

50 Women Attend Peace-Building Forum

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Some participants at the forum

About 50 women drawn from Gbungaliga and Adibo, both farming communities in the Yendi district, have attended a workshop here on women's empowerment, tolerance, reconciliation and peace building.

The workshop, organised by a non-governmental organisation, the Foundation for Security and Development in Africa (FOSDA) was aimed at encouraging participants to be the ambassadors of peace advocacy as a means of boosting their economic activities.

Addressing them, Madam Afi Yakubu, an associate director of FOSDA, said that dispute prevention and conflict management was the best means of eradicating poverty, hunger and disease in the area.

She regretted that violent conflicts have been the greatest hindrance to the socio-economic development of northern Ghana and the northern region in particular.

She said that women and children in conflict or war situations suffer the most and therefore impressed it upon them to desist from engaging in actions that might create such disasters in their respect communities.

Madam Yakubu also appealed to the participants to consider the girl child education policy very seriously by sending children of school going age, particularly the girl child, to school rather than engaging them in petty trade.

She therefore maintained that it was only "Just Peace" that could encourage the government, the international community and other non-governmental organisations to offer them the needed support to better their lives.

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