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In quarter three of 2011, PIND worked on defining a clear direction for its proposed application of simple technological solutions to meeting the basic human needs of the Niger Delta. The Special Feature in this report illustrates the effort made in this direction through active collaboration with the Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (WASRAG).

The Foundation also worked with other stakeholders to complete analysis of the value chain findings of three sectors generated in the last quarter and used the information to design pilot program interventions that will support its market – led economic development objective. PIND also awarded its maiden grants to six partner organizations within the quarter to support its capacity building and analysis/advocacy efforts.

This report presents the progress made within the quarter in the four program areas as well as the organizational management and development of PIND. The annexes in the report provide updated **information on PIND’s project portfolio** as at the end of September 2011.

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Acronyms

ADVANCE	Advocacy, Awareness and Civic Empowerment
ATED	Appropriate Technology Enabled Development
AT	Appropriate Technology
CAPABLE	Capacity Building for Local Empowerment
CEFE	Competency-based training through the Formation of Enterprises
CSO	Civil Society Organization
DAI	Development Alternatives Inc.
DFID	UK Department for International Development
EDC	Economic Development Center
EWB	Engineers Without Border
GFA	Grants, Finance and Administration
GIZ	German International Cooperation
GMOU	Global Memorandum of Understanding
KII	Key Informant Interview
LCBP	Local Capacity Building Program
LGA	Local Government Area
MoNDA	Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs
SME	Small and Medium Enterprises
NDDC	Niger Delta Development Commission
NDPI	Niger Delta Partnership Initiative
P4P	Partners for Peace
PMC	Project Management Committee
PSD	Private Sector Development
RDC	Regional Development Councils
SRGP	Small Research Grant Program
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VCA	Value Chain Analysis
VC	Value Chain
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Health/Hygiene
WASRAG	Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group

Executive Summary

The Foundation for Partnership Initiatives in the Niger Delta (PIND) achieved the following significant milestones during the quarter of July – September 2011:

- ✓ Construction of the Economic Development Center (EDC) at Warri was 65% complete
- ✓ PIND developed a comprehensive 5-year business plan for the EDC
- ✓ Value chain analysis for the three economic sectors of aquaculture, Cassava and Palm Oil were concluded and reports produced
- ✓ The Economic Development team conducted a scoping study to develop pilot interventions for the aquaculture value chain sector
- ✓ PIND and GIZ trained 14 participants from Edo and Delta states as trainers for the Competency-Based Training through the Formation of Enterprises (CEFE)
- ✓ The Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (WASRAG) conducted a field assessment of the water supply projects of three Regional Development Councils under its ATED program to help define PIND strategies for supporting them under its Appropriate Technology Enabled Development (ATED) program.
- ✓ PIND, USAID/Nigeria and PACT signed grant awards with four Niger Delta based CSOs to be supported with capacity building under the Advocacy Awareness and Civic Empowerment (ADVANCE) project
- ✓ Under its Small Research Grant Program, PIND awarded small grants worth \$25,000 each to two organizations. One research grant is for technical skills mapping for accelerated technology-based socio-economic development in the Niger Delta. The second is for identification and analysis of traditional gender norms and their impact on generating equitable socio-economic development in Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa and Ondo states
- ✓ The PIND Media Production Hub trained 36 persons including youths, production professionals and non-governmental organizations from the Niger Delta on the techniques of using video productions to support development programs in the Niger Delta region.



CEFE training participants carry out an experiential learning exercise during the training

Economic Development

The economic development program aims to promote opportunities for pro-poor market development and employment generation.

During quarter three, the economic development program recorded the following milestones:

Economic Development Center, Warri

- In the third quarter of the year, block work for the main building of the Economic Development Center (EDC) at Warri was completed with construction now at roofing level. Construction of the security /generator house and the water well with overhead tank were completed and a 55kv generator installed. Fabrication of metal roof members for the civic centre component of the building was being completed. Altogether, the EDC construction attained approximately 65% completion in the just concluded quarter.
- While waiting on the completion of the EDC building, PIND completed plans to set up a temporary office within the EDC premises during the quarter. This is to provide an operational base for the EDC Manager and the field team and enable them to more closely monitor construction progress. Two porta-cabin office units were secured from Chevron Nigeria Ltd for this purpose and moved to the EDC premises upon completion of the base foundation. The temporary office is expected to become functional before the end of November 2011.
- In September, PIND produced a comprehensive 5-year business plan for the Economic Development Center in Warri. The plan outlines the vision, mission, products and services of the center alongside the staffing needs, funding and sustainability plan.

The Economic Development Center will be a driver of programming, through its research and design capacity, which will then be piloted in small projects implemented by the EDC or integrated into projects being implemented by its development partners. The Centre will focus on strengthening market systems while taking a facilitative approach to activity implementation.



