



Foundation for Partnership Initiatives in the Niger
Delta Q3 2014 Report

Acronyms

ADVANCE	Advocacy, Awareness and Civic Empowerment
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
DFID	UK Department for International Development
EDC	Economic Development Centre
LCBP	Local Capacity Building Project
LCC	Local Community Content
LGA	Local Government Area
LGC	Local Government Council
SME	Small and Medium Enterprises
NAEC	Nigerian Agricultural Enterprise Curriculum
NDDC	Niger Delta Development Commission
NDDF	Niger Delta Development Forum
NDPI	Niger Delta Partnership Initiative
NGO	Non Governmental Organization
NLNG	Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas Limited
P4P	Partners for Peace
PBP	Peace Building Program
PLACE	Peaceable Livelihoods and Community Empowerment
RDC	Regional Development Councils
RTI	Research Triangle Institute
PSC	Picking Sound Companies tool
LSP	Local Service Providers

Cover picture: Youth volunteers from the Morgan Smart Development Foundation stand with the chorkor oven they've just learned to build. Part of the ATED program, these clean-burning stoves allow fish farmers to smoke more fish at once

Q3 at a Glance

This report covers the period between July 1st and September 30th, 2014

- **Cassava: Boosting access to industrial markets.** PIND mobilized 500 farmers in Edo State and 1000 farmers in Ondo State to participate in the out-grower scheme with Lentus Farms and Idaewor Farms
- **ATED: Increasing awareness of appropriate technologies.** The team supported Morgan Smart Development Foundation (MSDF) in the completion of eight Chorkor oven projects in five communities in Edo State
- **Business Linkages: Enhancing Support Services.** 16 business service providers were trained on business diagnostics for improved service delivery
- **Aquaculture: Scaling up the demonstration pond pilot project.** Two local service providers (LSPs) were engaged by the feed company Grand Cereals to manage the establishment of six demonstration ponds in Asaba and Ughelli

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Research
Study
Conducted

21

Training
Programs
Conducted

2

Jobs
Created

1085

(521m, 564f)
Trained

397

Direct
Beneficiaries

1,715

Indirect
Beneficiaries

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

The program uses a pro-poor market development approach aimed at improving market systems to work effectively for the poor to promote economic growth and consequently reduce poverty.

Q1-Q3 Summary

143 farmers participated in PIND economic development activities
Q2: 48 participants

39 service providers sustainably delivering services to SMEs
Q2: 6 service providers
baseline: 4

132 Farmers who have adopted practices for increased profitability
Q2: 80 farmers

5 firms provided business support to 20 farmers
Q2: 2 service providers attended to 636 clients
baseline: 1 trainer per 20 clients

Sharing Best Practices for Improve Profitability in Aquaculture

This past quarter saw the continuation of scale-up efforts on the demonstration pond pilot project. The demonstration pond pilot project ran between November 2012 and September 2013, and saw PIND working with 80 farmers from United Ufuoma Fish Farmers Association (UUFFA), a large cooperative farm of around 400 farmers at the time (its membership has now grown to over 600) to help instill best practices in the lucrative and popular practice of growing catfish. Two local service providers (LSPs) were engaged by the feed company Grand Cereals to manage the establishment of six demo ponds

87% of the 80 farmers engaged in the 2013 demonstration pond pilot project reported having experienced increased sales as a result of the intervention.

established in Asaba and Ughelli. These ponds were established in partnership with two fish farming associations (Camp 74 Fish Farming Association and Catfish Farmers Association of Nigeria), and benefit 60 (17f, 43m) people directly, 27 of whom are youth. As part of preparations for the ponds, these LSPs assisted in the collection of baseline

information from the farmers ahead of the scale-up, which will be useful in assessing the project's impact.



Fish farmers in the scale-up of the demonstration pond project sort fingerlings for their ponds. Six demonstration ponds were established in partnership with Grand Cereals in Asaba and Ughelli, Delta State.

Cassava Value Chain Pilot Project

Boosting Farmers' Access to Industrial Markets

The Cassava team mobilized 1,500 farmers to participate in the out-grower scheme. Of the figure, 300 would go to Lentus Farms in Edo State, 200 to Idaewor Farms also in Edo State, and 1000 farmers to MATNA Foods in Ondo State. PIND teamed up with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the PIND/USAID partner project MARKETS II to identify 94 lead farmers from Edo State and 170 lead

With this out-grower scheme, farmers would have access to an alternative and guaranteed source of market for industrial use

farmers from Ondo State to be trained on best agronomic practices.

