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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Faithful Christian witness to the Gospel in an interfaith environment of Christians and Muslims that respect the spirit of good neighbourliness and Christian constructive engagement with Muslims for peace and peaceful coexistence

#### THEOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK

As a Christian organisation that stretches a hand of friendship to the Muslim communities, PROCMURA relates with Muslims from its faith in the Triune God in whom we "Live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28) and not in spite of that faith. The biblical foundation that informs PROCMURA's theology of Christian-Muslim relations comes in its stated belief that Christian witness is part of Christian identity and therefore obligatory, and that the Christian vocation of working for peace and peaceful co-existence is also mandatory.

For Jesus the Christ who said "... you are my witness in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8) is the same Jesus who is referred to in Christian tradition as the "prince of peace" (Isaiah 9:6) and who on 'The Sermon on the Mount' Said to his disciples "Blessed are the peace makers for they shall be called Children of God" (Matthew 5:9).



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#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The reporting year 2018 began on a high note following the appointment of the Interim General Adviser of PROCMURA, the Rev. Dr. Leonard Amos Mtaita into office. The Executive Committee of PROCMURA arrived at this important decision at its meeting held at the PROCMURA Meeting and Conference Centre in Nairobi from 6th to 7th December 2017.

Rev. Dr. Mtaita brings with him a wealth of experience which PROCMURA is tapping into. His Lucidity, proficiency and many years of experience heading a church related organisation and knowledge in the field of Christian-Muslim relations and administration, galvanize efficiency and team work in the organisation.

This report provides an overview of the programmes and activities carried out during the year both at the Central Office, Regional Offices and country level. The report also highlights a few visits by Partners and other key personalities at the Central and Regional Offices. It goes further to provide details of the Core Programmes, Designated Programmes, networking and collaboration with other organisations and institutions.

The report has also highlighted the challenges and lesson learnt in the course of the year in programming, planning and implementation. It gives recommendations and suggestions that will improve programme delivery in terms of relevance, impact and sustainability. We are grateful to all our Partners who continued to support our work and made it possible to conduct all the programmes and activities as stipulated in this report.

The report is structured into three sections. Part A reports on administrative progress, Part B is the programme focus and Part C contains challenges, lessons learnt and recommendations.

"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6). Encouraged by the Epistle of Paul, we remain confident and rely on the incredible faithfulness of the Lord.

#### **PART A: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

#### 2.0 ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

During the year under review, the Executive Committee of PROCMURA deliberated and put in place strategies and measures to strengthen the organisation's capacity. As the organ with the mandate to oversee and manage the day to day running of the organisation, the Executive Committee conducted an internal indepth situational analysis of the organisation. It observed that the organisation had grown and developed for more than fifty (50) years and that there was need to continue strengthening the organisation's capacity in order to make it more effective and viable.

Notable among the factors that informed our work in 2018, was the end of the organisation's Strategic Plan (2014 to 2018) and the need to start preparing the new Strategic Plan. An End Term Evaluation by external evaluators to evaluate the programme also needed to be carried out at the end of the period. One other important issue raised at the last General Council which was held in 2016, was the Constitutional Review which the Executive Committee had began collecting views from its members and constituents which would be ratified at the next General Council meeting.

One very important feature observed over the years was the challenge of communication, coordinating and implementing programmes at the grassroots level between the Central Office and the constituents. Most people do not understand what PROCMURA is and stands for. A clear understanding of the organisation by the members and key stakeholders therefore needed to be provided. Early last year, Management decided to prepare a Guideline/Handbook on PROCMURA what it is and what it stands for and how it operates. We will in this meeting provide you with details of the Handbook.

A concrete plan of action therefore needs to be put in place to inform the future programmes of the organisation and implementation strategy at the grassroots/country level, regional level, Central Office level, continental level and Global level.



#### 2.1 Annual Staff Appraisal and Evaluation

The Management Committee began the year by putting in place administrative strategic parameters to improve staff performance. An in depth staff appraisal for all staff was conducted. The appraisal ensured that individual job objectives were linked to the organisational goals. Staff individual capacities were appraised and recommendations given in areas that required strengthening. The appraisal helped to build the capacity of staff and thereafter in programme implementation and accountability.

They looked into new strategies and avenues that the organisation can explore and consolidate its activities in order to scale-up programme implementation at the grassroots. Effective administration and Financial Sustainability of the organisation was discussed. At the end of the evaluation process, management commended the teamwork and enabling working environment. They however, discouraged staff from being complacent and recommended that they should be innovative in their thinking and work.

#### 2.2 Official visits at the Central Office

Official visits to the Central Office left indelible prints and motivation as staff were encouraged by the visits from the organisation's leadership. Both the Chairperson and the first Vice Chairperson paid official visits and held meetings with the Interim General Adviser and the Team Leader - Finance and Administration on various administrative issues concerning the organisation and matters particular to programme implementation. This provided space to see that both Management and staff were working towards the same goal and objectives. The Chairperson visited the Central Office on 9th May 2018.

A few other members of the Executive Committee continued to visit and check on the Central Office staff during the year, making sure that programmes implemented in the field and strategies employed are congruent with PROCMURA's Mission, in order that PROCMURA does not lose its uniqueness and identity as a Christian organisation.

### 2.3 Interaction with Partners at the Central and Regional Offices of PROCMURA

The commitment by members of the European Liaison Committee (ELC) during the meeting in Germany at the beginning of the year (2018), made inroads for some Partners to visit the Central Office and some constituencies to have a better understanding of the programmes and activities at the grassroots. We would like to mention some of the Partners who visited us in the course of the year and what discussions we had with them that informed our work and strengthened the relationships between PROCMURA and its partners.

#### 2.3.1 Bread for the World

Bread for the World's Head of West and Central Africa Desk, Dr. Uta Bracken paid a visit to the Francophone West Africa region and met with the Regional Coordinator, Rev. Dr. Adrake Dzinyefa and the PROCMURA Youth Coordinator of Benin, Mr. Constant Lokossou on the 7th of February 2018. They discussed among several other things the emerging issues and challenges in the region and how partners and PROCMURA can make concerted efforts to work together and strengthen the region in peace building.

#### 2.3.2 United Church of Canada

On the 13th of February 2018, the United Church of Canada (UCC) Moderator, Rt. Rev. Jordan Cantwell and the Programme Coordinator Africa/Middle East Partnership, Wendy Gichuru, also paid a visit to all the UCC Kenyan Partners. As Partners in Mission, they had a two weeks visit with Partners and were able to participate in some of their activities and programmes.