EDC under construction



Discussion session during the Value Chain Presentation workshop with Stakeholders in Abuja. From L-R: Hadjara Shibkau, Partnership Alliance Coordinator, USAID; Howard Batson, Senior Agriculture and Food Security Specialist, USAID; Dennis Flemming, Project Director, PIND; Philip E. Ndiomu, Assistant Director ATSS, Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs; and Annie Asugha, Deputy Director ADA, Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs.



Yela Alagoa, PIND's M&E Officer and Team Leader for the aquaculture value chain presents findings at the stakeholders' validation workshop in Abuja

Value Chain Analysis

- Within the quarter under review, PIND concluded the value chain analysis for the three agricultural commodities sectors of fisheries, palm oil and cassava. The value chain analyses concluded with two validation workshops held within the quarter. An initial 2-day workshop was held in Warri, Delta state to validate the findings from the field presented by the study teams and to brainstorm on how best PIND can intervene to address the key market constraints identified in the study. The workshop was attended by key market players for each of the value chains and by other indirect players who provide support services and regulatory functions to the value chains. Another workshop was held in Abuja to review the value chain findings with donors and key government agencies and develop ideas for potential pilot intervention programs. Participants included representatives of United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), Ministry of the Niger Delta Affairs (MoNDA), Chevron and Development Alternatives Inc. (DAI) who facilitated the workshop.
- Based on the findings from the value chain study, the economic development team carried out a scoping study to identify potential pilot interventions for the aquaculture sector. The study focused on the Fish farming associations and cooperatives operating from a cluster of nearly 6,000 ponds in Ekpan, Delta state.

CEFE Training

- Under the Business Enabling Partnership, PIND and GIZ conducted a Training of Trainers (ToT) for 14 men and women from Edo and Delta states on the Competency-based training through the Formation of Enterprises (CEFE) in August. Key objectives of the training were to introduce the CEFE training to the Niger Delta region in order to improve the economies of small and medium size enterprises and to produce a critical mass of competent CEFE trainers for the region.
- The participants came mainly from the National Directorate of Employment, Ministry of Labour, the National Poverty Alleviation Program, the National Orientation Agency, National Youth Service Scheme and freelance consultants. The training methodology was participatory, going from the action/experience phase to the application phase of the learning cycle. The CEFE training methodology combines action oriented approach and experiential learning methods to develop and enhance the business management and personal competencies of participants, especially in the areas of income, employment generation and economic development.

Appropriate Technology Enabled Development (ATED)

- On behalf of PIND, the Project Planning and Performance (PPP) team of the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (WASRAG) conducted a field assessment of water supply projects in three Regional Development Councils (RDCs) - Dodo River of Bayelsa state, Egbema Gbaramatu of Delta State and Idama of Rivers state. The assessment is to provide evidence-based information that will inform the establishment of strategies and programs to support Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) projects in the Niger Delta with appropriate technology under the ATED project. The PPP team, along with the ATED Interim Project



A member of the pilot Fish Farmers' Association showing some ponds



Participants at the CEFE Training of Trainers during an action oriented learning exercise



The RDC Water Project Evaluation Team off to work. L-R: Nancy Gilbert, Project Manager, WASRAG; Simon Innazo, EWB-Nigeria; Dirk Bouma, ATED Interim Coordinator; Jim Goodrich, Team Leader, WASRAG PPP team; Andrew Appell, WASRAG; and Bill Stumbaugh, WASRAG



Participants from Logara community in Ngor Okpala LGA choosing their CBOs representatives as part of FOFA start-up activity under the ADVANCE project grant

The Advocacy, Awareness and Civic Empowerment (ADVANCE) Project will also help build the institutional and operational capacity of the CSOs in the Niger Delta to partner with PIND and other partners in order to achieve development objectives

Manager seconded from Engineers Without Borders (EWB-USA) undertook field visits to the RDCs in September for the study. A report of the assessment was produced with baseline information and possible project options identified for further action in the coming quarter.

Capacity Building

The overall focus of the capacity building program is to build the service delivery and engagement capacity of government, civil society and communities.

Small Grants Program for Civil Society Organizations (ADVANCE Project)

- In the just concluded quarter, PIND, USAID/Nigeria and PACT Nigeria signed contract awards with four out of the seven organizations pre-selected last quarter from a joint screening exercise. Prior to the final selection, the seven preselected organizations were given a Grants, Finance and Administration (GFA) training as part of their pre-award assessment.
- Five organizations were selected for final award based on the outcomes of the pre-award assessment and level of participation during the training. The organizations are Forward Africa based in Owerri, Imo state; Bayelsa NGO Forum (BANGOF) based in Yenagoa, Bayelsa state; Nembe City Development Foundation (NCDF) in Yenagoa, Bayelsa state; Community Initiative for Enhanced Peace and Development (CIEPD) in Port Harcourt, Rivers state; and Antof Research and Research Development Centre at Oron, Akwa Ibom state.

