



Foundation for Partnership Initiatives in the Niger Delta

Q2 2016 Report

Acronyms

- **ATED** Appropriate Technology Enabled Development
- **AT** Appropriate Technology
- **BMO** Business Membership Organization
- **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
- **NGO** Non-Governmental Organization
- **P4P** Partners for Peace
- **PBP** Peace Building Program
- **RDC** Regional Development Councils
- **WECA** Wealth Creation Agency
- **BSP** Business Service Provider
- **UNICEF** United Nations Children Fund
- **WASH** Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Ebie Sylvanus John, a small business owner in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State, speaks at the Business Linkages Forum that facilitated networking between small and large companies in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State. His small business has grown tremendously with support from PIND-trained business support service provider ZAL, which organized the Forum with PIND's support.

Q2 Highlights

- Our Business Linkages continues to make strides as it facilitates millions of naira in support of small businesses in the region and supports a forum in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State
- The Cassava team trains farmers in Ondo State as part of our partnership with Ondo State Wealth Creation Agency (WECA)
- PIND and Cross River State sign a partnership agreement on

- agricultural development, peace building and youth empowerment
- PIND and United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) partner on improving access to clean water to Niger Delta communities
- Our Capacity Building team continues to support civil society organizations throughout the region in their work to improve civic engagement



Participants in a cassava workshop in Ondo State make notes. This workshop is part of PIND’s partnership with Ondo State Wealth Creation Agency to teach young people how to make good businesses out of farming cassava

Cassava

A Blossoming Relationship between Farmers and Input Companies

In addition to improving farmers' agronomic practices and yield, the cassava demonstration plot is also improving farmers' relationships with producers of quality inputs like herbicides and fertilizer. This improved relationship has even led the input companies to work with the farmers' on other crops as well. During the quarter, input companies and partners on the pilot of the demonstration plot project Notore and Harvest Field trained 50 farmers in Ubulu Uno in Obior, Delta State, and 112 farmers in Ihitte Oboma, Imo State, on best practices on Maize and Cassava. Similarly, lead farmers from Umukabia demonstration farm organized training for 52 farmers in Nkwerre, Imo state, using training guideline developed by the National Root Crop Research Institute (NRCRI).



Improving Access to Finance for Farmers

While working to improve agronomic practices, our team this quarter linked 10 farmers from the Ika Out-Growers Multipurpose Cooperative Society in Mbiri, Delta State, to Eagle Flight Microfinance Bank. Each farmer accessed one hundred thousand naira to procure inputs, such as: fertilizers, improved stem variety, herbicides and tractor services.

Training a New Generation of Cassava Farmers in Ondo State

The partnership agreement we signed with Ondo State Government's Wealth Creation Agency (WECA) for a pilot project funded by Chevron Nigeria Limited to develop the agricultural entrepreneurship skills of young graduates through cultivation and processing of cassava is just one of our recent engagements with state and federal level government to influence policymaking and practices in the Niger Delta. Further to this collaboration, PIND's cassava team worked with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and PIND-funded Maximizing Agricultural Revenue and Key Enterprises (MARKETS II) project to conduct a workshop for 46 young cassava farmers using the Nigerian Agricultural Enterprise Curriculum in Ondo state. This training is important, as it will teach the young farmers about good business enterprises to ensure that they grow viable businesses capable of successfully seeking loans and grants from finance institutions. The farmers being trained under this project are supported by PIND to cultivate 100ha of land.



A participant listens to a speaker at a workshop on cassava for young farmers in Akure, Ondo State



This quarter, PIND continued to improve access to the small-scale processing equipment for palm oil. 286 processors increased sales by 30% following adoption of the machine

Key figures from the BL Team this quarter

₦7,000,000

leveraged from private investors towards agribusinesses in the region

₦28,487,500

in new sales as reported by small businesses supported by PIND-trained business support services

12

Number of new jobs created by these small businesses

Business Linkages

Bringing Market Actors in the Niger Delta Together

PIND partner and business services consultant ZAL consulting organized a business linkages forum in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State, to facilitate networking between large buyers and financial institutions and small businesses in the region. The forum also helped ZAL increase their SME client base by 21%, as new SMEs registered on ZAL Business Development platform. It also resulted to the establishment of business relationship between ZAL Consulting and SME financing company GroFin, for which 1 SME has benefited from the relationship and 8 other SMEs recommended to GroFin by ZAL Consulting for loan consideration.



