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About PIND Foundation

The Foundation for Partnership Initiatives in the Niger Delta (PIND) is a Nigerian non-profit organization working to promote peace and equitable economic growth in Nigeria's Niger Delta region by forging multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder partnerships at the regional, national and international levels. With the humble admission that no single organization can solve the complex and interconnected development challenges in the Niger Delta, PIND works closely with numerous partners to implement collaborative market-based, community-owned programs to mitigate conflicts and boost economic opportunities for local businesses. This ensures that economic progress occurs in a systemic, inclusive, and sustainable manner.

PIND's projects span all the nine states in the region: Abia, Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross River, Delta, Imo, Ondo and Rivers, with special focus on the underserved and hard to reach coastal communities of the region that are most forgotten in development programming.

Since 2010, PIND and partners have been contributing to strengthening and stabilizing the region by *reducing poverty, powering coastline communities, nurturing employment, fostering stability, and enabling development*. Learn more about PINDfoundation.org.

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Abbreviations and acronyms

ACLED	Armed Conflict Location and Event Data
AEAS	Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services Activity
AGSMEIS	Agri-Business/Small and Medium Enterprise Investment Scheme
BASIC II	Building an Economically Sustainable, Integrated Cassava Seed System II Project
BMP	Best Management Practices
BMO	Business Management Organizations
BoT	Board of Trustees
BRACED	Bayelsa, Rivers, Akwa Ibom, Cross River, Edo and Delta
BSPs	Business Service Providers
CAPABLE	Capacity Building for Local Empowerment
CB	Capacity Building
CBN	Central Bank of Nigeria
CBOs	Community-Based Organizations
CCDCs	Coastal Community Development Committees
CDCs	Community Development Committees
CNL	Chevron Nigeria Limited
Covid-19	Coronavirus Disease 2019
CPPs	Crop Protection Products
CRIN	Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria
CSEs	Cassava Seed Entrepreneurs
CSOs	Civil Society Organizations
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
CUSO	Canadian University Service Overseas
DFID	UK's Department for International Development
DoC	Day-old Chicks
DPO	Divisional Police Officers
DYEP	Delta Youth Employment Program
EGCDF	Egbema-Gbaramatu Communities Development Foundation
EWER	Early Warning and Early Response
FCDO	Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office
FFB	Fresh Fruit Bunches
FGD	Focus Group Discussion
FISON	Fisheries Society of Nigeria
FMARD	Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
FSPs	Farm Service Providers
FTE	Full-Time Equivalent
GAP	Good Agricultural Practices
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GESI	Gender Equality and Social Inclusion
GIZ	German Development Agency
GMoU	Global Memorandum of Understanding
GPP	Good Poultry Practices
HCDT	Host Communities Development Trust
HSE	Health, Safety and Environment
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
ICRW	International Centre for Research on Women
IHT	Improved Harvesting Tools
IITA	International Institute of Tropical Agriculture
IPDU	Integrated Peace and Development Unit
ISOPADEC	Imo State Oil Producing Areas Development Commission

KEFFES	Koluama 1 & 2, Ekeni, Fishtown, Foropa, Ezetu 1&2 and Sangana Communities
LGA	Local Government Area
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MIPs	Most Impactful Practices
MNDA	Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MSME	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise
MSD	Market Systems Development
MSP	The Warri Multi Stakeholder Platform
NAEC	Nigerian Agricultural Enterprise Curriculum
NBS	Nigerian Bureau of Statistics
NCDC	National Center for Disease Control
NDDC	Niger Delta Development Commission
NDPI	Niger Delta Partnerships Initiative
NDLink	Niger Delta Link
NDYEP	Niger Delta Youth Employment Pathways
NEEWS	Nigerian Election Early Warning System
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NIFOR	Nigerian Institute for Oil-Palm Research
NIRSAL	Nigeria Incentive-Based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending
NRCRI	National Root Crops Research Institute
NSRP	Nigeria Stability and Reconciliation Program
OCA	Organizational Capacity Assessment
P4P	Partners for Peace
PPCD	Participatory Partnerships for Community Development
PGPA	Policy, Governments and Public Affairs Unit, Chevron
PSPs	Poultry Service Providers
PWC	PricewaterhouseCoopers
PWD	Persons living with disabilities
P&ELOA	Peace and Economic Livelihood Opportunities Assessment
Q1	Quarter 1
Q2	Quarter 2
Q3	Quarter 3
RDC	Regional Development Committee
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SEO	Search Engine Optimization
SK	Sombreiro Kapital
SMEDAN	Small and Medium Enterprise Development Agency
SMS	Short Message Service
SOP	Standard Operating Procedures
SPV	Special Purpose Vehicle
SSPE	Small-scale processing equipment
TV	Television
TVET	Technical and Vocational Education Centers
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UK	United Kingdom
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VAWG	Violence Affecting Women and Girls
VLD	Village Level Dealers
VSE	Village Stem Entrepreneur
WEAI	Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index
YTD	Year to Date
ZAL	Zigha Ayibakuro Limited

Background

PIND's goal is to identify, catalyze and leverage opportunities, jobs and incomes for our target beneficiaries. In these roles, we robustly engage in the identification of our multi stakeholder partners, and then act as a catalyst for the establishment of an enabling environment for socio-economic growth in the Niger Delta region. The goal of these partnerships is to reduce poverty, increase welfare benefits and reduce conflict by implementing interventions that result in stability and equitable increase in employment and incomes of beneficiaries in the nine target States of Abia, Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross River, Delta, Edo, Imo, Ondo and Rivers. To deliver on this goal, PIND tries to understand the root causes of economic instability, conflict, and fragility concerns to forge community-owned, market-driven, sustainable results.

PIND's activities fall under two distinct but interrelated program areas:

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

Additional initiatives designed to support, enable and communicate the achievements of the two program areas include:

- **Capacity Building** that builds the service delivery and engagement capacity of business membership organizations, civil society organizations and communities.
- **Advocacy** that seeks to influence policies, practices and programs underpinned by in-depth analyses and understanding of systemic constraints to growth in the Niger Delta region.
- A robust **communications** and outreach effort that enhances PIND's reputation through clear and consistent messaging via multiple channels, of its unique selling points, transformative approaches, impacts and learning.