- The organizations will use their grants to promote socio-economic development in the Niger Delta through the conduct of civic education and awareness on peace-building, transparency and accountability issues as well as inclusive community participation in governance and development planning. PIND and partners also aim to build the institutional capacity of the CSOs through the grants activities. Detailed information about the grants and what each specific sub-grantee will do towards achieving the broad objectives of the grant is available on www.pindfoundation.org. One of the grantee organizations, Forward Africa, already commenced activities in the month of September.
- Within the same quarter, the five grantee organizations were mentored and coached to improve the technical soundness of their proposals in readiness for funding. The quarter was concluded with the development of a schedule for the organizational capacity assessment (OCA) of the five partners which will take place in the next quarter.



AkukuToro LGA Chairman, Hon.Theodore Georgewill (2nd from the left) and LGA Vice Chairman, Hon.Stanley Benibo (4th from the left) with PIND and ACCORD representatives, Bose Eitokpah (left) and Patrick Emmanuel (3rd from the left) during one of the consultative visit

Local Capacity Building Program (LCBP)

- PIND and Accord for Development established fruitful interactive forums between Local Government Area executives and community representatives in two of the focal LGAs of the LCBP project. The two LGAs are Oguta in Imo state and AkukuToru in River state. The forums provide a platform for participatory processes and decision making by the two groups. Robust interactive discussions were held in the quarter under review in the two LGAs between the two groups. The establishment of the forums in the other three LGAs of the project is ongoing.
- In the same quarter, the consent of the LGA chairmen and their senior management officials to establish Project Management Committees tailored to the management of the NDDC/LGA supported project was secured. The PMCs will be central to the effective management and



One of the interactive meetings held between Oguta LGA Chairman, Engr. B. O. Iregbu, the HPM – Mrs Oguchenti and communities representatives at the Oguta LG Council, Imo State



Sam Daibo, PIND's Deputy Project Director (Left) and Ini Ekanem, Director of NACETEM South-South Office at the signing of the grant award

“The Small Research Grant Program would engage with policymakers, civil society, think-tanks, researchers, academia and students to undertake and promote the use of these supported researches and publications. It is envisaged that these group of stakeholders will be transformed into advocacy and research networks for jointly addressing socio-economic needs in the Niger Delta” Sam Ogbemi Daibo, Deputy Project Director, PIND.



Sam Daibo, PIND's Deputy Project Director (left) and Bankole Ebisemiju, Managing Director, Aries Concept Nigeria Ltd at the signing of the grant award.

sustainability of the potential projects. Project Management Committees were fully set up in Oguta and AkukuToru LGAs. The PMCs are deliberately made up to include both men and women of varying age groups and representatives of community groups, community based organizations and non-governmental organizations.

Analysis and Advocacy

The goal of the analysis and advocacy program is to improve analysis and understanding of systemic constraints to growth in the Niger Delta region

Small Research Grants Program (SRGP)

- PIND awarded small research grants worth \$25,000 each to two organizations - Aries Concept Nigeria Limited and the South-South office of the National Centre for Technology Management (NACETEM). The grants were awarded after concluding the due diligence checks started in the last quarter which marked the end of the competitive selection process for the grant award. Contracts were signed with the two organizations in September and the first tranche of funds released to commence research activities.
- Aries Concept will use the research grant to identify and analyze traditional gender norms and their impact on generating equitable socio-economic development in Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa and Ondo states. NACETEM will undertake technical skills mapping in Bayelsa, Delta and Rivers states to identify the capacity for accelerated technology-based socio-economic development. Together, both research projects will inform and influence development policy and practice in the Niger Delta. The program will also promote a culture of research and learning in the areas of accelerated technology-based socio-economic development and the role of traditional gender norms in equitable socio-economic development

2012 Youth Advocacy Campaign

- PIND developed a framework and plans for its project to generate awareness and interest in youth issues, needs and aspirations in the Niger Delta throughout 2012. The **project will use PIND's 2012** calendar as a centerpiece of the campaign, focus on identifying and promoting positive images and contributions of youths of the Niger Delta to the socio-economic development of the region. The project will produce a range of both print and video products and hold stakeholder forums to explore issues related to youth in the region.

Peace Building

The objective of the peace-building program is to strengthen conflict resolution mechanisms for enabling integrated peace and economic development.

Mainstreaming Peace-Building

- Before completion of the value chain studies during the quarter, a scoping study was conducted to identify potential conflict issues within the selected value chain sectors of aquaculture, palm oil and cassava. The objectives of the study were to identify and understand the causes and nature of conflicts within each value chain; examine potential conflicts; identify existing conflict resolution and peace-building mechanisms; and to determine the degree to which conflict factors outside the value chain market systems affects their effectiveness.
- The outcomes of the study were used to mainstream peace—building activities into the potential project interventions proposed for the sectors. Those activities will serve as an opportunity to explore how effectively PIND can integrate peace-building work into its economic growth programming, seeking to build a culture of peace that will create an enabling environment for market-led development in the Niger Delta.

