



Annual report 2019

Inclusion: The Key to Peace



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Introduction

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In the same way that peace is more than the absence of war, inclusivity is more than the absence of exclusion. Often, the concept of inclusivity is associated with the extension of special rights and special access to spaces previously unavailable. It can seem a 'privilege' that can be granted or claimed.

Inclusivity is not about granting access to the excluded or marginalised. It should be broadly understood as a process for collaboration, bringing together different perspectives and contributions. Inclusivity requires an understanding and acceptance that everybody has a role in building our society, and that inclusive processes lead to better results. It is about establishing conditions and mechanisms that enable people to participate, contribute and share responsibilities.

The work of GPPAC in 2019 reflects this broader understanding of inclusivity. This report showcases some of the initiatives undertaken by our members all over the world and by our team at the Global Secretariat. Many of these activities create new spaces and mechanisms for collaboration with other actors. They promote the active role of civil society in building more secure and peaceful communities, free from fear, want and indignity.



Time and time again we see the same approach. 'Hard security' – focusing on military, police and criminal justice solutions – dominates state and inter-state security agendas across the world. But how hard is this security really? And whose security does it serve? To us, it's plain and simple: people should be at the heart of security. Security for the people, by the people.

This means that decisions should be made by people who represent all levels of society. We need inclusivity to be central in peacebuilding processes. Without women, youth, and other often marginalised groups, sustainable peace can never be achieved. The way we attempt to make peace needs to change. It is time to redesign the table.

This is being recognised more and more in the peacebuilding world. Ensuring that youth and women are part of peace processes and conflict prevention is at the heart of what we do. In 2015, the UN recognised the importance of youth in building peace and adopted the historic resolution UNSCR 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security. In 2020, we will celebrate twenty years of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. Sustainable peace can only be achieved when all members of society are engaged and participate, regardless of their gender, age, religion, race, class or nationality. But global frameworks are not enough. Real change only happens when it is enacted at the global, regional, national and local level. GPPAC members around the world have a long history of putting this into practice. In Jordan, Saana Albanawi works with women to include them in the development of policies and plans that impact them. Adi Vasulevu Merewalesi Levu brings

A photograph of a group of young women, likely from a Pacific Island nation, smiling and looking towards the left. They are wearing traditional clothing, including a blue and white striped shirt. The image is partially obscured by text overlays.

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Time to Redesign the Table

together men and women to address domestic violence in Fiji. For over twenty years, Lucy Nusseibeh has been working for the fair treatment of Palestinians, non-violent activism, and for youth and women's empowerment.

We continued our inclusivity work in 2019. Two major projects focused on youth empowerment in Kyrgyzstan and on youth becoming agents of change in Uganda. We are excited to share with you that both projects were successful and that young people who participated in the projects feel empowered. They feel that they themselves can make a change, and can deal with challenges in their countries through peaceful means.

These are just some of the examples of brave women and young peacebuilders from around the world. We are excited to share their stories and some of last year's successes with you in our annual report.

What we do

With a movement of peacebuilders from across the world, we strive to create a world in which we prevent violent conflict.

Our approach

GPPAC is a member-led network. Our members bring local expertise to the table and work with different actors to help find peaceful solutions to conflict. With this approach, we are able to bridge the gap between global policy making and local ownership and practice.

Our focus

Inclusivity (youth and gender)
Dialogue
Sustainable Development Goals
Peace Education
Human Security



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**“We are a network of locals,
we share and learn from
the experiences in different
regions.”**

Gus Miclat
Initiatives for International Dialogue,
the Philippines.



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Members in action



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Uganda

Champions for Peace

Patrick Bwire grew up in Buboko, a poor, war-torn village in Uganda. Whilst the violent conflict had ended, chaos remained. As a child, Patrick was faced with violence, now he is changing the lives of many. His weapon? Peacebuilding.

[Read Patrick's inspiring story](#)

Through our joint project, CECORE helps young people to change their communities. Now, many young people in Karamoja, Northern Uganda, are moving away from violence and are developing the skills to provide for their families. As young leaders, they speak out against destructive ways and embrace dialogue for peace. And with much success: the young peace champions reconcile conflicting parties, support fellow youth and speak out against violence and practices like forced marriage. [Watch this video](#) to see changes that are happening!

