

2025

Mid-Year Board Meeting Report





Strengthening Direction for Greater Impact.

Global Peace Development (GPD) held its 2025 Mid-Year Board Meeting at its New Head Office in Abuja, Nigeria, on Monday, July 28, 2025. In attendance were board members, top management executives, and staff, who gathered for a detailed mid-year review of the organizations' progress and to improve planning and coordination for the second half of the year. The meeting provided a timely opportunity to assess achievements so far, address issues raised in previous meetings, review ongoing strategies, and deliberate on the way forward.

The meeting began with the arrival of board members and exchange of pleasantries. This was followed by a brief moment of personal prayer led by Dr. Sumaye, which helped create a reflective and focused atmosphere. Immediately after, the Chairman of the Board, Engr. Ejiro Oghenebrume, delivered the welcome address where he reaffirmed the importance of the meeting. He clearly outlined its objectives, which included reviewing progress on strategic goals, addressing key administrative and operational matters, aligning GPD more closely with national development priorities, and establishing a more targeted approach to fundraising and partnership building.

Following his address, a formal introduction of all board members was conducted, reinforcing a shared sense of identity and purpose. As part of this session, newly appointed board members were officially introduced and welcomed into the GPD leadership structure. Their inclusion was a strategic step toward strengthening the board's capacity and bringing diverse perspectives into the decision-making process.

One of the key items on the agenda was the reading of the minutes from the previous board meeting held in January 4th, 2025. This was presented by Mr. Ebruke Esike, Executive Director and Board Secretary. The board adopted the minutes and discussed a range of matters arising from them. Key issues included strengthening GPD's partnership and business development strategy, having a presence in Abuja and the recently launched office Sokoto State, and evaluating the submitted fundraising and development strategy.

Following a short tea break, the board reconvened to address top-priority strategic concerns. Chaired by the Board Chairman, the session focused on three overarching themes: realigning GPD's work to better support national development goals, improving fundraising and business development strategies, and reviewing overall board performance to generate recommendations for increased effectiveness. These discussions reinforced the importance of consistency, transparency, and collaboration as core values for GPD's continued growth.

The next segment featured departmental presentations. The Executive Director delivered the Mid-Year Program Report, which gave an overview of ongoing projects, key achievements, and

strategic partnerships. This was followed by the Financial Report presented by the Finance Manager, offering insights into income and expenditure trends as well as proposed financial adjustments for the rest of the year. The IT Manager, Adohe Collins then presented the ICT and Communications Report, which detailed the organizations' growing presence across media platforms and the current deployment of digital tools for outreach and internal operations.

A question and comment session followed the presentations, moderated by the Board Chairman. This segment allowed board members to seek clarification, offer feedback, and provide strategic insights on the issues presented. It fostered open dialogue, encouraged transparency, and further strengthened the spirit of accountability within the organization.

In his closing remarks, Prof. Samuel Egwu expressed appreciation to all participants for their presence, engagement, and shared sense of purpose. He underscored the importance of continuous learning, strong leadership, and collaboration in advancing GPD's mission. His remarks brought the meeting to a thoughtful and energizing conclusion.

The meeting formally adjourned with a lunch session, offering board members the chance to connect informally, reflect on the day's discussions, and move into the second half of the year with renewed clarity, unity, and momentum.

Global Peace Development remains firmly committed to promoting peace, inclusive development, and sustainable growth in Nigeria. As the organization looks ahead, the decisions and action points drawn from this meeting will be instrumental in guiding its next steps and sustaining its long-term vision of community-led change.

Board members present at the meeting included **Mr. Ejiro Oghenebrume, Mrs. Ese Esike, Dr. Bolu Onaboh, Dr. Sumaye Hamza, Prof. Samuel Egwu, Dr. Emmanuel Mamman, and Mrs. Aizbatubibi Umar Rilwanu**. Also in attendance were staff representatives **Faith Prince** and **Nsungo Nsungo**, who supported meeting facilitation and documentation.