Together with **Monitoring and evaluation** that independently tracks, verifies and measures program results.

STRATEGIC PLAN TARGETS

For the third phase (2020-2024), PIND Foundation aims to achieve the following targets:

Expand program benefits to 150,000 farmers and small-scale enterprises to increase their income by 40%. Facilitate the creation of 45,000 new jobs of which 50% will be youth and other vulnerable groups.

Deliver economic benefits to 10,000 people in GMoU communities through job creation and income generation interventions and facilitation of clean energy.

Strengthen the effectiveness of 5 regional development committees as grassroots development organizations in the GMoU/coastal communities.

Enable active engagement of 5,000 peace actors in conflict mitigation and reduction and positively affect up to 3 million individuals with peace building interventions.

Influence US\$ 25 million spend by donors, federal and state governments in new projects that reduce conflict and poverty in the Niger Delta; and

Raise US\$ 6.5 million from private sector and donor community for PIND programs.

Introduction: 2022 Q2 M&E Report

This second quarter (April – June 2022) report is intended to serve three purposes which are linked to the needs of key stakeholders:

The Sponsor: That is, Chevron – to keep them abreast of program results, establish the business value of the investment in PIND, showcase the causal link between PIND’s impact and a peaceful and more stable operating environment.

Program Implementers: That is, PIND and the Niger Delta Partnership Initiatives (NDPI) (including the Boards of both organizations, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E), and Business Development and Sustainability committees, Partners, and Program Managers) - to keep all parties aware of project achievements and constraints, share lessons learned and seek deeper levels of collaborations.

Donor/Project Partners: These include the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), UK’s Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), formerly the Department for International Development (DFID) and German Development Agency (GIZ) - to share successes and challenges for learning and for further collaborations.

Executive Summary

This report highlights the achievements of PIND’s program interventions in the Niger Delta from April – June 2022 (Quarter 2, 2022), and provides relevant information about program management, lessons learned, and plans for the next quarter. The report demonstrates how PIND is driving change to ensure broad-based economic growth in the Niger Delta.

PIND’s activities are designed to promote and sustain a culture of learning and adaptation, to build a process where evidence plays a significant role in determining policy direction and interventions in economic development, peace building, advocacy, and capacity building of both government institutions and civil society in the Niger Delta.

1.1 Achievements

PIND made significant progress in its initiatives this quarter. The following are highlights of its achievements:

- **Market Systems Development:** With PIND’s market development projects continuing to demonstrate progress towards widespread change, 15,190 farmers and agricultural entrepreneurs (42% of them being women) were reached with information and knowledge on best practices and efficient technologies in the crop and non-crops sectors.
- PIND incentivized MSMEs and participating farmers to invest ₦1.8 billion to implement good agricultural practices, technological innovations, purchase inputs and undertake other capital expenditures. A total of ₦2.56 billion has been leveraged so far in 2022 (₦334.8 million: Equity and ₦2.2 billion: debt)
- **Access to Energy:** PIND continued to play a significant role in driving the market for low-carbon, low-cost solutions that offer high-quality energy access to coastal communities. In Q2, 2022, a PIND-supported partner, Vectis Business Solutions deployed a community solar refrigeration hub to Koluama 2 community in Bayelsa State, to provide commercial refrigeration services to the cooperative members and the wider community. As a result, 250 fisherfolks in Koluama 2 community, and members of the neighboring Olobia community now have access to commercial solar refrigeration services. Another partner, A4&T, invested in the installation of 100 solar home systems (SHS) to serve 100 households in Tsekelewu community, Delta State. Cumulatively, 480 businesses and 750 household have been given access to electricity goods and services, so far in 2022.
- **Support to GMoU communities:** In the GMoU communities PIND continued its support to demonstration activities of the usefulness of chorkor ovens. Demonstrations were done in Ode-Ugborodo (Delta state) and Bilabiri 1 (Bayelsa state), leading to the adoption of 15 chorkor ovens in these communities, and a total of 35 chorkor ovens so far in 2022. In addition, PIND facilitated capacity-building sessions for fisher folks in Ogidigben (Delta state) Training areas included: safety measures for their fishing activities, appropriate use and maintenance of their fishing gears, and protection of breeding sites for sustainable fishing activities. PIND also facilitated the linkage between Sterling Bank and the Ugborodo fishing association to access finance for upgrade of their fishing gears. Additionally, PIND worked with local service providers to identify equipment dealers for linkage with fisher folks. Consequently, 10 fisher folks from Ogidigben and Gbagira (Ondo state) have adopted higher capacity outboard engines and fishing gears for their fishing businesses.
- **Youth Employment Pathways:** With first phase of the DYEP project over, PIND scaled the YEP model into other states. 991 youths (42% female and 2% PWDs) have been enrolled in the Youth Employment Pathways program in Abia, Akwa Ibom and Rivers States, for the Niger Delta Youth Employment Pathways (NDYEP) scale-up. The youths were enrolled to build technical skills (with embedded soft skills training, for workplace preparedness) in four areas: Agriculture (Aquaculture) in Rivers and Akwa Ibom states, ICT, and building construction in all 3 states; and finished leather in Abia state only. In Delta state, PIND’s collaboration with the Delta State Ministry of Science and Technology was sustained with the ministry taking on some of the DYEP trainees as interns, during the reporting period.
- **Peace Building:** PIND produced 15 conflict reports including 13 weekly conflict briefs and a special policy brief on peace and security impact of illegal artisanal oil refining in the Niger Delta, to create situational awareness, update stakeholders and catalyze response actions, this quarter. Also, PIND assisted 136 peace actors to constructively resolve emerging conflicts in various communities in the Niger Delta. This led to 13 quality actions¹ being taken to mitigate conflict in different locations across the region.
- **Advocacy:** In addition, PIND continued its work to ensure access to arable land in the Niger Delta. PIND influenced the establishment of an Arable Land Committee in Delta State. In Edo State, following extensive

¹ Actions have to meet at least three of five criteria to be considered as ‘Quality actions’. 1. All key stakeholders consulted. 2. Intervention focuses on identified risk. 3. Intervention contributes to risk reduction/ mitigation of group-based violence. 4. Intervention affects a significant number of people positively. 5. Impact of the intervention is long lasting (based on the context and nature of the problem).

engagements carried out in the first quarter of the year, PIND secured executive consent of the Edo State governor on the propositions of the arable land committee for Edo State. Also, PIND continued efforts to position itself as a resource organization for the implementation of the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA), by pitching its PIA offerings to Heritage Energy Operational Services Limited (HEOSL) and Ford Foundation, with whom PIND plans to work with to educate host communities on the PIA and their role in the establishment of the HCDT/ stewardship of the process.

