

THE GCERF CAROL BELLAMY LEADERSHIP AWARD 2023 AWARDEE REPORT: **GLOBAL PEACE DEVELOPMENT**

AT A GLANCE: GLOBAL PEACE DEVELOPMENT

Global Peace Development (GPD) is a non-governmental organization founded in April 2002 which focuses on promoting peace for development. Since its foundation, GPD has been championing initiatives to address the needs of vulnerable groups. Its interventions focus on human rights, human security in conflict and emergencies, conflict transformation, gender and peacebuilding, governance, livelihoods, and the environment. GPD also develops policy initiatives.



**GPD has operated in
Nigeria since 2004**

PROJECT OVERVIEW

GPD's winning Carol Bellamy Leadership Award project aimed to identify and support women from communities vulnerable to violent extremism to run their existing initiatives, adopting a people-to-people approach that is participatory and demand-based.

The project sought to build upon the existing Women Safe Space established by GPD.

This location was chosen as limited knowledge of digital skills, a leadership deficit, and poor representation of women in leadership positions continues to undermine their livelihood and active participation in decision-making processes in their community.

The project sought to address these challenges, strengthen the capacity of women, and design of the women's safe space. It sought to achieve these aims through the mentorship and training of key leaders of the women's safe space, and by equipping them with leadership, project management, and digital skills.





3-DAY TRAINING FOR 25 WOMEN

GPD organised a training attended by 25 women in a target community in Nigeria.

The training focused on developing participants' knowledge of women's rights, as well as their leadership, project management, entrepreneurship, peacebuilding, and advocacy skills.

Specifically, the training also helped women to effectively learn how to manage the repair and sustainable use of the community's integrated rice mill. The mill will serve as an income-generating option for the women.



COMMUNITY DIALOGUE WITH 15 LEADERS

After training community leaders, GPD facilitated a community dialogue helmed by 15 women leaders.

This was an opportunity for the women to put their leadership skills into practice.

Women were able to solicit opinions and discuss important topics ranging from the inclusion of women in key positions such as Councillorship positions, women's participation in Bride price deliberations, and how best to manage the community's integrated rice mill.



LEARNING & FUTURE STEPS

- During the project, the low understanding of beneficiaries in digital skills emerged. As such, during its project implementation phase, GPD built in an additional introductory training module on ICT for the women they were working with.