



Annual Report 2020

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Building Peace

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INTRODUCTION

Victoria Carreras Lloveras

Interim Executive Director

For our network, 2020 was a year of profound reflection that - in many ways - brought us much closer together.

The COVID-19 pandemic did not halt local peacebuilding work. Rather, it continues to threaten broader peace and human security by exacerbating persistent political, social, and economic structural inequalities. COVID-19 pushed us to rethink our plans for the year at very short notice, and it forced our network to move online. We were able to meet in much greater numbers and much more frequently in the virtual space than when we did in person. However, we noticed that our members in the most remote areas often lack a stable internet connection. Colleagues active in conflict zones suffer from frequent power cuts and in virtual meetings, simultaneous translation into local languages is not available.

As much as 2020 was a challenge, it was also the end of a journey and the beginning of a new chapter. We launched our new Strategic Plan 2021-2025, which is the result of a truly collaborative and inclusive effort between our network members, including women and young people.





We are convinced that with our new thematic focus on locally-led peacebuilding, the inclusion of women and youth peacebuilders, and climate change and emerging threats, we are on the right path to continue building peace together. The adoption of our new Strategic Plan coincided with a critical milestone in our network's history as we celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of our Global Action Agenda.

When we reflect on 2020, we let hope prevail over despair, and unity and solidarity win over division. As a network, we are more determined than ever to use the unprecedented crisis to peace and security as an opportunity. We will seize the momentum to think about how we can achieve a broader, structural transformation of not only the peace and development system but also of our network. So that together, we can truly advance sustainable, inclusive, and locally-owned peace.

This Annual Report pays tribute to all of our courageous peacebuilders, who in times of crisis came closer together at the local, national, regional, and global level and often acted as first responders in their local communities.

I truly hope you enjoy reading about their inspiring and impactful work as much as I do. Their endless efforts should serve as an example to all of us.

In peace,

Victòria Carreras Lloveras

A world map is shown in the background, with different regions highlighted in various colors: North America (light blue), South America (light green), Europe (light blue), Africa (light red), Asia (light yellow), and Australia (light green).

ABOUT GPPAC

Who we are

GPPAC is the world's largest global network of local peacebuilders. We bring together over 230 civil society organisations active in the field of conflict prevention and peacebuilding. It is these local members who lead our network.

GPPAC consists of fifteen regional networks, each with their own priorities, character, and agenda – tailored to their regional context and needs. We work through partnerships at local, national, regional and global levels. Together, we specialise in connecting, convening, exchanging ideas and learning from each other to find peaceful solutions to conflict. We firmly believe that conflict prevention initiatives need to be locally grounded and internationally supported.

What we do

We Amplify Member Expertise: We amplify the unique experiences, expertise and skills of GPPAC members and strengthen our platforms for regional and cross-regional exchange, learning and capacity strengthening.

We Mobilise Collective Action: We act in solidarity as an effective force for peace by being a strong, adaptable, inclusive network, connected locally, regionally and globally.

We Influence Policy and Practice: We open up space for meaningful engagement of local peacebuilders at all levels to advance more locally-informed decision making, to ensure positive impact at local, national and regional levels.

We are #BuildingPeaceTogether

OUR IMPACT IN REVIEW

In 2020, we supported more than 200 peacebuilding organisations in 123 countries in 15 regions. We worked to improve practice, enable collaboration, build influence and amplify our impact in peacebuilding on local, regional and international levels.



Local

In 2020, GPPAC trained at least 1769 local peacebuilders on topics such as Peace Education, Human Security and Conflict Analysis & Mediation, including

- 610 local peacebuilders & teachers have been trained on applying Peace Education.
- 614 local peacebuilders have been trained on Human Security.

GPPAC supported 62 locally-led peacebuilding initiatives in 24 countries through our Small Grants Programme



Regional

In 2020, GPPAC Regional Networks launched 20 Campaigns and published at least 35 Regional & Cross-Regional Policy Statements.

GPPAC partnered with 8 Regional Intergovernmental Organisations, enhancing the cooperation between regional organisations and local peacebuilders.

GPPAC convened 11 Regional Multi-Stakeholder Initiatives, bringing together civil society, policy makers and other stakeholders.



Global

In 2020, GPPAC contributed to the development of the first United Nations Community Engagement Guidelines on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace.

GPPAC successfully advocated for the creation of a more locally-informed and locally-led UN peacebuilding architecture by participating in the 2020 UN Peacebuilding Architecture Review.

16 Knowledge & Research Products were developed to contextualise conflict prevention and peacebuilding.

LOCAL IMPACT

Localising SDG 16+



16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS **GPPAC**
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WAA Cameroon

PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACEFUL, JUST AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

"Lack of progress on SDG 16+ will hamper progress on all other goals as well as progress in achieving Cameroon's "Vision 2035", as without peace, justice and inclusive governance, reduction of hunger, poverty or women's empowerment will not be achieved."