- **Business Development:** In line with its effort to diversify and expand its funding base, PIND continued engagements with potential partners to explore new opportunities across its program areas. PIND submitted two proposals to energy companies to support the implementation of their Host Communities Development Trusts (HCDT), in line with the PIA. Another proposal was submitted for a \$21Million United States Department for Agriculture (USDA) Grant for a cocoa project. In addition, PIND held its first Business Development and Sustainability (BDS) Sub-Committee and board committee meetings.
- **Communications:** By amplifying PIND's communications this quarter, 2,296,793 people gained new or increased awareness about PIND, through its various platforms: newsletters, social media, website, email inquiries, forums and traditional mainstream media. Also, PIND garnered 39 positive media mentions of its work and activities and attracted 30 public endorsements from stakeholders who interacted with its content on the website, newsletters, and social media posts during the same period.

1.2 Challenges, Mitigation and Plans for the Next Quarter

Despite the constraints associated with working in the region, PIND and its partners devised various methods to implement their activities amidst challenges this quarter. For instance, although the sit-at-home orders by IPOB in the Southeast affected the YEP training in Abia state, PIND's implementing partners in the state, restructured the training schedule by reducing the number of training days per week, implying a slightly extended training duration in the State. Another example is PIND's collaboration with the Delta State Ministry of Agriculture, to enlighten farmers on the importance/use of vaccines and biosecurity, and access to vaccines, to curtail the outbreak of Avian Flu in the State. In its peace building program, PIND introduced various ways to incentivize peace actors to voluntarily act to prevent/mitigate conflict, through the creation of platforms for peace actors to enjoy group benefits from a broader social network, provision of certificates to participants which can be leveraged for career and business opportunities, and the recognition of peace actors. In addition, PIND is publicizing peacebuilding activities, interventions and impacts on PINDs website and social media platforms to motivate/encourage P4P members and other peace actors, who are the foot soldiers, to continue to provide this service.

In Q3 2022, areas that PIND will focus on include:

- supporting existing and new partners to expand and deepen quality and productivity improvement of agricultural interventions,
- promoting other mini grid business in Bayelsa State; scale up the solar refrigeration hubs at Sangana and Fishtown, and in an additional community in Delta State,
- providing mentorship to 250 previous Delta State trainees to enable them to start enterprises; engage with Niger Delta state governments/ MDAs towards the inclusion of a youth employment program on their yearly plan and for the adoption of the NDYEP model and framework; and facilitate technical/soft skills training for 800 youths in Delta State, and
- growing Sombriero Kapital's seed fund by ₦40 million and implement the designed sustainability plan.

In addition, PIND will maintain the peace and conflict database and website, facilitate a nonviolence Election Mitigation Project, and facilitate the development of the Niger Delta Peace and Security policy framework.

1.3 Program Management

PIND commenced internal impact studies of its projects, to determine project results, validate the underlying assumptions of project strategies and suggest improvements to PIND's implementation approaches. Additionally, PIND concluded plans for its 2022 Mid-year review sessions, scheduled for August 2022. These sessions serve as a checkpoint for program implementation by highlighting program accomplishments, sharing effective practices and learnings with team members, and identifying challenges/ and potential mitigative strategies.

Summary of progress against 2022 targets

The summary below presents a view of progress against PIND's 2022 target as at Q2.

Economic Development Program Indicators	2022 Targets	Cumulative Results as at Q2 2022
Outreach	69,500	27,389
<i>Aquaculture value chain</i>	5,000	3,333
<i>Cassava value chain</i>	25,000	6,241
<i>Cocoa value chain</i>	12,000	5,546
<i>Palm oil value chain</i>	15,000	5,335
<i>Poultry value chain</i>	8,000	4,057
<i>MSME development</i>	4,500	2,877
Farmers/MSMEs with increased productivity or sales	46,055	Results will be reported in Q3
<i>Aquaculture value chain</i>	2,000	
<i>Cassava value chain</i>	20,473	
<i>Cocoa value chain</i>	8,400	
<i>Palm oil value chain</i>	8,165	
<i>Poultry value chain</i>	4,817	
<i>MSME development</i>	2,200	
Net attributable income change [Naira value]	₦16.85 billion	Results will be reported in Q3
<i>Aquaculture value chain</i>	₦1.05 billion	
<i>Cassava value chain</i>	₦4.80 billion	
<i>Cocoa value chain</i>	₦2.00 billion	
<i>Palm oil value chain</i>	₦4.85 billion	
<i>Poultry value chain</i>	₦1.65 billion	
<i>MSME development</i>	₦2.50 billion	
Net attributable income change [% change]	40%	Results will be reported in Q3
New jobs facilitated	11,990	Results will be reported in Q3
<i>Aquaculture value chain</i>	850	
<i>Cassava value chain</i>	1,433	
<i>Cocoa value chain</i>	969	
<i>Palm oil value chain</i>	2,100	
<i>Poultry value chain</i>	1,758	
<i>MSME development</i>	4,140	
<i>Access to energy</i>	80	
<i>Skills development for youth employment</i>	660	
Value of investments by economic development actors [Naira value]	₦ 9.35 billion	₦2.68billion Equity (₦460.82million) Debt financing (₦2.23billion)
<i>Aquaculture value chain</i>	₦1.50 billion	₦16.64 million
<i>Cassava value chain</i>	₦605 million	TBD in Q3
<i>Cocoa value chain</i>	₦715 million	₦3.60 million
<i>Palm oil value chain</i>	₦1.35 billion	₦314.58 million
<i>Poultry value chain</i>	₦1.48 billion	TBD in Q3
<i>MSME development</i>	₦3.60 billion	₦2.23billion
<i>Access to Energy</i>	₦100 million	₦126 million
States adoption of PIND's model for youth employment	0	-
Youths with applicable skills for employment	1,400	631
Change in market sector	1 case study report	To be updated after the planned impact study
Change in GMoU communities	1 case study report	To be updated after the planned impact study
Peace Building Program Indicators	2022 Targets	Cumulative Results as at Q2 2022
Stakeholders with applicable skills in conflict management	220	50
Stakeholders utilizing PIND's peace data and analysis	2,000	576
Peace actors taking action to mitigate conflict	1,297	187
Quality actions taken to mitigate conflict	120	61
Population that feels safe in the area they reside	2%	Results will be reported in Q3