This quarter also saw the establishment of two demonstration plots in Edo and three in Ondo states to test out these agronomic practices and demonstrate their effectiveness. Demonstrations are due to begin next quarter.



A wholesale buyer of cassava talks with farmers in Edo State. PIND's outgrower scheme with Idaewor Farms and others will ensure an industrial market for Niger Delta farmers' cassava

Palm Oil Value Chain Pilot Project

Formalizing Business Membership Organizations for Improved Capacity

With the palm oil team's assistance, PIND partner Eziorsu Palm Oil Farmers Association became a formally registered business membership organization (BMO) that can now formally create an account with The Nigerian Bank of Agriculture (BOA). Moves to better formalize the

After attending a demonstration at Eziorsu, one of the fabricators from Benin has set up his own demonstration Centre for improved processing technology in Edo state.

farmers' association began following an organizational assessment carried out by the PIND team to find how best to boost income and opportunities that would help strengthen the association. With this formalization complete, Eziorsu now has the access business loans from government institutions for its members, thus making joining the BMO more attractive. PIND will facilitate a business training

for the BMO's members in the coming quarter.



PIND Market Development Projects Manager James Elekwachi leads a workshop with farmers from the Eziorsu farmers association. Formal BMO status would allow farmers better access to funding opportunities

Business Linkages

Improving Business Service Provision in the Niger Delta

The 19 business service providers (BSPs) engaged in the previous quarter were trained on the use of the Picking Sound Companies (PSC) tool, a company diagnostics tool to help private enterprises decide where to invest. Knowledge of PSC would help improve business support service delivery by

Following the PIND training, a business service provider from Bayelsa State ZAL signed an MOU with the Technology Incubation Center (TIC) in Yenagoa to provide technical support for SMEs under the Center's aegis

enabling service providers be better able to assess SMEs' strengths and weaknesses. Of the 19 BSPs, six strong analysts were identified as a result. These analysts provided detailed company diagnostic reports

for four SMEs by the end of their training.



Business service providers train on Picking Sound Companies (PSC) tool at PIND's Economic Development Center in Warri, Delta State. By diagnosing companies' strengths and weaknesses, this tool will improve business service provision in the region

APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY ENABLED DEVELOPMENT

Sourcing and sharing new and existing simple technologies that meet needs of small businesses and communities

Q1-Q3 SUMMARY

151 households using appropriate technologies

Q2: 62

34 businesses using appropriate technologies

Q2: 2

7 partnerships made to promote appropriate technologies

Q2: 4

97 persons trained on use of appropriate technologies

Q2: 57

Appropriate Technology Enabled Development

Increasing awareness and adoption of appropriate technologies

Following ongoing support from the first quarter 2014, Morgan Smart Development Foundation (MSDF) completed eight Chorkor oven projects in five communities in Edo State. These clean-burning stoves allow fish farmers to smoke more fish at once, allowing for better storage of their harvests. For more on the Chorkor oven project, see the photo story below.

Also as part of work to improve awareness and adoption of appropriate technologies, ATED supported the training of nine male climbers and harvesters at Eziorso & Umuagwo clusters to transfer skill/ knowledge of the machine's use for continued field use. A fabricator from the PIND/NIFOR training last year has been commissioned by Market Development in the Niger Delta (MADE) Program under the aid agency Department for International Development (Dfid) to train small-scale processing equipment (SSPE) fabricators & fabricate a set of SSPE. In the coming months, the team will monitor the use of the 12 adjustable harvesters previously sold, as well as continue the field use demonstrations in Edo, Ondo and Delta States.

CHORKOR OVEN PILOT PROJECT: THE STORY SO FAR



First chorkor oven was built for PIND partners UUFFA



4 Trainees from Morgan Smart Development Foundation learned how to construct the oven



The oven MSDF trainees learned to make was installed at Ugboroke Achievers Farms, another fish farm in Delta State



The Chorkor oven spread to 5 new locations in its 3rd Quarter 2014



There are now 8 chorkor ovens in use, each serving 20 women. That's a total 160 women now using the machine at this time

PEACEBUILDING

Providing conflict analysis, conflict resolution training, and peace-oriented social marketing programs to manage conflict in vulnerable communities