Voluntary National Review by WAA Cameroon and GPPAC, June 2019

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

"Leave No One Behind!"



Our members' development of Civil Society Voluntary National Reviews on the implementation of SDG 16 in [Cameroon](#) (2019), [Ghana](#) (2019) and [Uganda](#) (2020) have been the start of ongoing advocacy trajectories and engagements with international and national policymakers to localise peacebuilding in their countries.

In Cameroon, 100 young men and women participated in the youth peace camp "Building a Peaceful Youth for the Next Generation: A Youth Alternative Approach to SDG16+ Localization in Cameroon" organised by GPPAC Member Women in Alternative Action (WAA Cameroon).

Small Grants: The Roots for Sustainable Peacebuilding

While the financing of peacebuilding is generally a challenge, local peacebuilding initiatives face the greatest barriers in accessing funding to support their sustainable and innovative solutions.

Through the GPPAC Small Grants Programme, we supported members to access direct funding in a fast and easy way in order to pilot or scale up their solutions to peace. These peacebuilding initiatives are only just the start: the key aim of our programme is to plant seeds for successful initiatives which catalyze further support and growth of sustainable peacebuilding.



Find out what impact the GPPAC Small Grants Programme had on Mohammed from Libya.





"The GPPAC Small Grants Programme is not just about having easy access to financial support. It is a package that also offers technical support and networking possibilities."

- Khaled Emam, GPPAC Member Egypt -

In 2020, **62 locally-led small grants initiatives** were supported in 24 countries in 8 regions.

SDG 16+
3 initiatives

Southeast Asia
8 initiatives

Peace Education
4 initiatives

**International Day of
Peace in Central Asia**
35 initiatives

**Youth, Peace
& Security**
4 initiatives

**Women, Peace
& Security**
8 initiatives




[Learn more](#)
about
GPPAC's
Small Grants
Programme



REGIONAL IMPACT

Shaking Up the Status Quo in the South Caucasus

A portrait of a man with a beard and dark hair, wearing a blue blazer over a plaid shirt. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a thoughtful expression. The background is dark with a blue vertical stripe on the left.

"It was one of those mild summer days in Abkhazia, in the South Caucasus and I was 12-year-old. I randomly pulled out a book from my grandfather's massive bookshelf.

I instinctively grabbed a history book by Ivane Javakhishvili, the most influential Georgian historian. That was the moment history entered into my life."



[Read on](#) how Zurab combines history and GPPAC to change the existing historical narrative in the South Caucasus.

Latin America

Building Citizen Bridges between Colombia and Venezuela

Since 2014, more than 5.4 million Venezuelans have left their country. Amid the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Venezuela - and the closing of bridges and official crossings and the suspension of diplomatic relations between Colombia and Venezuela - our members in the region Latin America and the Caribbean, saw the need to build alternative bridges.

By the end of 2019, they had set up a binational network called **Puentes Ciudadanos Colombia-Venezuela** to build capacity for prevention and shared action through citizen diplomacy.

In 2020, the network facilitated **more than thirty multi-stakeholder dialogues** with participants from both sides of the Colombian-Venezuelan border. The Puentes Ciudadanos Colombia-Venezuela network was able to bring all stakeholders to a joint dialogue, strengthen cooperation and coordination, and address emergency situations at the border - an unprecedented achievement.



Click [here](#) to read the policy brief about citizen bridges.



[Watch](#) the personal stories of Venezuelan migrants of why they left their country.

GLOBAL IMPACT

Peacebuilding Architecture



Peacebuilding and sustaining peace are most likely to succeed when they are locally-led, locally owned and regionally and globally supported.

Every five years, the United Nations reviews the internal Peacebuilding Architecture in order to improve the work of the UN on peacebuilding, with a specific focus on the implementation at the field level. GPPAC used the 2020 Peacebuilding Architecture Review as an opportunity to channel the perspectives of local peacebuilders and advocate for a more locally-led and locally-informed UN Peacebuilding Architecture.

Peacebuilding Architecture Review

What did GPPAC do?



Strengthened GPPAC Members Capacity

GPPAC hosted training sessions for those members who participated and engaged in the four Civil Society Consultations (aligning messages and presenting priorities).



Hosted GPPAC Civil Society Consultations

GPPAC co-organised four Civil Society Consultations focused on South Caucasus, Middle East and North Africa, The Americas, and The Pacific.



Co-facilitated the 2020 Civil Society Coordination Group

GPPAC co-facilitated the 2020 Civil Society Coordination Group to strengthen coordination among civil society engaged in the 2020 Review through information exchange.



