



Foundation for Partnership Initiatives in the Niger Delta

PIND • 2016 – First Quarter Report

Q1 2016 Report

Acronyms

- ATED Appropriate Technology Enabled Development
- AT Appropriate Technology
- BMO Business Membership Organization
- CAPABLE Capacity Building for Local Empowerment
- CSO Civil Society Organization
- CBO Community Based Organization
- EDC Economic Development Centre
- LGA Local Government Area
- LGC Local Government Council
- NAEC Nigerian Agricultural Enterprise Curriculum
- NDDF Niger Delta Development Forum
- NDPI Niger Delta Partnership Initiative
- NGO Non-Governmental Organization
- P4P Partners for Peace
- PBP Peace Building Program
- RDC Regional Development Councils
- LSP Local Service Providers
- WECA Wealth Creation Agency
- BSP Business Service Provider

Q1 Highlights

- Partners on the aquaculture demonstration pond project Grand Cereals worked with us to commence broadcasting the fish farming academy radio show on Crown FM in Asaba, Delta State
- Our work to promote the Malaysian Knife, a simple cutting technology that allows palm fruit farmers harvest from tall trees, sees early gains
- The Federal Government invests in the PIND-promoted Mechanical Adjustable Harvester
- Our Business Linkages project leverage 41.6 million naira in

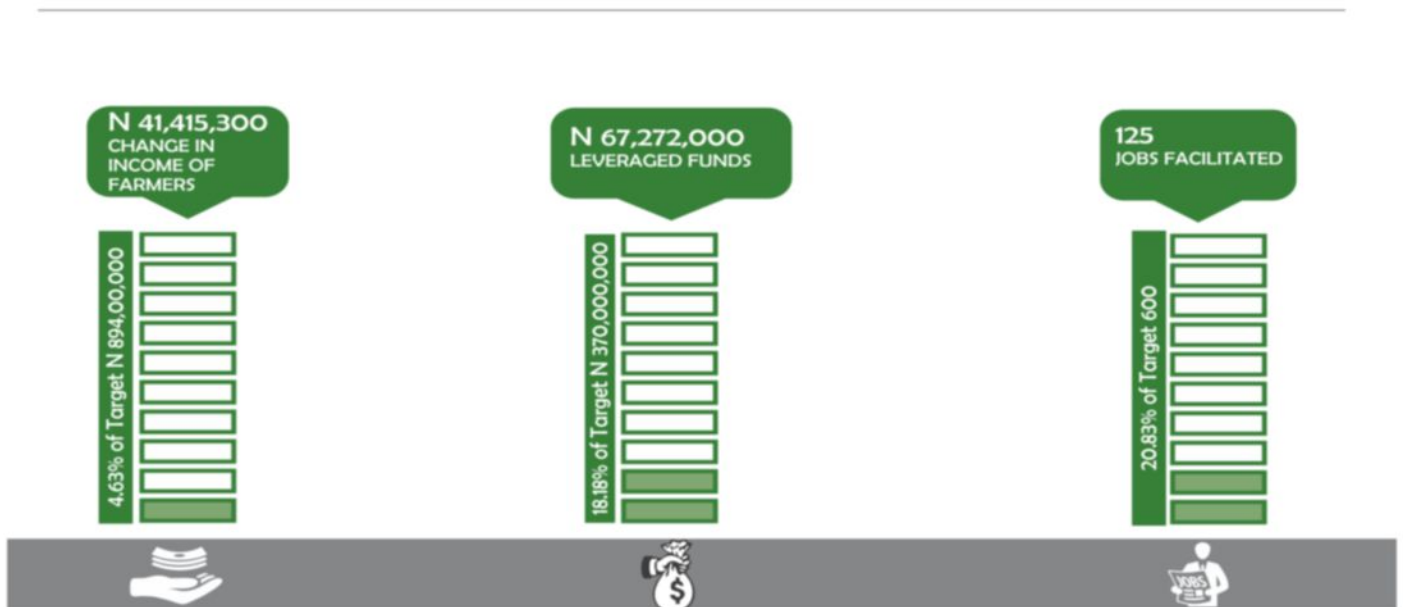
- investments from the private sector in the quarter
- We signed an agreement with Ondo State Wealth Creation Agency to train unemployed youth on cassava farming
- The PIND/United States Agency for International Development (USAID) program Strengthening Advocacy for Civic Empowerment (SACE) held its **Let's Talk Governance panel discussion** on governance and civic engagement during the Social Media Week in Lagos
- PIND teamed up with Federal Government and other development organizations on the Niger Delta Way Forward intervention to improve coordination on Niger Delta development