Q1-Q3 Summary

96

people active in
multi-stakeholder peacebuilding
working groups

baseline: 40

17

new/scaled-up
peacebuilding interventions
by PIND stakeholders

baseline: 1

326

trained to help
promote peaceable
livelihoods in region

baseline: 120

54

organizations
identifying as agents
of peace in Information
Hub

baseline: 118

Peaceable Livelihoods and Community Empowerment (PLACE)

Increasing Access to Funds for Businesswomen

Over the past few months, PLACE has given out grants to the Sisan Iyatsere Cooperative; an indigenous, viable women micro-credit cooperative that has given soft loans to women in Ubeji community as part of work to build women's financial independence and economic growth. This is in line with the report on the PLACE needs assessment administered in Ubeji and Egbokodo communities in 2012 which recommended economic support as a tool towards

This quarter, PIND carried trainings for implementing partners and project staff on conflict sensitivity skills to enable them carry out projects in a way that does not foment conflict in host communities.

sustainable peaceable livelihoods in both communities. PIND will continue to monitor the microcredit support in the coming months, as well as begin capacity building for the Sisan Iyatsere cooperative and Egbokodo Itsekiri Micro-Credit

Scheme, another beneficiary of the PIND grant support.



Cross-section of women from Ubeji community waiting to receive their loans at PIND's Economic Development Center in Warri, Delta State. Such access to funds is key for financial independence and economic growth

Partners for Peace (P4P)

Sensitization on the P4P Charter Ahead of Upcoming Retreat

The P4P team met with 8 P4P state chapters to a read through of the draft P4P Network Charter. This was necessary to:

- to build member knowledge; ensure understanding;
- elicit feedback and proposed changes;
- and explain the role and importance of the Central Working Committee, and the Officer that members will elect.

The meeting also had the effect of re-sensitizing P4P members as to the purpose, ethos, and core values that should be guiding their State-level activities; among these, the responsibilities of leadership in running their Chapters democratically through collective and transparent processes. The final version of this P4P charter would be ratified at the upcoming P4P Annual Retreat in October.

In addition to its engagements throughout the region, the P4P team also made presentations on its work at institutions outside Nigeria, such as: American University; Council on Foreign Relations, and the Africa Regional Seminar

SOME STATE CHAPTERS' INDEPENDENT WORK

Cross River

The State Chapter organized a one-day capacity building training on Peace-building and Communication after its Conflict Assessment Workshop to improve the skills of Chapter Members who will soon lead interventions based on their Conflict Assessment Workplan.

The Cross Rivers State Chapter was also recognized by the State Government of Cross Rivers as an official partner under the Office of Civil Society and Non-Governmental Matters.

Rivers

The State Chapter held a one-day Strategic Planning Workshop in August where new members had the opportunity to understand the vision, mission, and objectives of P4P.

The P4P facilitation team supported this Chapter-led initiative by presenting on Membership Analysis and Resource Mobilization strategies.

ABIA

Held a two-day event with over 243 participants in attendance which featured a Peace Summit in the Ibeku community to prevent violence that frequently occurs during the New Yam Festival. There was also a focus on economic empowerment of the rural people in the palm oil value chain. 51 new members joined the P4P Network at the event.

Public statement later made by James S. Ukagwu, Chairman of the Ibeku Peace Summit/Abia Central Town Hall Meeting, following the festival credited P4P for there being no deaths during the festival for the first time in years.

IMO

The State Chapter held a capacity building training in August as part of their ongoing, monthly value-added commitment to their Members. This training built and strengthened Member skills in grassroots mobilization in the Local Governments Areas of the state.

This chapter established sub-chapters in 17 out of the 27 LGAs by the end of this quarter.

Capacity Building

Strengthening Civil Society in the Niger Delta

The USAID/PIND civil society strengthening program SACE convened a Niger Delta Stakeholders Issue Dialogue Forum for CSOs in the Niger Delta to help identify development issues militating against socio-economic growth in the region. Attended by 49 participants (30m, 19f), this conference provided a basis from which organizations can build partnerships across a broad range of stakeholders and work to share knowledge in a collaborative manner across the region. The identified issues informed the content of the request for grant applications (RFA) for Niger Delta CSOs. Among these are: security, sustainable democracy and post-Amnesty capacity with corruption, environmental degradation, exclusion of women and persons with disabilities (PWDs), among others. In the coming months, CSO will be identified and grants will be disbursed to them.

“Thank God for giving me the opportunity to participate in the Centre LSD program on capacity building. This program was an eye opener to me. It really helped me to understand my leadership strengths and weaknesses. It also enabled me through to be more creative. It brought me connections and confidence, and made me more aware of my own leadership capabilities.”

