakeholders to curtail the influence of violent

extremism in West Africa sub-region and had participants from the Army, Navy, Police, Civil Defence, Immigration, Customs and civilians. The course improved the participants' understanding and competences in countering violent extremism. The participants were full of praises to the organizers, the Government of Japan and UNDP for the rare opportunity afforded them to participate in the course. They pledged their commitment to utilizing the skills gained to enhance their performances in their respective roles.

Regional and national capacities for Protection of Civilians strengthened: Capacities of 37 beneficiaries (12 women inclusive) drawn from the army, navy, police, customs, immigration, civil defense and civilians in nine ECOWAS countries (Angola, Benin, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Sierra Leone and Nigeria) were strengthened on protection of civilians (PoC) in armed conflict. The course which hosted by the Nigerian Army Resource Centre (NARC), Abuja, ran from 22nd May to 2nd June 2023. The beneficiaries expressed pleasure in the standard of the course, knowledge and proficiency acquired, pledged to apply the proficiency in their places of assignments and in peace support operations (PSOs) missions.

The course was facilitated by eminent scholars and resource persons in Nigeria and from Kofi Anan Peacekeeping Centre, Accra, Ghana. The opening and closing ceremonies organized for the course were attended by representatives of the Embassy of Japan, MBNP, Nigerian Army, MLAILPKC and UNDP.

This built on previous PoC courses organized by the Center with funding from the Government of Japan and facilitated by UNDP. Two hundred and eighty-seven (287) people benefitted from the previous courses and had been using the knowledge gained to benefit humanity through global, continental and regional PSOs mission.

Strengthened capacities for anti-piracy measures and prevention of maritime crimes: The anti-piracy course had 30 participants (including 8 women) who gained knowledge and proficiency in anti-piracy measures and prevention of maritime crimes course. The course, which beneficiaries were drawn from Benin, Ghana, Togo and The Gambia, was held in Lagos from 20th November – 2nd December 2023. It was the fifth in the series of anti-piracy courses organized by the Centre since 2021. The Centre, in consultation with the partners, chose Lagos as the venue to enable the participants to have a practical experience blended with theory and live simulation exercises. The unbridled access to the Navy and marine facilities by the facilitators and the course participants made the two weeks course conducted in Lagos an eventful one. Organizing an anti-piracy course in a maritime environment made it experiential, animated and delightful to the participants. At the end of the two weeks' course, the beneficiaries expressed satisfaction with the quality of both the course and the facilitation and affirmed their commitment to applying the acquired expertise in their respective assignments.

Challenges:

Insecurity: Though insecurity that was tense in Kaduna state and its environs during the past project cycle has changed but the partners are still monitoring the security situation to determine whether the location is secured enough to permit regular hosting of programme in Kaduna state. Consequently, the project activities organized, so far, were undertaken in Abuja.

Reassignment of Project's personnel: One of the constant challenges encountered in UNDP and MLAILPKC partnership is regular change of project personnel. This has often been effectively managed with little or no setback to project implementation. However, the current change of leadership in the Centre and the nature of appointment of the erstwhile Commandant (Chief of Defense Intelligence), had not permitted a smooth introduction of the incumbent to UNDP. Nonetheless, UNDP used its networks and partnership expertise engaged with the new Commandant to ensure that project execution stayed on track.

Key lessons learnt.

- The decision to execute the planned project activities in places outside of Kaduna including Abuja has ensured effective participation and safety of participants and facilitators.
- Constructive and persistence engagement with MLAILPKC management and training, coaching the staff on UNDP's regulations and rules regarding project finance and management, as well as joint planning and execution of project activities well ahead of implementation period helped to speed up project delivery.

Budget:

The total project budget is **US\$300,000** with programmable fund of **US\$297,030**. The expenditure during the reporting period was **US\$ 283,301.25 (94.43%)** of the total project budget. This amount represents the cumulative expenditure since the project implementation commenced.

