



FOUNDATION FOR PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES IN THE NIGER DELTA

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSAL: INTERVENTIONS TO MITIGATE THE HERDER-FARMER CONFLICT IN THE NIGER DELTA

BACKGROUND

The Foundation for Partnerships Initiatives in the Niger Delta (PIND) is a non-profit organization that promotes peace and equitable economic growth in Nigeria's Niger Delta region through multi-stakeholder partnerships. This work is funded with the support of the Chevron Corporation and other esteemed partners and collaborators. PIND works closely with numerous partners to implement collaborative market-based, community-owned programs to mitigate conflicts and boost economic opportunities for local businesses, ensuring that economic progress occurs in a systemic, inclusive, and sustainable manner.

With an overarching goal of reducing conflict and poverty in the region, PIND has two main programs:

- **Economic development program** focused on generating opportunities for pro-poor market development and employment generation.
- **Peace-building program** that strengthens conflict resolution mechanisms for enabling integrated peace and economic growth.

Four key enablers support these programs:

- The **enablers**: 'PIND's program delivery is enabled by an integrated approach that encompasses capacity building, advocacy, communications, gender, and social inclusion.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The relationship between arable farmers and cattle herders in Nigeria has often been characterized by conflict over access to agricultural land for farming and grazing, especially in the northern part of the country. The conflict has intensified over the years, spreading to the southern parts of the country including the Niger Delta. Underlying the escalation of the conflict in the region is the convergence of environmental and demographic factors, including increase in human population and depletion of arable land for agriculture and livestock production. The increasing depletion of arable land as a result of urbanization, as well as the harmful effects of climate change has intensified conflict between herders and farmers.

Over the years, the herder-farmer conflict has assumed violent and criminal dimensions, and it has evolved to include other actors such as security agencies, religious and ethnic groups, political interest groups, cattle rustlers, kidnappers among others. The conflict has also led to religious and ethnic division, political tension,

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destruction of agriculture and livestock products, food insecurity, forced migration and internal displacement, loss of lives and destruction of properties.

In the Niger Delta, the herder-farmer conflict has intensified since 2016, causing hundreds of deaths, destruction of properties and livelihoods, and internal displacement of several residents. According to data, the conflict caused over 200 fatalities in more than 180 reported incidents between 2016 and 2021. Recent incidents also indicate that clashes between herders and farmers are increasingly becoming frequent, more lethal and geographically dispersed in the Niger Delta. The intensity and frequency of these conflicts vary from one State and community to another, and largely depends on a number of demographic, environmental, economic, and political factors. According to data, the herder-farmer conflict is widespread in the Niger Delta, but more intense and prevalent in Delta, Ondo, and Edo State. Notwithstanding the variation in intensity and frequency of occurrence, the lingering herder-farmer conflict has become a threat to human security, communal peace and stability, and economic development in the region.

The increasing levels of violence as a result of the lingering herder-farmer conflict has made some of the State governments in the region such as Abia, Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Delta, Rivers, and Ondo to enact laws proscribing open grazing of cattle. However, the enforcement of the laws restricting open grazing has further intensified clashes between herders and their host communities in some States. The introduction of laws banning open grazing has also resulted in the mass migration of herders to States such as Cross River, Imo and Edo, where open grazing is still allowed, thereby increasing communal tensions and intensifying clashes between farmers and herders.

According to data, the herder-farmer conflict in the Niger Delta is mainly driven by a variety of interrelated and often overlapping historical tensions and grievances, and a number of demographic, environmental, economic, and political factors. If these tensions and grievances are not addressed appropriately, they could intensify ethno-communal hostilities and make the conflict more intense and prolonged in ways that could derail the broader peacebuilding objectives of PIND and other stakeholders in the region. Therefore the need for more targeted and community-driven peacebuilding intervention to mitigate the conflict.