#### 2.3.3 ICCO & Kerk in Actie

ICCO & Kerk in Actie represented by Gonda de Haan who is now in charge of PROCMURA and the other Ecumenical Partners in Nairobi, Kenya, visited the Central Office on 27th of February 2018 to discuss internal reporting for both organisations and ongoing changes at the ICCO & Kerk in Actie Head Office in Utrecht.



#### 2.3.4 Mission EineWelt

Rev. Reinhard Hansen from Mission Einewelt visited both the Regional Office and Central Offices on 22nd to 24th of March 2018 and 5th October 2018 respectively.

He was able to meet Rev. Dr. Adrake and discussed issues to do with the Francophone Region and how it can be strengthened.

He later met the Interim General Adviser and the Team Leader – Finance and Administration in Nairobi and discussed with them several issues and challenges faced in terms of designated funding and what reporting is expected from implementing Partner organisations and shared their reporting guidelines. He also shared information with PROCMURA about their upcoming Summer School and discussed how PROCMURA could participate and benefit from the School by sharing its expertise through the participants. This would also hopefully strengthen the knowledge of the Area Advisers and give them international exposure and chance to share and learn from others in the field.

#### 2.3.5 Evangelisches Missionwerk in Germany's (EMW)

Rev. Dr. Almut Nothnagle from the Evangelisches Missionwerk in Germany's (EMW) and who is also the new Secretary for the European Liaison Committee (ELC) was able to visit several PROCMURA countries in West Africa, Cameroon, Ghana and Sierra Leone from 10th to 13th April 2018. She was able to discuss at length the needs and concerns of these countries in their local context and understand how they relate with the PROCMURA Central Office. The constituent representatives that met Dr. Almut were happy to directly relate with the Partners and shared their experiences and challenges and were very pleased that Partners were making time to understand the grassroots and map out areas to collaborate with them directly.

#### 2.3.6 The Methodist Church in Britain

Dr. Bunmi Olayisade from the Methodist Church in Britain paid a courtesy visit to the Central Office on 7th of August 2018. Key on her agenda was discussions on the funding areas and new reporting process of the Methodist Church and thematic areas that were being funded in line with PROCMURA's work.

#### 2.3.7 United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (USPG)

The representative of USPG Ms. Fran Male visited the Central Office on 15th August 2018 and had discussions with the Team Leader – Finance and Administration Ms. Joy Wandabwa. Ms. Fran was interested to know more about the Financial Sustainability Project and how it was progressing, the challenges faced so far and the opportunities available. They further went on to discuss the challenge of violent extremism amidst the upcoming Peace Day and new opportunities in project development in those areas that are considered many time less volatile.

#### 2.3.8 Danmission

Rev. Dr. Arngeir Langas from Danmission visited the Central Office and St. Paul's University, Limuru on 3rd and 4th December 2018. He was able to meet and hold discussions with Prof. Esther Mombo and Ms. Joy Wandabwa on the collaboration and partnership with PROCMURA and St. Paul's University on ICMR scholarship and personnel development. The aim was to strengthen the collaboration and partnership between the two organisations and Partners.

#### 2.3.9 Church of Scotland

The last visit for the year was from Jennie Chinembiri and the Church of Scotland delegation at the Central Office on 14th of December 2018. The team discussed ongoing programmes in some of the countries they work, in like South Sudan which needed more peace building and reconciliation programmes while Malawi needed to identify a new person to be trained in Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations (ICMR) to assist the churches.

We would like to thank our Partners for making time to visit and interact with us. We encourage all our Partners to continue with this field visits and share with us their areas of operations and interest. This will enable us connect them with our constituents as this will help them understand PROCMURA as an organisation and the constituents better, and also to share our challenges and expectations with you directly.

Every visit and interaction is a moment of testimony, if not edification as the book of Hebrews 10:24-25 admonishes, 'let us continue to consider how to motivate one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another even more as you see the day of the Lord coming nearer'.



#### 2.4. Organisational Evaluation by Church of Sweden

The Church of Sweden conducted an external evaluation of its Partners in Kenya. PROCMURA is one of the Partners that was given the opportunity to go through the evaluation workshop for two days from the 17th - 18th May 2018. Staff knowledge and capacity was strengthened as they were able to go through introspection sessions that not only accorded them time for reflecting and looking into themselves not only as Personnel but as resourceful asset to the organisation. This helped to evaluate some of the policies, strengths and weaknesses of the organisation as a whole.

The Liaison Officer in the Horn of Africa, Anna Maria and Policy Adviser on International Development, Rev. Jennie Nordin, expressed their joy in meeting the PROCMURA team, they observed that the staff who participated in the sessions were open to and share their own experiences and observations.

The evaluation also accorded the Central Office staff the opportunity to learn some of the approaches and principles that were shared from the Church of Sweden and models around the world in administration, programming as well as resource management.

The evaluation was relevant and timely as staff gained opportunity to directly interact with Partners and build their capacity and knowledge about Church of Sweden as a Partner and their work in Humanitarian Aid, gender based issues, organisational structures and policy among other important areas.

### 2.5 International human rights declaration capacity building training on Freedom of Religion and Belief (FORB) Bamako, Mali and Nairobi

Religious freedom which is a fundamental aspect of international human rights is facing a lot of challenges globally. In the African continent, most governments, individuals and religious agencies consider freedom of religion or belief absolute but the manifestation of religion or belief in principles and practicability are sometimes subjected to restrictions of different magnitude. This has attracted a lot of concern and attention from mission agencies.

Danish Missionary Council Development Department (DMCDD), Swedish Missionary Council (SMC) and Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) conducted training on Freedom of Religion and Belief for PROCMURA. The first training took place in Bamako, Mali from the 13th - 18th May 2018. The Interim General Adviser, Rev. Dr. Leonard Mtaita and the Executive Committee member from Cameroon; Rev. Robert Goyek were able to attend the training.

The second training took place from the 27th to the 30th of August 2018, at the PROCMURA Meeting and Conference Centre in Nairobi, Kenya. This training brought together Central Office staff, Regional Coordinators, Area Advisers, religious leaders and institutional Partners like the St. Paul's University, Limuru, Kenya. Participants were led to understand FORB as an element of human rights. The training was very informative and helped participants to understand better the question of religious freedom or belief. Freedom of Religion or Belief (FORB) is one of the new programmes that is in line with what PROCMURA does and will be part of the programme focus and implementation for 2019. PROCMURA and the Danish Partners headed by DMCDD, Danmission and Mission Afrika are in the process of finalising a three (3) year pilot proposal in some of the PROCMURA constituent countries.