- Rosequeen Ejimogu, participant in PIND’s youth leadership program CAPABLE. Participants are currently undergoing a six-month program mentoring, which will end in November. The Program ends and will be evaluated in December 2014.



Participant raises a point at the Youth CAPABLE program held at PIND’s Economic Development Center in Warri. In addition to trainings, youth were placed with mentors from around the Niger Delta region

ANALYSIS AND ADVOCACY

This program strengthens the quality and application of socioeconomic analysis in decision-making and advocacy

Q1-Q3 Summary

6

networks for policy
advocacy established as
a result of PIND programs

Baseline - 4

3

new/existing programs
using research-based
approaches in their work

Q2 - 2
Baseline - 1

Analysis and Advocacy

Putting Youth at the Forefront of Economic Development

The team continued work towards the upcoming YouthLink Forum with the theme “Linking Youth to Employability skills and Entrepreneurship Development Opportunities in the Niger Delta.” This event is due to hold on 14-15 October, 2014, at the Aldgate Congress Hotel, Port Harcourt, Rivers State. As part of PIND’s youth advocacy, this event will provide an avenue to discuss and contribute to resolving the most pressing economic and social problems that limit youth potential.

Fostering Collaboration for Regional Development

Also upcoming is the Niger Delta Development Forum to be held in Calabar, Cross Rivers State, on 25-26 November 2014, with the theme “Unlocking Investment Opportunities in Agriculture in the Niger Delta for Regional Competitiveness”. During the two-day meeting in Calabar, participants will have the opportunity to consolidate active commitments toward new priorities, strategies and targets for achieving results and impacts, with special focus on sustained, all Niger Delta agriculture-led growth, propelled by stronger private sector investment and public-private partnerships.

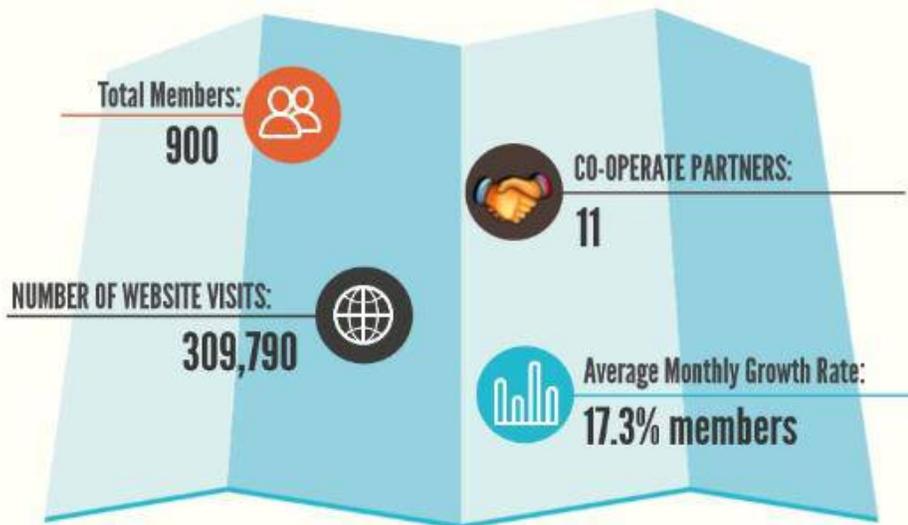


NIGER DELTA DEVELOPMENT FORUM

New logo for NDDF finalized this quarter. This logo for NDDF would be used at both editions of NDDF to hold this year at Washington DC, USA, and Calabar, Cross River State, Nigeria.

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NDLINK IN 12 MONTHS



Creating a
Database of

NDLink

Increased Engagement on Issues that Matter to the Niger Delta

NDLink's very first twitter chat on #conflictsensitivity with the Peace Building team at PIND in early July reached over 33,000 twitter accounts, and engaged directly with at least 100 individuals on Twitter. Such efforts are key to reaching more people by engaging them on issues important to them. Future twitter chats will hold for the upcoming YouthLink Forum and Niger Delta Development Forum (NDDF).

Development Information for Improved Knowledge Sharing

Over the past few months, NDLink has also been working with AKVO to bring development information online in a way that is easy to search and update for future reporting needs. To achieve this, the team has to reach out to project leads from different local and international civil society organizations to update their projects, collect case studies, and document the results using the new AKVO RSR (Really Simple Reporting) tool. Many NDLink member organizations have already been contacted by NDLink data analysts either by phone, email, or in-person visits. More data collection for this project continues into the next quarter and next year.