2. Situation Background

Violent conflicts in many countries of the world and particularly in Africa have continued to increase both in complexity and numbers. The violence, which is mostly due to lack of good governance, political wrangling, inequality, citizens' agitation for quality of life and inability to access essential services of life, has permeated socio-economic, political aspects of the country. It has resulted in political instability, wanton destruction of lives and property, mass displacement of the civil population and the destruction of key development infrastructures. Often, citizens ventilate their displeasure through violent extremism, radicalization, and violent mass protests. Lack of good governance and political instability often result in a weakened economy with attendant inability of the government to provide basic services and good welfare for the citizens. Low access to education, inadequate basic healthcare services, lack of essential infrastructure critical to the citizens' well-being and progress, and high unemployment have often pushed many people to engage in criminal acts that exacerbate insecurity for the citizens and the economy. Such illicit acts include kidnappings, cattle rustlings and armed robbery.

In over a decade, Nigeria has been confronted with the influence and attacks of terrorists cloaked as Boko Haram in the northeast. The activities of these terrorists have resulted in the loss of lives and properties, displacement of millions of the local population and a colossal economic loss. Recently, these terrorists have expanded their areas of influence to the northwest and other parts of the

country and operated under different nomenclatures, such as, banditry, kidnapping and Fulani herdsmen. A combination of these acts of violence made Nigeria the 18th least peaceful state globally and the sixth country most affected by terrorism in 2022¹. The success of these groups was alleged to have largely been aided by the local communities that facilitated intelligence and logistics for them. The efforts of the security agencies to convert the influence and activities of these organized crime groups have yet to yield the desired results. In some cases, military kinetic operations against the terrorists resulted in civilian casualties and severe injuries, and damages. For example, between January and June 2022, casualties resulting from the Boko Haram insurgency in the northeast, banditry in the northwest, Fulani herdsmen in the northcentral and secessionist uprising in the southeast were approximately 5,222 lives² and 1,222,977 persons displaced³. There is an urgent desire to sharpen the capacities of security agencies on counterterrorism and protection of civilians for a more effective response and reduction in civilian casualties.

Despite the strengthening of Nigeria's military and its persistent impressive performance in international assignments including global peace support missions (PSOs), it has been unable to convert and arrest the growing tendencies of illicit maritime crimes in GoG. Such maritime crimes include piracy, armed robbery, kidnappings and violent attacks on ships and crews. In 2022, the global maritime piracy and armed robbery incidents recorded were 115 out of which 19 occurred in the GoG. This represented a decline compared to 35 reported in 2021 but the maritime crimes in GoG are still concerning and the region is considered the most dangerous waters for seafarers. The realization of this, especially to international trade and businesses, made the Government of Japan through UNDP Nigeria to support MLAILPKC to gain the capacity to run counter-piracy courses for relevant stakeholders in GoG countries.

Thus, this project addresses the menace of violent extremism by building and strengthening the capacities of relevant stakeholders in the ECOWAS sub-region including the military, police and civilians. The project will also build on the successes recorded under the previous anti-piracy project executed by the Centre with participants from GoG region.

3. Progress towards development results

3.1 Contribution to longer term results

In the longer term, this project aims to strengthen the institutional capacity of MLAILPKC to inform policy and decision-making processes, including those related to the PSOs environment and national development. By conducting courses on anti-piracy and other relevant topics, MLAILPKC, as a specialized training institution, contributes to the training requirements necessary for the formulation of a legal and regulatory framework for PSOs and conflict prevention. This institutional capacity building will ensure that MLAILPKC plays a pivotal role in shaping policies that foster sustainable peace and security in the region.