Based on the foregoing, The Foundation for Partnership Initiatives in the Niger Delta (PIND) is seeking proposals from Civil Society Organisations to carry out conflict management interventions to address herders and farmers clashes in hotspot communities of Cross River, Delta, Edo and Ondo States under its Small grant project. The PIND's small grants project supports CSOs to address drivers of conflict in communities of the Niger Delta.

PIND will prioritize proposals from CSOs that adopt any of the following conflict mitigation strategies:

- I. Encouraging dialogue between Herders and farmers and some affiliated groups to both parties in the affected communities especially as it concerns addressing land disputes, ethno-communal disputes and or interethnic religious conflicts.
- II. Empowering existing peace associations/ committees in the various communities where herders and farmers crisscross with skills to become more effective peace makers as well as replicating peace committee structures in communities that do not have them.

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- III. Encouraging the peaceful transition of power from any herders and farmer groups as well as community leaders to the next.
- IV. Emphasizing capacity building and enlightenment to herders and farmer leaders as well as community leaders on principles such as leadership, effective communication, good neighbourliness, transparency and dialogue as a means to prevent incessant distrust and suspicions in the communities.
- V. Providing platforms for peaceful dialogue between herders and farmers while incorporating other relevant stakeholders within the communities.

PURPOSE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The specific objectives of the project include the following;

- a. To research and identify the underlying causes and drivers of the herder-farmer conflict in specific communities in the target States.
- b. To utilize evidence-based information generated from research to design and implement conflict mitigation and peacebuilding interventions to proactively address the deeper drivers of the conflict in target communities and LGAs.
- c. To identify systems, structures, and leverage institutions in the target communities and LGAs to engender sustainable peacebuilding, social cohesion and economic cooperation.
- d. To strengthen existing community-based structures and create new platforms to support dialogue between herders and farmers in the target States.
- e. To build the capacities of local peace actors in target communities and LGAs for enhanced conflict mitigation and peacebuilding.

RECOMMENDED APPROACHES

PIND strongly recommends that proposals prioritize two or more of the following approaches:

- a. **Inclusiveness:** Proposals should contain evidence of intention to consult with key stakeholders such as women, youth, person living with disabilities, vulnerable groups and other relevant parties to the conflict.
- b. **Data-Driven:** All Proposals should contain provisions for a pre-intervention baseline assessment as well as a post-intervention assessment.
- c. **Sustainability:** Proposals should contain long term strategies that address the identified conflict risks, rather than short term efforts. Sustainability also ensures that solutions are integrated into existing structures within the communities.
- d. **Deep Impact:** Although the grants target real-time salient dynamics as identified through PIND's early warning system, the interventions should be designed to address the deeper drivers of those conflict dynamics, rather than simply managing current escalation. The proposed interventions should also affect a significant number of people.
- e. **Capacity Building for community representatives:** Proposed interventions should include mentoring and capacity building for representatives of herders and farmers including other

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stakeholders in the target communities in the design and implementation of the intervention itself.

- f. **Measurability:** The outcomes and impacts of the intervention should be measurable to provide understanding of benefits or changes for individuals or populations (farmers or pastoralists) during or after the intervention.

EXPECTED DURATION

We invite project proposals that will be implemented with tangible results over a maximum period of 3 months from the date of signing of the agreement.

GRANT SIZE

PIND intends award grants to at least three organizations in the range of NGN 3,000,000 to NGN4, 500,000. Project costs should amount to more than 80% of the total budget. PIND will disregard budgets bloated with operational costs.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Civil Society Organizations operating in any of the Niger Delta States are encouraged to apply, especially those with experience in implementing peacebuilding projects. However, there will be additional consideration for organizations that are based in Cross River, Delta, Edo and Ondo States. All P4P organizational members are encouraged to apply.

