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SYNTHESIS

In 2011 the Africa Programme of the University for Peace (UPEACE Africa Programme) received a grant from the Governance, Security and Justice Programme of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) to strengthen research capacity at the doctoral level in the areas of governance and security in Sub-Saharan Africa. The main aim was to produce relevant research on good governance and security, and to strengthen research capacity in higher education and research institutions in Africa and ensure that PhD researchers in Africa produce and continue to produce research that will engender policy-relevant knowledge to increase state accountability to the public in areas of governance and security. The project ran concurrently and complemented another project funded through IDRC's Fellowship and Awards Programme (F&A) which supported 4 PhD Fellowships and 26 Doctoral awards.

The project was built around four main activities:

  I.   Training workshops
 II.   Publication of the Africa Peace and Conflict Journal
III.   Publication of Monographs
 IV.   Partnership and Networking

The activities covered by the GSJ programme were expected to be implemented over a period of three years. However, considering that some of the activities covered by the F&A programme required publications which are covered by the GSJ project is was deemed necessary to implement a no cost extension the GSJ project to the complement the F&A Project.

As the project ends on 31 October, a total of 5 training workshops have been conducted, 7 issues of the Africa Peace and Conflict Journal and 4 issues of the UPEACE Africa Policy Series have been published and a network called the Africa Peace and Governance Research Network (APGR.net) has been established. The Research network has also succeeded in publishing 4 books – 3 in English and 1 in French, thus contributing immensely to the filling the dearth of knowledge on issues of peace governance and security in Africa. Furthermore, all these publications (Journal, monograph and books) have been disseminated to at least 180 universities in Africa as well as through conferences, workshops, seminars and symposia.

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The Africa Peace and Conflict Journal has now established itself as an important avenue for emerging and established researchers in Africa to publish their research on issues of peace, governance and security. In addition, the UPEACE Africa Policy Series has carved out a niche as one of the only monograph series containing cutting edge empirical studies in the continent and has been endorsed by senior officials of the Africa Union and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.

The impact of the trainings in research methodology and writing for publication, publication of the journal and monograph as well as the publication activities of the Africa Peace and Governance network have been impressive and have received the endorsement of universities, research institutes and policy makers at the highest levels of the continent.

This project represents the second phase of the capacity building project funded by IDRC through the Peace, Conflict and Development Program (PCD).

1. PROJECT RATIONALE/RESEARCH PROBLEM

Research capacity in Africa has not recovered from the crippling effects of the structural programs of the 1980-1990s. Indeed, faced with considerable budget cuts, many universities directed the remaining meager resources to teaching. This contributed to a 'brain-drain' whereas a number of qualified researchers left the continent to establish themselves in various other parts of the world. This has had a negative impact on the training in research in many African universities in general with a resulting absence of publications and contribution to debate on issues of paramount importance for the continent.

2. FULFILLMENT OF OBJECTIVES

The general objective of the project was to support skills acquisition at the doctoral level and equip PhD researchers with knowledge and tools to assess public authorities at local, regional and national levels and analyze their responses to communities needs in areas of governance and security.

2.1 Objective One: To Strengthen research on Governance and Security in African higher education and research institutions

In a bid to strengthen research on governance and security, 30 IDRC doctoral grant recipients underwent intensive training in research methodology and research and publications. The workshops were organized in two batches of 15 students each amounting to four workshops. An additional workshop was organized to further train some of the doctoral grantees in the previous projects who had not undergone any training on research and publications to enable them publish their research.

The first workshop for each of the batches was geared towards strengthening the research capacity of grantees towards the completion of their doctoral research, while the second workshops aimed at strengthening their capacity to transform empirical research into multiple publications. At the end of the trainings, out of a total of 30 grantees, 23 have graduated with their PhDs, while 5 have completed their studies and awaiting graduation. A total of 27 also published journal articles and policy papers as a result of the trainings.

2.2 Objective two: to produce academic relevant research that informs governance and security approaches on the continent

During the course of the project, a total of 7 issues of the Africa Peace and Conflict Journal were published. A total of 27 grantees published articles in the APCJ. Most of the grantees have also published articles in other peer reviewed journals.

2.3 Objective three: to produce policy relevant research that informs governance and security approaches on the continent

In a bid to bridge the research policy gap, the project also established the UPEACE Africa Policy Series which has established itself as one of the important policy handbooks where policy makers can find relevant research derived from empirical research. The first two issues of the policy series contained policy briefs derived from doctoral field research conducted by the grantees.

2.4 Objective four: to establish a partnership and network of institutions and universities specialized in the areas of governance and security approaches on the continent

Following an international symposium on peace, governance and security in Africa organized by UPEACE Africa Programme and supported by IDRC a network – Africa Peace and Governance Research Network (APGR.net) was established with the aim of bringing together researchers, universities and policy makers in the area of governance and security. The establishment of this network has resulted in the publication and dissemination of four books – 3 in English and one in French.

3. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND MANAGEMENT

The project was approved on 1 November 2011. The implementation of the project started in 2012. During the last four years the following activities have been implemented:

3.1 Organization of the First Scientific Committee Meeting and Selection of First batch of Grantees

The Scientific Committee of the project is charged with selection of grantees and orientation of their research towards governance and security as well as providing guidance for policy development. The first Scientific Committee meeting was held on May 14-17th in Addis Ababa. In addition to the selection of the first batch of 15 grantees, the Scientific Committee examined and recommended the list of topics to be covered in the first training workshop earmarked for the grantees. The Committee recommended that the training session starts with an overview of the issues of Governance, Security and Justice since it is the project's core area of focus including Theoretical Foundation like Positivism/Structuralism and Post-Positivism/Post Structuralism. Then, they suggested the second week of the training to be dedicated to data analysis using case study. During this week, they said practical session on SPSS/NViVo should be included to deepen the data analysis.

Moreover, they recommended that the on-line training that is planned in the project should focus on academic writing that covers issues including gender. It was also recommended to focus on data analysis and practical writing up sessions in the second training so that the students come up with their own work. The Scientific Committee meeting was attended by the following:

   I.   Dr Sabelo Gumedze – Institute for Security Studies, South Africa;

  II.   Prof Maximiano Ngabirano – Uganda Matyrs University, Uganda;

 III.   Dr Tim Murithi – University of Cape Town, South Africa;

 IV.   Dr Anne Rita Njageh – Catholic University of Eastern Africa

  V.   Prof Kevin Avruch – George Mason University, USA

 VI.   Prof Kenneth Omeje – University of Bradford, UK

VII.   Dr Hamdesa Tuso- University of Manitoba, Canada

VIII.   Dr Jean Bosco Butera – University for Peace, Ethiopia

 IX.   Dr Tony Karbo – University for Peace, Ethiopia

  X.   Dr Samuel Kale Ewusi – University for Peace, Ethiopia

In the scientific committee meeting IDRC was represented by Ms Njeri Karuru, Senior Programme Officer in the Governance, Security and Justice Programme IDRC, Nairobi Kenya and Ms Rita Bowry, Senior Programme Officer in the Fellowship and Awards Programme, IDRC Ottawa, Canada.

The Committee selected 15 grantees that included 11 awardees and 4 Fellows out of a total of 88 applications. The awardees were to be supported over a two year period while the Fellows were to be supported over a period of three years. The selected grantees came from 11 universities in Sub-Saharan Africa. The following grantees were selected during the meeting:

No	Name	University	Grant type
1	Michael Jana	University of Wistwatersrand, South Africa	Awardee
2	Justine Ayuk	University of Buea, Cameroon	Awardee
3	James Zotto	University of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania	Awardee
4	Carlos Shenga	University of Cape Town, South Africa	Awardee
5	Prisca Kamungi	University of Witswatersrand, South Africa	Awardee
6	Josiane Tousse	University of Yaounde II, Cameroon	Awardee
7	Godfrey Maringira	University of Western Cape, South Africa	Awardee
8	Fadeke Esther	Covenant University, Nigeria	Awardee

9	Tatenda Godswill	University of Wistwatersrand, South Africa	Awardee
10	Zeru Getachew	Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia	Awardee
11	Abdiwase Bade	Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia	Awardee
12	Timothy Obaje	University of Kwazulu Natal, South Africa	Fellow
13	Hadelzein Elobeid	Sudan University of Science and Technology	Fellow
14	Kingsley Orievulu	University of Wistwatersrand, South Africa	Fellow
15	Juliet Ntawubona	Mbarara University of Science and Tech, Uganda	Fellow

3.1.1 Organization of the Second Scientific Committee Meeting and Selection of the Second batch of Grantees

The call for applications for the selection of the second cohort composed of 15 doctoral awardees was launched from 03 September 2012 to 15 December 2012. The dissemination of the call went to contacts at 35 Universities and Research Organizations in Sub-Saharan Africa; members of the Scientific Committee, all former and current Doctoral Researchers, PhD Fellows as well as Peace Researchers. The call was also posted on the Peace and Collaborative Development Network which has more than 28,000 members' worldwide, social media such as Facebook. Unsuccessful applicants in the first call were also encouraged to re-apply.

During a period of three months UPAP received 58 applications in total from 15 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. The countries include: Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe. The highest number of applications were submitted by Ethiopians (12) followed by Nigerians (10). 15 of the applicants were women, while 43 were men. The number of applications showed an increase by 26% from the 2012 call which numbered 46 in the category of Doctoral Research Awardees.

