CIVIC is a nonprofit organization that works to protect the rights and lives of civilians in conflict. CIVIC has worked in Northeast Nigeria since 2017, working closely with communities, the military, Borno state government, and the federal government of Nigeria to protect civilians. We work on the ground with local communities to identify and implement tangible solutions for protection. At the same time, we work with security forces to provide training, technical expertise and policy recommendations to ensure civilians are protected in war. In bringing communities and security forces together through civil-military dialogues, we implement practical and sustained solutions for civilian protection.

CIVIC developed a serious gaming app called "The Warrior & Protector App." This Technology Enhanced E-Learning Application (TEELA) was created to train security forces more effectively and at scale, including in hard to reach areas to better protect civilians, particularly those most vulnerable within conflict. The app engages soldiers in an interactive, contextualized environment with immersive graphics and audio. Deployed so far to more than 3,000 security force personnel, the app’s impact extends beyond those trained to the civilians and communities those soldiers interact with every day. Through leveraging technology, CIVIC has found a way to more effectively and efficiently help protect conflict-affected communities.

To date, over 3,000 security force personnel have been trained using the Warrior & Protector App with ripple effects for the thousands of civilians these militaries interact with every day. With the KfW Prize money, CIVIC will be able to invest in expanding the app to other languages where CIVIC works across Africa to reach more security forces where protection of civilians is most urgent.

CIVIC is a nonprofit organization that works to protect the rights and lives of civilians in conflict. CIVIC has worked in Northeast Nigeria since 2017, working closely with communities, the military, Borno state government, and the federal government of Nigeria to protect civilians. We work on the ground with local communities to identify and implement tangible solutions for protection. At the same time, we work with security forces to provide training, technical expertise and policy recommendations to ensure civilians are protected in war. In bringing communities and security forces together through civil-military dialogues, we implement practical and sustained solutions for civilian protection.