United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF)/Country Programme Document (CPD) Outcome 4: *By 2027, more inclusive, participatory, transparent and*

¹ <https://www.statista.com/topics/7491/crime-in-nigeria/#topicOverview>

² <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2022/07/24/nigeria-recorded-5222-violent-killings-in-six-months-says-us-agency/>

³ [https://reliefweb.int/report/nigeria/displacement-tracking-matrix-nigeria-north-west-and-north-central-crisis-monthly-dashboard-1-23-december-2022#:~:text=As%20of%2023%20December%202022,%25%20of%20the%20displaced%20population\).](https://reliefweb.int/report/nigeria/displacement-tracking-matrix-nigeria-north-west-and-north-central-crisis-monthly-dashboard-1-23-december-2022#:~:text=As%20of%2023%20December%202022,%25%20of%20the%20displaced%20population).)

gender-sensitive governance, justice and human rights systems are in place at all levels to promote acceleration in achieving the 2030 Agenda and SDGs for a peaceful, inclusive, and cohesive society.

Summary achievements based on CPD Outcome:

CPD outcome target	Indicator Target	Indicator Status	Status	Summary achievement to date
Global Peace index	100 (2027)		Ongoing	A total of 97 persons (63 Males and 24 Females) from six ECOWAS member state and the GoG drawn from the military, paramilitary, CSOs and ministries participated in the 3 courses.
Overall			Ongoing	

Relevant CPD Output 3.4: Strengthened systems, institutions and capacities for transitioning to development solutions, for inclusive and gender responsive peace building.

Summary achievement based on CPD output targets:

CPD output targets	Indicator Target	Indicator Status	Status	Summary achievement to date
Number of functional infrastructures for peace at national and sub-national levels	17 (2021): National – 1; Sub-national – 16.		Ongoing	Strengthen the capacities participants on counter-violent extremism, protection of civilians and anti-

	piracy and prevention of maritime crimes through Martin Luther Agwai International Leadership & Peacekeeping Centre (MLAILPKC), Kaduna.
Overall status	Ongoing

3.2 Progress towards project outputs:

Project Output 1: Capacities of security agencies and relevant stakeholders for counter-violent extremism, anti-piracy and protection of civilians in armed conflicts enhanced.

Summary achievement against 2023 Annual Work Plan (AWP) target:

Significant achievements were made in training participants on key security issues. Thirty beneficiaries, including 14 women, were trained in counter-violent extremism across six ECOWAS Member States, with a commitment to apply their new skills. Similarly, 37 individuals, including 12 women, from ECOWAS countries and Nigeria's military and paramilitary institutions, gained expertise in protecting civilians in armed conflicts. They praised the course quality and facilitators' expertise. Additionally, 30 participants, including 8 women, were trained in anti-piracy and maritime crime prevention, expressing satisfaction and commitment to utilize their new skills.

Indicator (as they appear in the AWP)	Indicator Target (2023) (AWP indicator targets)	Indicator Status	Status: <i>Ongoing, Delayed, Completed</i>	Summary achievement during the quarter (provide gender disaggregation)
1.1 # of participants trained in counter-violent extremism.	30		Completed	30 (14 women) beneficiaries acquired knowledge and expertise in counter-violent extremism. The beneficiaries drawn from six ECOWAS Member States, committed to use the skills gained to improve on their performance in their respective assignments.
1.2 # of participants	30		Completed	37 (12 women) beneficiaries drawn from ECOWAS

trained on protection of civilians.			countries including Nigeria's military, paramilitary institutions and civilians gained expertise on protection of civilians in armed conflicts. The beneficiaries expressed satisfaction at the standard of the course and expertise of the facilitators. They pledged to apply the knowledge acquired in their respective assignments and PSOs missions.
1.3 # of participants trained in anti-piracy and prevention of maritime crimes.	20	Completed	30 (8 women) acquired expertise and skill in anti-piracy and prevention of maritime crimes. The beneficiaries expressed satisfaction at the quality of the course and were committed to applying the expertise gained in their places of assignment.
Overall status		Completed	

Description of Results

1.1 Number of participants trained in counter-violent extremism; baseline: 372 (2022).

30 (14 women) beneficiaries acquired knowledge and expertise in counter-violent extremism. The beneficiaries drawn from six ECOWAS Member States, committed to use the skills gained to improve on their performances in their respective assignments.