Delivered Civil Society Input

GPPAC delivered 12 written civil society submissions that provide meaningful civil society recommendations on key peacebuilding matters.



Conducted Multistakeholder Engagements

GPPAC co-organised the Sustaining Peace Roundtable Series, a collective learning space to convene Member States, the United Nations and civil society to discuss jointly critical issues for the UN peacebuilding architecture.

Peacebuilding Architecture Review

GPPAC's perspective is reflected in the 2020 Review and in other global policy on peacebuilding and sustaining peace.

The 2020 Secretary General Report specifically highlights the GPPAC-FTI participatory video methodology project in Kyrgyzstan as an approach to youth empowerment

International decision-makers at all levels have actively sought the expertise of local peacebuilders within the GPPAC network.

What did GPPAC achieve?

On 28 July, GPPAC's Chair of the Board Sharon Bhagwan Rolls was invited to brief the Peacebuilding Commission on the impact of COVID-19 in the Pacific.



[Read her full statement!](#)

Turning Words into Action: Implementing the UN Community Engagement Guidelines



Justine Kwachu Ngum Kumche, local peacebuilder and Executive Director of WAA Cameroon, has been able to leverage the UN Community Engagement Guidelines and turn them into action in the process of building a relationship with the UN field presence on the ground.

In an interview, Justine shares how she used the Guidelines to strengthen her engagement with the UN and what a meaningful and intentional partnership with the UN could look like in 2021.

CROSS CUTTING

The Peace Corner Podcast

We are making peace personal with the Peace Corner podcast! Put on your headphones because we bring you the voices of passionate and courageous people building peace.

Tune into "Locals at the Forefront of Peace" with award-winning peacebuilding author and researcher **Séverine Autesserre** and young changemaker **Shadi Rouhshahbaz!**



Moving online during COVID-19

Selected Online Initiatives

Webinar on Participatory Video in Peacebuilding:
Lessons Learnt from Occupied Palestinian Territories and Kyrgyzstan.

#TogetherForPeace Roundtable Virtual Peace Tables:

- Redefining Our Future
- Rethinking Education
- Redesigning the Table



Inclusion of Women and Youth Peacebuilders

Planting the Seeds of Change in Sri Lanka: Localising the SDGs

"Time and time again, we have seen that unless you connect the SDGs to people's day to day issues, their hardships and hopes, they will remain a far away and abstract UN concept. However, if the SDGs resonate on the local, community level, then we can actually make them a reality."

- Visaka Dharmadasa, GPPAC Gender Expert South Asia -



Read how Visaka is bringing the SDGs to the plantation sector in Sri Lanka.



At GPPAC trust is fundamental to everything we do. We place trust in our local peacebuilders because we recognize that they know best what is needed in their local communities to advance peace. Time and time again we have seen that by placing trust in local peacebuilders they lead and own transformative change in their communities. They make sustainable and inclusive peace possible.

When you give to GPPAC, what you give is trust. You create the conditions for courage among the thousands of peacebuilders our network unites every day. You give them training, safe spaces to meet, the knowledge that they are not alone, a platform from which to tell their stories.

You embolden peace. You enable peace. You make peace more powerful.

Thank you.



Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the
Netherlands



*Empowered lives.
Resilient nations.*

INTEGRITY

Integrity and accountability are at the heart of our network's work. We strive to conduct all our operations with honesty and transparency. Two policies are at the core of the integrity system: the **Global Secretariat Code of Conduct**, and the **GPPAC Network Integrity policy**. In 2020, we appointed the members of the Integrity Committee, which is composed of a member of the network, a Board member and the Executive Director of the Global Secretariat.

- The Global Secretariat Code of Conduct applies to all our employees, interns, contractors, as well as GPPAC Board members. It outlines the need to protect the organisation's legality and thus behave ethically and responsibly concerning the organisations' finances, partnerships and public image.
- The GPPAC Network Integrity policy sets out how member organisations, their employees, interns, volunteers and others associated with them should put into practice the same principles of the Code of Conduct in their involvement in GPPAC activities, and when representing GPPAC in any way.

There were no breaches of integrity reported in 2020. Breaches of integrity in the network to date have been rare, and network members have felt comfortable enough to raise them with Global Secretariat staff when they did occur. We have dealt with these on an ad hoc basis in the past, and this is part of what helped us realise we needed a system and a structured approach.

We are confident that having a code of conduct and a Network Integrity Policy in place will allow us to appropriately manage any integrity-related incident in the future, whether it concerns the behaviour of our staff or our network members.