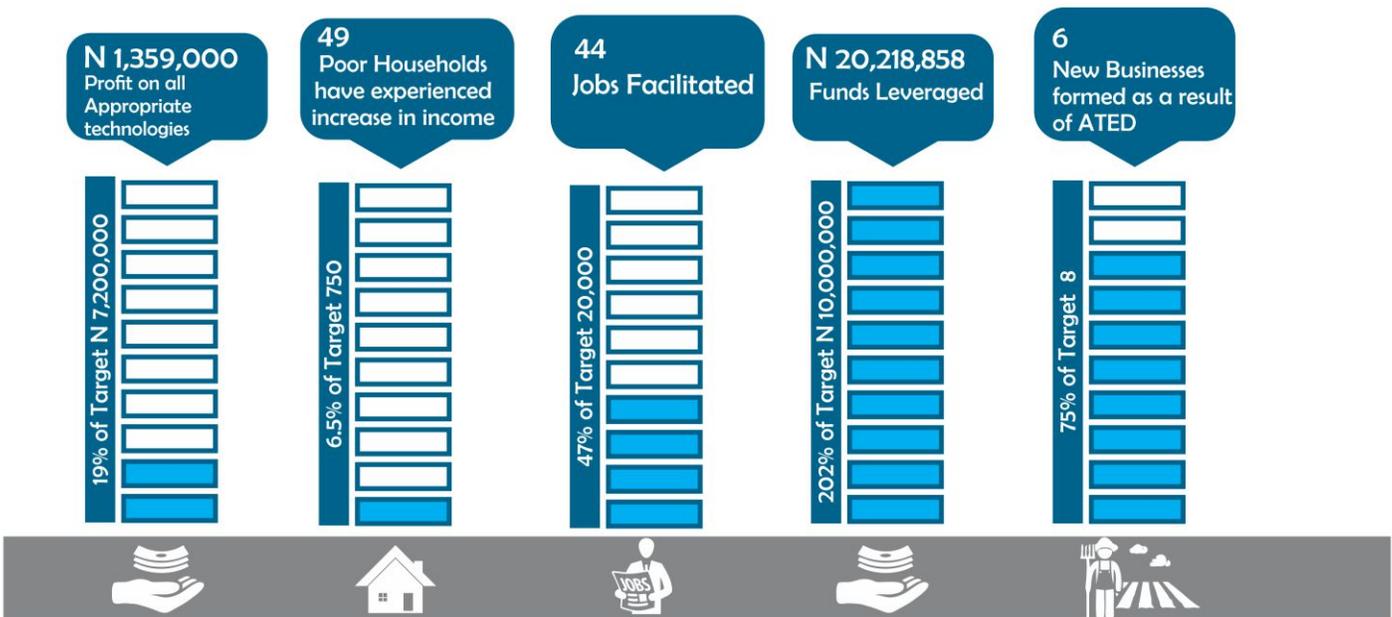
ZAL founder Zigha Ayibakuro speaks at the Business Linkages Forum he organized with PIND's technical assistance in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State

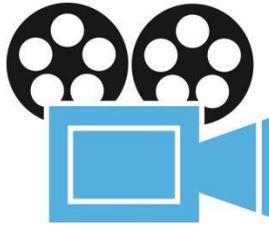
Appropriate Technology Enabled Development

This project aims to source and share existing or new appropriate technology solutions that meet the needs of communities and small businesses in the Niger Delta



APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY ENABLED DEVELOPMENT (ATED)





63 PEOPLE WATCHED
"NOWHERE TO RUN"
AT THE ATED CENTER.
SCREENINGS WERE
HELD ON WORLD
EARTH DAY AND
WORLD
ENVIRONMENT DAY

Among the viewers were
representatives from Fed
Min of Environment,
National Orientation
Agency, Rotary Club,
various Secondary
Schools, National Youth
Service Corps, etc

Sensitizing the Local Community on Environmental Responsibility

This quarter, the ATED team reached out to the local community with awareness-raising activities on environmental sustainability, a major highlight of which was the screening of the Shehu Yar’Adua Center film on climate change in Nigeria “Nowhere to Run”. The film resonated so much that school teachers requested copies of the film for further screenings to their entire schools. The National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) environmental Community Development Service has since also reached out to show the film to its corps members. Also, on World Environment Day, PIND staff demonstrated to market women in the Ubeji area of Warri, Delta State, the importance of sorting and disposing of waste, rather than burning of waste, to limit carbon emissions. Members of the NYSC corps also partook in this activity and extended it to Okere Market, also in Warri.