#### 2.6. Capacity Building Training with CORAT Africa and TAABCO, NAIROBI, KENYA

The Central Office staff and Management held different meetings and sessions with both CORAT Africa and TAABCO. Both organisations are long time consulting Partner organisations in the Ecumenical movement. The purpose of this was to discuss and develop a plan to assess the organisations capacity in implementing programmes.

The meetings partially addressed the End Term Evaluation scheduled to take place at the end of the Strategic Plan (2014 – 2018) and made recommendations on how to address some key elements. The focus was mainly on the strengths, weaknesses, strategic partnerships and programmes that would enhance the Vision and Mandate of the organisation such as the Peace and Reconciliation Programmes, Capacity Building and Awareness Raising Programmes and Religious Diplomacy and Advocacy. The team discussed the capacity training modules that the organisation needs to enable them implement or carry out impact oriented programmes. There was the need to enhance the capacity of the technical persons (Regional Coordinators and Area Advisers) and the Central Office staff to help them be more effective in carrying out the programmes, administering them and monitoring and evaluation of the project.

Both organisations are open to work with the PROCMURA and offer technical assistance and consultancy services.



#### PART B: PROGRAMME FOCUS

#### 3.0 Identifying Capacity Needs for CVE programming with TAABCO

We continued with our quest to build and enhance our institutional capacity as an organisation. This would help the organisation implement effective impact oriented programmes. This training session aimed at bringing out the capacity needs of PROCMURA as an institution and its staff in implementing the Peace and Conflict Transformation Programme and more particularly preventing violent extremism (PVE) programme. This particular programme which took place from 12th to 14th November 2018 is one of the thematic areas that PROCMURA has worked in over the last few years. A clear strategy and plan therefore needs to be developed that will inform the programme implementation and future project proposals.

The training was done through experience sharing, providing participants with the opportunity to share their practical experience from the field in dealing with PVE work. Participants shared their experiences based on major exciting and most frustrating moments of their work. The session also looked at PROCMURA's current Partner selection criteria for PVE interventions, relationship with security actors and how the organisation reaches out to the Muslim communities in the areas where they work. The training aimed at achieving the following three (3) objectives:

- 1. Have a better understanding of the approaches and tools to carry out context analysis of their Prevention and Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVE) programming contexts.
- 2. Be equipped with skills and knowledge to effectively design P/CVE interventions in their target communities based on PROCMURA's comparative advantage in P/CVE programming.
- 3. Be able to develop an operational strategy framework for PROCMURA's P/CVE programming interventions.
- 4. Assess the capacity and strength of the organisation and staff to carry out effective impact oriented programmes.

The Consultants clarified that not all expectations as spelt out by participants would be adequately addressed within the scope of the workshop and that effort would be made to address some of the organisations developments and programmatic expectations. They also advised that given the long standing relationship between PROCMURA and TAABCO, management was free to reach out for continued support. PROCMURA Management would otherwise consider arranging for subsequent sessions/workshops on the same. Proposal and report writing skills and programme strategies which will be handled in detail during end term Evaluation and Strategic Plan.

#### 4.0 Core programmes

The organisation continued to implement its core programmes which provide the basis of its engagement at the grassroots. We continued to carry out capacity building programmes to build and enhance knowledge and skills of church leaders, women and youth in their understanding of Christian-Muslim relations and how to peacefully relate and coexist with one another in the same environment.

We raised awareness in various forums on our work through our literature and communication programme by publishing information and materials on who we are and what we do. Several efforts went towards reinvigoration of the Area Committees to empower them with knowledge, skills and information to implement programmes and activities at the country level.

Networking and collaborating with Partners and other Ecumenical/Faith Based Organisations (FBO) to create linkages and strategies for peace building. Below is a brief narrative of what we were able to do during the year.

#### 4.1. Reinvigoration and establishment of Area Committees

Over the last few years, PROCMURA has tried to put in place measures to strengthen and evaluate the work of the Area Committees. One of the notable challenges observed over the years is the formation of Area Committees and their capacity to communicate effectively and technical know how to implement programmes and mobilise resources. There was need to:

- Develop a Handbook and Guide about PROCMURA to help the technical persons and stakeholders have a clear and better understanding of the organisation, and be able to conduct local programmes on their own.
- To clearly define the role of the National Council of Churches and the relationship with PROCMURA Area Committee and by extension the Central Office and its Partners.



- To enter into a mutual agreements with the council of churches and spell out the terms of engagement. This would clearly define the working relationship and role of the two in each specific countries and PROCMURA's core mandate.

### 4.1.1. Inauguration of the Nigeria East Area Committee and Appointment of Chairperson and Area adviser

Nigeria is one of the key constituent countries of PROCMURA. This is because of its size and population and also the fact that it is one of the countries that has faced a lot of challenges when it comes to Christian - Muslim conflict in the continent. There has been continued efforts to ensure that all the three (3) Area Committees are active and reinvigorated to handle emerging issues within the regions of the country. Our efforts finally bore some fruits as the PROCMURA Regional Coordinator for Anglophone West Africa, Ven. Joshua Mallam pursued and ensured that the Nigeria East Area Committee was re-established with a lot of efforts from members of the other committees in the West and Northern parts. Ven. Mallam facilitated the meeting that saw the inauguration of the Nigeria Eastern PROCMURA Area Committee on the 23rd May 2018. Archbishop Dr. Emmanual Chukwuma was elected the Chairperson and Rev. Ukoha Ngwobia Ukoha the Area Adviser.

Looking at the geographical scope of Nigeria and the contextual challenges in the country, it communicates the need for constantly working towards Christian-Muslim relations. Although the Eastern region has not experienced Violent Extremism as in the case of the North, incidences occurring in the East call for a proactive response in equipping the churches, hence the empowerment of the Area Committee was timely and appropriate.

#### 4.1.2. Establishment of the Tanzania Area Committee and appointment of Area Adviser

The PROCMURA Central Office staff led by the Interim General Adviser brought together a number of Churches and Islamicists in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania on the 2nd May 2018, to brainstorm on emerging issues in Tanzania. One of the main objectives of the meeting was to ensure that the Area Committee is reinvigorated and the appointment of a substantive Area Adviser. The reinvigorated Area Committee will work closely with the Christian Council of Tanzania (CCT).

Rev. Richard Kamenya was appointed as the new Area Adviser for Tanzania. Rev. Kamenya is currently the Coordinator of Theology and Religious Studies at St. John's University in Dar es Salaam and Vicar in the Anglican Diocese of Dar es Salaam. He takes over from Rev. Lusungu Mbillinyi who has been appointed to serve in Germany.