UPEACE Africa Programme therefore organized the second Scientific Committee Meeting from 19 – 20 February 2013 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The main objective of this meeting was to select the 2013 UPEACE-IDRC Doctoral Research Awardees.   The following members of the scientific committee attended the meeting:

   I.   Prof Kenneth Omeje (University of Bradford, England)

II.   Dr Sabelo Gumedze (Institute for Security Studies, South Africa)

III.   Prof Maximaino Ngabirano (Uganda Matyrs University, Uganda)

IV.   Dr Ann Rita Njageh (Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Kenya)

V.   Prof Geoff Harris (Durban University of Science and Technology)

VI.   Prof Pamela Machakanja (Africa University, Zimbabwe)

VII.   Dr Samuel Kale Ewusi (University for Peace)

VIII.   Dr Tony Karbo (University for Peace)

IX.   Dr Jean Bosco Butera University for Peace

The committee examined a total of 58 applications submitted for the Doctoral Researchers grant. These applications were sent from 28 universities across Sub-Saharan Africa. Out of the 58 applications, the committee selected 15 doctoral awardees from 12 Universities in 8 countries.

The following grantees were selected:

No	Names	Institution	Grant type
1	Nomazulu Ngozwana	University of Kwazulu Natal, South Africa	Awardee
2	Julius Chama	University of Dodoma, Tanzania	Awardee
3	Seyoum Mesfin	Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia	Awardee
4	Tyanai Masiya	University of Western Cape, South Africa	Awardee
5	Tariro Mutongwizo	University of Cape Town South Africa	Awardee
6	Peace Jiboku	University of Kwazulu Natal South Africa	Awardee
7	Christine Ndie Abia	University of Buea, Cameroon	Awardee
8	Damaris Manyange	University of Nairobi, Kenya	Awardee
9	Catherine Musuva	University of Stellenbosch South Africa	Awardee
10	Camille Welepele	University of Kisangani, DR Congo	Awardee
11	Gideon Chitanga	Rhodes University, South Africa	Awardee
12	Mefin Bogale	Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia	Awardee
13	Collins Brobbey	University of Ghana, Legon	Awardee
14	Adeoye Akinola	University of Kwazulu Natal South Africa	Awardee
15	Solomon Asiimwe	Nkumba University, Uganda	Awardee

3.2 Research Methodology and Publications Workshops

As per the project plan, each batch of grantees were expected to attend two workshops- A workshop on research methodology aimed at strengthening the research capacity of the grantee before fieldwork and a second workshop on writing for publication aimed at transforming empirical data into publications such as journal articles, policy briefs, book chapters and books.

3.2.1 First Research Methodology Workshop September 17-28, 2015

The first research methodology workshop for the first batch of grantees selected in May 2012, took place from 17- 28 September 2012 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. 15 Doctoral researchers and PhD Fellows of the UPEACE-IDRC Doctoral Researchers and PhD Fellows programme took part in the workshop. 11 of the 15 candidates were doctoral awardees and 4 PhD fellows, who all are registered at different sub-Saharan African universities. The workshop had four areas of focus: theoretical foundations in governance and security studies, research methodology, writing policy briefs in relation to governance and security studies, and using software and social media tools to conduct research. The workshop report can be found in the link below:

http://www.africa-upeace.org/images/pdfs/Workshop_Reports/UPEACE-IDRC%20RESEARCH%20METHODOLOGY%20WORKSHOP%2017-28,2012.pdf

3.2.2 Second Research Methodology Workshop 3-14 June 2013

The second Research methodology workshop for the second batch of grantees selected in March 2013, was conducted from 3-14 June 2013 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The workshop focused on research methods and methodology, software for statistical analysis such as Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS), dissertation and policy writing in addition to the theoretical components of security, conflict and governance. 15 doctoral researchers came from 12 universities in sub-Saharan Africa: University of Kwazulu Natal in South Africa, University of Kisangani in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Stellenbosch University in South Africa, University of Ghana, University of Nairobi (Kenya) University of Dodoma (Tanzania), University of Buea (Cameroon), Rhodes University (South Africa), Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia), Nkumba University

(Uganda), University of Western Cape and the University of Cape Town (South Africa).

Seminar style sessions were facilitated by leaders in academia and policy-making in Africa: Professor Kenneth Omeje from the United States International University (USIU) in Nairobi, Dr. Francis Ikome from the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) in Addis Ababa, Dr. Solomon Dersso at the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) also in Addis Ababa and Prof.Amr Abdallah formally Vice Rector of the United Nations-Mandated University for Peace. The workshop report is can be found in the link below:

http://www.africa-upeace.org/images/pdfs/Workshop_Reports/UPEACE-IDRC%20Research%20Methodology%20workshop%20june%203-14%202013.pdf

3.2.3 Research and Publication Workshop 7-18 October 2013

As per the project plan each batch of students was expected to attend two training workshop. The first workshop focusing on research methodology while the second on transforming empirical research into publications. This workshop was attended by 13 participants (4 PhD Fellows & 9 Doctoral Researchers), who were part of the first batch of the UPEACE-IDRC PhD Fellowships and Doctoral Researchers project. This workshop was the second delivered to this group of researchers.

