

GOODWILL MESSAGE OF THE HONOURABLE MINISTER, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS, DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AT THE LAUNCH OF THE NIGERIA GOVERNORS FORUM PEACE AND INCLUSIVE SECURITY INITIATIVE ON 8TH JULY 2021 AT SHERATON HOTEL.

Protocol

Your Excellencies,
Representatives of MDAs,
Development Partners,
INGOs, CSOs, all stakeholders,
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,
Members of the Press

2 - Gov of Plateau - Cheri Nte
1 - Gov of Ekiti - Cheri Nte
3 - Dep Gov - Nasare
- Excellencies (Members of Dip Corp)

Peace and stability are the foundations required for social development and economic growth in any society, which is why I am pleased to be a part of the launch of the Peace and Inclusive Security Initiative.

2. On 21st August 2019, the Government of President Muhammadu Buhari created the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, with a mandate to develop humanitarian policies and provide effective coordination of National and International humanitarian intervention; ensure strategic disaster mitigation, preparedness and response; and manage the formulation and implementation of fair focused social inclusion and protection programmes in Nigeria.

3. In fulfilment of our mandate and taking into context the current security and development challenges faced by the country, the Ministry has intentionally adopted a 'humanitarian development-peace nexus' approach, to proactively address political, social and economic vulnerabilities that lead to or have the potential to create grave humanitarian situations. This simply means, the Ministry's policy direction is to address the root causes of conflict and vulnerabilities through early warning, early action and early prevention. And where conflict or disasters exist, we provide humanitarian action,

development programmes and peacebuilding activities, simultaneously, to provide stability.

4. We have encapsulated this methodology, in the National Humanitarian Development Peace Framework created via the National Humanitarian Coordination Committee, to ensure peace and stability in Nigeria by promoting an innovative, proactive and home-grown approach to critically address humanitarian and development challenges, from community, state to federal levels.

5. This framework highlights (8) goals ranging from improving the quality of living standards, nationally, to securing, stabilising and recovering communities that may have been impacted by natural or man-made disasters. Each goal has objectives and strategic actions for implementation that coherently addresses social, economic and security vulnerabilities. Our core objectives are to ensure resilience, be better prepared to manage 'black swan' events and ultimately support a more dynamic environment for national and state focused development agendas to thrive. I will delve deeper into the Ministry's approach during the panel session.

6. Your Excellencies, I must use this opportunity to commend the Nigerian Governors Forum for this initiative, and for its commitment towards entrenching peace and security. May I suggest that we key into and co-opt existing strategies that promote a coordinated, cohesive and national approach: I strongly believe that if we are truly inclusive in our approach to peace and security, we will provide stability and development in Nigeria.

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