Mainstreaming peace into economic development programming will help to provide a deeper network of local conflict resolution architecture and relationships based on dialogue that can scale up and interface with larger regional peace initiatives by creating constituencies for peace and possible partner organizations or coalitions.

Partners for Peace (P4P) identifies, establishes and builds a network of organizations and individuals committed to protecting and asserting their rights to a peaceable livelihood.

The project seeks to identify effective, promising initiatives by local organizations to promote peace and reduce conflict in the Niger Delta and then build upon those efforts to scale up impacts and replicate successful efforts



Clip from the video demonstrating the 'Voices' component of the P4P project

- PIND participated in the Universal Knowledge of Local NGOs (UNLOCK) workshop organized by the Institute of Human Rights & Humanitarian Law (IHRHL) and funded by the Fund for Peace in September. The broad tools for peace early warning indicators and management response, derived from the social contract model, were fine-tuned at the workshop. The opportunity was used to introduce PIND to the over 20 participants from different organizations who attended the workshop in Port Harcourt.

Partners for Peace (P4P)

- The project concept for the P4P program was reviewed with DFID and USAID/Nigeria within the quarter with their inputs incorporated into the design. The program is comprised of 3 components: the Voices component, designed to identify and recognize existing building blocks for peace-building; the Action component, which will enable those efforts to flourish and grow; and the Network component to generate sustainable, collective action to resolve conflict and promote peaceable livelihoods. Discussion continues with both donors on possible collaboration on the program, while the project concept has been submitted for review and approval at the PIND board meeting in October.
- During the reporting period, stories describing the effects of conflict on livelihoods as well as a small peace-building initiative in Warri, Delta state were captured and documented on film. This was to demonstrate **the potential of the 'Voices' component** of P4P as a peace building awareness creation platform. The short film is available on www.pindfoundation.net for viewing.

Organizational Management and Development

Stakeholders' Engagement

- PIND management commenced deeper engagements with the Ministry of Agriculture within the just concluded quarter. The meetings aimed to discuss the cassava sector transformation plan by the Ministry and explore possible ways PIND and the Ministry can collaborate on the ongoing effort.
- In September, meetings were held with the new Country Director for USAID/Nigeria, Dana Mansuri, and also with her economic growth and democracy and government teams. These meetings explored plans to jointly develop and manage new projects under the PIND/USAID alliance.
- Throughout the quarter, discussions continued with the Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs (MoNDA) and the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) on possible ideas for collaboration. Representatives of the two **organizations attended the PIND stakeholders' workshop** where the Value Chain analysis findings were reviewed and **stakeholders' input elicited for inclusion in the final reports.**
- In July, PIND's **Project Director presented PIND/NDPI's** approaches to economic development to a group of international current and potential partner organizations at the Center for Strategic & International Studies in the USA. To view the presentation, please log in to www.ndpifoundation.net.

Staffing and Consultancies

- Olayinka Anyachukwu joined the PIND staff as the new Finance Officer in September. Olayinka is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Nigeria (ICAN) and the international Association of Chartered Certified



Dennis Flemming discusses the work of PIND/NDPI with Dan Runde of CSIS



Olayinka Anyachukwu, PIND's new Finance Officer



Michael Clement is PIND's new International Mentor for economic development strategies



Training participants from Civil Society Organizations undertake a practical recording session during the PIND basic video training in Warri



Jolyon Hoff, PIND's consultant Film maker and lead trainer shows the trainees how to frame shots on camera

Accountants (ACCA). The PIND family is happy to add someone with her experience and expertise to the team.

- Michael Clement from DAI/ECI Africa replaced Tim Canedo as **PIND's International Mentor** in support of economic development strategy in September. Tim Canedo terminated his contract within the quarter to take up longer term job outside of Nigeria.

Communications

- Distribution of the PIND 2010 annual report with the theme Building Partnerships for the Future was completed in July. Copies are available on www.pindfoundation.net and feedback is welcome on this maiden edition via <http://pindfoundation.net/contact-us/>.
- PIND researched and purchased suitable production equipment in quarter three to establish its new Meia Production Hub. The hub also trained 36 persons from the Niger Delta in basic video production and how it can support development programs. Trainees were made up of youths, production professionals and NGOs using media for development. The training increased the technical capacity of the target groups to use film and video to support and promote various development efforts in the Niger Delta
- Using footages recorded by the students as part of the practical filming exercise during the training, PIND produced a short video that demonstrates how the media production hub will support its programs. The video also shows the quality of production that can be achieved under a mentored approach as planned for the proposed hub employees. The film can be viewed on www.pindfoundation.net.

