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PATHWAYS

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DISCOVERING HOW, WHY, AND
WHEN OUR STRATEGIES MATTER



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Using Outcome Harvesting to Explore Causal Pathways

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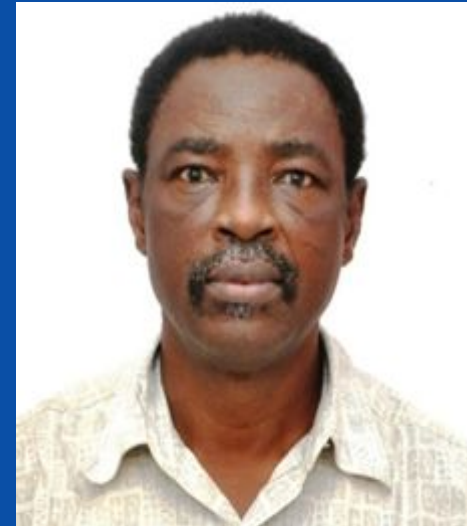
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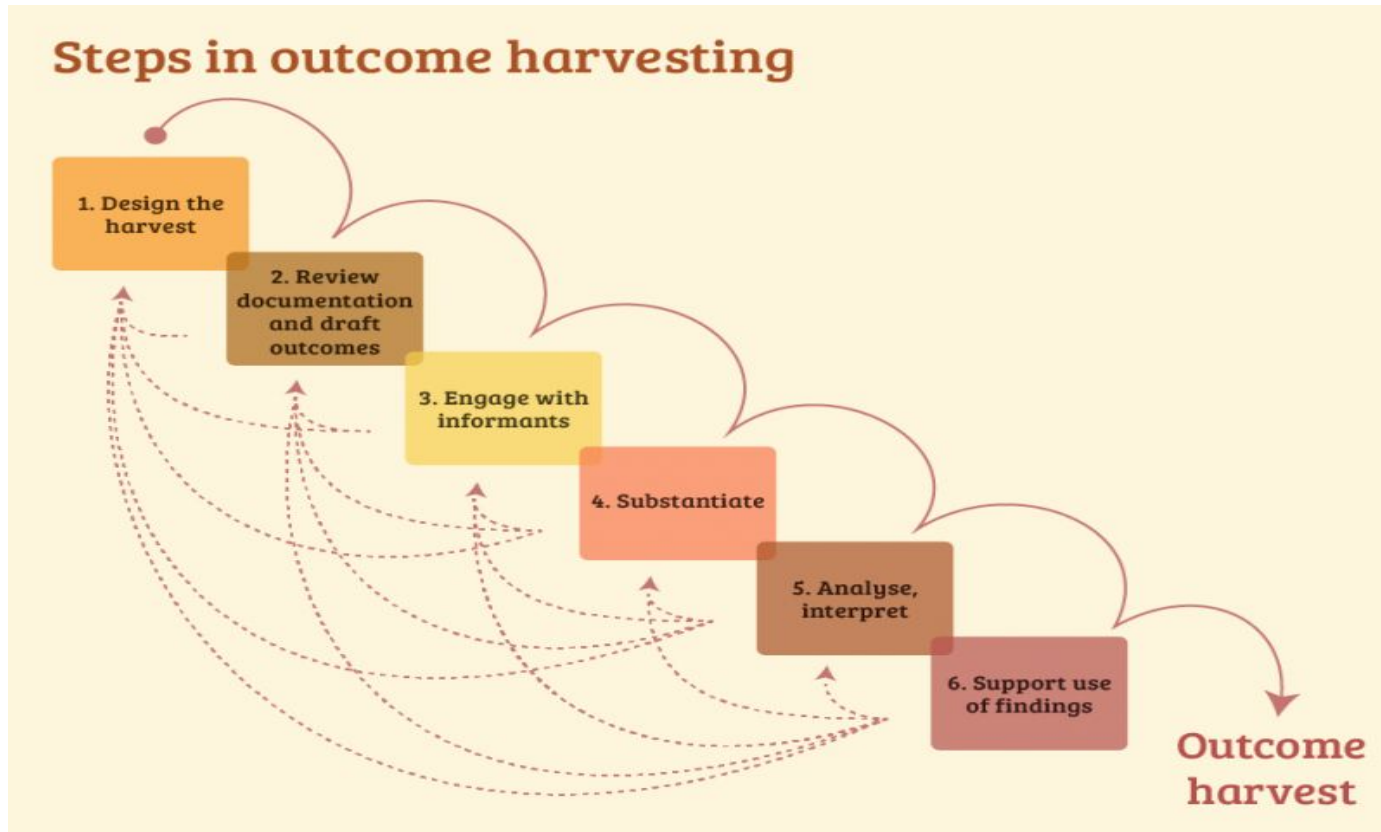
Session agenda