Financial Report

BALANCE SHEET

As at December 31 (after appropriation of the result)

Assets

	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	7,030	15,043
Intangible assets	24,829	33,106
	31,859	48,149
Current assets		
Receivables	184,165	77,932
Cash and cash equivalents	578,034	1,027,105
	762,199	1,105,037
	794,058	1,153,186

Liabilities

	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
Reserves		
Continuity reserve	82,477	78,912
Earmarked reserve	34,298	51,340
Short-term reserve	652	652
	117,427	130,904
Short-term liabilities		
Accounts payable	27,098	43,763
Taxes and social security payments	65,356	39,934
Received pre-payments donors	280,410	759,667
Accruals, provisions and other liabilities	303,767	178,918
	676,631	1,022,282
	794,058	1,153,186

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	Realisation 2020	Realisation 2019
Income		
Grants from governments and others	3,287,886	3,535,590
Income other than grants	3,565	4,015
Sum of income	3,291,451	3,539,605
Expenses		
Expenditure on behalf of the objective		
Enabling collaboration	1,465,576	1,567,526
Improving practice	881,671	1,003,101
Influencing policy	712,414	786,654
Online partnerships	115	103
	3,095,776	3,357,384
Expenditure fundraising		
Costs obtaining government grants and others	85,647	48,634
Management & administration		
Costs management & administration	159,505	149,675
Sum of expenses	3,304,928	3,555,693
Surplus/deficit	- 13,477	- 16,088
Appropriation of result		
Continuity reserve	3,565	- 67,428
Earmarked reserve	- 17,042	51,340
Result	- 13,477	- 16,088

ORGANISATION AND GOVERNANCE

Governance

The GPPAC Foundation is a Foundation under Dutch Law (stichting). The Board of the GPPAC Foundation consists of at least seven members. Members of the Board are appointed upon nomination by the GPPAC International Steering Group (ISG). Each of the fourteen GPPAC regions is represented in the ISG, which determines joint global priorities and actions.

The GPPAC Board provides leadership and is accountable to the ISG. Members of the Board serve for a period of three years, which can be renewed once. Membership of the Board is voluntary and does not involve any form of financial compensation, other than the reimbursement of expenses.

The Board appoints and supervises the Executive Director of the GPPAC Foundation. The Executive Director is compensated within the Terms and Conditions of Employment of the GPPAC Foundation, at a rate commensurate with the Guidelines for compensation of Directors of Charitable Organisations, established by the Netherlands Professional Association of Charitable Organisations.

The Executive Director is accountable to the GPPAC Board and takes financial and operational decisions within the policies and guidelines as set by the Board. Mr Darynell Rodríguez Torres was the director of the GPPAC Foundation until December 31st, 2020. His gross salary in 2020 amounted to EUR 90,588. This is including holiday allowance and balance of untaken holidays paid out in December, but excluding the employer pension contribution. No other allowances were paid to him.

The GPPAC Board

Sharon Bhagwan Rolls, *Chair*

Regional Representative of the Pacific, Suva, Fiji

Miguel Álvarez Gándara, *Vice-Chair*

President of SERAPAZ, Mexico

Rob Zeldenrust, *Vice-Chair*

Chairman of the board of the Sen Foundation for Research and Education in International cooperation, chairman of the board of Unesco Centrum Nederland, and Vice-Chair of the board of the Indonesia-Nederland Society, The Hague, the Netherlands

Herman Kreulen, *Treasurer*

Background as a business consultant and director in the private sector, and currently an economics and business teacher, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Mariska van Beijnum, *Member*

Deputy Head Conflict Research Unit, Clingendael, Netherlands Institute of International Relations, The Hague, the Netherlands

Ivana Gajovic, *Member*

Marketing Manager at Hotel Ramada, Montenegro

Yoshioka Tatsuya, *Member*

Director Peace Boat, Japan

International Steering Group

Eastern and Central Africa

Center for Conflict Resolution (CECORE)

Southern Africa

Ecumenical Church Leaders Forum (ECLF) -
until September 2020

Network of African Peacebuilders (NAPS) -
from October 2020

West Africa

West Africa Network for Peacebuilding
(WANEP) - until August 2020

Latin America and the Caribbean

Regional Coordination for Economic and
Social Research (CRIES)

North America

Centro de Colaboración Cívica (CCC)

Western Balkans

Nansen Dialogue Centre Mostar

South Asia

Regional Centre for Strategic Studies
(RCSS)

The Pacific

Transcend Oceania

Southeast Asia

Initiatives for International Dialogue (IID)

Northeast Asia

Peace Boat

Central Asia

Foundation for Tolerance International (FTI)

The Middle East & North Africa

Permanent Peace Movement (PPM)

Eastern Europe

Non-Violence International

Caucasus

International Center on Conflict & Negotiation (ICCN)

Non-regional ISG Members

World Vision International

World Federalist Movement - Institute for Global
Policy (WFM-IGP)

European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO)

United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY)

African Center for the Constructive Resolution of
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