#### 4.1.3. Establishment of the Area Committee in Guinea

Guinea is one of the countries in West Africa region that has been greatly affected by violence. Our efforts became successful when we made a breakthrough with Father François TOUNKARA who assisted in coordinating this effort. We were able to bring key church leaders in Guinea including those from the Catholic Church in Guinea together to establish the Area Committee on the 3rd of May 2018. The Regional Coordinator for Francophone West Africa, Rev. Dr. Adrake Dzinyefa worked closely with Father Tounkara and accomplished the task.

We hope that the formation of the Area Committee in Guinea will enable PROCMURA to establish concrete programmes and work with the churches there to build the capacity and engagement in Peace building initiatives.

We need to build and enhance the capacity of Guinea by ensuring that personnel within the churches are trained and capacitated in the field of Christian-Muslim relations. We appeal to our Partners to support this as Guinea is a volatile area.



# 4.1.4. Church leaders meeting and Establishment of the South Sudan Area Committee, South Sudan

South Sudan is one of the youngest Area Committees of PROCMURA. Formed in 2012, the Committee just like the country was torn apart by the war in 2014. Some of the members had to flee the country due to the violence that was experienced. This made it impossible for PROCMURA to conduct more programmes. A few years later, relative peace is beginning to return. In August this year, PROCMURA organised a church leaders meeting with the objective to work in South Sudan and form a Committee to and work with the churches and assist in reconciliation and peace building in the communities.

Our Area Adviser, Rev. James Bol led the church leaders through several workshops in Juba from 16th to 24th August 2018, and in the end a new Area Committee was formed which appointed Rev. Dr. Alfred Apollo as the new Chairperson and several other key leaders are part of the Committee. This was followed by a consultative and capacity building meeting for the Presbyterian Church leaders of South Sudan. In the end they mapped out a plan to conduct capacity building seminars and programmes to enhance peace and peaceful coexistence in South Sudan which would bring reconciliation and peace in the country. The country requires a lot of support and resources to enable it carry out programmes.

#### 4.1.5. Inauguration of Nigeria Coordinating Office and Programmes

On 24th of November 2018, the Nigeria coordinating office was officially inaugurated by the Executive Committee of PROCMURA. The office was a special donation and contribution by the PROCMURA Chairperson, Most Rev. (Dr.) Josiah Idowu-Fearon.

It goes without saying that Bishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon has served selflessly as a religious leader in Nigeria and has been instrumental in the activities and programmes of Christian-Muslim Relations particularly in the Northern part of Nigeria. He has supported the programmes between Christians and Muslims in the community.

One of the key achievements of the Nigeria North Area Committee was the establishment of the Kaduna Centre, which is a project for the Area Committee under the leadership of Bishop Fearon. The Centre has trained several religious leaders both young and old as well as women in understanding the PROCMURA module of Christian-Muslim Relations.

We are happy and proud to share with you that Bishop Fearon was last week (16th January 2019) awarded the Inaugural Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation 2019 Merit Award for Excellence in Promoting Religious Tolerance and Peace Building in Northern Nigeria.

We thank Bishop Fearon for his selfless dedication and pray that he continuous to build bridges of peace in Nigeria and all the PROCMURA African Constituents that have especially been affected by religious intolerance.

#### 4.2. Awareness Raising and Capacity Building/Enhancement

# 4.2.1 Church leaders Seminar, Reinvigoration of Area Committee of Ghana and Appointment of Area Adviser and formal Inauguration of the Area Committee at the Christian Council of Ghana (CCG) Conference Room, Ghana

The General Secretary of the Christian Council of Ghana (CCG), Rev. Dr. Cyril Fayose, the PROCMURA Executive Committee member, Rev. Dr. Nathan Samwini and the former General Adviser and Consultant, Rev. Dr. Johnson Mbillah, met and facilitated church leaders seminar and representatives from various churches on a two (2) seminar, to brainstorm on emerging issues in Christian-Muslim relations in Ghana and reinvigoration of the Area Committee. The seminar took place from 19th to 20th December 2018. They reconstituted a new Area Committee of Ghana and went through a crash course programme on PROCMURA what it is and stands for. They also developed a work plan for PROCMURA and outreach plan for the year ahead. Dr. Makafui Tayviah was appointed Ghana Area Adviser of PROCMURA and Rt. Rev. Dr. Nathan Samwini remained as the Chairperson.

#### 4.2.2. Christian Women Leaders Workshop in Tanzania, Tanzania

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Christian Women Leaders Workshop on Countering Religious Radicalization and Violent Extremism in Tanzania brought together Twenty two (22) women leaders from different church denominations at Kurasini Episcopal Conference Centre for a one (1) day workshop on the theme Radicalization and Violent Extremism in Tanzania



and beyond on 3rd of May 2018.

This workshop created a platform for women to vocalize their fears. In this regard, they noted that in some areas such as Kibiti, which faces marginalisation and insecurity, their children are vulnerable. Recently women have been projected on the frontlines of violent radicalization and violent extremism, as recruiters, propagators and suicide bombers, as well as leaders working on countering violent radicalisation and peace building in Africa and the world at large.

### 4.2.3. Awareness raising and Capacity Building/Enhancement Empowering church/local leaders, Christian Women and Youth in Cameroon

PROCMURA's focus is on creating awareness and the capacity of women to counter violent extremism. In late December the PRICA Chairman and outgoing President of the Eglise Fraternelle Lutherienne du Cameroon (EFLC), Rev. Goyek made several efforts to work and build the capacities of key leaders from the churches, security personnel, local chiefs and women and youth in from 12th to 14th December, 2018. It is now a major concern that in some parts of Cameroon, women have been accused of being members of Boko Haram extremist group. On 18th of July 2018, a video went viral on social media of women membership in Boko Haram and subsequent execution by the military (www.itv. Com/news/2018-07-18/women accused). The Cameroon government and Amnesty International are still investigating the matter. Women and girls in Cameroon have actively participated as suicide bombers in the north region and some women have been caught transporting weapons. The impact of radicalization and violent extremism on women was deliberated upon and the role of women in countering the phenomenon elicited a lot of emotions. They urged PROCMURA to enhance the capacities of grassroots women groups to be able to prevent radicalization and violent extremism especially among young women. Christian women leaders if equipped with knowledge can empower others in the community on countering religious radicalization and violent extremism

# 4.2.4 Christian Youth Leaders Workshop on Countering Religious Radicalization and Violent Extremism in Tanzania and Beyond: Tanzania

On 1st of May 2018, the project on Christian Youth Workshop on Countering Radicalization and Violent Extremism in Tanzania and beyond brought together fifteen (15) Christian youth leaders selectively appointed from different churches from perceived affected areas, or potentially affected areas in Tanzania. The youth pointed out idleness among them as reflected in the mitaani villages as one of the enablers of the phenomenon. They decried the stringent measures taken on the youth and questioned whether being a youth is being a curse in Africa.