Federal Minister of Niger Delta Affairs Min. Usani Uguru Usani (standing) speaks at the Niger Delta Way Forward program. Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Environment Bukar Hassan (far right), Federal Minister of Environment Amina Mohammed (second from left), and Special Adviser to the President on the Amnesty Program Brig-Gen Paul Boroh (second from right) were also in attendance.

Economic Development

The program helps generate opportunities for pro-poor market development and employment creation



Aquaculture

Sharing Fish Farming Best Practices on the Airwaves

Fish feed company and partner in PIND's demonstration pond project Grand Cereals commenced its PIND-supported fish farming academy on Crown FM radio station based in Asaba, Delta State, with a media outreach of 1,500,000 listeners. This important milestone follows the company's work with PIND and United States Agency for International Development (USAID)'s MARKETS II to expand the demonstration pond pilot project to improve fish farmers' practices and profits in Asaba and Ughelli, Delta State, in the third quarter of 2014. Fish feed companies like Grand Cereals, Ranaan Feeds, Top feeds and Aller Aqua feeds have come to understand that improving their relationship with fish farmers also helps to boost their sales. Their investment in our demonstration pond project, then, is really an investment in their own businesses. Grand Cereals is also furthering its collaboration with PIND and Federal College of Animal Health and Production Technology (FCAH&PT) in Vom, Plateau State, for the commencement of the practical academy that will train at least 100 fish farmers in its first year. A technical planning session for all partners is scheduled for 7th April in Jos, Plateau State. PIND is also working with another fish feed company Aller Aqua on another demonstration pond project which commenced in Akure, Ondo state this quarter.



Israel Yusuf, a.k.a Dr. Fish, graduated with a degree in Animal Health graduate from Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria, Kaduna State. He set up a fish farm in Ughelli, Delta State, during his year of National Youth Service and has been a farmer ever since. He now hosts the Fish Farming Academy on Crown FM. Read his story and more on our Instagram page: www.instagram.com/pindfoundation

Cassava

Partnering with Ondo State Government to Boost Youth Interest in Agriculture

On December 22nd, 2015, the Foundation for Partnership Initiatives in the Niger Delta (PIND) signed a partnership agreement with Ondo State Wealth Creation Agency (WECA) on a pilot project to develop the agricultural entrepreneurship skills of graduate youth through cassava production. The team leveraged 28 million naira in funding from Star Deepwater Petroleum Company Ltd, a subsidiary of NNPC-Chevron Nigeria Limited joint venture, and this project will benefit 40 graduate youths from 18 different local government areas in Ondo State at this pilot stage. The project also received 8 million naira from Ondo State WECA as part of their in-kind contribution to the project. In addition to addressing unemployment, this program will also go a long way to making agriculture an attractive option for young people. PIND will facilitate implementation and market linkages, while WECA will provide technical support. Ondo State Government will provide the land to be used and extension services. The team carried out a one-week induction workshop for the graduate youth pro-farmers in March 2016. The project will begin in earnest on April 4th.



