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International aid agency Oxfam on Friday called on the African Union to do more to end rampant conflicts in Africa.

Oxfam's Pan Africa Senior Policy Analyst Desire Assogbavi acknowledged the chairperson's report on peace and security, which highlighted that there was steady progress in the establishment of the continental peace and security institutions.

"We applaud this positive development but the security situation in the continent has got worse over the last six months with new or renewed conflicts raging in the DRC and Somalia," said Assogbavi in a statement. "What the African citizens desperately need the AU to do is facilitate and provide real lasting peace on the ground through concerted effort in liaising with states, organized civil society and regional institutions."

Oxfam said the AU should help member states develop and strengthen their capabilities on implementing the preventive component of the **responsibility to protect**.

Desire said the pan African body should also actively monitor the implementation of agreements and protocols that have been signed by heads of states and government on the human political, economic, social and cultural rights of the African Population. ()

"The AU, working in concert with relevant countries, regional institutions and CSOs must commit and dedicate themselves to bringing lasting peace to the conflict areas of Africa in the coming months," he added. ()

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