

# ***Human Dignity & A World Beyond War: Partnerships and Collaborations in Our Global Commons***

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# About Us

- Born & raised in Cameroon
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# The Questions

- If “EVERYDAY for us is an opportunity to bring dignity into the lives of others,” then
  - What partnerships/collaborations are available to help us bring greater dignity in the lives of others.
  - How do we plan to achieve this goal?
  - How do we plan for sustainability in HDS programs?

# Proposal

- Need to be glocal in focus
  - Thinking local while envisioning global and think global while envisioning local.

Emmanuel Jean Francois, 2015

- Local Connections to Global Issues
- The concept conveys inherent ideas of partnerships and collaborations.
- One such partner is World Beyond War



# Why World Beyond War?

- **WBW is a global nonviolent movement to end war and establish a just and sustainable peace.**
- WBW = create awareness of popular support for ending war and to further develop that support.
- WBW = replace a culture of war with one of peace in which nonviolent means of conflict resolution take the place of bloodshed

# Only thro' Greater Dignity

- Only by bringing greater dignity into the lives of others can we create a world that dignifies the lives of all people.
- Are the lives of these people dignified?



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- Clear linkage between DHS & WBW in wanting a Global Neighborhood
- Global Neighborhood of Global commons seek to develop a just, peaceful, secure and democratic world for all inhabitants.
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*Civil War Casualties*



# HDHS -Who Are We?

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# Power of Partnerships

- See Lit on this

# Key: Global Knowledge and Networks



# To Be Sustainable...



# Possible Collaboration Areas

- Coproduction of **events**,
- Joint publication of **articles**,
- Collaborate on interviews & **media** appearances
- Develop a **speaker's bureau**,
- Form an **advisory board**,
- Appoint **country coordinators** to advance our work around the world.
- Facilitate collaboration across national borders
- Like Our own Evelin Lindner, WBW's director was nominated for the Nobel peace prize this year for his work. This means we are doing some things already in common.
- Plan online and offline activism

# CONCLUSION

- DHS will work with other movements. Only identified World Beyond War because of its work with others in the peace movement, and its clearly positive **influence** in moving coalitions toward framing their work toward ending war.



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