Coastal Community Development Indicators	2022 Targets	Cumulative Results as at Q2 2022
<i>Access to Energy</i>		
Businesses with access to clean energy	700	480
Households with access to clean energy	500	750
People with access to energy technologies	3,700	4,980
Financial benefits accruing to users of energy solutions	₦500 million	Results will be reported in Q3²
<i>GMoU Capacity Building</i>		
Net change in capacity index of RDCs	2.4 (average score)	To be updated after the planned impact study
Organizations accessing funds/grants	8	4
Total value of funds raised with PIND's support	₦26 million	₦24.8 million
GMoU organizations providing improved services to beneficiaries/Communities (RDCs and implementing Partners).	6	2

General Enabling Program Indicators	2022 Targets	Cumulative Results as at Q2 2022
<i>Advocacy</i>		
Total value of public spending by Government	₦ 378 million	₦42.2 million
Total value of financial and technical assistance committed by donors	₦ 882 million	Pending
Total value of investments in energy solutions by public and private sectors	₦100 million	₦126 Million
Change in policy in relation to multiple taxations on small-scale businesses	Qualitative description of progress	Completed: Report undergoing external review; planned for dissemination in Q3 in Port Harcourt and Asaba.
Level of responsiveness that facilitates access to land by smallholder farmers	Qualitative description of progress	The Governor of Edo State requested a statewide workshop with the 20-person committee and other relevant MDAs. This meeting is scheduled for July 2022. 300hectares of land donated by the Ukpoke Community for investment in the cassava sector following the engagement of community gatekeepers of Edo South Senatorial district. In Delta State, Arable land committee set up by the Governor, with a 10-member committee drawn from agriculture, lands & survey, environment, justice, job creation bureau, security bureau, MDAs in the State. In Ondo State, Executive assent has been secured and a committee has been set up to develop state specific strategies.
Change in policies and strategies conducive for building peaceful/ non-violent society.	Evidence of coherence and coordination of interventions	MoU between PIND and MNDA to develop the regional peacebuilding infrastructure to be formally signed in July 2022.
<i>Business Development</i>		
Funds raised from other sources for PIND's programs	₦ 922 million	₦0
<i>Communications</i>		
Forums to share PIND's work and lessons from implementation	30	18
Public endorsements of PIND's work	25	45
Media reports with PIND mention	220	119
Level of awareness of PIND and its programs:		
Newsletter subscribers	450	244
Website new visitors	50,000	29,353
Social media reach	2.5 million	1,212,694
Mainstream media reach	9.1 million	4,574,357
Email enquiries	500	197

² This includes benefits accruing to users connected in the preceding year.

2. Context Analysis

2.1 Socio-economic environment³

Despite reports by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) in May 2022 of a 3.11% growth in the Nigerian economy as at Q1, 2022, key issues persisted or worsened in the second quarter of 2022, which have affected the economic outlook of the country.

Inflation

Nigeria's inflation rate surged to its highest level in over 5 years in June 2022, largely because of the hike in energy and food prices. Scarcity of petrol persisted in most cities in the country by the end of Q2, 2022, leading to a significant rise in transportation costs across the country. Nigeria's annual inflation rate (year-on-year change) increased to 18.6% in June 2022, from 15.92% in March 2022; the highest rate in 65 months (January of 2017 when inflation stood at 18.72%). On a month-on-month (MoM) basis, the inflation rate stood at 1.82% in June 2022, increasing by 0.03% and 0.07%, compared to May 2022 (1.78% in) and March 2022 (1.74%), respectively. Similarly, food inflation surged to 20.6% from 17.20%, in March 2022, mainly due to bread, cereals and other food products, such as tubers, and wine. Also, core inflation, which excludes the prices of volatile agricultural produce increased to 15.75% in the review month, rising by 1.83% points compared to 13.91% recorded in March 2022. The highest increases were recorded in prices of gas and other energy products, passenger transport by road, and passenger travel by air, among others. Across the Niger Delta, the states with the highest inflation rates for June 2022, were Rivers (20.65%), Ondo (20.03%) and Akwa Ibom (20.01%), while Imo (17.65%), Bayelsa (18.50%) and Delta (18.74%) States had the lowest inflation rates.

Naira Depreciation

Although the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) made numerous attempts to defend the Naira (such as the [RT200 FX program](#)), the currency continued to depreciate against international major currencies in both the official and parallel markets. The exchange rate between the naira and the US dollar closed at ₦425.05/\$1 at the Investors and Exporters (I&E) window on June 30, 2022, compared to ₦416/\$1 at the beginning of the year. Similarly at the parallel market, the Naira exchanged at ₦615/\$1 compared to ₦565/\$1 at the beginning of the year and ₦587/\$1 on March 31, 2022. In addition, Nigeria's foreign exchange reserves declined from \$40.52 billion at the end of last year to \$39.15 billion on June 30, 2022.

Power Outages

The National grid collapsed thrice in the second quarter of 2022 and twice the previous quarter, leading to increased operating costs for business around Nigeria, from increased use of generators, amidst the scarcity of petrol in the country. In April, The PUNCH newspaper reported that the National grid crashed from over 3,000MW on April 8, 2022, to as low as 10MW around 21.00 hours the same day. Another collapse of the grid occurred on April 9, 2022, as the nation's power system collapsed to 33MW around 01.00 hours after it had earlier posted a peak generation of 3,281.50MW at 00.00 hours the same day⁴.

2.2 Security⁵

The security situation in Nigeria continues to be grim. Analysis of data collected by the Nigeria Security Tracker ([NST](#)) for May 2022 revealed that at least 594 people were killed while 227 were kidnapped over one month. However, this was an improvement on the security situation for April 2022, in which 917 persons were killed and 343 others abducted. 321 of the people killed in May were civilians, and 25 were security agents, especially soldiers and police officers. Other people who died were 106 Boko Haram terrorists, 14 kidnapers, two robbers, and 115 other armed persons.

