



Annual report 2022

Learning, Innovating, and Building Peace



A Network of People
Building Peace

Introduction

Dear GPPAC members and partners,

Looking back at 2022, we proudly celebrate the remarkable efforts of our members in building peace.

At the heart of the GPPAC network lies the fundamental belief in learning from and with each other to build peace and prevent conflict. Our network is a vibrant hub and safe space where peacebuilders from diverse backgrounds come together to share their knowledge and innovative approaches.

The experiences and achievements of peacebuilding efforts led by local communities serve as a source of inspiration for policymakers. These policymakers actively incorporate the knowledge and effective approaches from the GPPAC network into their policies and programs aimed at promoting peacebuilding at the local level.

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Yoshioka Tatsuya
Chair of the GPPAC Board

Introduction

Recognising the immense value of continuous learning and knowledge sharing, we piloted for the first time GPPAC Learning Month. We dedicated an entire month for members to engage together in a series of interactive workshops, webinars, and capacity-building sessions. During Learning Month, peacebuilders from across the network exchanged insights, best practices, and lessons learned. This sparked new ideas and collaborations that will undoubtedly strengthen our collective impact in the years to come.

Furthermore, throughout 2022 we have witnessed outstanding achievements, especially in our strategic focus area of climate, peace and security. GPPAC members have enabled local communities to take the lead in addressing the interconnected challenges of climate change

and peace, fostering resilience and sustainable solutions. We will continue to expand on this timely thematic program in 2023. Moreover, GPPAC members' efforts in empowering youth and women as agents of change, amplifying their voices and paving the way for resilience and peace is truly inspiring.

As we delve into the pages of this report, we witness fascinating stories that reflect the impact of our collaborative peacebuilding work. From the local level to global policy spaces, GPPAC members have exemplified the power of collective action and continue to demonstrate the profound ripple effects of our network.



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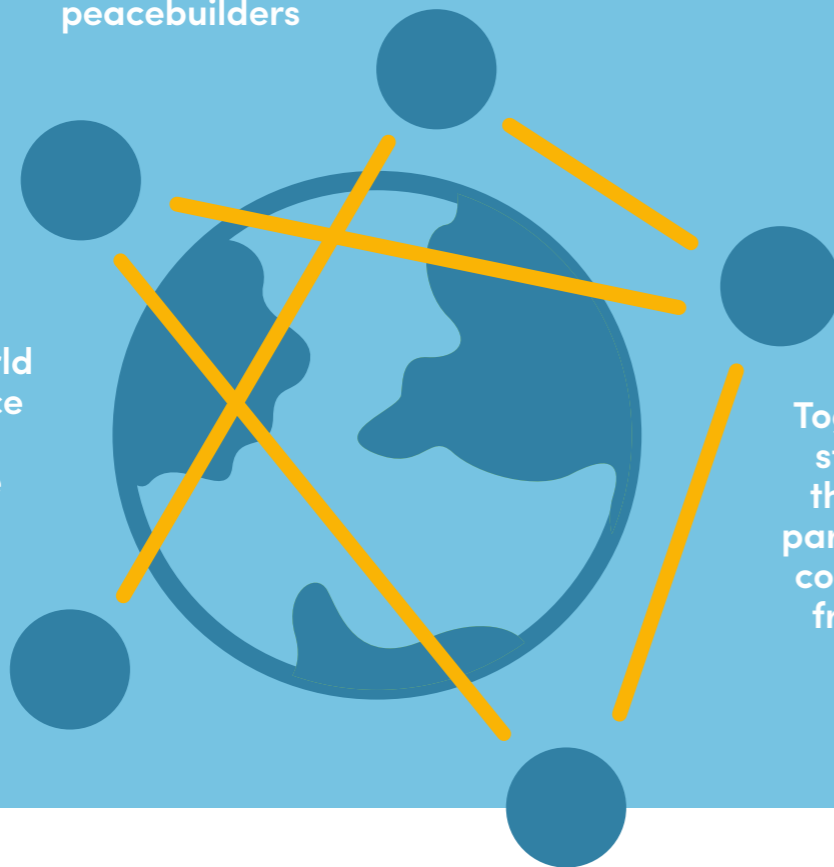
Our network

At a glance

We are the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC).