The workshop focused on academic research and publication. Key issues covered included types of social science research, policy research, action research, publishing in peer-reviewed journals, publishing a journal article, book chapter and a book, journal ranking and classification. Special emphasis was also given on how to produce policy briefs. Project development and management and fundraising was also discussed. In the second week of the workshop, the participants worked on their respective policy papers that were published in a policy monograph- UPEACE Africa Policy Series. They also presented their papers and got feedback from the facilitators and their peers.

Follow the link below for a detailed workshop report:

http://www.africa-upeace.org/images/pdfs/Workshop_Reports/UPEACE-IDRC%20Research%20and%20publication%20workshop%207-8%20Oct%202013.pdf

3.2.4 Research and Publication Workshop 13-24 April, 2014

The fourth workshop conducted in the project represented the second workshop for the second batch of grantees selected in March 2013. The workshop was the second research and publication workshop for the second batch of Doctoral research awardees working on governance and security in Africa. With publication being the key theme of the workshop, emphasis was put on the writing of policy briefs and articles to be published in the Africa Peace and Conflict Journal. The awardees were expected to submit draft copies before the end of the workshop. The engaging workshop allowed participants to share knowledge, experiences and skills. Awardees also had the opportunity to present and preview their peers' draft policy briefs. The workshop focused on the following key areas: writing for publication; writing and publishing of policy briefs; transforming doctoral research into multiple publications; project planning and management. These were aimed at enabling participants to write book grant proposals, publishable academic and policy oriented papers, be able to alter their doctoral research into multiple publications such as edited books, book chapters as well as articles for journal publication among others.

See Link below for a detailed workshop report:

http://www.africa-upeace.org/images/pdfs/Workshop_Reports/UPEACE-IDRC%20Research%20and%20Publication%20Workshop%20April%2014-25%202014.pdf

3.2.5 Research and Publication Workshop 9-14 March 2015

On the basis of a mid-term evaluation conducted during an international symposium on peace, governance and security in Africa which brought together, some of the grantees from all the three phases of the project, senior researchers from research institutes, some supervisors of the grantees, policy makers from the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Africa Union, it was revealed that the grantees of the previous two phases did not undergo training in transforming empirical research into publications. It was therefore recommended that some of the grantees of the previous two phases, and some applicants whose applications to the grant was unsuccessful undergo some training in research and publications. Consequently a fifth workshop was conducted. The workshop covered qualitative and quantitative research methods. In addition, social science theories,

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philosophical underpinnings of social science research and the existing debates on the status of scientific status of social sciences were discussed. Regarding publications, effective ways of converting PhD thesis into books, publishing in peer-reviewed journals, classifications of social sciences journal and publishing policy research were covered. The participants also presented their draft policy briefs and obtained feedback from facilitators and fellow trainees

See detailed workshop report in the link below.

http://www.africa-upeace.org/images/pdfs/Workshop_Reports/Workshop_Report_2015.pdf

3.3 Publication of Articles in the Africa Peace and Conflict Journal (APCJ)

The training workshops on research and publication are geared towards enhancing participants' skills in transforming empirical research undertaken in their doctoral field work into multiple publications. Therefore each grantee was expected to publish at least one article in the Africa Peace and Conflict Journal. During this period, a total of 27 grantees published at least an article in the Africa Peace and Conflict journal. Considering that two grantees were terminated, this represented a 96 percent publication rate in the APCJ. They include the following:

No	Name	Category	APCJ Volume
1	Carlos Shenga	Awardee	Published article in Vol 6 , No 2, June 2013
2	Godfrey Maringira	Awardee	Published article in Vol 6 , No 2, June 2013
3	Prisca Kamungi	Awardee	Published article in Vol 6 , No 2, June 2013
4	Getachew Zeru	Awardee	Published article in Vol 6 , No 2, June 2013
5	Justine Ayuk	Awardee	Published article in Vol 6 , No 2, June 2013
6	Tatenda Godswill Mukwedeya	Awardee	Published article in Vol 6, No 3, Dec 2013
7	James Zotto	Awardee	Published article in Vol 6, No 3, Dec 2013