Fostering Partnerships to Improve Sanitation in Niger Delta Communities



PIND’s efforts in WASH is attracting attention from new partners, in addition to old partners who are willing to invest more funds in working with PIND to achieve WASH specific goals in the Niger Delta. Hope and Dreams Initiative has invested \$19,000 in WASH-focused libraries and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) is willing to commit over N90,000,000 in

working with PIND to Enhance Service Delivery Capacity of Local Institutions through research and development of appropriate technologies, development of training tools / guidelines and mentoring supports toward improving WASH services delivery in 8 project LGAs across 5 States (Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Delta, Rivers and Kaduna States).

Integrated Peace and Development Unit (IPDU)

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



PEACE BUILDING

280
INCIDENCES
BEING MITIGATED ON
THE PEACE MAP



839
FATALITIES REPORTED
ON THE PEACE MAP



3,500,000
PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH
P4P FACILITATED MEDIA
ENGAGEMENT (RADIO/TV)



2,024
DATA POINTS MAPPED
ON THE ND INFO
HUB



*Want to read more in-depth reports from Partners for Peace state chapters broken down by state?
Visit the [P4P web-map](#) and read the state and region-wide conflict trackers [here](#).*

The Partners for Peace Prevent teams all over the Niger Delta work to prevent escalation of tensions into violence, one community at a time

Abia

the team quelled conflict in a land boundary dispute between communities over location of a military barrack and organized townhall meetings between Hausa community and locals over herdsman grazing routes

Akwa Ibom

The team intervened in an assassination attempt on a leading candidate in a State House of Assembly election by helping ensure no further escalation of violence and contributing to a peaceful re-run election in the constituency

Bayelsa

the team helped quell a conflict between chairmanship candidates for leadership of a premier youth group, land disputes between neighboring communities, and contract for an oil clean-up site

Cross River

The team prevented a power tussle that had already caused one death from further escalating and prevented retaliation from the Hausa community for the death of one of their own by local youth

Delta

the team intervened in a conflict between community leaders and brought rival communities together to resolve a boundary dispute

Edo

The team intervened in a land dispute concerning the location of a power distribution company working in the area

Imo

The team intervened when a dispute between married couples deteriorated into a wider conflict between two families that saw five children flee their homes, held a townhall meeting to promote good relations between displaced people taking refuge in a neighboring community and community members, and engaged a traditional ruler on the violence in his community.

Ondo

The team worked to ease tensions between farmers and herdsman and followed up with police, representatives of the police, government and the Fulani community to set up patrol teams to avert misunderstandings that could lead to violence