PIND Market Development Officer for the cassava project Faith Soya (top right) represents PIND at the workshop held by the Ondo State Wealth Creation Agency for the young farmers in March ahead of the project commencement in April 2016

Improving Cassava Farmers' Practices

The farmers are yet to harvest their cassava from the demonstration plot pilot project set up to improve their practices and profitability, but there is already evidence of changes in knowledge, attitude and agronomic practices of trained farmers. Following the completion of the demonstration plot pilot in Ubulu Uku, Delta State, partner input companies Harvest Field and Notore conducted a training for 96 farmers (61 female and 35 male) on agronomic practices and herbicide application to a different set of farmers, this time at Umukabia Ogodo in Ngor Okpala LGA. Following this training, the 56-members strong Mezie Umukabia Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society bought a herbicide spraying equipment from the input company. This spraying equipment will be used as a means of generating income to the association by offering spraying services to other members of the association for a fee. This way, the association improves its weed management while generate income for its members.



A farmer in Ubulu-Uku, Delta State prepares cassava stems for planting. Linkages to input companies as a result of the demonstration plot **pilot project have improved farmers' knowledge and influenced their practices**

Palm oil

Improving Financial Access for Mechanized Agriculture

Improving access to mechanized agriculture and improving access to finance for farmers has to go hand in hand, as many farmers may not be able to readily afford improved technology. That is why PIND, in partnership with USAID MARKETS II, worked during the quarter to support the microfinance institution Lift Above Poverty Organization (LAPO) to develop a loan product to enable farmer groups more easily purchase the mechanical adjustable harvester, a harvesting technology that allows farmers to harvest palm fruit with minimal labor and no climbing. PIND signed a partnership with the microfinance institution, regional distributor of the harvester Texmaco, and four farmer groups in Cross River State, each 15 members strong. Under this agreement, LAPO has so far disbursed N330,000 for the procurement of 2 MAH to two of the farmer groups. These two machines have been used in 23 farms and generated income of NGN51,100 in one month.

Promoting New Innovations for Improved Harvesting

This quarter also saw the introduction of the Malaysian knife, harvesting knife used on trees nine meters and above. This is important, because ~60% of smallholder plantations are above seven meters tall. PIND has entered into a partnership with Willstin Ventures, a lead distributor of the Malaysian knife, to promote adoption in the Niger Delta. As it is cheaper than the Mechanical Adjustable Harvester, has seen enthusiastic acceptance. Additionally, the distributor for the mechanical adjustable harvester Texmaco has shown interest in also selling the Malaysian Knife. He has made an order of the knives to sell, and will soon begin conducting demonstrations. In the first quarter of its promotion, 20 Malaysian Knives were sold.



Business Linkages leveraged investment worth 41.6 million naira from private sector investors in this quarter alone



Perfect Works to invest N20 million naira towards completion the poultry processing plant in Akure, Ondo State



Tel Abib Farms invested N1.1 million naira to train poultry out-grower farmers in Warri, Delta State



ZAL Consulting established an agriculture business arm and invested N20.5 million naira, creating 11 temporary jobs

The team also worked to boost small business access to finance



The team supported Etuk Engineering, a fabricator in the palm oil sector, to secure a N7.6 million loan from SME finance company GroFin

We are improving local capacity to boost water access and sanitation in the Niger Delta



UNICEF engaged PIND in training 20 master trainers on Delivering Effective WASH Training (DEWT), and WASH departments in Akuku-Toru and Opobo-Nkoro LGAs on Household Water Treatment and Safe Storage



PIND's trainings on Low Cost Sanitation and Delivering Effective WASH Training have boosted Concern Universal's service delivery on the Rural Sanitation and Hygiene Programme in Nigeria to effectively reach their target communities on improving sanitation coverage



PIND trained entrepreneur Dr. Uduak Affia is aggressively promoting the bio-sand filter by investing in marketing, advocacy and self-development. This entrepreneur alone has bought 160 HydrAid bio-sand filters for distributions in communities in Akwa Ibom State