As Nigeria's 2023 general elections approach, there has been heightened political tension and conflict. Four of the killings recorded in May were due to election-related violence at political party primaries held in Bayelsa, and Lagos. At least five

³ NBS Consumer Price Index Report June 2022

<https://nairametrics.com>

<https://tradingeconomics.com/nigeria/inflation-cpi>

<https://businessday.ng/big-read/article/nigerias-h2-economic-outlook-dims-as-headwinds-mount/>

⁴ <https://punchng.com/national-grid-collapses-again/>

⁵ <https://humanglemedia.com/over-820-killed-kidnapped-in-nigeria-in-may-electoral-violence-on-the-rise/>
<https://www.ndarason.com/en/weekly-press-review-monday-the-30th-may-2022-to-friday-03st-june-2022/>
<https://www.cfr.org/nigeria/nigeria-security-tracker/p29483>

other political actors were killed, including three delegates of the People’s Democratic Party (PDP) in Niger State, North-central Nigeria, one lawmaker in Anambra, and another PDP chieftain in Akwa Ibom.

Borno State, at the centre of the Boko Haram insurgency, had the highest casualties, with a death toll of 176. Other states with high fatalities were Zamfara (118), Taraba (40), Anambra (25), Cross River (23), Katsina (21), and Niger (18), a significant proportion of the violence in Cross River was reportedly due to militant and election-related activities.

Meanwhile, the highest number of kidnap victims was recorded in Kaduna, where Non-State Armed Groups abducted at least 95 people. This was followed by Rivers (42), Niger (30), Abia (13), Sokoto (10), and FCT-Abuja (8). Furthermore, on 5 June 2022, there was a gun attack at a church in Owo, Ondo State, causing at least 40 deaths.

Sustaining peace and security in the Niger Delta remained a major challenge the second quarter of 2022. There was a resurgence of lethal violence, largely driven by the escalation of criminal insurgency and rising political tensions ahead of the 2023 general elections. Several incidents of politically motivated violence and killings were reported during the primary elections of some political parties during the period. According to the peace maps (www.p4p-nigerdelta.org/peace-map), communal conflict including farmer-herder clashes, criminal insurgency/violent separatist agitation and targeted violence against women and girls (VAWG) increased by 58%, 44% and 53% respectively during the quarter. However, at the state level, communal conflict and violence against women and girls (VAWG) decreased by 37% and 36% respectively in Delta State, and cult/gang related violence decreased by 50% in Bayelsa State during the period.

PIND is working to mitigate the effects of these issues in the Niger Delta through the complementarity of its peace building and economic development programs, by building the resilience of key actors in agriculture and non-agriculture value chains to improve livelihoods and increase the safety space in the region.

3. Economic Development Program

The economic development program comprises three projects: Market Systems Development, Access to Energy, and Youth Employment Pathways (YEP). The overarching objective of the program is poverty reduction through increases in the number of men and women experiencing positive changes in income and attaining gainful employment. This is achieved through the facilitation of interventions with sustainable outcomes.

The market systems development project portfolio is made up of five agricultural value chains (aquaculture, cassava, cocoa, palm oil, and poultry) and three cross-cutting interventions (access to finance, access to inputs, and business linkages). The project aims to identify binding constraints in the sectors and seek sustainable solutions that can increase the income of thousands of poor men and women.

*Note: Impact indicators for the project are typically tracked once or twice a year to give sufficient time for the adoption of new practices, which would enable effective monitoring. As a result, no targets were set, nor results expected for the quarter being reviewed.

The Access to Energy project focuses on energy efficiency and renewable energy such as the energy cabin and solar refrigeration. While Access to Energy identifies and tests technological solutions, the market development project facilitates activities to develop market systems for uptake and adoption of such technologies.

The Youth Employment Pathways featured the Niger Delta Youth Employment Pathways (NDYEP) project between 2018 and 2021 which was funded by the Ford Foundation and implemented in Abia, Akwa Ibom, and Rivers States. It focused on agriculture, construction, finished leather goods and ICT sectors, and was built on PIND's economic development strategy, which emphasizes sustainable interventions that result in full-time employment for youths. Following its successful piloting of being market-led, and demand-driven, the NDYEP model is being scaled up to other states and kicked off in Delta State in January 2021. This edition under the name, Delta Youth Employment Pathways project is funded by the Chevron Corporation.

PIND's Economic Development Program contributes to the following global Sustainable Development Goals:



3.1 Market Systems Development

This section highlights key achievements for all initiatives implemented under the Market Systems Development (MSD) project in Quarter 2, 2022.

This project supports farmers and small enterprises in key agricultural sectors in the Niger Delta to improve their productivity, leading to an increase in income and reduction of poverty. The project utilizes the market systems development approach that relies on a sound initial analysis of market systems to pinpoint the underlying causes of market weaknesses, to inform the design and implementation of interventions that address the underlying causes, rather than symptoms, of market failure. To ensure the sustainability of PIND's interventions, the development activities are further anchored on a service providers' model that equips local service providers with the right skills, tools, and connections to sustainably provide viable market solutions that address the root causes of poor performance by farmers and enterprises in the region. This approach is used to support poor farmers in aquaculture, cassava, cocoa, palm oil, and

poultry. These sectors represent the most viable agricultural value chains in the Niger Delta.

To focus on growth sectors that are strategically aligned to the commercial interests of service providers and implementing partners, PIND re-engineered its market systems project portfolio in 2019 to focus on two broad categorizations of crop and non-crop agricultural value chain intervention areas. By this, partners are strategically enabled to lead program implementation, in line with their incentives for participating in program interventions.

The Project’s focus for 2022 is to further strengthen the adaptation strategies developed by its network of market actors to increase its reach to 69,500 additional farmers and SMEs, out of which 46,055 are expected to increase their incomes.

In Q2 2021, the Market Systems Development (MSD) Project continued its work with service providers and other key market actors (fabricators, agricultural-input and equipment companies, farmers’ associations, financial institutions, etc.) to improve the performance of farmers to achieve the following objectives:

- expand the training in best agronomic and business practices to more farmers and enterprises.
- introduce new efficient technologies and expand the demonstration and adoption of the existing ones.
- improve farmers’ access to quality seeds and support more enterprises to address market and funding opportunities.
- collaborate with the Peacebuilding team to finalize the design of viable interventions in the Chevron GMoU communities to address opportunities for improved livelihoods; and
- implement interventions to improve access to finance for smallholder farmers through Sombreiro Kapital.

