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Small Research Grants Program (SRGP)

PIND's Small Research Grants Program (SRGP) is designed to engage policymakers, civil society, think tanks, researchers, academia, and students in the promotion of strategic research and publications on the Niger Delta. By engaging and informing this network of stakeholders, the SRGP seeks to influence development policy and practice to better address socioeconomic needs in the region.

Background

To launch this project, PIND in 2011 awarded small research grants of US$25,000 each to two organizations — Aries Concept Nigeria Limited and the South-South office of the National Center for Technology Management (NACETEM), an agency of the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology.



Objectives

The Small Research Grants Program (SRGP) seeks to:

- Mainstream research findings into PIND's programmatic development, design and implementation
- Identify and communicate socio-economic needs to stakeholders in the Niger Delta
- Identify, foster and build a network of individuals to jointly address socio-economic needs in the region and exchange field experiences
- Promote research partnerships, leverage resources and develop research capacities
- Identify relevant socioeconomic policies that require advocacy for policy reform or development
- Facilitate the participation of development institutions in PIND's activities

As part of their data collection, Aries Concept Nigeria Limited discussed with women from Ikot Akwa Ebom community in Akwa Ibom state the role of gender and how it impacts those living in the Niger Delta.



Discussion with men in the Ntak Inyang community in Akwa Ibom state to better understand their views on gender norms and the roles men and women have in their community.

Progress

Aries Concept used its research grant to identify and analyze traditional gender norms and their impact on generating equitable socioeconomic development in Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa and Ondo states. The research focused on on identifying:

- Traditional gender norms in the Niger Delta and categorizing them based on commonalities and differences in the selected study locations
- Socio-economic activities that are traditionally defined and ascribed for men and women
- Potential socio-economic and income generating activities that traditional norms inhibit the participation of men and women
- Gender norms and how they impact equitable socio-economic development



Aries Concept Nigeria Limited sharing their research with members of PIND. Analysis produced by the study will be used to continue mainstreaming gender issues into the design and implementation of PIND projects.

With its research grant, NACETEM used technical skills mapping in Bayelsa, Delta and Rivers states to identify the capacity for accelerated technology-based socioeconomic development. The research was specifically designed to:

- Identify the role that education, technical and vocational education play in fostering socio-economic development in the Niger Delta
- Provide a better understanding of how basic infrastructure and social capital enhances development
- Provide a better understanding of the technical and vocational skills training gaps in the Niger Delta, and how to integrate those findings into capacity building development

PIND is currently working to mainstream the research findings from both organizations into their programs and projects.

Contact

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