Influencing Building Practice in the Niger Delta



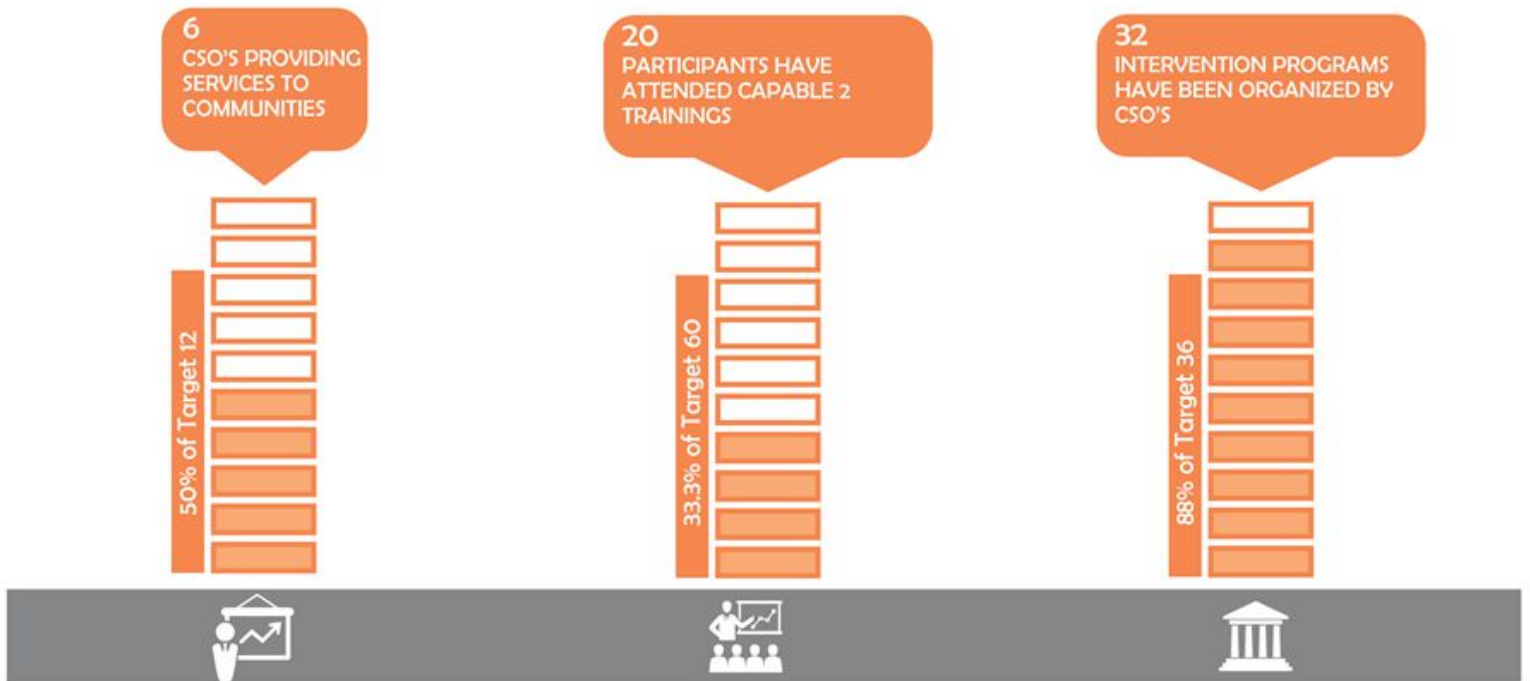
PIND's Value Chain Technologies Coordinator Dr. Nabeel Adeyemi shows a visiting group from the Department of Regional and Urban Planning, University of Benin, Edo State, around the ATED Center

the Department of Urban & Regional Planning, University of Benin, Edo State extended content of its Local Geography Studies from Edo State to Mosogar in Delta State, intended to include studying of ATED Building as an example of climate related building using the Mosogar lateritic soil. The university has also included field visit to ATED building as part of the Department of Urban & Regional Planning 100 level curriculum for 2016 academic session. Read what Prof. Peter A. O. Odjugbo, Professor of Applied Climatology at University of Benin, Edo State, said of his visit to the building on our Instagram page: <https://www.instagram.com/p/BFdvjB-gv34/?taken-by=pindfoundation>