Have you heard our podcasts yet?



[Tune in and listen to Patrick](#)



“When you come home you breathe that sigh of relief... you ask yourself: should I really go back and continue with my work? But you end up answering yourself: you have to, because that is where your skills and passion lies.”

Patrick Bwire of the Center of Conflict Resolution (CECORE) in Uganda.

A group of young people in Kyrgyzstan, with one person holding a Panasonic video camera. The background is a bright blue sky with some clouds.

Kyrgyzstan

Cameras in Hand

Elzina, Elvira, Yusuf, Melis and Latifa are a few of the youth whose lives have changed as a result of the 'Cameras in Hands' project (our joint project with Foundation for Tolerance International).

Growing up in Kyrgyzstan, a country that is characterised by a pervasive potential for conflict, they felt excluded from society, as well as fatigue from traditional peacebuilding activities. They participated in our project 'Cameras in Hands,' specifically designed to tackle these issues and provide a platform for them to raise issues important to them. Through this project, in which they scripted, recorded and edited videos and showed them to their communities and policymakers, they became agents of change, and were able to bridge social, gender, and ethnic divides.

[Learn more about the project](#)

[Learn more about the methodology & project](#)



**"I became sure of myself.
I know that my opinion and my wishes play
an important role in the development of
Kyrgyzstan. Previously I would complain
about problems, now I think of solutions.
This was the biggest personal change af-
ter participating in the project."**

Guliza, project participant.