- Session purpose
- Outcome harvesting overview
- Tweaking outcome harvesting to explore causal pathways
- Case study
- Discussion

Session purpose

- To talk about how we can use outcome harvesting to better understand causal pathways.

Overview of outcome harvesting



Tweaking outcome harvesting to explore causal pathways

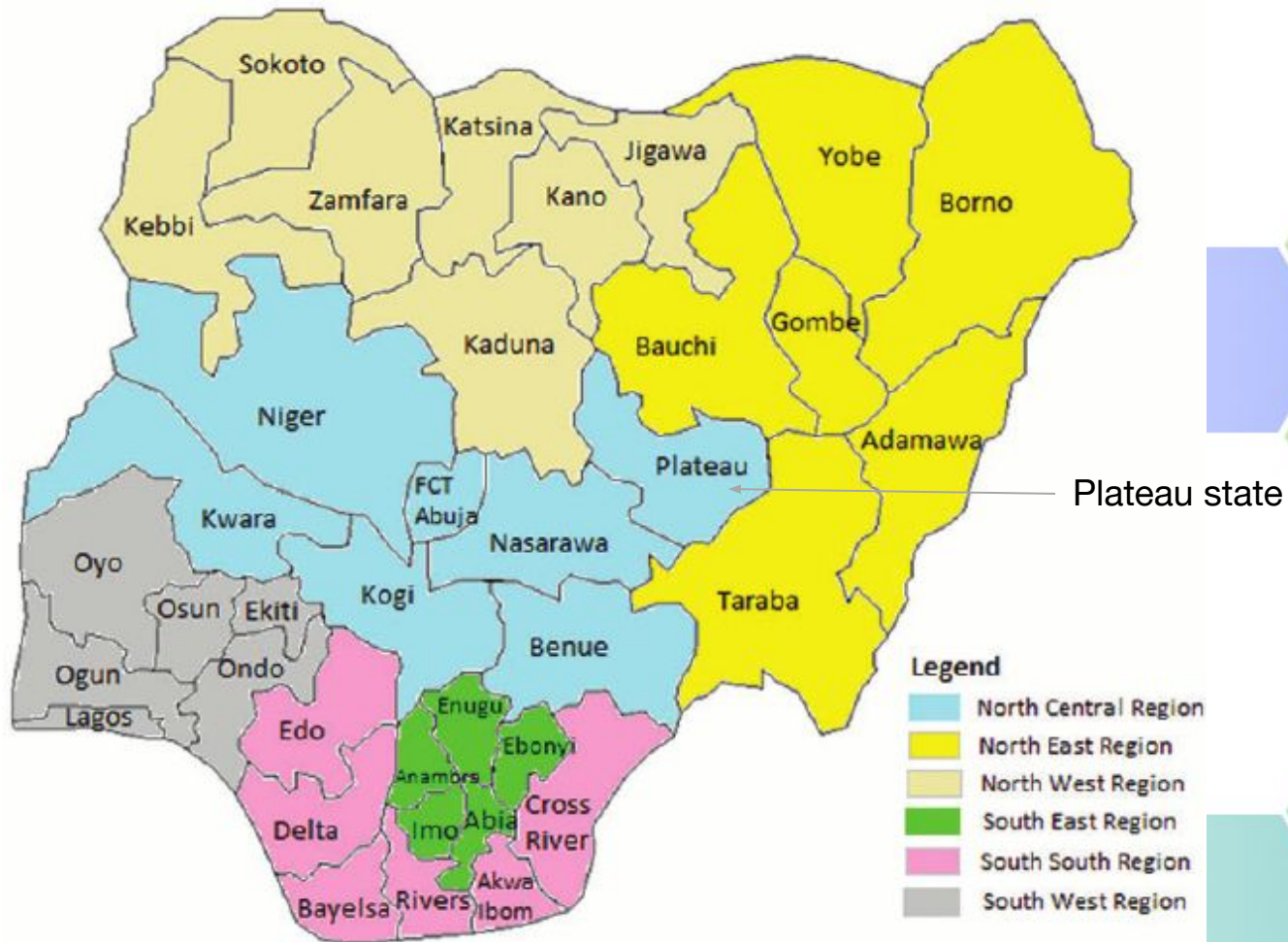
Traditional outcome harvesting questions ask:

- What change happened?
- Who contributed to it?
- How do we know this?
- Why is this important?

When we adapt outcome harvesting to explore causal pathways, we add:

- How did this change come about?

A case study: Youth Platform for Peace, Plateau state, Nigeria



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Inter-religious
conflict
(Christian-
Muslim)

Herder-farmer

Interethnic
(multiple)

Identity-based youth
gangs (occultism,
drug usage, etc)

Indigenes-
Settler land
conflicts



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Why outcome harvesting

Diverse groups participating differently; needed:

- **Comprehensive view of outcomes**
 - positive, negative;
 - planned, unplanned;
 - desirable, undesirable
- **Understand how change happened**
 - at different levels - who, when, why
 - individual, group, community roles and actions
- **Leverage local knowledge of:**
 - Change agents - disaggregated (gender, age, position, religion, etc).
 - Effect of local beliefs, values, practices that affect change, how and why?

Ensuring Credibility and Robustness in Data Collection

Data from multiple sources

- Literature review
- Individual interviews
- Focus group discussions
- Field observations

Data Analysis

- Coding, Categorization, Themes
- Triangulation between sources to confirm spread and depth of identified outcomes (credibility and rigor)
- Report out and Validation workshop

Outcome Description

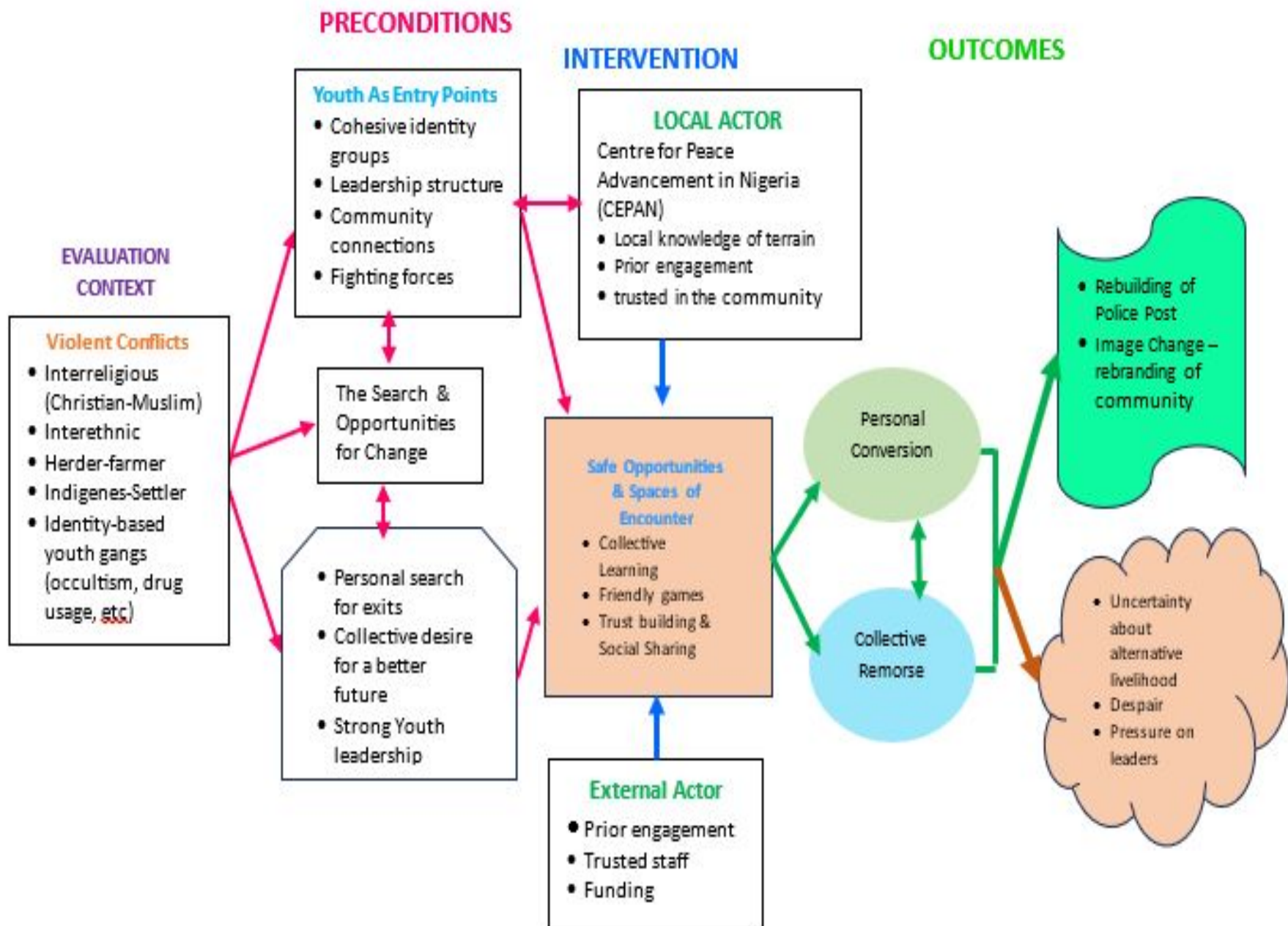
Observed Changes

- Conversion of gang members and drug users into peacebuilders
- Rebuilding of police station the gang had destroyed
- Rebranding of gang zone from **Satan's Field** to **New Jerusalem**

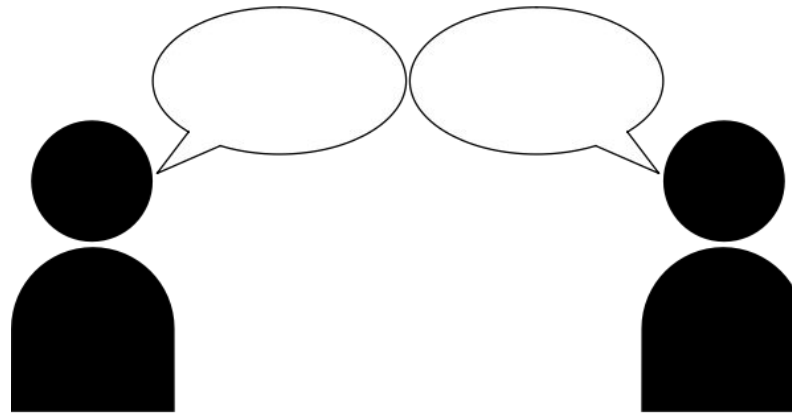


TESTIMONY: Pathways to Change

“When I joined the YPP, I was traumatized. I was looking for personal help but later I stepped down the knowledge and skills I had gained. Later we added extracurricular activities such as the organization of soccer matches and other games. Also, at the end of Ramadan Muslims organized meals and invited Christians; during the fasting period, Muslims usually invite Christians to come and break the fast with them. Christians also respond during Christmas and Easter as they also invite Muslims for meals. Muslims do go to the church for weddings or burial of the dead” (HP-06-Angwan Rukuba-6/5/2018).



Discussion



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