We built the Appropriate Technology Enabled Development (ATED) Center at our Economic Development Center premises in Warri, Delta State, to increase awareness on environmentally-conscious building, and this plan is working. Following Prof. Director for Center for Research and Development for Federal University of Technology Akure (FUTA), Ondo State, Prof. Ayorinde **Olufayo's** visit to the Center,

Capacity Building

This program seeks to build the service delivery and engagement capacity of government, civil society and communities



Promoting Civic Engagement at Social Media Week in Lagos

The Strengthening Advocacy for Civic Empowerment (SACE) program co-funded by both PIND and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) hosted a half-day event on civic empowerment and youth at Social Media Week in Lagos. Social media has played an outsized role in fostering discussion on governance in Nigeria in the past five years, especially because of its appeal to young people. This event takes advantage of that appeal and engages youth online in a non-partisan way on their right to information and participation as citizens. Co-hosted by the advocacy-focused coalition Enough Is Enough, this event had such panelists as: Kaduna State Governor Gov. Nasir El Rufai, Bayelsa State Senator Ben Bruce, and Stanley Achonu of the accountability watchdog BudgIT. This is the second year in a row in which SACE has held this conversation and, just as in the previous year, PIND's Advocacy for Niger Delta Development (ANDD) team supported the event by helping drive the online conversation, engaging Niger Delta youth on issues concerning governance and advocacy. The team also produced a documentary of the event that was shared on Youtube. You can watch the video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZwKEnTa0Wto>

“SMWLagos is a central platform for [SACE] for reaching new constituencies, for bringing new ideas and ways of working [together] and trying to connect government to the citizens.” Charles Abani, Chief of Party, SACE



Strengthening Organizational Capacity Through CAPABLE

PIND through its Capacity Building for Local Empowerment (CAPABLE) program has been working since 2012 to **strengthen civil society in the Niger Delta's** ability to be true advocates for Nigerians in the region. PIND recently introduced the Challenge Fund through the CAPABLE program to provide seed grants to organizations as part of post-training support for organizations that participated in the Capacity Building for Local Empowerment (CAPABLE) trainings. The Foundation made presentations of the in-kind grants in form of equipment to promote their productivity and efficiency following a brief ceremony presided over by PIND Programs Director in February 2015. The organizations who received the grants were: Centre for Development Support Initiative (CEDSI); Accord for Development (ACCORD); Centre for Information and Development (CFID); Forward Africa (FOFA); and Better Living Foundation (BLF). As ever, the support for CAPABLE grantees does not end there; PIND has also provided an online community of practice for organizations who have experienced CAPABLE trainings to facilitate knowledge sharing, and provide follow up support.

Building Skills through CAPABLE: Margaret Adedeji's Story



Participants at a CAPABLE training at PIND's Economic Development Center in Warri, Delta State

Margaret Adedeji, Executive Director Better Living Foundation, Akure, Ondo State, participated in the CAPABLE intermediate training from October 2014 to April 2015. **"I participated fully in all the three trainings comprising the Intermediate Course of CAPABLE, and it has greatly enhanced my skills in the areas covered. My organization now prepares very professional proposals. We have also improved on our financial management system and reporting. It was actually the skills we learned in the proposal writing class that enabled us get this CAPABLE Challenge Fund grant. We were even able**

to secure sponsorship to attend the Africa Regional Meeting on New Urban Agenda for Africa in February 2016, which concerns the Sustainable Development Goals and addresses under-development in the Niger Delta. "I reached out to an on-line media to write a story on the meeting focusing on the plight of the underprivileged in the Niger Delta region. I used skills from the Proposal Writing and ICT classes, particularly Newsletter development class, to develop a Story on Urbanization in the Niger Delta. The story earned me 500 dollars!"