Working on the way forward, the youth leaders agreed to persistently persuade their peers to the right course of action. They would persuasively reclaim their Christian hope and value systems to appeal to the youth constituents in Tanzania. They unanimously agreed that, they needed further equipping in ministerial work. Some of them submitted their names for training in Christian–Muslim relations.

4.2.5 Building Christian Youth capacity to counter Radicalization and Violent Extremism in Liberia Youth are tomorrow's future and play a strategic role. The PROCMURA Central Office worked with the Area Committee in Liberia sought to conduct capacity building workshops and seminars to sensitize the youth and get them involved and participate in programmes that have an impact on their well being. The aim and focus of these seminars and awareness sessions are to:

- To sensitize Christian Youth about radicalized groups and their targets.
- To mobilize Youths on actions to counter radicalization and growing threats of violent extremism.

### 4.2.6 Building Christian Youth capacity to counter radicalization and violent extremism in Cameroon

The PROCMURA (PRICA) Area Committee in Cameroun continued to build the capacity and create awareness on radicalisation and violent extremism in the country. They received direct support from Partners to sponsor some of the activities and collaborated and partnered with the Central Office in several programmes.



#### 4.2.7. Consultation and Formation of a Team of Experts in Christian-Muslim Relations in Tanzania

On the 2nd of May 2018, PROCMURA was supported by Danmission to organise a consultation in Tanzania which brought together Christian Islamicists, Christian Council of Tanzania (CCT), and PROCMURA at the Tanzania Episcopal Conference. The project aimed at creating a resource pool of Christian experts in Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations (ICMR) to serve the churches in Tanzania as an advisory body that will coordinate their activities and network among themselves, with CCT and with PROCMURA.

The project was one of its own kinds being experienced for the first time in Tanzania. Almost all the trained scholars were present to learn, share and network for a common front. It was clear from the discussions that each and every graduate is involved in interfaith teaching and training in seminaries or parishes and building Christian-Muslim relations through dialogue and diapraxis.

PROCMURA expects the team of experts in each country to form a network to work, collaborate and share experiences in the field of ICMR. The team will also serve as an advisory committee to the churches and assist them in carrying out or handling complex issues that they may encounter from time to time.

Our hope and vision is to form different teams of experts in different countries particularly in those countries where we have a number of Area Advisers and associate Area Advisers like Nigeria, Kenya and Liberia. This will also encourage more people to get into the field of ICMR and contribute their knowledge and expertise.

#### 4.3 Personnel Development

During the year under review, PROCMURA was able to train several students under its Scholarship Programme in Islam and Christian Muslim Relations (ICMR) in Masters and PhD levels.

The following students graduated in 2018. Rev. Guta Teshome from Ethiopia who was studying at St. Paul's University Limuru, graduated with a Master's in ICMR and has since returned home to help the churches. Dr. Makafui Tayviah from Ghana also graduated with a PhD from the Kwame Nkurumah University of Science and Technology (KWUST) and has been appointed as the Area Adviser for Ghana. The current Programme Officer of PROCMURA Rev. Dr. Salli Efungani also graduated in her PHD studies from the Catholic University of Kenya, while Rev. James Bol the Area Adviser of South Sudan will graduate at the end of the year with a PHD from Kwa Zulu Natal University South Africa.

We also had one more student from Benin Mr. Paul Ahouandjinou's also completed certificate training from L'Institut œcuménique de Théologie Al Mowafaqa in Morocco.

We would like to urge our partners to continue funding the personnel development programme in order to have more experts to assist the church in handling Christian- Muslim Relations at the country level. We thank our Partners for their financial support over the years towards the Scholarship Programme which went a long way in training of PROCMURA's Area Advisers in different countries.

#### 4.3 Networking, Cooperation and Collaboration

#### 4.3.1. World Mission and Evangelism Conference, Arusha, Tanzania

The Conference on World Mission and Evangelism is held once every decade. The theme of the 2018 Arusha Conference was "Moving in the Spirit, called to Transforming Discipleship". A representative of the WCC Reference Group on Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation, The Programme for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa (PROCMURA) together with Danmission, and Zanzibar Interfaith Centre (Zanzic) conducted a two days Warsha (workshop) from the 9th - 10th March 2018 at the CWME Mission conference in Arusha, Tanzania. The workshop was titled: Christian-Muslims Relations in Africa: Dialogue and Diapraxis as indispensable forms of Christian Mission in Africa.

The lead presenter was Rev. Dr. Johnson Mbillah, the immediate past General Adviser and Consultant of PROCMURA and a member of the WCC Reference Group for Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation. Rev. Dr. Mbillah co-presented with Rev. Dr. Arngeir Langas from Danmission, Ms. Joy Wandabwa, Team Leader - Finance and Administration of PROCMURA, Rev. Lusungu Mbilinyi from Zanzibar Interfaith Centre and Rev. Dr. Salli Effungani, the Programme Officer of PROCMURA.

#### 4.3.2 Oman-Zanzibar Study Trip

The Interim General Adviser of PROCMURA Rev. Dr. Leonard Mtaita was part of the delegation to al-Amana Centre in Oman for a meeting with religious leaders and scholars and a study trip organised by Danmission through Zanzibar Interfaith Centre and the PROCMURA Central Office. The Al-Amana Centre, as explained by its Director, Rev. Justin Meyer, was founded more than a hundred years ago by Missionaries of Reformed Church from the USA. Besides witnessing Christianity, the Missionaries operated a Hospital and several schools. Later the government nationalized their services and their mission was changed to:



- Interreligious Encounters
- Cultural Immersion
- Dialogue Facilitation and
- Ecumenical Initiatives

After two intensive days in Oman, from the 11th to 14th March 2018, the group moved to Zanzibar where they were joined by other participants. In Zanzibar, a total of eighteen (18) presentations were made. The meetings were very educative and exposed them to the lived experiences of Christians and Muslims especially in Muslim dominated areas.