1.2 Number of participants trained on protection of civilians; baseline: 287 (2022).

37 (12 women) beneficiaries drawn from ECOWAS countries including Nigeria's military, paramilitary institutions and civilians gained expertise on protection of civilians in armed conflicts. The beneficiaries expressed satisfaction at the standard of the course and expertise of the facilitators. They pledged to apply the knowledge acquired from the course in their respective assignments and PSOs Missions.

1.3 Number of participants trained in anti-piracy and prevention of maritime crimes; baseline: 117 (2022).

30 (8 women) acquired expertise and skill in anti-piracy and prevention of maritime crimes. The beneficiaries expressed satisfaction at the quality of the course and were committed to applying the expertise gained in their places of assignment.

3.3 Human Interest Story

1. Mr. A. E. Eyibio – Immigration Officer

This was an extremely rich and enlightening course. It has opened my eyes to how we can operate effectively in peacekeeping missions effectively. It also shed light on some issues encountered in previous peacekeeping missions to draw lessons learnt from them and enhance professionalism and the protection of civilians in armed conflicts. The course was very useful for my work as an Immigration Officer, and I hope to be deployed to a Peace Support Mission soon.



2. Cdr J. Uzoh – Nigerian Navy Officer



This course was extremely rich and helpful as it shed light on what I am expected to do when I am deployed on a Peacekeeping mission, and especially how to protect civilians. One thing that I have learnt was how important it is to manage civilians' expectations and not to give them false hopes while always striving to support and protect them. I have also learnt that it is especially important to protect and take into consideration the special needs and vulnerabilities of women and children, and how to prevent and respond to conflict related sexual violence. I am currently in the UN pool and available for deployment in January 2024. In view of my deployment to this mission, this course has helped me immensely to know what is expected of me and what to do to protect civilians. The course was intense and fully packed with interesting content and interactive sessions and should have even been extended to three weeks. I thank the MLAIKLPKC, UNDP and the Government of Japan for the opportunity and look forward to my deployment with the acquired skills and competences.

3. Lt Col. M. Kamate, Mali Military Officer

This course was very useful and well facilitated. I have acquired essential skills in the protection of civilians and will step down the training in my unit in the Malian Armed Forces. Since I had already been deployed to a peacekeeping mission quite a while ago, I will be able to use the new knowledge and skills in future peace support operations.





4. Mr. U. Ibrahim – Nigeria Customs Office

Very interesting course: as a customs officer, it exposes me to many things, and I could discover many new things. Prior to the training, I did not know how UN peacekeeping and PoC work. I would love to be deployed on a mission. I have learnt so many things, beginning with how to protect civilians.

4. Cross cutting issues

4.1 Gender results

Gender results	Evidence
Gender result 1: The project sets out to achieve gender parity and equality in its design and implementation. Hence the project is making a deliberate effort to guarantee that it attains equality and parity in all planned activities. For instance, 12 of the 37 beneficiaries of the PoC course were women representing 32%.	Evidence 1: MLAIKPKC and UNDP training reports.
Gender strategy: The project is rated as GEN2 – advancing gender equality is a significant objective of the project. Therefore, this project has an explicit gender mainstreaming objective which seeks to maintain a target of 30 per cent women participation in all project activities. Consequently, the project collects, disaggregates, and analyses all data by gender; ensures that Terms of Reference for project IPs, consultants and staff include gender sensitivity; guarantees that the project's publications and public information activities were gender sensitive; and ensures the integration of gender sensitive results and indicators into programme/project analysis and performance assessment.	Evidence 2: Project reports

4.2 Digital Solutions

The partnership has enhanced the infrastructures of the Centre, such as information, communication and technology (ICT), functional participants' hostel and steady supply of 12 hours of green energy to deliver robust training services to its clients. In the MALILPKC training program, modern technology tools were effectively utilized to enhance facilitation and participant engagement. State-of-the-art equipment such as projectors, screens, and interactive digital platforms were employed to deliver interactive presentations, simulations, and group activities. Participants were encouraged to leverage these tools to showcase their activities, fostering a dynamic and immersive learning environment. The strategic integration of technology enabled the facilitators to convey complex concepts in an engaging and visually appealing manner, while also promoting participant interaction, collaboration, and knowledge sharing. This approach not only enhanced the overall training

experience but also empowered participants to develop essential skills in leveraging technology for effective communication, presentation, and facilitation.