As a result, 15,190 new farmers and enterprises were reached directly with information and knowledge on best practices and efficient technologies, representing a 95.8% performance against the quarter’s target of 15,849. Also, within the quarter, the net funds leveraged by farmers/MSMEs adopting improved technologies on their farms⁶, was ₦1.8billion, making a total of ₦2.56 billion leveraged so far in 2022 – (total loans by MSMEs was ₦2.2billion).

Table 1: MSD progress against Q2 2022 and annual targets and performance year-to-date

Indicators	Target	Achieved	Performance	Female	PWD	Target	Achieved	Performance	Female	PWD
	Q2	Q2	Q2 %	Q2	Q2	2022	YTD	YTD (%)	YTD	YTD
Number of farmers/MSMEs reached	15,849	15,190	95.8%	6,897	0	69,500	27,389	39.4%	11,864	0
Value of investment leveraged	*	₦745.2 million	₦1.8 billion			₦9.35 billion	₦2.56 billion	27%		
Number of jobs facilitated	*	*	-			11,990	*	*	*	*
Number of farmers/MSMEs with increased income	*	*	-			46,055	*	*	*	*
Change in the income of farmers (direct and indirect)	*	*	-			₦16.85 billion	*	*	*	*

* Impact indicators are usually tracked once or twice a year, depending on sector dynamics and through assessments or surveys. As a result, they do not have quarterly targets. There were no assessments carried out within the quarter to track the impact indicators. A comprehensive assessment is planned for the next quarter.

3.1.1 Key Achievements: Aquaculture

PIND’s interventions in the aquaculture sector focus on improving the efficiency and productivity of fish farmers and processors, through improved knowledge of best fish farming practices, access to improved processing technology, and access to quality input, market, and finance for farmers. The sector’s activities are driven by aquaculture service providers working with input companies, fabricators, and other market actors.

In 2022, the plan is to reach an additional 5,000 fish farmers and processors through the promotion of improved technology in coastal communities, adoption of improved practices amongst fish farmers in the region and facilitating access to finance for farmers and processors in the coastal communities of the Niger Delta.

During review period and ahead of the planned close out activities scheduled for Q3 , PIND deepened its work with the

⁶ ₦1.69 billion were loans by the MSMEs

network of aquaculture service providers to further create awareness on the use of quality inputs and to build the capacity of fish farmers and processors, to access funds for equipment and input purchase, particularly in the GMOU communities. PIND also continued its support to selected hatchery operators to produce and promote quality fish seeds for farmers, in addition to overseeing and tracking the expansion of the training on good pond management and business practices to more farmers and processors, through service providers and input companies in the region. Consequently, PIND reached 1,618 new farmers/processors (756 females).

Also within the quarter, farmers and processors invested ₦450,000 on 15 chorkor ovens adopted in Ugborodo (Delta State) and Bilabiri 1 (Bayelsa State) to serve 138 fish processors.

In line with the Board’s decision to end PIND’s active intervention in the sector, PIND will implement a series of close-out activities to exit the sector in Q3.

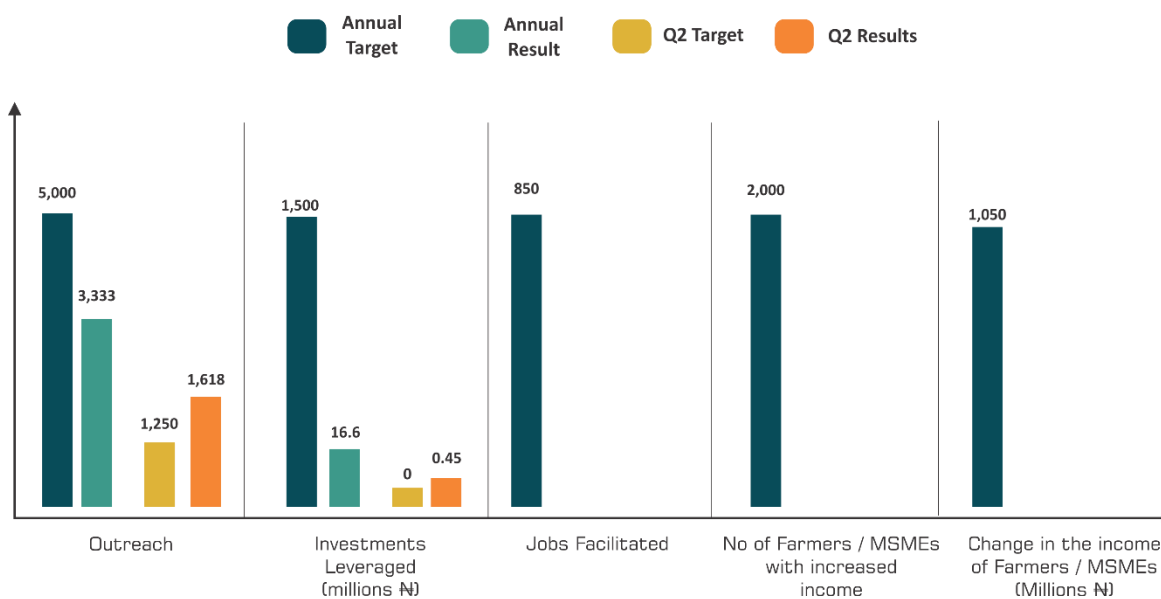


Figure 1. Performance of aquaculture interventions in Q2,2022

3.1.2 Key Achievements: Cassava

The Cassava value chain interventions are designed to improve the productivity and incomes of actors in the cassava sector. This is achieved through incentivizing partners to invest in activities that will improve access to information and quality inputs as well as markets for cassava farmers.

In 2022, PIND plans to reach an additional 25,000 direct and copying farmers, through the continued expansion of demonstration plots across the region to promote the adoption of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP). PIND would also increasingly leverage platforms to train and increase farmers’ access to agro-inputs including stems, fertilizers, and other crop protective products (CCPs), while expanding its collaboration with BASICS II to increase farmers' access to improved cassava stem varieties that are high yielding and disease resistant through the Cassava Stem Entrepreneurship (CSE) activity. PIND will also continue to support the establishment of cassava out-grower and aggregation programs in target locations.

