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AB: Conflict resolution strategies have largely been biased against women, excluding them from formal peacebuilding processes despite bearing the brunt of violence. The pivotal role of women organizations in getting resolutions, treaties and policies instituted is recognized, but inadequate attention is given to their continued involvement in the implementation of these norms. Despite the adoption of UN Security Council Resolution (UNSCR 1325) action plans as instrument to bridge the gender gap in the peacebuilding process, women are still not adequately involved in the process. Studies have provided insights on women's role in peacebuilding, but they did not place the discourse within the ambit of women organizations implementation of UNSCR 1325. This study examined women organizations implementation of UNSCR 1325 and peacebuilding in Plateau State, Nigeria.

The study adopted exploratory sequential research design of a mixed mode approach. The population of study was 4,200,442 people in Plateau State. A sample size of 400 was determined using the Taro Yamane's formula and 14 key informants based on saturation. The study employed purposive and cluster sampling techniques for the quantitative. Key informant interviews were conducted with staff of selected women organizations, officials of the state ministry of women affairs and social development, members of the Plateau State Peacebuilding Agency, researchers and peace practitioners in the state. A validated questionnaire with

Cronbach's alpha coefficient for the constructs ranged from 0.74 to 0.91. The response rate of the questionnaire was 75.25 %. Quantitative data were analyzed using inferential statistics at 5% level of significance while qualitative data were thematically analyzed.

The study revealed that there was a significant effect of women organizations strategies on peacebuilding ($\beta = 1.84, t = 10.19, p < 0.00$). The findings showed significant effect of women organizations implementation of UNSCR 1325 on peacebuilding ($\beta = 0.37, t = 13.04, p < 0.03$). Findings from the study further showed that the implementation of UNSCR 1325 is driven by women organizations with the support of international partners.

The major themes that emerged from this study were peacebuilding, women organizations and UNSCR 1325. The study found that women organizations strategies used in Plateau State such as sensitization about the resolution and awareness on the need for peaceful coexistence at the grassroots were effective in restoring peace to the state.

The study concluded that the implementation of UNSCR 1325 by women organizations promoted peacebuilding in Plateau State. The study recommended that government should strengthen institutional support for women organizations in peacebuilding and implementation of UNSCR 1325 to achieve the goals of the women peace and security agenda.

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