4.3 Partnerships:

The project was designed by a collective effort of the partners: Government of Japan, MLAILPKC and UNDP Nigeria to build and strengthen the capacities of military, paramilitary and civilians in ECOWAS countries including Nigeria on counter-violent extremism and protection of civilians, as well as consolidate the achievements recorded on anti-piracy in GoG. In the execution of this project, MLAILPKC is partnering with ECOWAS and GoG Member States, MBNP, Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), Ministry of Defense, Nigerian Army, Nigerian Navy, Nigerian Air force and Nigeria Police in selecting and mobilizing relevant participants to participate in the outlined courses. Partnership with these institutions is helping to realize the project targets for the reporting period.

4.4 Environmental Considerations

The project took appropriate actions to ensure that it factors environmental concerns to its design. This will be amplified in the implementation phase when it will promote environmental consciousness in all project plans and processes. These will include environmental considerations during consultations, planning and activity implementation. The project takes step to mitigate any direct negative impact on the environment and climate change within the reporting period. This includes compliance with UN policy on use of plastic products. Nonetheless, continuous efforts will be exercised to monitor and obviate any unintended negative impact that the project implementation might have on the environment and climate change.

4.5 South to South and Triangular Cooperation

Country	Type of cooperation
N/A	

4.6 Strengthening national capacity

Results achieved	Institution	National capacity strengthened
1) 30 (14 women) beneficiaries acquired knowledge and expertise in counter-violent extremism. The beneficiaries drawn from six	Army, Navy, Police, Immigration, Customs, Civil Defense and CSOs.	MLAILPKC

ECOWAS Member States			
2)	37 (12 women) beneficiaries drawn from ECOWAS countries gained proficiency on protection of civilians in armed conflict.	Army, Navy, Police, Immigration, Customs, Civil Defense and CSOs.	MLAILPKC
3)	30 (8 women) acquired expertise and skill in anti-piracy and prevention of maritime crimes.	Army, Navy, Police, Immigration, Customs, Civil Defense and CSOs.	MLAILPKC

5. Monitoring and Evaluation

Key M&E activity (monitoring visit, evaluation, review exercise)	Key outcomes/ observation	Recommendation	Action taken
M&E activity 1: Continuous engagements with MLAILPKC and regular check on compliance level of project delivery	MLAILPKC was well prepared, used the funds efficiently, and implemented the agreed activities effectively.	The implementation of project is successful, there is need to improve of communicating program plans with partners	Continued engagements to ensure prompt notification of course schedule with partners.

5.1 Risk management

Risks	Mitigation Measures
The Security situation deteriorates and distracts the implementation of project activities from taking place at the IP's location.	There will be close monitoring of the security situation including quarterly risk updates in the monitoring and evaluation plan, identification of mitigation measures and programmatic alternatives to be applied as necessary.
Inadequate expertise, trainers and facilitators to run the courses.	MLAILPKC has developed expertise in these areas progressively and has a roster of experts to complement them when required. Experts may also be drawn from the Japan

	International Cooperation Agency (JICA) or UNDP pool of experts to complement MLAILPKC's capacities.
Difficulty in forging partnership with relevant stakeholders especially the Nigerian Navy on account of mandate stalls the smooth implementation of the project.	UNDP will work with MLAILPKC to organize high level consultations with the Nigerian Navy (NN) at a strategic level to forge understanding and partnership. NN will be made the technical lead in the counter piracy thematic area and incorporated as part of the technical committee.
Sudden outbreak of a global health emergency that may impact negatively on the project implementation.	The project will respond timely and effectively to any sudden outbreak of a health emergency in accordance with the system wide guidelines and national government protocols.