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8	Carlos Shenga	Awardee	Published article in Vol 6 , No , June 2014
9	Peace Jiboku	Awardee	Published article in Vol 7, No 1, June 2014
10	Tariro Mutongwizo	Awardee	Published article in Vol 7, No 1, June 2014
11	Nomazulu Ngozwana	Awardee	Published article in Vol 7, No 1, June 2014
12	Adeoye Akinola	Awardee	Published article in Vol 7, No 1, June 2014
13	Kingsley Orievulu	Fellow	Published article in Vol 7, No 1, June 2014
14	Solomon Asiimwe	Awardee	Published article in Vol 7, No 1, June 2014
15	Michael Jana	Awardee	Published article in Vol 7, No 1, June 2014
16	Josiane Tousse Djou	Awardee	Published article in Vol 7 , No 2, Dec 2014
17	Damaris Nyaboke Manyange	Awardee	Published article in Vol 7 , No 2, Dec 2014
18	Julius Chama	Awardee	Published article in Vol 7 , No 2, Dec 2014
19	Abdiwase Bade Abdillahi	Awardee	Published article in Vol 8 , No 1, Mar 2015
20	Catherine Musuva	Awardee	Published article in Vol 8 , No 1, Mar 2015
21	Christine Ndi Abia	Awardee	Published article in Vol 8 , No 1, Mar 2015
22	Seyoum Mesfin	Awardee	Published article in Vol 8 , No 1, Mar 2015
23	Timothy Obaje	Fellow	Published article in Vol 8 , No 1, Mar 2015
24	Camille Welepele	Awardee	Published article in Vol 8, No 1, Mar 2015

No	Name	Category	Monograph
25	Hadelzein Elobeid	Fellow	Published article in Vol 8 , No 1, Mar 2015
26	Gideon Chitanga	Awardee	Published article in Vol 8 , No 1, Mar 2015
27	Tyanai Masiya	Awardee	Published article in Vol 8, No 2, June 2015

The journal can be found in the link: http://www.africa-upeace.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=75&Itemid=109

3.3.1 Publication of Policy Briefs in the UPEACE Africa Policy Series

One of the objectives of the project was to bridge the gap between researchers and policy makers. Therefore the project endeavoured to create an avenue where researchers will translate empirical research into policy briefs with the guidance of policy makers for their consumption thus the creation of UPEACE Africa Policy Series. Initially, the project anticipated publishing at least two policy monographs. However, the demand and importance of the monograph from policy makers resulted in the publication of four (4) issues of the monograph. The following grantees published policy briefs in the monograph:

No	Name	Category	Monograph
1	Getachew Zeru	Awardee	Policy Monograph Vol 1, No1 Dec 2013
2	James Zotto	Awardee	Policy Monograph Vol 1, No1 Dec 2013
3	Prisca Kamungi	Awardee	Policy Monograph Vol 1, No1 Dec 2013
4	Tatenda Godswill Mukwedeya	Awardee	Policy Monograph Vol 1, No1 Dec 2013
5	Josiane Tousse Djou	Awardee	Policy Monograph Vol 1, No1 Dec 2013
6	Kingsley Orievulu	Fellow	Policy Monograph Vol 1, No1 Dec 2013
7	Timothy Obaje	Fellow	Policy Monograph Vol 1, No1 Dec 2013

8	Carlos Shenga	Awardee	Policy Monograph Vol 1, No1 Dec 2013
9	Michael Jana	Awardee	Policy Monograph Vol 1, No1 Dec 2013
10	Justine Ayuk Etah	Awardee	Policy Monograph Vol 1, No1 Dec 2013
11	Hadelzein Elobeid	Fellow	Policy Monograph Vol 1, No1 Dec 2013
12	Godfrey Maringira	Awardee	Policy Monograph Vol 1, No1 Dec 2013
13	Nomazulu Ngozwana	Awardee	Policy Monograph Vol 1 No 2, Aug 2014
14	Gideon Chitanga	Awardee	Policy Monograph Vol 1 No 2, Aug 2014
15	Peace Jiboku	Awardee	Policy Monograph Vol 1 No 2, Aug 2014
16	Camille Wepelele	Awardee	Policy Monograph Vol 1 No 2, Aug 2014
17	Adeoye Akinola	Awardee	Policy Monograph Vol 1 No 2, Aug 2014
18	Collins Brobbey	Awardee	Policy Monograph Vol 1 No 2, Aug 2014
19	Catherine Musuva	Awardee	Policy Monograph Vol 1 No 2, Aug 2014
20	Seyoum Mesfin	Awardee	Policy Monograph Vol 1 No 2, Aug 2014
21	Tariro Mutongwizo	Awardee	Policy Monograph Vol 1 No 2, Aug 2014
22	Tyanai Masiya	Awardee	Policy Monograph Vol 1 No 2, Aug 2014
23	Damaris Nyaboke Manyange	Awardee	Policy Monograph Vol 1 No 2, Aug 2014
24	Solomon Asiimwe	Awardee	Policy Monograph Vol 1 No 2, Aug 2014

25	Esther Fadeke	Awardee	Policy Monograph Vol 1 No 2, Aug 2014
26	Christine Ndi Abia	Awardee	Policy Monograph Vol 1 No 2, Aug 2014
27	Julius Chama	Awardee	Policy Monograph Vol 1 No 2, Aug 2014

The Policy Series can be found in the link below:

http://www.africa-upeace.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=115&Itemid=266

3.4 Establishment of Partnerships/Networks and Outputs

The shortage of a critical mass of solidly grounded and qualified researchers and academics is not the only challenge facing Africa in the area of Peace, governance and security. There is chronic shortage of books written by Africans in the field. Consequently the project sort to address that challenge through the establishment of a network of researchers, universities and policy makers to facilitates the publication of books with contributions from African researchers and academics. The network can be accessed at: http://www.africa-upeace.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=70&Itemid=112