#### 4.3.3 Council of Anglican Province of Africa (CAPA) Youth Congress, Nairobi, Kenya

The Council of Anglican Province of Africa (CAPA) Youth Congress was held in Nairobi at the Multi Media University from 9th to 14th April 2018 under the theme: RELEASING YOUTH POTENTIAL, REALIZING POSSIBILITIES FOR AFRICA; Matthew 17:20. It brought together youth from different parts Africa. PROCMURA was represented by Rev. Lusungu Mbilinyi, Area Adviser for Tanzania, Rev. Dr. Salli Effungani, Programme Officer, Ms. Florence Iminza, Programme Assistant, and Mr. Gad Kipyego, Assistant Accountant. Rev. Lusungu, presented a paper on Religious Extremism and Radicalisation. He highlighted the different ways in which the youth get involved in radicalisation and violent extremism and noted the important role of the youth in preventing the phenomenon.

#### 4.3.4. 2018 Parliament of the World's Religions, Toronto, Canada

The Interim General Adviser of PROCMURA, Rev. Dr. Leonard Mtaita was invited as a participant to the World Parliament which took place in Toronto, Canada from 1st to 7th November 2018. The Parliament was engaging and informative for PROCMURA. It has opened new doors and opportunities to collaborate with several organisations. PROCMURA is grateful that we have good relations with our Partners that enable us gain such kinds of experiences which build the capacity of the organisation and provide a platform to share our knowledge and experiences. This was facilitated by the United Church of Canada who is one of the PROCMURA Partners. PROCMURA is grateful for the opportunity to be part of this event. The main them for the Parliament was 'the promise of inclusion, the power of love', Pursuing Global Understanding, Reconciliation and Change:

- 1. Strengthening Interfaith Dialogue for Peace Building:
- 2. Interfaith Peacemaking Perspectives from Across the World:
- 3. The Voices Against Extremism Declaration Project: well.

#### 5.0 Designated Programmes

The Designated Programmes of the organisation have continued to gain more ground in terms of programme focus and implementation. These programmes have opened up more opportunities for the organisation and diversification into other programmes of peace and development. We appreciate the continued support that we have received from Partners to build and support specific thematic areas with designated funds and have provided us the opportunity to assess our niche and area of intervention.

These programmes included peace programmes, women and youth religious diplomacy and advocacy. In the year under review, we accelerated our need to form strategic partnerships at the grassroots level and were able to use the diapraxis approach to conduct some community activities that promoted social cohesion between Christians and Muslims in our communities. We were also able to work with security agents and the government in implementing some of the programmes.

Below are some of the programmes:

# 5.1. The Role of Religious leaders in the fight against radicalization and Violent Extremism for Peace and Governance, Cotonou, Benin

The seminar brought together Christian and Muslim religious leaders to deliberate on their contributions to the fight against radicalisation. The seminar was held at the Catholic Centre in Cotonou, Benin, on the 2nd of May 2018. The Rev. Dr. Dagan Omer, Professor of Ethics and Dean of the Theological Faculty of the Protestant University of West Africa, Porto Novo Campus, expounded on the theme of the day after which participants shared their experiences on the same.



Religious leaders acknowledged their influence in the society and pledged to use that same influence to teach against radicalization in the churches and mosques. Religious leaders resolved to check religious messaging and provide counter narratives to extremist ideologies that entice the youth into radicalization. They also pledged to involve women and youth in peace building programmes.

# 5.2. Role of women and youth leaders in the fight against radicalization and violent extremism for good governance, Cotonou, Benin

On Thursday 3rd of May 2018, another seminar was organised for women and youth. This brought together Twenty five (25) participants in the conference room of the Biblical Institute of Benin (BIB) in Cotonou to deliberate on the thematic area. Interestingly enough, the presenters were youth and women from both religions. Participants were able to identify some of the triggers of radicalization and violent extremism, shared lived experiences and particularly identified ways of mitigating the phenomenon. Firstly, they identified a good home and parental care as an important element in the fight against radicalization. They also made mention of Christian-Muslim relations as indispensable for community resilience against the phenomenon.

They called on religious leaders to check on religious messaging in the Churches, Schools and Mosques. Participants resolved to be Peer Educators to youth and women and to create peace networks to constantly check early signs of radicalization in the community. The participants expressed gratitude to PROCMURA and requested for programmes for women and girls to discuss issues concerning the family and interfaith marriages.

# 5.3 Kamukunji Community Interventions on Countering Radicalisation and Violent Extremism, Nairobi, Kenya

Kamukunji in Eastleigh area of Nairobi is one of the most affected areas of radicalisation and violent extremism in Kenya. It is home to Kenyan Somalis and Somalis from across the border with a mix of both Christians and Muslims. Many youth have become radicalised, some have crossed into Somalia to fight in the dreaded Al Shaabab militant group. They believe everything is literary wrong and that they are the only ones who can correct it.

Until the early years of 2000, religions in Kamukunji cohabited without much ado. Many youth got scholarships to study abroad and upon return they were transformed some as religious and government critics. The returnees offered alternatives to the unemployed youth urging them to join reformers rather than engaging in criminal acts which led to the radicalization of the youth in Kamukunji.

PROCMURA hosted stakeholders from different organisations, religious leaders (Men, women and youth) community leaders and government representatives from Kamukunji, and the Civil Society Organisations (CSO) on 11th May 2018. Deliberating on the intervention strategies, participants requested for the following: Awareness raising, capacity building, psychosocial support, and skills development programmes. The Interim General Adviser and Team Leader – Finance and Administration appreciated all the stakeholders for their substantive contributions. The Interim General Adviser reiterated the fact that PROCMURA is willing and disposed to work with the community in implementing impactful and sustainable projects. The closing remarks brought participants together in a common understanding with the hash tag# (LOCAL SOLUTIONS FOR LOCAL PROBLEMS). The meeting ended after the planning committee was formed to agree on the first intervention and activities in Kamkunji.

#### 5.4 PROCMURA joins the Muslims in celebrating the 3rd Edition of the Ramadan, Lome, Togo

Upon the invitation of the Union of Muslim in Togo (UCMT), PROCMURA Togo participated in the planning meeting for the celebration of the Ramadan and actively participated in the occasion under the theme "RAMADAN FOR ALL". The event took place in Lome from 19th to 20th May 2018. The PROCMURA Area Committee in Togo was represented by Rev. Dr. ADRAKE Dzinyefa, Regional Coordinator and Area Adviser, Rev. Apadou Kodjo; Chairperson, Mrs. Hunkporti Leocadie, Women's Coordinator, Yayoune Emmanuel and Serges Amegan. It was an atmosphere of religious freedom, tolerance and interfaith relations as people interacted with one another regardless of their religious persuasions. It was truly a "Ramadan for all".