Special Feature

PIND and WASRAG - Using Appropriate Technology to Meet Water Supply Needs in the Niger Delta



Nancy Gilbert, Project Manager for WASRAG with community women and children during the site visits for the evaluation of RDC water supply projects

Appropriate Technology Enabled Development

The famous quote ‘Small is beautiful’ by the respected Economist, Dr Ernst Schumacher proffers the application of small Appropriate Technology (AT) to empower communities to meet their basic socio-economic needs. To exploit this concept, PIND conceived the Appropriate Technology Enabled Development (ATED) program. Dennis Flemming, the Project Director of PIND explains “ATED is about identifying and applying simple technological solutions to meet basic needs in the Niger Delta. It takes into consideration the unique social, cultural and economic aspects of its users in ways that suit their communities, available resources and environment”.

Under the ATED program, PIND invited the Regional Development Councils (RDCs) supported by Chevron’s Global Memorandum of understanding (GMOUs) to submit concepts for community projects that can be supported and enhanced with Appropriate Technology (AT). Three Regional Development Councils

submitted proposals centred on water and sanitation. This drew PIND's attention to convenient access to safe water including safe water storage, adequate sanitation and health/hygiene education as one of the fundamental human needs in the Niger Delta.

PIND contracted the Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (WASRAG) to provide advice on the planning of Water, Sanitation and Health/Hygiene (WASH) projects and capacity building amongst the Regional Development Councils. Their first assignment became the evaluation of the water supply project proposals submitted by the Councils to determine the applicability, suitability and sustainability of the technologies proposed to the communities.

The Site Visits

The Project Planning and Performance team of WASRAG, two members of the Engineers Without Borders/Nigeria and the ATED Interim Project Manager undertook site visits to several communities in three regional development councils of the Niger Delta for the evaluation namely: Dodo River in Bayelsa state, Egbema-Gbaramatu in Delta state and Idama in Rivers state. The team inspected and analyzed the water supply and storage systems, the sanitation systems and practices, the health and hygiene practices as well as the energy sources within each Regional Development Council. These inspections were combined with an observation of the socio-cultural dispositions and socio-economic conditions of the community people.

Demonstrations and Analysis

Water quality samples were taken and analyzed from current sources of drinking water in some communities. "In one community for example, the water quality sample tested from a newly constructed well was brackish and had a Total Dissolved Solid/Salts (TDS) of 2385mg/1 as against the World Health Organization Standard of 500mg/1. This makes it not drinkable" narrates Nancy Gilbert, the WASRAG Project Manager for the evaluation. The field team also tested out the effectiveness of potential water treatment and disinfection powders on untreated water.



Demonstration of water treatment system by the WASRAG Team at a shallow dug pit in Amatu II village of Dodo River

Comparing Current AT Application for WASH to the Ideal AT

The WASRAG team compared the water, sanitation and health/hygiene (WASH) situation in the visited communities to assess the suitability of the AT projects proposed and to determine alternative solutions that will deliver results. Describing the ideal AT in the words of Dirk Bouma **“Appropriate Technology involves technological applications that are *small, labour intensive, energy efficient, environmentally sound and locally controlled*, all of which together satisfy a basic need. Simply put, this means the ideal AT solutions are affordable and sustainable by their very nature”**.



Expensive, complex and difficult to operate and maintain water treatment system at Olougbene in Egbema-Gbaramatu RDC

‘In one of the communities, an existing deep well with treatment system was overgrown and in disrepair despite the fact that the water quality sample showed it was adequate for drinking. It was out of use because no community member knew how to operate the system and was considered too expensive to use by the villagers’ says Nancy Gilbert.

In another community, a new water treatment system under construction had a new large solar system attached that is provide energy to power the system. Compared to the ideal AT application as described by Dirk Bouma, the project team found that most of the current and proposed applications fell short of the ideal as **“the systems for improved water, sanitation and health/hygiene viewed by the team were all complex technologies focused on water treatment and provision, with no viable plan for sustainability in form of trained local capability and no viable self-sustaining financial plan”** concludes Nancy.

Proposing Strategies for Alternative AT Solutions for WASH

Based on the conclusions drawn from the evaluation of the proposed projects against the current WASH situation in the selected Niger Delta communities, the WASRAG team explored possible alternative strategies to the projects initially proposed by the regional development councils. Possible alternatives centered on simplifying existing water systems, developing and piloting a menu of appropriate technologies and integrating sustainability into the test options. Nancy Gilbert emphasizes that **“ Sustainability requirements include systems that will work well into the future to provide the benefit intended, systems that will be used by a significant number of people and the development of local capacity to ensure all technologies are properly operated and maintained”**. **“The provision of parts of the whole AT systems for water supply can be undertaken by community members as micro-businesses to increase economic self-sufficiency and sustainability”** adds Jim Goodrich, Team Leader of the WASRAG Project evaluation team.