During the project period, four books were published- three in English and one in French. The chapters were contributed by researchers from all the three phases of the project as well as emerging and established researchers in Africa, Europe and the United States. Furthermore, most of the outputs of the previous phases of the projects have been published in English thus depriving the French speaking countries in Africa from solidly grounded research in the field. Therefore the project partnered with University of Yaounde II, in Cameroon to publish one of the books in the French language. See publications in the Output Section (5) below. The books published through the network are as follows:

- Beyond Statebuilding: Confronting Africa's Governance and Socio-economic Challenges in the 21st Century. UPEACE Africa Programme 2014 available at:
  http://www.africa-upeace.org/images/pdfs/Publications/BeyondStateBuilding.pdf

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- Peacebuilding in Sub-Saharan Africa: African Perspectives. UPEACE Africa Programme 2014, available at:
  http://www.africa-upeace.org/images/pdfs/Publications/PEACEBUILDING.pdf
- Gouvernance et Sécurité en Afrique Sub-saharienne Francophone: Entre Corruption Politique et Défis Sécuritaire. Université Pour La Paix Programme Afrique 2015.
  http://www.africa-upeace.org/images/pdfs/Publications/Gouvernance.pdf
- New Paths to Sustainable Peace in Africa. UPEACE Africa Programme 2015. Available at:
  http://www.africa-upeace.org/images/pdfs/Publications/Sustainable%20Peace.pdf

4. Project Outputs and Assessment

The outputs of the project supported by the Governance, Justice and Security (GJS) Programme in the project to strengthen capacity in Governance and Security in Sub-Saharan Africa included the following:

1. Trained people
2. Publication of journal articles in the Africa Peace and Conflict Journal
3. Publication of policy Briefs in the UPEACE Africa Policy Series
4. Creation of a Network of researchers and policymakers
5. Publication of books in governance and security in Africa

During the course of this project, a total of 50 people were trained in research methodology and research and publication of which 30 were doctoral students supported by the Fellowship and Awards Programme; 7 issues of the Africa Peace and Conflict Journal were produced; 4 issues of the UPEACE Africa Policy Series and the creation of the Africa Peace and Governance Research Network.

4.1 Project Output one: Training of 50 researchers in research methodology and research and publication

During the project a total of five research methodology and publication workshops were organized with a total number of 50 participants. These workshops produced a critical mass of highly skilled researchers in the area of governance and security.

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Out of the 50 researchers trained 30 represented those awarded grants through the Fellowship and Awards Programme. While the project had the objective of providing the training to only those under the Fellowship and Awards Programme, the midterm evaluation of the project recommended the extension of the training to more doctoral students who did not benefit from the awards as some from the previous phase of the project who did not undertake any research and publication training. Therefore, this led to the organization of an additional research and methodology training workshop.

The key achievement in terms of research and capacity building in this project is the increased graduation rate of the doctoral grantees and their improved capacity to publish journal articles, policy briefs from empirical data. In the previous projects, the publication rate was very low. As a result of this targeted trainings, the doctoral completion rate at the end of the project stood at 93%, the rate journal article publication by the grantees in the Africa Peace and Conflict Journal stood at 96% while the publication of policy briefs had a 98% rate. The following workshop reports contain the details of the training including the participants:

- http://www.africa-upeace.org/images/pdfs/Workshop_Reports/UPEACE-IDRC%20RESEARCH%20METHODOLOGY%20WORKSHOP%2017-28,2012.pdf

- http://www.africa-upeace.org/images/pdfs/Workshop_Reports/UPEACE-IDRC%20Research%20Methodology%20workshop%20june%203-14%202013.pdf

- http://www.africa-upeace.org/images/pdfs/Workshop_Reports/UPEACE-IDRC%20Research%20and%20publication%20workshop%207-8%20Oct%202013.pdf

- http://www.africa-upeace.org/images/pdfs/Workshop_Reports/UPEACE-IDRC%20Research%20and%20Publication%20Workshop%20April%2014-25%202014.pdf

- http://www.africaupeace.org/images/pdfs/Workshop_Reports/Workshop_Report_2015.pdf

4.2 Project Output two: Publication of Articles in 7 Issues of the Africa Peace and Conflict Journal

During the course of the project 27 of 30 doctoral grantees were able to publish journal articles in 7 issues of the Africa Peace and Conflict Journal which is a

publication also supported by IDRC. The high publication rate in comparism to the first phase of the project was made possible by the trainings in research and publication. The following are links to the journal articles published during the project:

1. Volume 6 No 1, June 2013

   http://www.africa-upeace.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=85&Itemid=109

2. Volume 6 No 2 September 2013 (Special Issue)

   http://www.africa-upeace.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=86&Itemid=109

3. Volume 6 No 3. December 2013

   http://www.africa-upeace.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=14&Itemid=109

4. Volume 7 No, 1 June 2014

   http://www.africa-upeace.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=116&Itemid=109

5. Volume 7, No 2 December 2014

   http://www.africa-upeace.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=127&Itemid=109

6. Volume 8 No 1, March 2015 (Special Issue)

   http://www.africa-upeace.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=128&Itemid=109

7. Volume 8, No 2 June 2015

   http://www.africa-upeace.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=129&Itemid=109

In terms of research this is one of the most important outputs of the project. The project yielded a lot of research which can be translated into further journal article publications as well as books.