Improving Grassroots Governance in Rivers State with LEAD

The Leadership, Empowerment, and Development (LEAD) program is funded by PIND and United States Agency for International Development (USAID), implemented by Research Triangle International (RTI). The program works to improve local governance in Obio-Akpor, Bonny, Akuku Toru, Khana, Tai, and Okrika Local Government Areas (LGAs).

Trained enumerators for local infrastructure mapping towards better management of local government resources

Supported civil society organizations in organizing townhall meetings in Obio-Akpor and Khana Local Government Areas to address water and sanitation challenges

Supported civil society partners' preparation for the implementation of Community Partnership Projects (CPPs) and Youth Economic Empowerment Programs (YEEPs) at the LGAs

Brought together representatives from LEAD LGAs to draft the Fiscal Responsibility for LGAs Bill

Began domestication of Rivers State Water and Sanitation Policy in Khana Local Government Area (LGA)

Advocated for the domestication of the Nigerian Fiscal Responsibility Act in cooperation with the Ministry for Local Government Affairs (MOLG) and Office of the State Auditor General for Local Governments

International Women's Day

PIND

JOIN US TO PLEDGE SUPPORT
FOR WOMEN
 IN AGRICULTURE
IN THE NIGER DELTA

#IWD2016
 #PledgeForParity

Venue: Asaba
 Time: 10am-4pm
 Date: March 8, 2016

**THEME: PLEDGE FOR PARITY:
 SUPPORT WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE
 INVITATION-ONLY**

Pledging Parity on International Women's Day

PIND organized a well-attended forum to celebrate the International Women's Day on March 8. With the international theme 'Pledge for Parity: Support Women in Agriculture' the Forum was held in partnership with USAID/PIND MARKETS II Project and Working Fingers Initiative International, a coalition of women-focused organizations in Delta State, promoting women's empowerment and gender equality. The 102 (89 women, 13 men) participants comprising women farmers, financial institutions officials, Niger Delta States government representatives, development partners, the media, civil society organizations and other agricultural value chain players came from different States of the Niger Delta. Two interactive panels where women farmers learnt how to access funding for their businesses and shared information on effectively organizing within their communities for their interests. Read more on this event on the

PIND website "5 Things We Learned at #IWD2016" <http://www.pindfoundation.org/news/five-things-we-learned-at-iwd2016/> and read stories and perspectives from the women farmers who came to the event on our Instagram page www.instagram.com/pindfoundation.

Advocacy for Niger Delta Development (ANDD)

This program improves analysis and understanding of systemic constraints to growth in the Niger Delta region



ANALYSIS AND ADVOCACY FOR NIGER-DELTA DEVELOPMENT

341% of Target 100



341
VIEWS OF ADVOCACY
VIDEOS

67 % Target 1,000



678
Registered on NDLINK

2,007,314
VISITS TO
NDLINK



66.91% of Target 3,000,000

16
PARTICIPANTS AT PIND
ORGANIZED MEDIA
TRAINING



80% of Target 20



Training Civil Society Organizations on Digital Storytelling and Photography

Social media has changed advocacy by putting the power of creating an audience in the hands



PIND's Emmanuel Nwala (center) teaches trainees demonstrates on exposure and framing during the four-day training on online storytelling and photography

of advocates themselves. That is why PIND's Media Hub did a four-day training for Participatory Partnerships For Community Development (PPCD) on media for development, including online storytelling and photography, after having been approached by the organization in December 2015. This training was

conducted for 16 participants from five civil society organizations, and echoed the growing trend and need of organizations to more effectively tell their own stories to donors and other targeted audiences.

In the pre-training evaluation, only 28% of participants reported a basic understanding of core media products and their use. That figure increased to 70% following the training. Follow-ups with the participants and organizations from the training will be done in quarter 2 of 2016 to ensure learning is being mainstreamed into their organization's work.