6. Challenges

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7. Lesson Learned

- The decision to execute planned project activities in places outside of Kaduna including Abuja has ensured effective participation and safety of participants and facilitators.
- Constructive and persistence engagement with MLAILPKC management and training, coaching the staff on UNDP's regulations and rules regarding project finance and management, as well as joint planning and execution of project activities well ahead of implementation period helps to speed up project delivery.

8. Evidence

- o List evidence of achievements of the project towards the outputs during the reporting period

Report Section	Title	URL link
Output 1	(Newsverge, 9 May 2023): "FG, UNDP Partner on Countering Violent Extremism".	https://newsverge.com/2023/05/09/fg-undp-partner-on-countering-violent-extremism/#:~:text=The%20Federal%20Government%20with%20the,well%20as%20enhancing%20civilian%20protection
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9. Financial Summary ⁴

Outputs / Activity Result		Current Annual Budget (US\$) (Jan – Dec 2024)	Expenditure (January – December 2023)	Expenditures (January-June 2024)	Cumulative Expenditures	% Expenditure (Cumulative)
		A	B	C	D=(B+C)	D/A*100
Output 1: Capacities of security agencies and relevant stakeholders for counter-violent extremism, anti-piracy and protection of civilians in armed conflicts enhanced.						
Activity Result 1	Conduct a stream of 14-day course on counter-violent extremism for 30 participants selected from security agencies, para-military agencies, and relevant organizations in Nigeria and ECOWAS.	67,000	57,756.38	0.00	57,756.38	86.00%
Activity Result 2	Conduct a stream of 14-day course on protection of civilians for 30 participants selected from security agencies, paramilitary agencies, relevant government institutions in Nigeria and ECOWAS.	67,000	51,366.83	0.00	51,366.83	77.00%
Activity Result 3	Organize anti-piracy and prevention of maritime crimes course for 20 participants selection from government institutions relevant stakeholders in Nigeria and GoG countries.	78,300	135,003.35	0.00	135,003.35	172.00%
Activity Result 4	Monitoring & Communication	2,556	4,102.71	1,179.76	5,282.47	207.00%
Output 1 Sub-total		214,856	248,229.27	1,179.76	249,409.03	116.08%
Project Management (Project Staff Costs)		38,840	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Direct Project Costing (DPC) – 4.2%		12,092	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Audit – 1%		2,970	2,970.00	837.21	3,807.21	128.19%
Monitoring and Evaluation – 1%		2,970	2,439.49	(327.00)	2,112.49	71.13%
General Management Support (GMS) – 8%		22,002	21,635.54	66.98	21,702.52	98.64%
Global monitoring, advocacy, and reporting		3,300	3,300.00	0.00	3,300	100%
Coordination Levy – 1%		2,970	2,970	0.00	2,970.00	100%
Grand total		300,000	281,544.30	1,756.95	283,301.25	94.43%

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Photo 1: High table at the CVE Course, Abuja, (5 – 17 Nov 2023)



Photo 2: Participants at the CVE Course, Abuja, (5 – 17 Nov 2023)

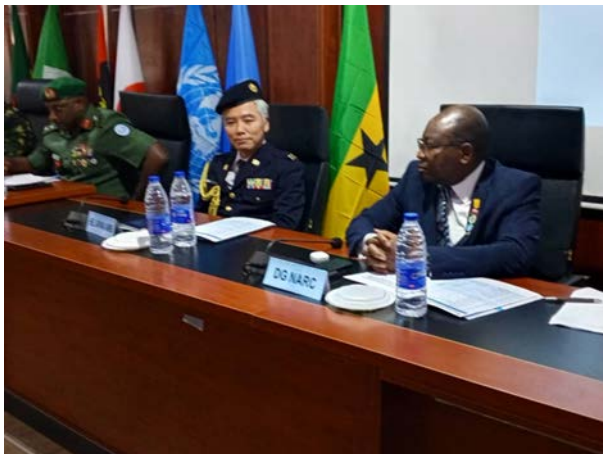


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