This quarter, PIND continued to expand its activities on productivity improvement, working with new and existing partners across the region, by providing support to partners to strengthen relationships and linkages with farmers to ensure access to agricultural information, and quality inputs including stems, fertilizer, and CPPs required for their production. These partners conducted training programs and established demonstration plots on good agronomic practices across the region, reaching 3,996 (2,446 females) direct farmers this quarter, and 6,241 farmers so far in 2022.

Also, within the reporting period, PIND reviewed its strategy to expand its access to seeds intervention, to establish a more viable commercial Cassava seed system in the region, in collaboration with BASICS II; facilitated the establishment of a 33-hectare cassava out-grower farm in Imo State with Dufill Prima food (off-taker), in collaboration with Sombreiro Kapital and Sterling Bank Ltd.

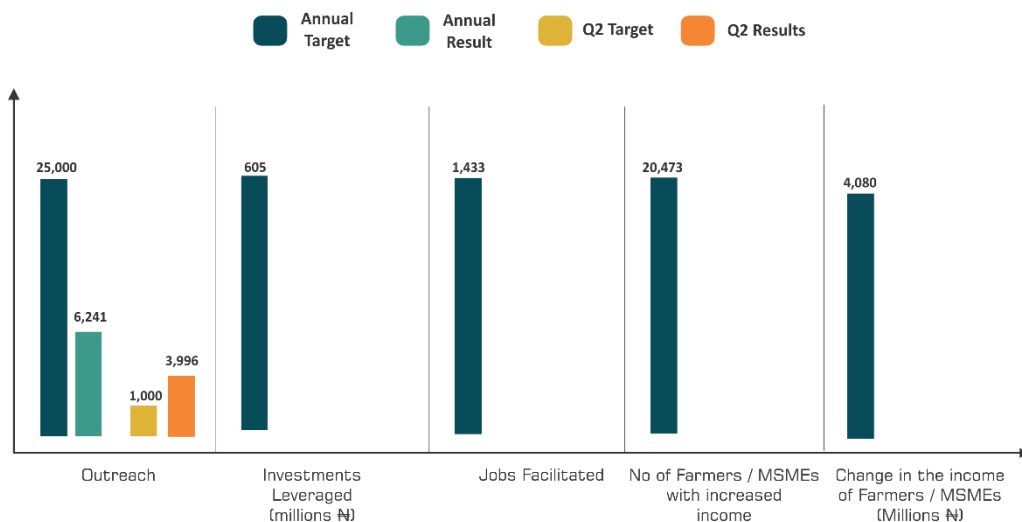


Figure 2. Performance of Cassava interventions in Q2,2022

3.1.3 Key Achievements: Cocoa

PINDs Cocoa value chain interventions focus on improving the productivity and income of farmers through the adoption of good agricultural practices and technologies. To achieve this, the cocoa sector works with a network of support market actors (agro-input companies, agro-input dealers, agro equipment dealers, and Farm Service Providers – FSPs) to improve access to agricultural information, agro-inputs, and efficient technologies to farmers in the cocoa sector. Since 2019, the sector has been strategically focusing on three intervention areas, viz: Productivity improvement, access to quality seedlings, and quality enhancement in five cocoa-producing states of Abia, Akwa Ibom, Cross River, Edo, and Ondo.

In 2022, PIND plans to support market actors to reach an additional 12,000 farmers with information on good practices, quality agro-inputs, and efficient technologies in the cocoa producing states.

In Q2, 2022, PIND supported export companies, cooperative groups, and Farm Service Providers to organize training programs and demonstration activities to reach new farmers. Eight Farm Service Providers (FSPs), one Nursery Operator, two input companies, and one off-taker, expanded GAP activities to more farmers in Abia, Delta, Edo, and Ondo States reaching 3,000 (788 females) farmers and 5,546 farmers so far in 2022.

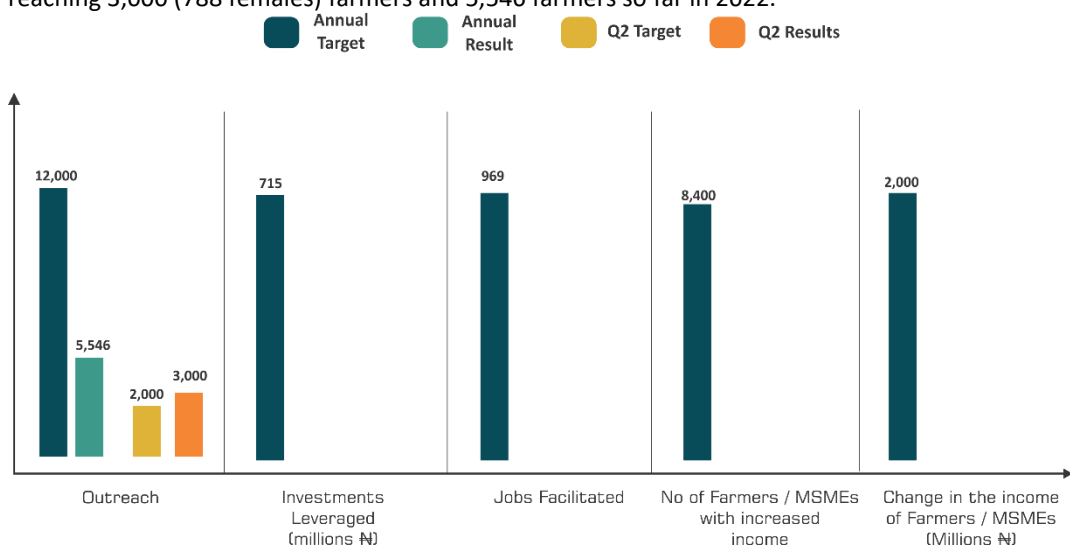


Figure 3. Performance of Cocoa interventions in Q2,2022

3.1.4 Key Achievements: Palm Oil

PIND's interventions in the palm oil sector focused on stimulating best management practices (BMPs) among farmers and improving access to palm oil seedlings. These interventions aim to increase the productivity and income of farmers and small processors in the region. The interventions are driven by agro-dealers, fabricators, input companies, and palm seed

nursery operators and producers, who have the incentives to provide a range of services and products that improve the productivity of farmers and processors. Previous interventions included stimulating the use of harvesting technologies and improved processing equipment.