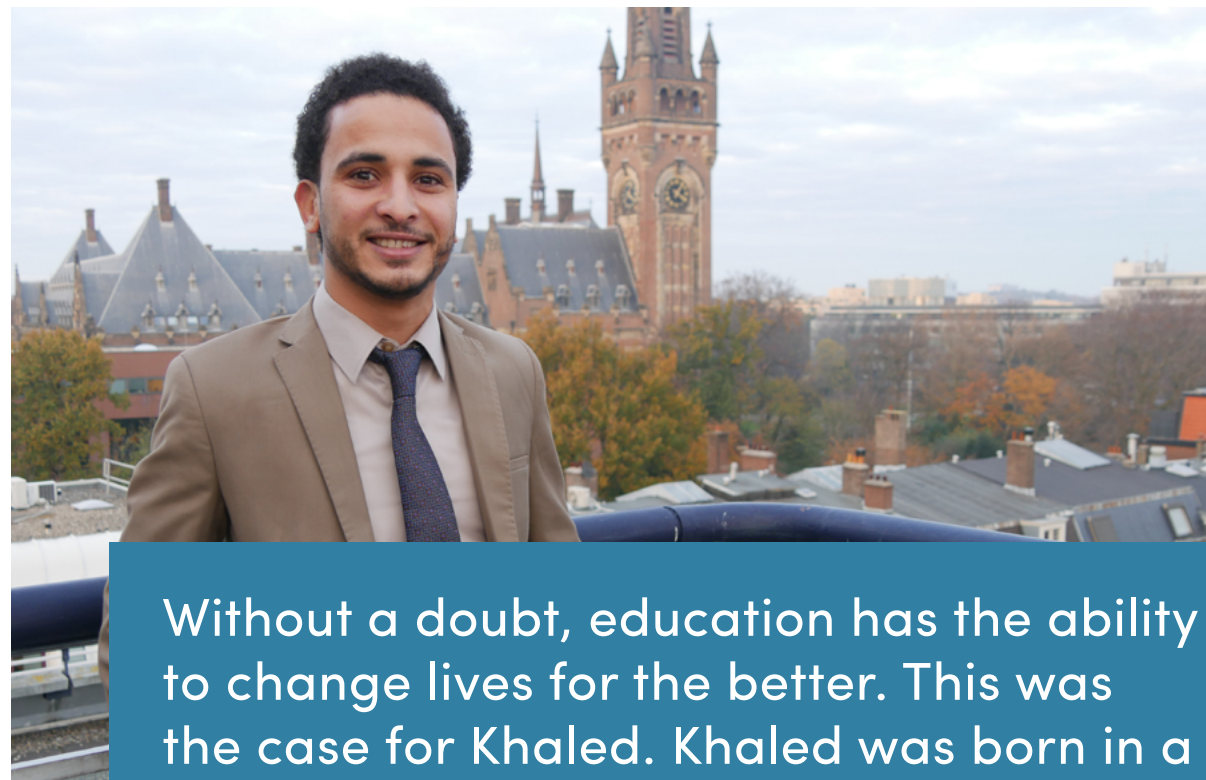
Education for Peace



At just 17, Dragana had to flee her home due to the war in former Yugoslavia. Now, more than twenty years later, she uses the power of education to help bridge the divides created by conflict.

[Read her inspiring story](#)

The story of Dragana and the work she does shows the importance of education, especially in fragile contexts. It can help youth deal with the trauma of war, manage and address conflicts and engage in dialogue for better understanding of “the other”.



Without a doubt, education has the ability to change lives for the better. This was the case for Khaled. Khaled was born in a small village in the poorest area of Egypt. He was brought up in a culture where violence and conflict were prominent and the use of weapons the norm. He took up education as his tool to make peace. To make a change.

[Full story of Khaled](#)

Want to know more about how peacebuilders use peace education for conflict prevention locally? Check out our [peace education webinar series!](#)



[Tune in to this episode of the Peace Corner Podcast for more about peace education in Ukraine!](#)

Redesign the Table for Women's inclusion



Meet long-time feminist activist working in the field of Women, Peace and Security, Sharon Bhagwan Rolls. She is a pioneer in her field of work, with one main message: it is time to redesign the table, it is time for more women to be part of peace processes.

Women drive conflict prevention on the ground. Every day, women build sustainable peace in their communities as educators, community mediators and advocates. Their inclusion in peacebuilding processes is, therefore, a prerequisite for long-term success. However, women and especially young women, remain excluded from peace processes. We unite in our shared commitment to redesign the table and shift the power to women peacebuilders preventing conflict at the local and regional level.

[Learn more](#)



[Check out
Sharon's story](#)

“More financial support to regional and national efforts is needed, so that more women are leading peacebuilding and conflict prevention efforts.”

Sharon Bhagwan Rolls,
Chair GPPAC Board

Local action on SDG's



For peacebuilders like Visaka Dharmadasa (Sri Lanka), Justine Kwachu Ngum Kumche (Cameroon) and Khaled Emam (Egypt), the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are an important tool. Implementing the SDGs is critical to strengthen conflict prevention, as an integral element of inclusive and sustainable development.

Taking the SDG framework and adjusting the goals, indicators and means of implementation to local contexts is important to us. This is key to making the SDGs successful. Our members, WAA Cameroon and WANEP Ghana conducted civil society reviews of how to localise and implement SDG 16 on peaceful and inclusive societies through a people-centered approach, highlighting the benefits of using this framework. From these reviews the importance of meaningful inclusion of women and youth came out as one of the key recommendations.

Check out the implementation of SDG 16+ in [Cameroon](#) and [Ghana](#).



“Whatever decisions are taken at the United Nations Headquarters, ultimately the implementation happens at the local level. These decisions should resonate with the needs of the people.”

Visaka Dharmadasa, GPPAC member and Gender Focal Point in South Asia.



Tune in and listen to this interesting podcast episode on the SDGs!

Download



SDG Toolkit

Preventing Conflict in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

All across the world, our members are working to prevent violent conflicts and build peaceful societies. Like in the DRC, where after many years of violent conflict, there are still frequent eruptions of violence. A reemerging conflict practice is kidnapping. The trend of carrying out kidnapping for ransom as a means of generating income has been on the rise in the DRC, particularly in the eastern provinces of North and South Kivu.

Our member, Héritiers de la Justice in DRC, is working on this issue. They provided communities with a toll-free number to call where they learned more about the issue, shared information and alerted authorities. This led to the arrest of several outlaws responsible for looting and hostage-taking, in the territory of Uvira in the DRC. Héritiers de la Justice made sure to continuously involve youth and women in the approach to the problem, as it is key to include all members of society.