Rivers

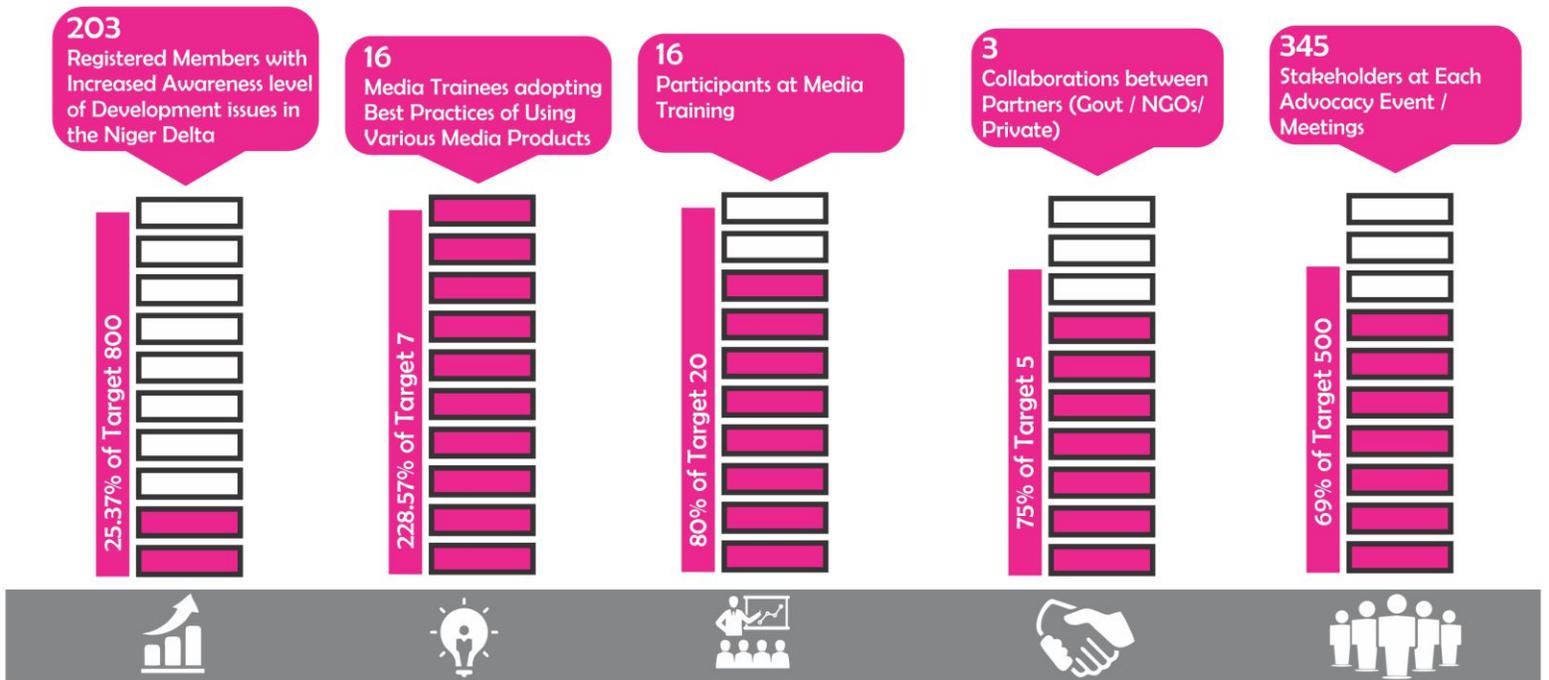
The team prevented a planned attack on a settlement predominantly populated by people from the northern part of the country.

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



Influencing Policymaking at State-Level in Niger Delta

On April 30th, PIND signed a partnership agreement with the Cross River State Government to advance and facilitate sustainable development of Cross Rivers State. This partnership feeds into the Cross River State Government's 30-year development plan (the first time the state has developed a specific roadmap for development) and follows PIND's advocacy and government engagement strategy to increase collaboration with government at the state and federal level. PIND's main objective and role in this partnership is to provide technical support services and assist in the implementation of identified and agreed projects that have funding from the State government or donor agencies working in the state. In addition, PIND has agreed to fund the necessary research and assessment portion of the intervention to identify economic benefits that will inform the selection and implementation of projects within the period of the agreement.

PIND will continue to seek out and foster partnerships with government at all levels. In addition to working with Cross River State Government, details are also being worked out on projects in aquaculture, cassava and oil palm with the Delta State Government. The Foundation is also continuing to work with the federal government and development partners on a harmonized development plan for the Niger Delta under the Niger Delta Way Forward program. Such partnerships are key to PIND's efforts to influence development policy and practice.

Commendation for PIND from the Cross River State Government



At a meeting with the Cross River State Planning Commission on the progress made so far on the partnership agreement between PIND and CRSG, the Chief Economic Advisor Dr. Francis Ntamu credited PIND for a fundamental shift in attitude and beliefs mind set of the Commissioners, Directors and other officials in the various departments and agencies in the

state who are currently retooling their plans based on the insights and re-orientation provided by PIND. PIND's input is helping the State officials develop realistic plans and to better define the role of the State and its priorities.

