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For more than five years, the PPP has successfully assisted and encouraged local citizens in West Africa and Central America to design and implement peacebuilding strategies in their communities. To continue to do this work and inspire more peace through local action in these regions, we welcome contributions from you, your colleagues and friends. Please support PPP in assisting local citizens make a difference in their communities.

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# Meet a PPP Local Peacebuilder

Aloysius Seakel works with the Liberian Motorcycle Transport Union and is an original member and chairman of a locally led group in Nimba County, Liberia, called the Nimba Pen-Pen Peace Network (PPPN). This group, which is supported by the Purdue Peace Project (PPP), formed in 2016 to work toward building peace and reducing the likelihood of violence leading up to and after the Oct. 10, 2017 elections in Liberia. Read More

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## **PPP** in the News

The PPP has recently published two opinion pieces related to the areas we work:

In July 2017, Dr. Liliya Yakova, PPP's then-Associate Director of Operations, Dr. Stacey Connaughton, PPP Director, and Grace Yeanay, PPP's Liberia Country Director, wrote an analysis about the potential for political violence during the 2017 elections in Liberia for the *Diplomatic Courier*. Read More

In August 2017, Jessica Berns, PPP consultant, and Dr. Stacey Connaughton, PPP Director, wrote an op-ed about examples of hope in El Salvador found in citizen engagement for the *Peace News Network*. Read More

## At Purdue

Two new graduate research assistants joined the PPP this semester. Meet <u>Daniel Kamal</u> and <u>Meghana Rawat</u>, both Ph.D. students at Purdue.



PURDUE PEACE PROJECT

The mission of the Purdue Peace Project is to convene groups of local citizens in fragile states where clearly identified situations threaten to lead to political violence, and encourage and assist these citizens in their efforts to bring about peaceful solutions.

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