#### 5.5 PROCMURA celebrates Idd with Christians and Muslims in Majengo, Nairobi, Kenya

On 14th of June 2018, the PROCMURA Central Office staff shared with Muslims in one of the evening meal with which Muslims end their daily Ramadan fast at sunset (iftar 'breakfast'). At the end of the evening prayer, Muslims left the Mosques and congregated at Pumwani community social hall where they were joined by their Christian brothers and sisters, members of the Kamukunji Peace Network (KACPEN) and PROCMURA Central Office staff. The evening began with prayers by Christian and Muslim religious leaders, followed by the fellowship meal. Messages of peace and peaceful co-existence were shared.

## 5.6 Isiolo Community Interventions on Countering Radicalisation and Violent Extremism, Isiolo, Kenya

Isiolo is one of the counties in the Upper Eastern region of Kenya, popularly described as the gateway to the Northern Kenya. The cultural tradition of cattle rustling compounded with the recent development of radicalisation and violent extremism has worked towards impeding development in the area. Isiolo is one of the counties that has provided terrorists with a hub, yet it is the place that has been associated with most of the weapons used in terror attacks and has also be described as the home to huge numbers of suspected terrorists given its geographical location as a Northern corridor to Somalia.

PROCMURA engaged with the Isiolo Stakeholder's Forum to deliberate on the issue of radicalisation and violent extremism. The forum held its first meeting from 5th to 6th June 2018 and was honoured with the presence of the Isiolo County Commissioner, Mr. John Andego, who officially declared the forum open. He emphasised on the importance of peace and peaceful co–existence drawing his inspiration from the book of Hebrews Chapter 12:14. He noted that peace is imperative and called upon the religious leaders to stand for peace. He intimated that government efforts alone cannot substantively address CVE and commended the efforts of other agencies and PROCMURA in particular. He called upon his fellow government officials and law enforcement officers not to victimise the returnees but to find appropriate ways of de-radicalization and rehabilitation.

Series of presentations addressing the menace were made. Participants shared their experiences and interventions they had used to prevent the menace and called upon PROCMURA to assist the community on the following:

- Build the capacities of religious leaders in providing counter narratives to the extremist ideological construct.
- Initiate projects/activities for the youth in order to engage them and combat unemployment and poverty which are triggers of radicalisation in Isiolo.
- Assist in establishing rehabilitation and counselling centres to carry out mentorship and counselling programmes for the youth and victims.
- Create a network for the different agencies working in Isiolo.
- Promote and facilitate dialogue between Christians and Muslims in some communities in Isiolo.

#### 5.7 PROCMURA Celebrates the International Day of Peace 2018, Nairobi, Kenya

"ISLAM in the CHURCH Compound" was the hash tag (#) as the All Saints Cathedral Trinity Auditorium staff welcomed hundreds of Muslims into the church compound. The International Day of Peace 2018 was marked by Christians and Muslims converging together for peace from the 21st to 23rd September 2018. PROCMURA commemorated the International Day of Peace through a campaign against radicalization and violent extremism which has denied people their right to sustainable peace, peaceful co-existence, justice, human rights and development.

The celebrations were organised for three (3) days; public lecture day one, peace walk day two and special church service and prayers on the third day. The guest of honour, His Grace, the Most Rev. Dr. Jackson Ole Sapit, Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Kenya officially opened the events. Stressing on the common identity (human beings), he called on Christians and Muslims to focus on what unites them as human beings rather than what divides them. Lectures were presented by different speakers from the National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC), Police Officers, the Academia, Interfaith Practitioners, and the grassroots. Rt. Rev. Dr. Nathan Samwini, PROCMURA Executive Committee member dissected the thematic area after which he commended the Central Office for a job well done. (Full report available).



#### 5.8 PROCMURA Forms University Students Chapter, Nairobi, Kenya

The consistent urge for PROCMURA to reach out to the learning institutions became a reality during the year in what can be considered a pivotal invitation for universities to participate in PROCMURA's programmed projects and activities of the historic Public Lecture and National Campaign against Radicalization and Violent Extremism, during the International Day of Peace, (23rd of September 2018). The events provided not only a platform for engagement but also feedback from the institutions' peace concerns that borders on religious affiliation, notably during university student leaders' elections that sometimes lead to violent conflict. As a result, more than one hundred (100) different university students and their representatives convened at the PROCMURA Central Office in October to receive recognition for participation and award of certificates, at the same time discuss the modalities of engineering the PROCMURA agenda of peace and peaceful coexistence in institutions of learning through formation of PROCMURA University Students Chapters. Speaking of the event as timely, a student lamented over radicalization that has pitted its tent within learning institutions, citing the case of Garissa University College attack in 2014, where it was established that one of the attackers was a law degree student in the country. The students decried the problem of radicalization that target students and had pitted its tent in universities. The move to form the PROCMURA university chapters was acclaimed and immediately brought to effect by choosing their representatives and establishing platforms and modalities of engagement.

It is our hope that the university chapter is viable idea which can be funded and eventually create linkages even with other university students across Africa and the globe and influence each other positively through events and programmes for our youth like debates and symposiums on emerging issues and challenges that affect the youth.

#### 6.0 Communication Website

In the year under review, PROCMURA has been developing a new Website, half way through the process, we lost some of the data that was fundamental and important. This made the process take longer than expected. A year later, we are happy to report that we have redefined and repackaged ourselves and made the site more interactive to create a platform where information about our work and activities can be shared with all stakeholders and Partners. We also intend to publish articles from empirical findings on emerging issues on Christian-Muslim relations in our Website.

Our team of experts just uploaded the website a few days ago. We urge all our stakeholders to visit the Website and make comments and engage us on the platform. As our work and sometimes users are very sensitive thus we are always keen on what to upload and inform the public. Many times this has led to delays and sometimes outdated news. We are putting together a team of volunteer university graduates and experts to move our communication channels more efficient and help build the capacity and outreach of this very important tool of communication. We are also looking at other communication modalities of interaction such as social media channels and also be able to get information online from the grassroots and on short notice.

We therefore encourage you to visit our Website more in the coming days as it will provide you with current news and opportunities to perhaps share your story. We welcome suggestions from our Partners to help us improve on our Website presentation.

#### PART C: CHALLENGES, LESSONS LEARNT AND RECOMMENDATION

#### 7.0 Challenges, Lessons Learnt and Recommendation

The emerging challenge of violent extremism and violent radicalisation in which religion is heavily implicated is a major issue and challenge that seeks to destroy intra-faith and interfaith relations and all the efforts put in over the years to ensure that these two religions are at peace. It also destroys interfaith relations when it comes to Christian-Muslim relations. For PROCMURA as an organisation this affects our work and mandate. There is a high need and demand for the work of PROCMURA in the world today more than ever. There are some critical issues that have emerged that remain key for PROCMURA to pay attention to as we work towards developing a new Strategic Plan for the organisation and implement programmes.