The work of Héritiers de la Justice was made possible thanks to the funds from our Prevention Up Front Alliance project.



A Glimpse Past the Wall in Palestine

This is Walaa, a young Palestinian woman who lives in a refugee camp next to an Israeli checkpoint. Every day, Walaa is faced with separation in her country. Through the work of peacebuilder Lucy Nusseibeh, she has been able to tell her story.

In Palestine, a place where there have been many years of conflict, peace can seem unattainable. Yet, there are those who have been working tirelessly to make a change for many years. Amongst those people is Lucy. As the founder and Executive Chair of **Middle East Nonviolence and Democracy (MEND)**, Lucy has been working in Palestine's West Bank for over two decades. As we were filled with questions, we travelled down the road to Jerusalem paid her a visit.

“Participants are trained both to film and be filmed. They become aware of their own image, through filming each other and themselves in discussions on different topics. So, it raises a lot of awareness, including self-awareness, which then empowers them to articulate better their own views and needs. This is one of the ways we have found really effective working with youth and women.”

Lucy Nusseibeh,
Director of Middle East Nonviolence and Democracy (MEND).



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About GPPAC



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Our Call to Action

We continue to work hard to prevent violent conflict and to foster peace in our communities. We do this by ensuring that all members of society are engaged and participate in this. We believe that conflict prevention is possible if we work together. Therefore, we partner with governments, donors and civil society. For more detailed information of our work and our stories of impact visit our [website](#).

[Meet the Team](#)

Our Integrity System

Integrity and accountability are at the heart of GPPAC's work. So we strive to conduct all our operations with honesty and transparency. In 2019, we started with setting up our integrity system to ensure ethical and responsible conduct throughout the GPPAC network and Global Secretariat.

[Read more](#)



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Thank you

Our donors are part and parcel of our efforts to build legitimate and sustainable peace as violent conflicts become increasingly fragmented and complex. We thank them for their continued commitment to the mission of GPPAC and for making our work possible.

GPPAC is especially grateful for the strong partnership we have established with the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Swedish International Development Agency (Sida). In 2019, thanks to the exceptional support of Sida, GPPAC was able to organise the first-ever Conflict Analysis workshop of its

kind in Pyongyang. The rich contribution of the MFA enabled us to further strengthen our locally-led lobbying and advocacy, especially in localizing SDG16+. Thanks to the ifa/zivik programme from the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a newly created group of peace champions in Uganda has successfully been preventing youth re-radicalization in the country.

2019 marked the end of an 18-month project funded by the United Nations Peacebuilding Fund in Kyrgyzstan which empowered Kyrgyz youth to become agents of change.

As testament to our collective efforts and commitment to peacebuilding and conflict prevention, GPPAC was honoured to be awarded the prestigious Luxembourg Peace Prize in July 2019.



Balance sheet

as at December 31, 2019 (after appropriation of the result)

Assets

	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	15,043	18,594
Intangible assets	33,106	41,382
	48,149	59,976
Current assets		
Receivables	77,932	97,458
Cash and cash equivalents	1,027,105	1,444,097
	1,105,037	1,541,555
	1,153,186	1,601,531

Liabilities

	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
Reserves		
Continuity reserve	78,912	146,340
Earmarked reserve	51,340	0
Short-term reserve	652	652
	130,904	146,992
Short-term liabilities		
Accounts payable	43,763	31,878
Taxes and social security payments	39,934	38,107
Received pre-payments donors	759,667	1,137,555
Accruals, provisions and other liabilities	178,918	246,999
	1,022,282	1,454,539
	1,153,186	1,601,531