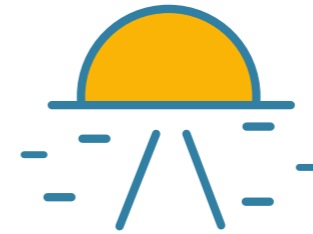
We are the world's largest global network of local peacebuilders

We seek a world where violence and armed conflicts are prevented



Together we are stronger than the sum of our parts because we constantly learn from and with each other

Our goal by 2025



Peacebuilding policies, practices and infrastructures are rooted in locally-led and locally-grounded peacebuilding.

We focus on



Locally-led peacebuilding action



Inclusion of Women and Youth Peacebuilders



Climate security and emerging threats



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Our network

in numbers



In 2022,

2577

local
peacebuilders
and
external
stakeholders



participated in

69

network learning
exchanges

39

policy engagements
or exchanges



GPPAC members
contributed to

34

learning
resources

20

policy briefs
and statements

September 2022

GPPAC launched
its first-ever
Learning Month.

12

online sessions took place,
bringing together more than

258

participants from

207

organisations from

64

countries.



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Our Network in Stories

Photo: Els Boers



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A photograph of five women standing in a row indoors. From left to right: the first woman wears an orange top and a light grey hijab; the second wears a black and white leopard print top and a black hijab with sunglasses on her head; the third wears a black top with white and yellow floral patterns and a white hijab; the fourth wears a blue and white checkered top and a black hijab; the fifth wears a black top with a pink vest and a light grey hijab. They are all smiling slightly and looking towards the camera.

Our Network in Stories

GPPAC as an Intermediary: Learnings from Palestine

Our identity as a network extends far beyond mere financial transactions. When we act as an intermediary organisation, which primarily entails distributing and managing larger donor funds to local initiatives, we 'shift the power' to local organisations.

In practice, this means that we put local organisations in the lead of program design and implementation while providing them with the support they request to implement peacebuilding activities successfully. We also foster reflective learning and exchange among local peacebuilders, donors, and policymakers to strengthen each other's capacities and expertise.

Our Network in Stories

GPPAC as an Intermediary: Learnings from Palestine

In 2021 we entered into a [partnership with the United Nations Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund \(WPHF\) to implement its Rapid Response Window \(RRW\)](#) on Women's Participation in Peace Processes. As part of this partnership, GPPAC supports local women-led organisations to advance women's meaningful participation in formal peace processes and the implementation of peace agreements.

In 2022, we supported the Palestinian Centre for Peace and Democracy, which was instrumental in engaging young women in the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process. The impact of our partnership is captured in the quote:



“When we started this project, we perceived GPPAC as a donor. But things changed quickly, and GPPAC became an equal and trusted partner. We learned alongside each other.”

Hilda Issa, PCPD, Palestine

[Delve deeper into Hilda's valuable insights of working with GPPAC and the power of collective learning right here.](#)



Our Network in Stories

Young Palestinian Women Claiming their Seat at the Table

“I want to be more involved with political participation in Palestine. As a future journalist, I want to highlight the dilemma of Palestinian women’s political participation in my career. I want to meet unknown anem through my camera.”

Step into the world of Bayan Hamad, a 21-year-old university student who lives in Ramallah, Palestine. She has always been a defender of women’s rights and wants to contribute to changing the harsh reality of Palestinian girls.

Through participating in the Palestinian Centre for Peace and Democracy project funded by the WPHF RRW, Bayan honed her communication skills, enabling her to engage with policymakers and advocate for her demands effectively.

[Find out more about her journey that will inspire you.](#)



Our Network in Stories

Advancing Peace and Security in Northeast Asia

The Ulaanbaatar Process (UBP) brings together civil society experts from Northeast Asia, including from both Koreas, to exchange information, opinions, and experience to shape a peaceful future in the region. UBPs in-person meetings are unique as Cold War divisions are still present in the region, meaning that “us” versus “them” rival politics and military threats dominate.

[Find out how](#) the GPPAC network plays a significant role, acting as a safe umbrella for civil society to come together and create lasting connections, even during high political tensions.

[Remarkable stories](#) collected by UBPs participants illustrate the transformative potential of dialogue and the unwavering commitment to peacebuilding in the region. Explore their inspiring journeys in “Peace and Security in Northeast Asia.”



Our Network in Stories

Every voice matters for peace on the Korean Peninsula

The blog series *“Every voice matters for peace on the Korean Peninsula”* highlights the diverse voices of people passionately building peace as part of the Ulaanbaatar Process. Named after the Mongolian capital in which it was officially launched, the UBP is a unique civil society dialogue for peace and stability in Northeast Asia.

