



# Conference programme

Social protection and economic uncertainties in fragile and conflict affected societies

8th to 9th November 2023

## Organised by

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## Venue

Conference Hall, Institute of Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR), Abuja, Nigeria, Plot 496 Abogo  
Largema Street, Central Business District 900211, Abuja, Federal Capital Territory, Nigeria



ICPR Conference Hall



Boardroom 1



Boardroom 2

Day 1: 8th November 2023			
Time	ICPR Conference Hall	Boardroom 1	Boardroom 2
08:00 - 08:30	Registration		
09:00 - 10:00	<p><b>Welcome and Opening Speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Joseph Ochugwu, Director General, Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR)</li> <li>• Hon. Abdulaziz Danladi, National Coordinator for the National Social Safety Nets Coordinating Office (NASSCO)</li> <li>• Cristian Munduate, UNICEF Country Representative Nigeria</li> <li>• Chris Pycroft, Development Director, British High Commission, Nigeria</li> </ul>		
10:00 - 11:00	<p><b>Keynote: Social Protection in Times of Crisis</b></p> <p><b>Professor Emmanuel Remi Aiyede</b> Partnership for African Social and Governance Research, Nairobi and University of Ibadan</p>		
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break		

<p>11:30 - 12:30</p>	<p><b>Parallel 1.1: Political Economy</b> Chair: Claudia Wiehler   ETH Zurich</p> <p><b>Presenters</b></p> <p><b>Muhammad Sani Kassim &amp; David Danjuma Mohammed</b> Neopatrimonialism and State Capacity Constraints in the Implementation of Social Protection Programs in Nigeria.</p> <p><b>Chikodiri Nwangwu &amp; Nwota Ogbonnaya</b> From social protection to campaign financing: Interrogating the political economy of electoral clientelism in Nigeria</p>	<p><b>Abubakar Abdullahi &amp; Muftau Olaiya Olarinde</b> Distributive Politics and Social Protection Initiatives in Nigeria</p> <p><b>Tade Oludayo and Owonikoko Babajide Saheed</b> Social Protection as Trade-By-Barter: The Political Economy of Internally Displaced Persons Support in Adamawa State, Northeastern Nigeria</p>
	<p><b>Parallel 1.1: Social Protection: From Theory to Practice in Nigeria</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Victor Ogharanduku   Save the Children</b></p> <p><b>Olawale Olufemi Akinrinde</b> Theory and Praxis of Social Protection in the Context of Nigeria's Neoliberal Democracy</p>	<p><b>Joshua Temitope Kayode</b> A Critical Assessment of Theory and Practice of Social Protection Policy in Nigeria</p> <p><b>Stanley Ebitare Boroh &amp; Iwekumo Arabella Boroh</b> Politics of Indigeneity and the Conundrum of Inclusive Social Protection in Nigeria</p>
<p>12:30 - 01:30</p>	<p>Lunch</p>	

<p>1:30 – 2:50</p>	<p><b>Parallel 2.1: Gender Dynamics</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Ebimboere Seiyefa   CORN West Africa &amp; Baze University</p> <p><b>Olaitan Faiysal</b> Women with Disabilities as ‘Abirun’: Their Exclusion from the Social and Financial Protection in COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Responses in Lagos, Nigeria</p> <p><b>Abe Teniola &amp; Damilola Agbalajobi</b> Empowering Women in Conflict-Affected Zones: The Contribution of Social Protection Interventions</p>	<p><b>Dauda Bivan Amos &amp; Mugu Zakka Bako</b> Mitigating Gender-Based Violence through Social Protection Programme in Southern Kaduna</p> <p><b>Ugwunna Ugwuala Donald</b> The Impact of Social Protection Programmes on Women in Nigeria Economic Development.</p>
	<p><b>Parallel 2.2: Peacebuilding</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Dr Bose Awodola   National Peace Academy</p> <p><b>Victor Ogharanduku</b> Social protection and Positive Peace: What are the Pathways and Mechanism involved and policy implications?</p> <p><b>Umar Saleh</b> Rebuilding Lives: Examining the role of social protection programmes in facilitating the reintegration of ex-Boko Haram combatants and IDPs in Northeast Nigeria</p>	<p><b>Comfort Fatimoh Sheidu</b> Social Protection and Peace-building: Exploring the Causal Relationship between Social Protection Programmes and Conflict Reduction in Nigeria</p> <p><b>Confidence Ogbonna</b> Social Protection or Safeguarding of Interest: An Assessment of Amnesty Program and Operation Safe Corridor as Peace Building Initiatives in Nigeria</p>
<p>02:50 - 03:30</p>	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>	

03:00 –04:00	<p><b>Panel 1: Outcomes of Social Protection Programmes: Focus on the Better Assistance in Crisis (BASIC) Project in Nigeria</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Nonso Obikili   United Nations</p> <p><b>Adeniran Adedeji, Hajiya Hafsat Adamu, Judith-Ann Walker, Michael Turnwait, Vidya Diwakar and Zakari Lawan</b> Poverty Dynamics and Social Assistance in Times of Crisis: insights from the Better Assistance in Crisis (BASIC) and Data and Evidence to End Extreme Poverty (DEEP) programmes in Nigeria</p> <p><b>Joseph Ochogwu</b> Politics of Social Assistance in Protracted Crises in Northeast Nigeria</p>
04:00 - 04:30	Wrap-up Day 1