HOW TO APPLY

Eligible organizations are invited to submit detailed technical and cost proposals **AS SEPARATE DOCUMENTS** to procurement@pindfoundation.org with the subject heading **“Herder/ Farmers Conflict Interventions Proposal”** along with the below listed mandatory item/supporting documents not later than May 27th 2022 by 23:59 WAT. The proposal will have two parts;

- i) The technical proposal outlining the project for which the grant is requested, the expected results and key activities (no more than 8-10 pages excluding attachments). **Proposal template is attached in Appendix 1 for guidance** and
- ii) Financial proposal (detailed budget (in Naira) and notes as applicable) **Budget template is attached in Appendix 2**. The financial section should also indicate any **cost shares or contributions** from the grantee where applicable.

Proposal Review:

Proposals received in response to this call will be reviewed internally, and after due verifications, the most promising proposals are selected and recommended. Successful applicants at this stage may be required to make adjustments based on outcome of review. Successful proposals will then be recommended to PIND Directors for consideration and approval.

Mandatory Required items from vendors/consultants who intends to bid any work or service in PIND

1. Certificate of Business Registration/Means of Personal Identification
2. Profile of organization or Resume in case of a consultant
3. Completed PIND bio data form in case of consultants
4. Most Recent Tax Clearance Certificate
5. Tax Identification Number
6. Full physical contact address
7. Bank Reference Letter
8. Bank details as follows:
 - I. Name of Account
 - II. Account Number
 - III. Name of Bank
 - IV. Address of Bank

Non-Discriminatory Clause:

PIND Foundation provides equal opportunity in employment and engagement for all persons, vendors, and contractors, and prohibits unlawful discrimination and harassment in all aspects of a contractual engagement or employment because of age, sex, gender, marital status, disability, nationality, race, religion or any fact.

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Appendix 1:

Interventions to Mitigate the Herder-Farmer Conflict in the Niger Delta

Project Proposal Template (for guidance)

Please use this application format to submit Proposal, maximum 8-10 pages

General Information	
Name of Organization:	
Brief Profile of Organization:	<i>Type of organization, summary of activities etc.</i>
Location:	<i>Physical Address of Organization</i>
Name of Authorized Signatory:	
Position in Organization:	
Contact Information:	<i>Telephone Numbers and E-mail address</i>
Name & Address of Contact Person:	
Contact Information:	<i>Telephone Numbers & E-mail address</i>

Proposed Project Narrative	
Title of Project:	
Project Brief:	<i>Summary of proposed project</i>
Organizational Capacity and Track record	
Project Justification/rationale	
Project Objectives / Goal	<i>State specific objectives the project will achieve and the overall goal it will contribute to</i>
Detailed project Description and expected outcomes	<i>Detailed Project description, outline of activities, duration and expected outputs/outcomes</i>
Project Duration	<i>Project Start and End Dates</i>
Total Grant Sum Requested (Naira):	<i>Amount in Figures</i>
Proposed Project Plan:	
Project Outreach:	<i>Coverage area</i> <i>With respect to inclusivity principle, include age, gender groups and geographic spread of would-be beneficiaries, target 40% women beneficiaries and disadvantaged groups including people with disabilities as appropriate.</i>
Innovative Inputs:	<i>New ideas (inputs or process) - What is innovative about your proposal?</i>
Sustainability:	<i>How might activities and project outcomes be continued/sustained beyond this grant.</i>

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Proposed monitoring & evaluation Plan:	
Proposed work plan	<i>In excel format showing activities and timelines/targets /milestones (Pls ensure that activities correlate with proposed budget)</i>
Other Funding / contributions	<i>including support from your organization or other partners</i>
Any Other Information:	

Appendix 2

Proposed Budget: Please submit detailed budget separately in excel. See sample template below

Project Budget								
Name of organization								
Project Name								
Location								
Period								
S/ No.	Activities/ Description	Person/Unit	Days/Qty	Cost/Unit	Amount(Naira)	PIND Grant	Organization's Contribution	Justification
	Administration/ Coordination							
	Sub-total							
2	Advocacy Visits							
	Sub-total							
3	Town Hall Meetings / Fora							
	Sub-total							
4	Trainings							
	Sub- total							
	Grand total							
N/B: Please expand the Rows as you deem appropriate.								