Making Appropriate Technology Holistic for WASH

Despite the alternatives presented by the team, Jim Goodrich points out that “there are other factors that maximize the likelihood of success of water and sanitation projects apart from Appropriate Technology. Local ownership, government engagement and systems financing constitute the three critical factors. Combined with AT, they offer a holistic approach for providing water and sanitation solutions for the Niger Delta”.

The team’s assessment produced three important recommendations:

Establish a baseline of where the communities are in terms of water, sanitation, health and hygiene

- Develop a program of alternative AT solutions to WASH problems in the Regional Development Councils.
- Produce a schedule of activities to advance the pilot test and proofing of the suitability of the technological options proposed over the next several months

In the coming months, PIND, WASRAG and the Regional Development Councils will concentrate on executing the scheduled activities working in close collaboration with members of the communities and other potential stakeholders.

Financial Commitments

The \$50 million fund endowed to the Niger Delta Partnership Initiatives (NDPI) is managed by the PIND Foundation. NDPI has committed a total of \$12,040,000 at the end of the just concluded quarter.

Grant No.	Project Name	Program	Grantee	Project Status	NDPI Grant USD\$
1	PIND Operating Grant	All	PIND	In Progress	7,190,000
2	Warri Economic Development Center	Economic Development	PIND	In Progress	2,000,000
3	Development of Social Sector Investment Action Plan for the Niger Delta	Capacity Building	PIND/UNDP	Being Developed	200,000
4	ADVANCE Extension (Small Grants Program)	Capacity Building	USAID	In Progress	500,000
5	Appropriate Technology Driven Development	Economic Development	PIND/EWB	In Progress	2,000,000
6	Small Research Grants Program	Analysis & Advocacy	PIND	In Progress	100,000
7	Local Capacity Building Program (LCBP)	Capacity Building	ACCORD	In Progress	50,000
Total NDPI Funds Committed					12,040,000

Project Details

Name of Project:	Economic Development Center, Warri	
Project Description and objectives		
<p>EDC will be a driver of programming, through its research and design capacity, which will then be piloted in small projects implemented by the EDC or integrated into projects being implemented by its development partners. The center will focus on strengthening market systems while taking a facilitative approach to activity implementation. It will not intervene directly in the markets but will play a short term role working with the market actors and system stakeholders to address the system weaknesses. To achieve the operational objectives, above, the EDC will deliver the following core services to benefit the Niger Delta region:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research and analysis into economic development topics 2. Design of systemic oriented solutions from a market perspective with potential implementers 3. Implementation of pilot projects 4. Securing funding for the solutions/activities, larger projects through partnerships with Donors 5. Contracting implementers/supervising project implementation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Capacity building of local implementers 6. Monitoring and Evaluation of programs 		
Project start up date:	November 2010	
Project completion date:	December 2016	
Geographic Scope		
Project to be located at Warri, Delta State, but will support training and programs focused on beneficiaries from throughout the Niger Delta region..		
Donors and Contributions		
GIZ	€200,000 – training, market research, project development technical assistance,	
Additional Donors and Stakeholder Partners	\$10 million – anticipated partnership contributions from such partners USAID, DFID, Crown Agents etc.	
NDPI	\$2 million - capital costs \$13.02 million at an average of \$2million for operating, production hub, pilot intervention costs 2011-2016	
Total Project Fund	\$15.3 million Total Project fund	
Lead Project Implementer	PIND	
Other Implementing Partners	DAI, Rhizome Consulting, NIDPRODEV, MSF	
Progress to Date		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of the Economic Development Center was approximately 75% completed by the end of the third quarter. • Conducted training activities under the cooperative Agreement signed with GIZ in December 2010. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Business training for 45 small scale commercial farmers was conducted in Abraka, Delta State, under the National Agricultural Enterprise Curriculum (NAEC) and organized in collaboration with the All Farmers Association of Nigeria (AFAN). ○ Conducted outreach in Edo and Delta states to create awareness and demand for 		

Name of Project:	Economic Development Center, Warri
<p>entrepreneurship training using Competency based Economy through the Formation of Enterprise (CEFE). This led to 14 persons participating in “Train the Trainers” training on Competency-Based Economies through Formation of Enterprise in Benin. 7 of them are currently preparing to go through the second round of training that will see become CEFE trainers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raphia Red Ltd, an economic research firm, completed a study of existing Business Development Centers in the Niger Delta region to compare experiences, services and ideas with those being planned for the Economic Development Center at Warri. • NIDPRODEV conducted a study on potential Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) in the Warri area. • Recruited Manager for Center and have initiated process for recruiting other staff members. • International mentor engaged for the Economic Development team • Conducted value chain analysis of three Agricultural sectors viz Cassava, Aquaculture and Palm Oil and identified growth potentials and constraints within the value chain. • Pilot interventions in the commodities are being designed while linkage opportunities for market players are also being explored • The EDC business plan has been completed 	