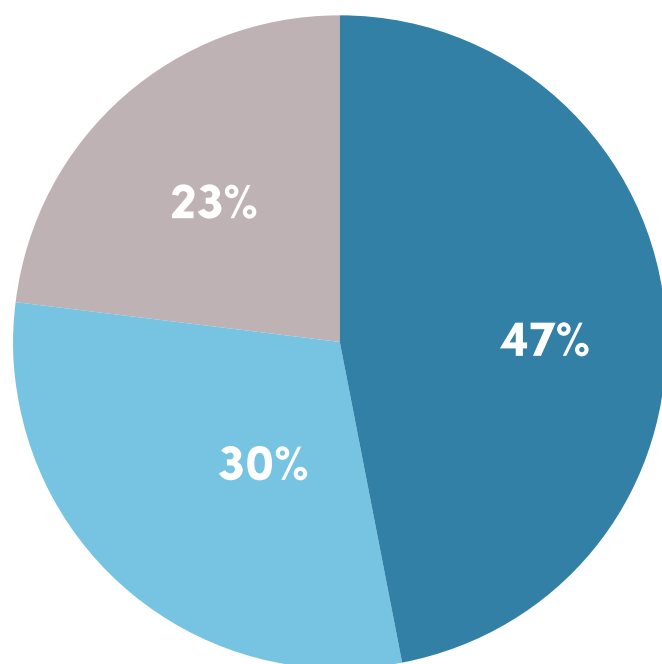
Statement of income and expenditure

for the year 2019

	Realisation 2019	Realisation 2018
Income		
Grants from governments and others	3,535,590	3,258,068
Income other than grants	4,015	31,665
Sum of income	3,539,605	3,289,733
Expenses		
Expenditure on behalf of the objective		
Enabling collaboration	1,567,526	1,503,448
Improving practice	1,003,101	876,918
Influencing policy	786,654	684,435
Online partnerships	103	98
	3,357,384	3,064,899
Expenditure fundraising		
Costs obtaining government grants and others	48,634	45,911
Management & administration		
Costs management & administration	149,675	147,356
Sum of expenses	3,555,693	3,258,166
Surplus/deficit	- 16,088	31,567
Appropriation of result		
Continuity reserve	-67,428	31,567
Earmarked reserve	51,340	0
Result	- 16,088	31,567

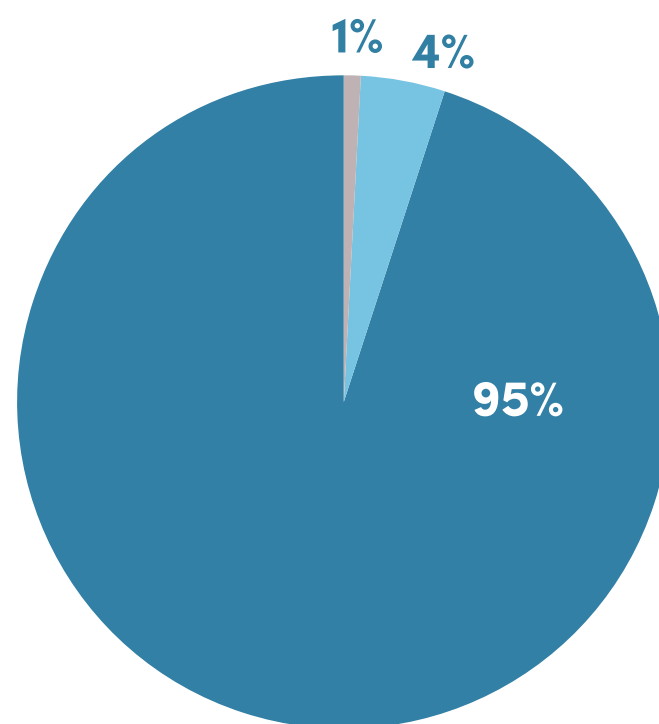
How we used the funds in 2019

Expenditure per program



- Enabling collaboration
- Improving practice
- Influencing policy

Division of costs



- Expenditure on behalf of objectives
- Costs management and administration
- Costs obtaining government grants and others

With the support of the same donors, the income level in 2019 (EUR 3,539,605) remained roughly the same level as 2018 (EUR 3,289,733). GPPAC closed the financial year with a negative result of EUR 16,088. Accon AVM Controlepraktijk B.V. audited GPPAC's full accounts. We publish the audited accounts on our website www.gppac.net.

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Southern Africa

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West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP)

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Nansen Dialogue Center Mostar (from/ since 1 January 2020)

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World Federalist Movement-Institute for Global Policy

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