Together, peace activists and experts from the region, including China, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Russia, the United States, and Mongolia, operate as a vibrant community of practice, amplifying their voices and sharing diverse experiences and expertise to show that peacebuilding is alive and thriving in this contested region.



[Anastasia Barannikova on Cold War rivalries and conditions for peace and security in Northeast Asia](#)



[Enkhsaikhan Jargalsaikhan on the role of Mongolia as the nuclear-weapon-free-state in Northeast Asia and what we can learn from it](#)



[A Perspective of Dr. Wang Danning from Beijing](#)



[Kim Jeongsoo on Korean women’s role in making peace possible](#)



[Yoshioka Tatsuya on the role of Japan and how civil society unites against new threats](#)



[Kajita Natsuha and Sasaki Moe on the role of youth in peacebuilding in Northeast Asia](#)

Localising Climate, Peace and Security

Climate change knows no boundaries, but neither do innovative solutions!

By localising climate, peace and security, we adopt a transformative process that shifts the power to local actors. Concretely, this means that local actors lead the design and implementation of strategies, policies, and measures to address climate-related security risks within specific communities or regions.

In 2022, GPPAC members – PROPAZ from Mozambique, CECORE from Uganda, and VIVA from Zimbabwe – came together to develop a Step-by-Step Guidance Note for local peacebuilders around the world on how to document, assess, and address climate-related security risks at the local level.

[Check out the Guidance Note!](#)



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“Community actors in Uganda have remarked that this was the most locally owned, locally-led and inclusive project they have experienced in their community.”

Patrick Bwire
CECORE Uganda



Our Network in Stories

Localising Climate, Peace and Security in Uganda: Local actors leading change learnings from Uganda

While developing the Step-by-Step Guidance Note in Uganda, GPPAC member CECORE ensured the community in Kaabong in the sub-region of Karamoja, an 11-hour car ride from the bustling capital city of Kampala, was actively involved.

CECORE's approach is grounded in collaboration, bringing together a tapestry of diverse voices, each impacted by climate change in distinct ways. They invited local government representatives, religious and traditional leaders, diverse youth and women, and many more to share stories and observations in their local languages on how specific security risks affect their community and the role climate change plays in those risks.

This exchange gave local communities confidence because they were empowered to build on their own local and indigenous knowledge and practices, addressing the interlinkage between climate and conflict. Consequently, they passionately started to increase awareness towards other community members, local leaders and policymakers about climate-related security risks directly affecting them. Eager to drive change, they leveraged innovative platforms like radio talk shows, door-to-door sensitisation campaigns, and community forums to ignite discussions about conflict-sensitive climate action.

Our Network in Stories

Unsurprisingly, these [dialogues and awareness-raising campaigns led to various adaptation strategies](#) implemented in subsequent actions.

Communities learned about “live fences” and started to plant drought-resistant indigenous trees to protect their property. These trees include acacia, neem and kay-apple, among others. Several of these species possess thorns that serve as a deterrent against burglary and looting while simultaneously protecting property. Instead of resorting to cutting trees for home protection, local communities now grow trees that act as natural safeguards. An additional benefit is that these trees are a source of food and can help alleviate food insecurity.

What is happening in Kaabong highlights the power of locally-owned initiatives in the face of global climate crises. In this corner of the world, locally-owned resilience thrives, and the seeds of change are sown, one indigenous tree at a time.

[Read on.](#)



Find out how local communities in Kaabong, Uganda, were able to better understand the complex interlinkage between climate and security by telling stories and sharing their observations in their local languages.



Watch how GPPAC member CECORE documented, assessed, and addressed climate-related local security risks.

[Localising Climate, Peace and Security in Uganda | GPPAC](#)

Effective Options for Financing Local Peacebuilding

In 2022, we facilitated an exchange between two constituencies that normally do not meet: local peacebuilders and international finance experts. The result of these consultations is a paper presenting concrete options to change how donors and intermediaries distribute their financial support to peacebuilding to shift the power to local peacebuilders.

Find out more about how we are championing solutions for more impactful financing for peacebuilding [here](#).



“A partnership between local partners and intermediaries should be based on equal footing and mutual respect. This means that both work alongside each other, investing the same amount of time, capacity and resources during the project implementation but also beyond.”

Lucy Nusseibeh
MEND, Palestine



[Watch our video](#)

resource: <https://gppac.net/resources/effective-options-financing-local-peacebuilding>

Thank you to donors

Our donors are part and parcel of our collective effort to build locally-owned and locally-led inclusive, sustainable peace.