09:00 - 09:30	Registration
9:30 – 11:00	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Unpacking Nigeria's Social Register Politics: Implications for Poverty Alleviation and Conflict</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Chioma Agwuegbo</b>   Communications Specialist</p> <p><b>Dr Ndubuisi Nwokolo</b>   Managing Partner, Nextier  <b>Asiegbu Charles</b>   Senior Policy and Research Analyst, Nextier  <b>Apera Iorwakwagh</b>   Country Director, GiveDirectly  <b>Dr Plangsat Dayil</b>   Lecturer, University of Jos</p>

11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 - 12:30	<p><b>Parallel 3.1: Victim Centred Approaches</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Dr Ndubuisi Nwokolo</b>   Managing Partner, Nextier</p> <p><b>Yikwab Peter Yikwabs</b> ‘I just want to Return home and Start Life Over’: Unpacking the Victimization Experiences of Widows in the Farmer-Herder Conflicts in North-Central Nigeria</p> <p><b>Plangshak Musa Suchi</b>   University of Jos Post-Covid-19, Social Protection and Coping Strategies of Persons with Disabilities in North Central Nigeria</p>	<p><b>Christiana Ejura Attah</b> Discrimination Against Children Born of Boko Haram Conflict-Related Sexual Violence: An Assessment of Nigeria Child’s Right Act</p> <p><b>Oyintonyo Michael-Olomu, Jackson Tamunosaki Jack &amp; Stanley Ebitare Boroh</b> Are They Left Behind? Inclusivity, Social Protection and the Dilemma of Rehabilitating Internally Displaced Persons (IDPS) in Nigeria</p>
12:30 - 01:30	Lunch	

**Parallel 3.2: Social Protection in the margins**

**Chair: Saheed Owonikoko** | Modibbo Adama University

**Tubodenyefa Zibima** | Niger Delta University  
Social Protection as Precarious Social Assistance: A Discursive interpretation of Rural Expectations and Responses in the Niger Delta

**Mathias Daji Yake**

Social Protection Programming and its Impact on Social Cohesion in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Context: Lessons from the Field

**Michael Oguchialu Akujobi**

Social protection implication on rural development and Conflict Management in Nigeria

01:30 – 2:30

**Parallel 4.1: Religion and Civil Society**

**Chair: Dr. Atta Barkindo** | Kukah Centre

**Stephanie Effevottu**

Catholic Social Teachings and its Implications on the Church's Social protection and Peacebuilding Interventions in Post-Civil War Nigeria

**Oluwaseun Kugbayi**

"Government Has Failed Us, But We Have Hope in God": Do Religious Institutions Play Effective Role in Poverty Alleviation in Nigeria?

**Samuel Edet & Nwankwo Guzorochi Confidence**

Protecting from the ground up: Civil society experiences in social protection in Sudan

**Janet Monisola Oluwaleye**

The Paradox of Fuel Subsidy Removal's Palliatives in Nigeria: Considering the Non-State Alternatives

**Parallel 4.2: Impacts of Social Protection Programmes**

**Chair: Muftau Olaiya Olarinde** | Usmanu Dan Fodio University

**Olanrewaju Lateef Yusuf**

Impact of Youth Empowerment Scheme of Oyo State (YES-O) on Community Security in Oyo State, Nigeria

**Agbalajobi Damilola & Tolulope Osinubi**

The effect of social protection on poverty in Nigeria

**Nuhu Mukhtar Nuhu**

The Social Impact of National Home-Grown School Feeding Programme (NHGSFP) in Northwest, Nigeria: Educational and Health Benefits among Vulnerable Children

	<p><b>Parallel 5.1: Data Management, Communication and Security</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Zibima Tubodenyefa</b>   Niger Delta University</p> <p><b>Freedom Onuoha &amp; Chukwunonso Akogwu</b> Social Protection as Security Provisioning: An Interrogation of Safe School Initiative in Northern Nigeria</p> <p><b>Onayinka Toyin Segun</b> Media Narratives and Communication Strategies in Enhancing Social Protection for Vulnerable Populations in Fragile and Conflict Contexts</p> <p><b>Iyefu Omale Caroline</b> Data Sharing and Information Exchange for Enhanced Coordination in social Protection in Nigeria</p>
02:30 – 3:30	<p><b>Parallel 5.2: Historical Reflections on Social Protection</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Damilola Taiye Agbalajobi</b>   University of Ife</p> <p><b>Tade Oludayo</b> “...they are filthy and penniless”: Repatriation of beggars and social service care for pauper-patients in colonial Nigeria, 1927- 1952</p> <p><b>Olalekan A. Babatunde</b> Unpacking the lessons from the pre-colonial social protection practices among the Yoruba people of Nigeria</p> <p><b>Imran Usman Sani</b> Impact of Social Investment and Poverty on Conflict in Nigeria</p> <p><b>Saheed Owonikoko &amp; Tade Oludayo</b> Unintended Consequences of Social Protection Programmes in Northeast Nigeria</p>
3:30 – 4:30	<p><b>Towards a Research Agenda on Social Protection in Nigeria: A Conversation with Researchers</b></p>
5:00 – 5:20	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Tarila Marclint Ebiedel</b> Director, CORN West Africa</p>