4.3 Project Output three: Publication of Policy Monographs

One of the critical outputs of the project was the creation of a monograph series specifically focusing on issues of peace, governance and security to bridge the gap between policy makers and researchers. During the period of the project, its was anticipated that two issues of the monograph will be published. However, at the end of the project, four issues of the monograph were published surpassing the anticipated objectives.

1. UPEACE Africa Policy Series Volume 1 No 1 December 2013
   http://www.africa-upeace.org/images/pdfs/Publications/Governance%20and%20Security%20in%20Africa.pdf
2. UPEACE Africa Policy Series Volume 1 No 2 August 2014
   http://www.africa-upeace.org/images/pdfs/policy_series/policy_series_2.pdf
3. UPEACE Africa Policy Series Volume 2, No 1 December 2014
   http://www.africa-upeace.org/images/pdfs/policy_series/policy_series_3.pdf
4. UPEACE Africa Policy Series Volume 2 No 2 March 2015
   http://www.africa-upeace.org/images/pdfs/policy_series/policy_series_sept_2015.pdf

4.4 Project Output four: Creation of a Network of Researchers and Policy Makers

The creation of the Africa Peace and Governance Research Network which brings together established and emerging researchers as well as policy makers in the continent on issues of governance and security in Africa while providing a space for interaction and publication was one of the outputs of the project. This network was launched during an international symposium on peace, governance and security in Africa held from April 28-30, 2014 in collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the Africa Union and supported by IDRC.

1. Symposium Report
   http://africa-upeace.org/images/pdfs/Symposium/symposium_2014.pdf
2. Network Access and Registration
   http://www.africa-upeace.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=70&Itemid=112

4.5 Project Output Five: Publication of 4 Books on Governance and Security in Africa

This was one of the outputs of the project which was not contained in the initial project. However, discussions with IDRC on the activities and output of a network of researchers ended with a decision for the members of the network to undertake and publish book chapters in edited volumes. Consequently, four books were published during the course of implementing the project.

The books published through the network are as follows:

- Beyond Statebuilding: Confronting Africa's Governance and Socio-economic Challenges in the 21st Century. UPEACE Africa Programme 2014 available at:

  http://www.africa-upeace.org/images/pdfs/Publications/BeyondStateBuilding.pdf

- Peacebuilding in Sub-Saharan Africa: African Perspectives. UPEACE Africa Programme 2014, available at:

  http://www.africa-upeace.org/images/pdfs/Publications/PEACEBUILDING.pdf

- Gouvernance et Sécurité en Afrique Sub-saharienne Francophone: Entre Corruption Politique et Défis Sécuritaire. Université Pour La Paix Programme Afrique 2015.

  http://www.africa-upeace.org/images/pdfs/Publications/Gouvernance.pdf

- New Paths to Sustainable Peace in Africa. UPEACE Africa Programme 2015. Available at:

  http://www.africa-upeace.org/images/pdfs/Publications/Sustainable%20Peace.pdf

5. Major Achievements of the Project

This project was very innovative in that it successfully combined training, research, publication and dissemination at the same time. The project also had a extensive geographical outreach in that, for the first time it was able to reach the Francophone speaking countries in Africa by collaborating with the University of Yaoundé II in the publication of a book in French language on governance and security in Francophone Africa.

Another very innovative achievement of the project was its ability to transform empirical research into policy briefs for policy makers thus bridging the ever widening gulf between researchers and policy makers through the establishment of the UPEACE Africa Policy Series which is at its fourth issue.

Furthermore the involvement of policy users or beneficiaries in the identification of issues through the project advisory board and reviewing the policy briefs was a monumental achievement in that it led to a buy-in of the research and policy outputs.

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6. Analysis of Outcomes

The training in research and publication through the project had an enormous contribution in the field of peace, governance and security in Africa. Over a period of three years, the project contributed seven issues of the Africa Peace and Conflict Journal, four issues of the policy monograph and 4 books on peace governance and security in Africa. This monumental contribution of scientific work will go a long way in resolving that dearth of knowledge in the field of peace governance and security in Africa.

The interaction of the researchers created during the multiple trainings and the international conference has already yielded results considering that apart from the network which brings them together, researchers are already working together towards joint publications while some have landed jobs in international organizations.

