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A Non-governmental organisation, Search for Common Ground, has commenced validation of local action plan in Gombe State, Northern Nigeria, on implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325.

The resolution creates more visibility of Women Peace and Security (WPS) program through the use of stakeholders in the state.

The State Project Coordinator of the NGO, Mr. Chorbe Joshua Gonlur disclosed this at the validation workshop on the data collected for reflection on context specific modules of the Local Government Areas, and the State for deepening Engagement on Women Peace Security project in the State.

The programme which was supported by UN-Women in implementing European Union funded program in partnership with UNICEF and Gombe State Ministry of Women Affairs, was held in Kaltungo local government area of the state.

Gonlur said that the workshop would improve knowledge and understanding of the Women Peace Security project across the Local Government Areas, while the State Local Action Plan (LAP) would be a specific document for the implementation of UNSCR 1325 in the local government areas.

“The development of the document had engaged lead consultant, researchers and enumerators who facilitated the process of information generation, reflections, hence the need to validate the data collected by the respondents through reflections on the information presented.

“The validation would serve as a basis for the final document to be produced and launched. The Launching of the document will be done in the two LGAs in the month of July- August 2018 where the document will then be disseminated across LGAs and communities in the state.”

The State Project Coordinator also expressed satisfaction with the lead consultant on the progress of the work so far. He is optimistic that the final document which is context specific would help the stakeholders from the LGAs to use in the implementation of their local Action plan.

“The document will be used by the leaders to address issues facing the communities and to further strengthen women in decision making processes in communities. The document is a bottom top approach which will help in facilitating issues in a non-adversarial way and having the common ground approach in the implementation of UNSCR 1325.

He hoped that the document would further serve as a working tool to the Local Government Authority as a sustainable measure to enable them own the process at the Local level.

Also speaking, the UN-Women Gender Technical Adviser, Rhoda Dia appreciated that support given by the stakeholders since the commencement of data collection across 12 communities in the two LGAs to the validation stage.

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She noted that women and girls suffered most during violent conflict but seek to improve on the response mechanisms that would prevent conflict issues from escalation. She added that the document is context specific hence the need for stakeholders to validate the outcome of the research conducted to fit into the current realities in addressing the issues at the Local Government Areas.