Name of Project:	Appropriate Technology Enabled Development (ATED)
Project Description and objectives	
<p>Establish Appropriate Technology (AT) Center at Warri to identify and research technologies suited to development needs and opportunities in the Niger Delta (including those identified by RDCs within GMOU communities). The project will draw upon Engineers Without Borders (EWB)’s network of chapters and partners to develop technologies that meet community needs and generate social entrepreneurship. Its objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase awareness and understanding of the development and application of ATs for socio-economic development in the Niger Delta. • To increase the availability, usability and quality of community infrastructure in the Niger Delta. • To enable organizations, institutions and individuals with a common interest in AT to share ideas, opportunities and learning in ways which improve their capacity for applying AT concepts in their work. 	
Project start up date:	March 2011
Project completion date:	December 2014
Geographic Scope	
Project to be located at Warri, Delta State, but will support community infrastructure and social entrepreneurship projects throughout the Niger Delta region.	
Rotary International	Projected up to \$5 million in community project funding
NDPI	\$2 million - capital costs, staffing, capacity building and networking
Total Project Fund	\$7million Total Project fund (Preliminary projection)
Lead Project Implementer	Engineers without Borders USA

Name of Project:	Appropriate Technology Enabled Development (ATED)
Other Implementing Partners	Engineers without Borders International/Nigeria, Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group (WASRAG), Chevron Energy Technology Company (ETC), Rotary Nigeria
Progress to Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held project team meetings with EWB, WASRAG, ETC and PIND in January and March 2011 to finalize program plans and assign action items • Drafted criteria for community project selection • Engaged temporary Project Manager and commenced the process of recruiting Field Coordinator • WASRAG team visited some RDCs towards identifying AT to meet their water and sanitation needs. • Selected a RDC community project to be supported with Appropriate Technology • Commenced discussions with Schlumberger for the establishment of a special fund for Secondary schools under ATED project • Plans are at advance stage to host the first ATED/EWB Conference in November 30th, 2011 and December 1st, 2011 in Lagos 	

Name of Project:	Development of Social Sector Investment Action Plan for the Niger Delta	
Project Description and objectives		
Sponsor two consultants to participate in a multi-donor assessment team coordinated by UNDP focused on developing a multi-donor trust fund for the Niger Delta in collaboration with the Nigerian Ministry for Niger Delta Affairs. The objectives of this design project are to design and formulate a detailed action plan that addresses three pillars of intervention:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure/public sector investment plan • Social sector investment plan • Institutional development and capacity building framework for the program 		
Project start up date:	March 2011	
Project Completion date:	June 2012	
Geographic Scope		
Project will be based in Abuja, but involve data collection and stakeholder engagement throughout the entire Niger Delta region.		
Donors and Contributions		
United Nations Development Program (UNDP)/European Commission/World Bank	\$600,000	
NDPI	\$200,000	
Total Project Fund	\$800,000 Total Project fund	
Lead Project Implementer	UNDP	
Progress to Date		

Name of Project:	Development of Social Sector Investment Action Plan for the Niger Delta
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signed MOU between PIND and UNDP Technical Committee set up with PIND as member to select Consultants UNDP is now finalizing procedures with the Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs for the selection of the consultancy team with active participation of PIND in the selection process. 	

Name of Project:	Advocacy, Awareness & Civic Empowerment (ADVANCE): Small Grants Program for Civil Society Organizations	
Project Description and objectives		
<p>Five Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the Niger Delta states will be selected through an open and competitive process to receive grants for activities that would help achieve the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> promote enabling economic environment and carry out civic education and awareness on peace building, transparency and accountability issues and inclusive community participation in governance and development planning; <p>Build institutional and operational capacity of CSOs in the Niger Delta to partner with PIND in order to achieve NDPI's goal and objectives.</p>		
Project start up date:	March 2011	
Project Completion date:	March 2012	
Geographic Scope		
Grant applications can come from any of the nine Niger Delta states.		
Donors and Contributions		
USAID	\$2,499,296	
NDPI	\$500,000 (which will be contributed to USAID and managed in accordance with USAID policies and procedures)	
Total Project Fund	\$2,999,296	
Lead Project Implementer	Pact International Inc.	
Other Implementing Partners	Five successful grantees from applications drawn from civil society organizations in the Niger Delta	
Progress to Date		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grantees participated in grants, finance/administration training preparatory to the issuance of the subgrants, and organizational capacity assessment carried out in readiness for institutional and programmatic strengthening interventions. Signed subgrant agreements and grants disbursed The following organizations were identified to focus on various projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forward Africa (FOFA), Owerri, Imo State and project is to Strengthen grassroots involvement in governance for economic growth and development in Imo and Abia states in the Niger Delta region Antof Research and Resource Development Centre (ARRDEC), Oron, Akwalbom State and 		

