

The Purdue Peace Project Post



PPP Initiatives

During the month of May Dr. Connaughton, Agaptus Anaele, and Kelly Vibber spent time in West Africa to further work on PPP project initiatives. These projects include the Natural Resource Management Initiative and the Pen-Pen Rider Initiative, both of which take place in Liberia. Also, PPP is collaborating with a Nigeria-based not-for-profit organization, Health Matters Inc., to prevent future violence and promote peaceful co-existence between a university host community and students in Rivers State. Details about each project can be found in this newsletter.

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Monrovia,
Liberia

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The Liberia Natural Resources Management Initiative With International Alert and OSIWA



Natural Resource Management in Liberia

Purdue University has signed an official Letter of Agreement (LOA) with two partners, International Alert (IA) and Open Society Institute for West Africa (OSIWA) to support an initiative that will prevent violence related to natural resource management in Liberia. This initiative brings together actors from the public sector, private sector, civil society and local communities in order to find methods to effectively cooperate with one another on natural resources related issues. Mid-May Dr. Connaughton, Agaptus, and Kelly traveled to Liberia to work with International Alert, OSIWA, members of various civil society organizations, and local community members affected by issues pertaining to natural resources. Additional work with local communities will take place this summer. More details on the initiative will appear in our next newsletter.



Monrovia, Liberia Pen-Pen Riders



Pen-pen riders using recent storm water to clean their bikes

While in Liberia, Dr. Connaughton, Agaptus, and Kelly also met with the Women's Movement for Sustainable Development (WOMSUD) representatives to finalize initial phases of a project designed to reintegrate pen-pen riders into civic life in productive ways. The project will include union leaders, pen-pen drivers, police, transportation department, and customers, among other key actors.



From left to right, Dr. Kennedy (WOMSUD board member), Kelly Vibber (PPP), Agaptus Anaele (PPP), Valerie, Grace Yeaney, and Dr. Stacey Connaughton (Director of PPP)



Pen-pen riders working in the old market area

Nigeria Initiatives with Health Matters Inc.



Dr. Connaughton and Agaptus Anaele traveled to Lagos, Nigeria in May 2013 to meet with the Health Matters team. The collaboration between PPP and Health Matters Inc. is intended to strengthen trust and promote peaceful coexistence between students of University of Port Harcourt and its host community Aluu in Rivers State.

Another collaboration involving a land dispute in the Delta region of Nigeria is under development.



Alliance for Peacebuilding



PPP is officially a member of the Alliance for Peacebuilding! The Alliance for Peacebuilding brings together peacebuilding institutions and professionals globally. The Alliance for Peacebuilding inspires creativity and collaborations worldwide to build sustainable peace and security. More information about the Alliance for Peacebuilding can be found at:
<http://www.allianceforpeacebuilding.org/>

On the Horizon

PPP will be featured in the annual report of research conducted at Purdue University. This is a report that is produced by Purdue's Office of the Vice President for Research.

PPP has begun work on a book project that articulates the PPP approach to peacebuilding.



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Kelly Vibber (PPP member, left), Dr. Stacey Connaughton (Director of PPP), and Marco Simonetti (International Alert) in Monrovia, Liberia.

In the Next Issue:

- ◆ Updates on our current project areas
- ◆ An introduction of our new projects

We thank you for your interest in our work on peace building in West Africa.



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