Improving Stakeholder Coordination for Niger Delta Development

A major challenge for coordination of development efforts in the Niger Delta is the multiplicity of development documents, even at government level. To improve on this, we partnered with the Federal Ministries of Niger Delta Affairs and the Environment, the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) and the Presidential Amnesty Program, alongside UK Department for International Development (DFID) program Facility for Oil Sector Transparency (FOSTER) to host a two-day technical workshop with the theme “From Stabilization to Sustainable Development” to come up with a cohesive and harmonized development plan for the region. It is hoped that through dialogue with government representatives and other stakeholders, which are expected to result in stakeholder buy-in, the Niger Delta Way Forward intervention has the potential of addressing lack of political will experienced by the previous administration, which prevented the implementation of the Niger Delta Action Plan. For more on the Niger Delta Way Forward, read the story on the website.



PIND Executive Director Sam Daibo (second from left) shows Nigerian Vice President Yemi Osinbajo a map of the Foundation's development projects in the Niger Delta. PIND is working with state and federal level government to influence economic development policy in the Niger Delta

Boosting State-Level Collaborations for Socioeconomic Development

On February 11, 2016, PIND's leadership team met with the Chief Economic Advisor of Cross Rivers State, Dr. Francis Ntamu, to continue and hammer out areas of possible collaboration between the two entities. An initial meeting between PIND and the Governor of Cross River State was held in January 2016 where areas of possible collaboration that are in line with Cross River State Government and the strategic development focus of PIND were explored. In the February meeting, both parties identified key areas of collaboration between PIND and Cross River State Government, including: agriculture, strategic economic planning, youth development, conflict assessment and sectoral development. The team is also finalizing details for a partnership agreement with Delta State. These agreements will be signed in the second quarter of 2016.



PIND Executive Director was joined by other members of the Foundation's leadership to meet with Cross River State Governor Ben Ayade at the Office of the Cross River State Governor in Calabar, Cross River State. PIND is reaching out to Niger Delta state-level government officials on collaborations to boost economic development in the region

Integrated Peace and Development Unit (IPDU)

This program strengthens conflict resolution mechanisms for enabling integrated peace and economic growth

2. PEACE BUILDING

135
INCIDENCES
REPORTED ON
THE PEACE MAP



391
FATALITIES REPORTED
ON THE PEACE MAP



29
ASSESSMENTS
DONE USING PEACE
BUILDING DATA



899
DATA POINTS MAPPED
ON THE ND INFO
HUB



Our support in increasing capacity of Partners for Peace (P4P) Network actors and structuring internal leadership is strengthening the Network's growth

Creating Systems for Early Conflict Detection



355 conflict monitors were trained on conflict analysis and SMS Early Warning system. This has led to an increased amount of reports on the incident reports. Also, 132 P4P members from all 9 states were trained on conflict analysis, Negotiation, Mediation and Advocacy strategies. They were then inaugurated as members of the Prevent Committee, a sub-set of P4P dedicated to the network's early warning system

Supporting Internal Governance of the Network



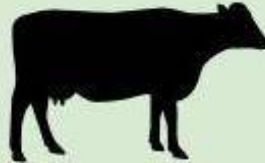
Central Working Committee of the P4P has increased responsibilities to administer funds to the network through the P4P/PIND partnership. This has renewed the sense of responsibility within members of the committee to be more involved in strategic oversight of the network

Keeping the Peace, One Community at a Time

Here is some of the work that P4P members did to keep the peace in their communities



The Akwa Ibom chapter resolved what could have been a clash between two parties following the local council elections



The Cross River team resolved brewing ethnic tensions resulting from the presence of an organized Hausa community



The Edo State team worked to avert land tussles that could have destroyed relations between two communities



The Imo State chapter members resolved a family dispute that had previously resulted in violence



The Delta State team's intervention resolved a growing rift between community leaders and elders



A youth leadership election in a conflict-prone local government area could have resulted in many deaths without the work from the P4P Prevent Team in Rivers State.

NEW STAFF



Femi Adegoke joins us from Kingdom Heritage School Suleja in Niger state where he worked as an accountant for six years .He has an HND accounting from Federal Polytechnic Nasarawa state.



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