Name of Project:	Advocacy, Awareness & Civic Empowerment (ADVANCE): Small Grants Program for Civil Society Organizations
<p>project is Improving Rural Community Members’ Access to and Use of the FADAMA Grant in Five LGAs in Akwalbom State for Peaceful and Equitable Socio-Economic Growth of the LGAs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bayelsa NGO Forum (BANGOF), Yenogoa, Bayelsa State with a project that is focused on Building Capacity of Community, CSOs, Professional Bodies, Trade Unions and Media Groups for Partnership and Engagement of the BEITI and Budget Process in 3 Local Government Areas of Bayelsa State, Nigeria. ○ Nembe City Development Foundation (NCDF), Yenogoa, Bayelsa State with a project that is aimed at Equipping GMOU communities in Bayelsa State with Budget tracking and Advocacy skills for SHELL and CHEVRON GMOU communities. ○ Community Initiative for Enhanced Peace and Development (CIEPD), Port Harcourt, River State. Their project is aimed at Promoting financial accountability and transparency in 3 Local Government Administrations in Rivers State 	

Name of Project:	Small Research Grants Program (SRGP)	
Project description and objectives		
<p>The project is intended to provide small grants to support various research oriented programs by civil society organizations, think tanks, researchers or academic institutions. These stakeholders will be encouraged to form research networks for jointly addressing socio-economic needs in the Niger Delta. The objectives of the program are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mainstream research findings into program development, design and implementation. ● Identify and communicate socio-economic needs to stakeholders in the Niger Delta. ● Identify, foster and build a network for jointly addressing socio-economic needs and exchanges of field experiences within the Niger Delta. ● Promote innovative demand-driven research that improves services and economic opportunities. ● Promote research partnerships, leverage research resources and develop research capacities. ● Identify relevant socioeconomic policies that require advocacy for policy reform or development. ● Facilitate the participation of development institutions in PND’s activities. 		
Geographic Scope		
Project will be coordinated in Abuja but will be implemented in the nine states of the Niger Delta by implementers		
Project start-up date:	April 2011	
Project Completion date:	April 2012	
Donors and Contributions		
NDPI	US\$100,000 (4 grants of \$25,000 each)	

Name of Project:	Small Research Grants Program (SRGP)	
Cash or In-kind Contributions identified from grant applicants	US\$100,000	
Total Project Fund	US\$200,000	
Lead Project Administrator	PIND	
Progress to Date		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selected four potential grantees • Grant agreement signed and grants awarded to two of the organizations as the other two are addressing compliance requirements. The two that got the grants are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aries Concept Nigeria Limited whose project is <i>Identification and analysis of traditional gender norms and its impact on generating equitable socioeconomic development in Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa and Ondo states</i> ○ National Centre for Technology Management (NACETEM) with a project on <i>Technical skills mapping for accelerated technology based Socio-economic development in the Niger Delta with focus on Bayelsa, Delta and Rivers States.</i> • Monitoring and Evaluation plan developed for monitoring project execution 		

Name of Project:	Local Capacity Building Project (LCBP)	
Project Description and objectives		
<p>The project will support five Local Government Areas (LGAs) to strengthen government and community capacity to identify and implement infrastructural projects which enhance economic development opportunities for communities.</p> <p>The objectives of this project are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Facilitate the process of project idea generation and analyses for an NDDC initiative through the use of participatory planning and project appraisal techniques in order to ensure that projects eventually selected have the most feasibility and viability in adding value to economic facilities and income generating potentials of communities. 2. Build capacity of local government officials and other government agencies to use public resources in boosting access of the poor to markets infrastructure and income generating services. 3. Improve socio-economic engagement capacity of traditional institutions and community based organizations including women and youth organizations. 4. Promote peaceful environment for socio-economic development. 5. Develop partnership with NDDC and other development partners for effective socio-economic service delivery in Niger-Delta communities. 		

Name of Project:	Local Capacity Building Project (LCBP)	
Project start up date:	May 2011	
Project Completion date:	February 2012	
Geographic Scope		
Project will be implemented in five LGAs across three Niger Delta states – Akwa Ibom, Imo and Rivers.		
Beneficiaries:		
Five LGAs across Akwa Ibom, Imo and Rivers States. Communities in these LGAs are populated by poor men, women and unemployed youth.		
Donors and Contributions		
NDDC		\$1m
Five LGAs in Niger Delta (counterpart funding)		\$.5m
The LGAs in-kind contribution towards consultative forums - venue, security, logistics		\$14,000
The German Protestant Agency for International		\$75,000
PIND		\$50,000.00
Total Project Fund		\$1,639,000 estimated total Project fund
Lead Project Implementer		Accord for Community Development
Progress to Date		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified the five LGAs for intervention viz. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Akwa Ibom (Essien-Udim & Abak) ○ Imo (Oguta) ○ Rivers (Ikwere & Akuku-Toru) • Signed partnership agreement with Accord for Development • Commenced meetings with LGA Chairmen and community leaders • PMCs have been successfully set up in some of these targeted LGAs. 		



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