There has also been an improvement in the area of policy influence with the creation of the policy monograph. Some of the policy makers in the continent now look forward to the next issue of the UPEACE Africa Policy Series established as a result of the project.

Finally, the Africa Peace and Conflict Journal established through the project is now one of the most important journals in Africa which publishes articles from emerging and established researchers from Africa and abroad. Consequently even with the end of the project, there is a still a backlog of more than forty articles submitted from Africa and abroad waiting for publication. The importance of the journal is further emphasized by the desire of reputable institutions in the West such as University of Bradford to co-publish the Africa Peace and Conflict Journal in the future. However this will require continued support for the journal by IDRC.

7. Dissemination of Output

Over the years UPEACE Africa Programme has established an effective dissemination of the research outputs in the areas of peace, governance and security. UPEACE Africa Programme works with 26 Universities in Africa and has a regular distribution list of 180 universities and research institutions.

However dissemination of the project output included the following methods:

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1. Online dissemination: All project outputs which included, the Africa Peace and Conflict Journal, the UPEACE Africa Policy Monograph, 4 books are all freely downloadable from the UPEACE Website.

2. Postage: UPEACE has a list of 180 institutions and Universities where hard copies of the publications are sent through direct post. More so all chapter, article and policy brief contributors including reviewers all receive two hard copies of the publication with the advice that one be provided to their institutional library

3. Workshops: Several workshops related to peace are usually held in Addis Ababa as a result of the presence of the African Union and the United Nations and its agencies. Project outputs are usually distributed in these workshops

4. Conferences: UPEACE with the support of IDRC organized an international symposium on peace, governance and security from the 28 -30 April 2014. The conference brought together 150 participants. All UPEACE publications were on display for collection by the participants.

8. Lessons Learnt and Recommendations

8.1 Lessons Learnt

The implementation of the second phase of the project has revealed the prime importance of IDRC's capacity building support to researchers in the areas of peace, governance and security in Africa. The following lessons can be learnt from the project:

1. The impact of the Africa Peace and Conflict Journal: The Africa Peace and Conflict Journal established in 2008 through the first phase of the project has successfully published 8 volumes and 18 issues. Consequently it has established itself has one of the most recommended journals in Africa in the area of peace, governance and security. Its publication of research from emerging and established researchers is very unique and has created an avenue for emerging researchers to publish in a reputable and thoroughly reviewed journal. The journal is currently undergoing the international accreditation process which required the consistent publication of 8 volumes. Therefore the journal will need continued support

while it finalizes the international accreditation process and works towards sustainability.

2. The publication of the UPEACE Africa Policy Series was very innovative in transforming empirical research in policy briefs through the guidance of policy makers. After the publication of 2 volumes and 4 issues, some policy makers in the continent are hoping for the continuation of the monograph series.

3. The establishment of a network has been fruitful in producing new knowledge in the field of peace, governance and security. The Africa Peace and Governance Research Network established in April 2014 has already published 4 books and reached the French speaking part of Africa with the publication of a book on governance and security in French in collaboration with University of Yaounde, Cameroon. Support for the Network to stabilize will be an important step in the capacity building process of the continent.

4. Research training for supervisors in the continent was a lesson learnt from visiting the partner universities. It was discovered that, some of the doctoral students struggle to complete their research as a result of the lack of capacity of the supervisors who undertake supervision as a requirement of their university.

5. The project provided a total of 30 grants out of 146 applications making up 20 percent of the applicants. This indicates an extremely high demand for capacity building support. While it is impossible to provide financial support to all or most of the applicants, training most of the applicants in research methodology will facilitate research and improve output in the continent.

6. It is clear that, not much has been done in terms of building research capacity in the French section of the continent. This project successfully selected two French speaking doctoral grantees and published a book in French. Following the call for chapter submissions it was clear that the French speaking section of the continent also need serious capacity building in the area of research training and publications.

8.2 Recommendations

1.   IDRC should strongly consider providing financial support for the continued publication of the Africa Peace and Conflict Journal and the UPEACE Africa Policy Series for the next three years. This will provide

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UPEACE enough time to finalize the international accreditation of the journal which is in process. (See also attached Mid-term evaluation report, Section 3.2.4).

2. IDRC should consider supporting the Africa Peace and Governance Research Network (APGR.net) which is only one year old to continue its research and publication activities. The successful publication of four books through the network in one year is an indication of the usefulness of the network in facilitating research and publication.

3. IDRC should consider supporting more capacity building training workshops in research methodology both for doctoral students and supervisors.

4. IDRC should consider supporting the graduates to publish their final dissertation in the form of books. This could be done as part of supporting the network.

5. Considering the fact that, 30 students were funded out of 146 applicants representing 20 percent, it is strongly recommended that, IDRC should consider supporting a final phase of the project with a target of 100 students of which 56 have been supported over the past three phases. See project Video –

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AS1KwveFCbQ).

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