Capacity Building

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



CAPACITY BUILDING

5
CAPABLE ORGANIZATIONS
PROVIDING SERVICES TO
COMMUNITIES



128
PARTICIPANTS HAVE
ATTENDED CAPABLE 2
TRAININGS



6
LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS
HAVE BEEN ENGAGED



Leadership, Empowerment, Advocacy and Development (LEAD)

Strengthening Systems of Accountability in Rivers State

This quarter, LEAD continued to improve the relationship between citizens and government and entrench systems of accountability. On April 14th, the LEAD team met with the new Commissioner for Local Government Affairs Rodaford Longjohn and Auditor-General for Local Government in Rivers State Mr. Friday Bema. The team presented the Rivers State Audit Manual for Local Government Areas (LGAs) to the auditor-general, who disclosed that the governor of the state has approved the use of the manual in all local government areas. He also spoke highly of the LEAD program, relaying the state governor's commendations and support for the program.

At the local level, LEAD facilitated a roundtable discussion on service delivery and citizens' participation in local governance in Khana LGA to facilitate constructive dialogue between the LGA government officials and community members. At the May 24th event, LEAD presented the results of the community scorecard survey that was conducted earlier in the LGA that covered 500 households. This survey revealed gaps in transparency of local government operations and unrealized opportunities of effectively engaging communities to participate in local governance, as well as insufficiency in local service delivery.

Improving Governance, One Community at a Time



Manpower Development and Environmental Protection Initiative (MADEPIN), LEAD civil society partner in Tai LGA, facilitated a town hall meeting on government stewardship and accountability at Botem community

town hall on June 3, 2016. The meeting was attended by 64 participants (47 males and 17 females) comprising ward development committee (WDC) members and community representatives. A key highlight of the meeting was the institution of a regular stewardship briefing by the LGAs to the communities they serve.

The Strengthening Advocacy for Civic Empowerment (SACE) grantees are co-funded by PIND and United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and are improving civic engagement throughout the Niger Delta region

Youth Alive Foundation

The Speaker of the Akwa Ibom State House of Assembly (Hon Luke Onofiok) had earlier endorsed campaign to set aside 10% oil derivation fund for youth empowerment schemes and during the quarter, the campaign secured the commitment of the Chief Whip (Hon Emmanuel Ekpenyong) of the State Assembly to sponsor the Bill in the State Assembly. The Bill is due for its first reading shortly.

Citizens' Centre for Integrated Development and Social Rights (CCIDESOR)

The Open Budget cluster in Imo State advocating for the completion of abandoned capital projects, led by the Citizens Centre for Integrated Development and Social Rights (CCIDESOR), continued to consolidate on its gains - 12 abandoned projects saw varying degrees of work during the quarter.

The Open Budget cluster also inaugurated its Citizens Accountability Assemblies across all six LGAs where it operates, published its Capital Projects report and commenced planning to host the Imo State Citizens Accountability Summit

Leadership Initiative for Transformation and Empowerment (LITE) - Africa and Africa Network for Economic and Environmental Justice (ANEEJ)

ANEEJ and LITE-Africa have been campaigning for greater transparency and access to information on the Niger Delta Development Commission. This pressure contributed to the publishing of the first quarterly report by the Commission, under the tagline 'New Face of Progress'.

NEW STAFF



Ezekiel Odeh is our new Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation officer. He is joining us from Propcom Mai-karfi, where he worked as a Research Consultant, he supported the Result Measurement team in conducting market analysis, assessments and reports in selected areas. Prior to joining Propcom Mai-Karfi he worked with GRM International on the GEMS1 project as a Result

Measurement/Field Officer, where he was responsible for the supply of qualitative and quantitative information which determines the progress of the programme goals and objectives. He also worked with Coffey International Development Ltd as a Research Assistant as part of the DFID-GEMS4 project and as a Monitoring and Evaluation Consultant in DFID-ENABLE: Enhancing Nigerian Advocacy for a Better Business Environment.

Odeh has relevant experience in research, monitoring, data collation, evaluation and analysis across a spectrum of intervention programmes by donor funded agencies specifically relating to impact assessment and programme sustainability analysis using the DCED standard of result measurement based on M4P concept. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics and Extension from Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi.



Building Partnerships for Sustainable Peace and Development in the Niger Delta