Q3 FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

Grant No.	Project Name	Program	Grantee	Project Status	NDPI Grant USD\$
Existing Project Approvals:					
1	<i>PIND Operating Grant</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>PIND</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>7,190,000</i>
2	<i>Economic Development Center at Warri (Establishment Phase)</i>	<i>Economic Development</i>	<i>PIND</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>2,000,000</i>
3	<i>Development of Social Sector Investment Action Plan for the Niger Delta</i>	<i>Capacity Building</i>	<i>PIND/UNDP</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>200,000</i>
4	<i>ADVANCE Extension (Small Grants Program)</i>	<i>Capacity Building</i>	<i>USAID</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>500,000</i>
5	<i>Appropriate Technology Enabled Development</i>	<i>Economic Development</i>	<i>PIND/EWB</i>	<i>In Progress</i>	<i>2,000,000</i>
6	<i>Small Research Grants Program</i>	<i>Analysis & Advocacy</i>	<i>PIND</i>	<i>In Progress</i>	<i>100,000</i>
7	<i>Local Capacity Building Program (LCBP)</i>	<i>Capacity Building</i>	<i>PIND/ ACCORD</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>50,000</i>
8	<i>Economic Development Center at Warri (Operational Phase)</i>	<i>Economic Development</i>	<i>PIND</i>	<i>In Progress</i>	<i>13,200,000</i>
9	<i>Partners for Peace (P4P)</i>	<i>Peace Building</i>	<i>PIND</i>	<i>In Progress</i>	<i>6,000,000</i>
10	<i>Maximizing Agricultural Revenue and Key Enterprise in Targeted Sectors (MARKETS 2)</i>	<i>Economic Development</i>	<i>USAID</i>	<i>In Progress</i>	<i>8,000,000</i>
11	<i>Models of Development & Experiential Learning (MODEL) Program</i>	<i>Analysis & Advocacy</i>	<i>PIND</i>	<i>In Progress</i>	<i>400,000</i>
12	<i>2012 Youth Advocacy Calendar and Campaign</i>	<i>Analysis & Advocacy</i>	<i>PIND/IYF</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>130,000</i>
13	<i>ADVANCE Extension II (Small Grants Program)</i>	<i>Capacity Building</i>	<i>PIND/USAID</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>\$300,000</i>

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14	<i>Capacity Building for Local Empowerment (CAPABLE)</i>	<i>Capacity Building</i>	<i>PIND/Crown Agents</i>	<i>In Progress</i>	<i>\$650,000</i>
15	<i>Niger Delta Development Forum 2012</i>	<i>Analysis & Advocacy</i>	<i>PIND</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>\$120,000</i>
16	<i>Small Grants Program for Peaceable Livelihoods and Community Empowerment (PLACE)</i>	<i>Peace Building</i>	<i>PIND</i>	<i>In Progress</i>	<i>\$250,000</i>
17	<i>Strengthening Advocacy through Civic Engagement (SACE)</i>	<i>Capacity Building</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>In Progress</i>	<i>\$2,500,000</i>
18	<i>Leadership, Empowerment, Advocacy & Development (LEAD)</i>	<i>Capacity Building</i>	<i>RTI</i>	<i>In Progress</i>	<i>\$2,000,000</i>
19	<i>PIND Organizational Development Project (ODP)</i>	<i>Capacity Building</i>	<i>Existing Int'l Partners</i>	<i>In Progress</i>	<i>\$400,000</i>
20	<i>Advocacy for Niger Delta Development (ANDD)</i>	<i>Analysis & Advocacy</i>	<i>PIND</i>	<i>In Progress</i>	<i>\$200,000</i>
21	<i>PIND Supplemental Operating Grant 2013-2014</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>PIND</i>	<i>In Progress</i>	<i>\$2,990,000</i>
22	<i>Integrated Peace and Development Unit (IPDU)</i>	<i>Peacebuilding</i>	<i>PIND/Fund for Peace</i>	<i>In Progress</i>	<i>\$4,500,000</i>
23	<i>Advocacy for Niger Delta Development (ANDD) Phase 2</i>	<i>Analysis & Advocacy</i>	<i>PIND/Brookings</i>	<i>In Progress</i>	<i>\$500,000</i>
Total NDPI Funds Committed					\$54,180,000



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