The GPPAC network thanks them for their continued support and trust in making our work possible.

When you give to GPPAC, you give trust. You create the conditions for the peacebuilders in our network to unite. You give them training, safe spaces to meet and learn from and with each other, the knowledge that they are not alone, and a platform to tell their stories.

**You embolden
peace.**

**You enable
peace.**

**You make peace
more powerful.**



Integrity

Integrity and accountability are at the heart of what our network does. 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. The GPPAC Integrity Committee comprises 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, and GPPAC Board members. It outlines the need to protect the organisation's legality and thus behave ethically and responsibly concerning its 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 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 2022.



Financial report 2022



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Balance sheet

as at December 31, 2022 (after appropriation of the result)

Assets

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	531	2,777
Intangible assets	8,277	16,553
	8,808	19,330
Current assets		
Receivables	168,988	182,112
Cash and cash equivalents	728,380	896,425
	897,368	1,078,537
	906,176	1,097,867

Liabilities

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Reserves		
Continuity reserve	82,143	87,407
Earmarked reserve	0	18,920
	82,143	106,327
Short-term liabilities		
Accounts payable	9,410	5,868
Taxes and social security payments	20,915	24,086
Received pre-payments donors	661,044	864,369
Accruals, provisions and other liabilities	132,664	97,217
	824,033	991,540
	906,176	1,097,867

Statement of income and expenditure

for the year 2022

	Realisation 2022	Realisation 2021
Income		
Grants from governments and others	1,598,286	1,698,785
Income other than grants	2,809	4,931
Sum of income	1,601,095	1,703,716
Expenses		
Expenditure on behalf of the objective		
Result area 1: Network and Learning	956,194	970,021
Result area 2: Policy change	368,112	454,764
	1,324,306	1,424,785
Expenditure fundraising		
Costs obtaining government grants and others	69,443	104,260
Management & administration		
Costs management & administration	231,530	185,771
Sum of expenses	1,625,279	1,714,816
Surplus/deficit	- 24,184	- 11,100
Appropriation of result		
Continuity reserve	-5,264	4,930
Short-term reserve	0	-652
Earmarked reserve	-18,920	-15,378
Result	-24,184	- 11,100

GPPAC International Steering Group

Eastern and Central Africa

Center for Conflict Resolution (CECORE)

Southern Africa

Network of African Peacebuilders (NAPS)

West Africa

Building Blocks for Peace

Latin America and the Caribbean

Regional Coordination for Economic and Social Research (CRIES)

North America

Partners Global

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 and North Africa

Permanent Peace Movement (PPM)

Eastern Europe

Non-Violence International

Caucasus

International Center on Conflict and 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 Disputes (ACCORD)

West Africa Network for Peacebuilding
(WANEP)

Organisation & Governance



Organisation and Governance

The GPPAC Foundation is a Foundation under Dutch Law (stichting). The Board of the GPPAC Foundation consists of at least five 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 three years, which can be renewed twice. 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 set by the Board. Mrs Victòria Carreras Lloveras was the interim director of the GPPAC Foundation until 1 May 2022. Her gross salary in 2022 amounted to EUR 90,588.

This includes a holiday allowance but excludes the employer pension contribution. No other allowances were paid to her. As of 1 May 2022, Alvito de Souza acted as Executive Director of the GPPAC Foundation. His gross salary in 2022 amounted to EUR 58,903, including a holiday allowance but excluding the employer pension contribution.

Organisation & Governance

The GPPAC Board

Yoshioka Tatsuya

Board Chair, Founder and Director
Peace Boat, Japan

Herman Kreulen

Board Treasurer, Amsterdam,
the Netherlands

Charlotte Divin

Programme Funding Manager at
Peace Direct, United Kingdom

Nqobile Moyo

Director Voices In the Vision
for Africa (VIVA), Zimbabwe

Frank van den Akker

Non-executive board member for
various not-for-profit institutions and
social entrepreneur, the Netherlands

Global Secretariat Staff

Alvito de Souza,

Executive Director
(1 May 2022 until 31 December 2022)

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Sarra Messaoudi

Network Coordinator

Wieteke Overbeek

Planning, Monitoring Evaluation and
Learning Officer

Victòria Carreras Lloveras

Interim Executive Director
(until 1 May 2022)

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support of our interns.**

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