#### 7.1 Active Area Committees in PROCMURA's Constituencies

There is the challenge of keeping the Area Committees active throughout the year. This is because PROCMURA does not have enough funds to be actively present in all the countries every year. The capacities of the Area Committees therefore need to be enhanced to enable them develop programmes and activities at the country level. One of the strategies of addressing this challenge is to work closely develop complementary agreements where the Area Adviser collaborates with the National Council of Churches and use their platforms to engage the pastors women and youth themes as part of their outreach ministry and also the wider community

#### 7.2 Encourage the church to train more of its Personnel in ICMR

While some countries have a resource pull of trained experts such as Nigeria, Liberia, Kenya and Tanzania, some other countries lack trained personnel to assist the churches in their engagement with Muslims. Some countries do not have Area Advisers to assist them with the technical knowledge. There is therefore need for the Churches in such like countries to identify personnel to be trained and for the PROCMURA Central Office to continue working with its Partners on how to sponsor and build the capacity of these countries.

#### 7.3. Capacity building and reinvigoration of Area Advisers and expansion into new regions

There is need to capacitate the Area Committees in the different countries in project implementation and fundraising. This will result to effective implementation of projects, better monitoring and evaluation leading to impactful and sustainable projects. The committees can be capacitated in the following ways:

- i. Reinvigorate dormant Area Committees and establish new Area Committees where there is none in existence.
- ii. PROCMURA needs to explore the Central African region which consists of Cameroon, Chad, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Congo Brazzaville and Gabon.

#### 7.4 Develop teaching manuals and curriculums to structure the programmes

Develop teaching manuals on Christian-Muslim relations and related topics as a resource book to facilitate the Committees in their capacity building programmes in the communities.

#### 7.5 Rise of Violent extremism and radicalisation

The rise of violent extremism calls for PROCMURA to directly respond to it as it threatens to wane the trust and confidence that has been developed between Christians and Muslims already and frustrate any other future similar efforts.

#### 7.6 Research and Documentation

Actors in this field tend to respond to obvious violent cases where most of them are willing to fund projects that have already turned violent. This leads to having programmes that are reactive in nature and not preventive. There is therefore need to conduct more research and be able to offer preventive programmes by establishing a revolving fund into Research and development of programmes.

#### 7.7 Lobbying, Advocacy and Collaboration with others

PROCMURA needs to conduct more lobbying and advocacy to create platforms for communities to engage with policy instruments that would include state security—actors and law enforcement agencies.

PROCMURA should invest in networks, collaboration and form strategic partnerships with other organisations in this field. By establishing working Relationship with Security Agents and other actors. This is an area that PROCMURA will need to improve and thus promote working relationships between beneficiary communities and security actors resident in their communities. This year we have made positive strides in working with security actors such as the National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) in Kenya as evidenced in their participation at the just concluded International Day of Peace 2018 event and the County and Commissioner's offices.



A key factor in working with state security actors is building lasting and strong relationships. PROCMURA needs to invest in building these relationships at all levels from community based state security actors to those at the apex of security institutions. It is important that trust and confidence of these actors in PROCMURA's work is established and this can only be achieved through continuous engagement and delivery of credible results from PROCMURA's activities. Relationship building should not only be limited to state security actors but with all Partners including collaborating agencies, local community based organisations and communities that PROCMURA will work with.

#### 7.8 Diapraxis

The use of diapraxis as a mechanism for enhancing community cohesion which is a prerequisite for Christian-Muslim relations is very effective PROCMURA has been effective in reaching out to Muslim communities using the diapraxis approach. This needs to be enhanced through consistency and trust building especially in the wake of violent extremism that has seen violent extremists groups peddling propaganda that threatens to destroy. We learnt that issues of Christian-Muslim relations can be discussed not only in meetings and boardrooms but also effective during practical interactive activities such as football matches, theatre sessions and community visits where individuals interact with each other.

#### 7.9 Target Groups

In conflict prevention and peace building programmes, the target groups should widen to include other actors and not only be limited to religious leaders. Community and traditional rulers should be included in any capacity building workshop on conflict prevention especially on radicalisation and violent extremism.

#### 7.10 Complimentary Agreements

Working partnerships and collaboration with the key stakeholders like the National Council of Churches, All African Conference of Churches (AACC), Government Agencies, security agencies, Faith Based Organisations (FBO's) among others is vital. A clear reference and complementary role needs to be developed with this institutions to enable us have impact oriented projects and be able to complement each other by recognising the expertise and comparative advantage which some of the institutions may have, for example access to a wider area using the networks of each organisation and tap into their programmes is one way of saving on resources and engaging each other to strengthen the partnerships.

# 7.11 Exchange programmes for technical personnel at the community level to interact

Create opportunities for the Area Committees and staff to occasionally interact directly with each other and international forums and Partners. This will expose them to new opportunities and build their capacity in various fields.



#### 8.0 CONCLUSION

We have in this Annual Report presented what we have been able to do in 2018. We have also shared our experiences and lessons learnt from the field, which will inform and influence our future programming and intervention strategies.

We acknowledge the challenges posed by radicalisation and violent extremism on Christian-Muslim relations in some parts of the continent which we have noted in this report. PROCMURA however, is committed to preventing and countering this phenomenon which threatens fundamental values such as democracy, human rights, security Freedom of Religion and Belief and peace which is a pre requisite of development

We are encouraged by the success stories and practical experiences we have encountered so far and the collaboration between the communities and religious leaders in promoting peaceful co-existence. We are also encouraged by the commitment of the Partners, Executive Committee members and staff to the vocation of Christian-Muslim relations, most especially the consistent technical and financial support from our Partners. We are being propelled by our theological framework which clearly underlines PEACE BUILDING as a Christian responsibility.

We extend our appreciation to all our Partners for supporting us and providing funds for the programmes. We also specifically thank the Executive Committee for the technical and managerial advice, not forgetting our constituents at the grassroots level, Area Advisers and Regional Coordinators. Finally, the Central Office staff that have over the last few months worked tirelessly and diligently and round the clock to ensure that all this activities are carried out.

We recognise all efforts put in by different actors to promote peace and peaceful co-existence among Christians and Muslims for the holistic development of the human family and the environment. Above all, the Glory and Honour goes to the God Almighty who has given us life, good health, wisdom and peace to carry out His Mission (mission dei).

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