In 2022, PIND plans to expand outreach to an additional 15,000 farmers, leveraging the adaptation strategies deployed in the previous year. Additionally, PIND plans to deepen the adoption of best practices by linking farmers and market actors to financial institutions to access inputs and equipment. It also plans to continue its work with seed-producing companies to expand the distribution of quality seeds to more farmers in the region. Last year, PIND on-boarded one new seed producer and promoted the business finders’ model which led to 304 palm oil farmers purchasing and planting 274,825 seedlings in the region. PIND plans to onboard another seed producer and support it to increase its network of nursery operators to enable it to reach more farmers.

In the review period, PIND’s activities focused on identifying and engaging market actors and service providers interested in driving field activities. The team also facilitated workshops with nursery operators and seed producers to improve access to improved oil palm seeds. Key activities included on-farm demonstration on BMP undertaken by nine new Farm service providers, which reached 3,122 farmers (1,060 females), across Abia, Akwa Ibom, Delta, Ondo and Rivers States, while 29 farmers (all male) adopted/purchased improved seeds. Thus, the total outreach for Q2 was 3,151 farmers, with a total of 5,335 farmers reached so far in 2022.

Also, within the quarter, 400 Improved harvesting tools (IHTs) and 11 Small-scale processing equipment (SSPE) were adopted across the region, leveraging ₦119.165 million. This makes the value of investment leveraged so far in 2022, ₦314.58 million.

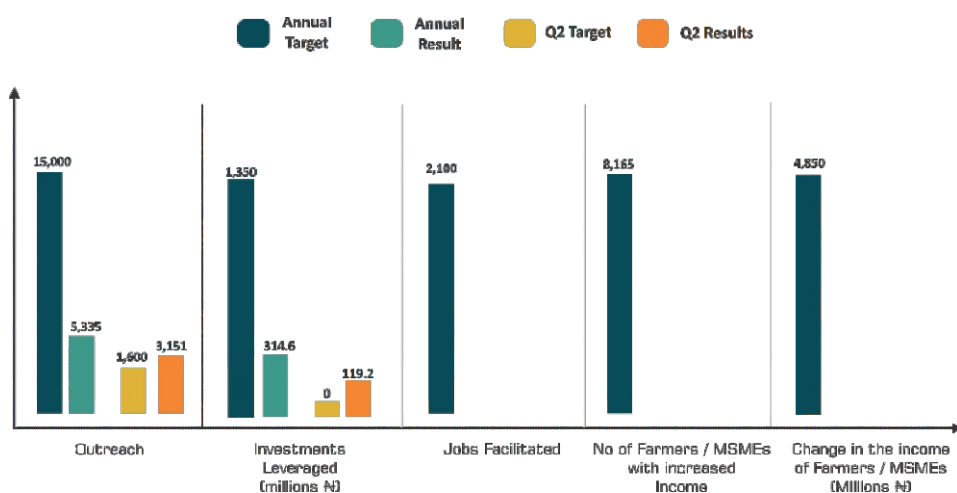


Figure 4. Performance of Palm Oil interventions in Q2, 2022

3.1.5 Key Achievements: Poultry

The poultry value chain interventions are designed to improve the productivity and income of poultry farmers in the Niger Delta through the adoption of good poultry practices and linkages to quality inputs such as day-old chicks (DoCs), vaccines and feed, markets and finance; to help farmers in their growth expansion plans. The sector’s activities are driven by Poultry Service Providers (PSPs) and Village Level Dealers (VLDs) working with input companies, chicken processors, and other market actors, who see the incentive to make more money by providing their services and products commercially to farmers, to improve their productivity.

PIND’s target for 2022 is to reach an additional 8,000 poultry farmers with information on good poultry practices (GPP) and facilitate access to quality inputs, markets and finance for expansion.

In the review period, PIND worked with PSPs and VLDs to train farmers on good poultry practices and ensure improved access to quality vaccines and markets for the farmers. A total of 30 training events were carried out during the quarter by seven PSPs, resulting in 1,884 (766 females) poultry farmers being reached in Ondo, Edo, Delta, Bayelsa, Rivers, Imo, and Akwa Ibom states. Some of the farmers were supported with technical and business skills training, linkages to inputs (feed & vaccines), market, and finance. Cumulatively, 4,057 farmers have been reached so far in 2022.

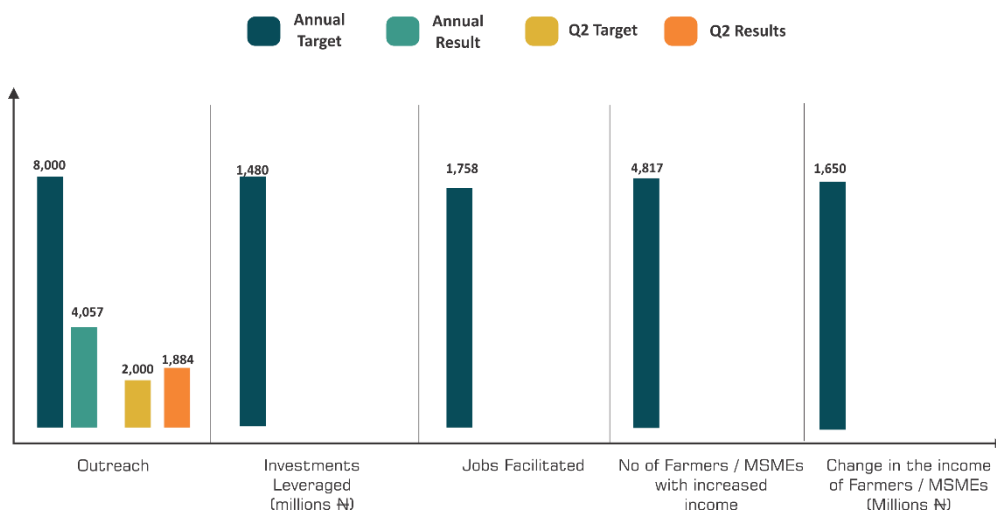


Figure 5. Performance of Poultry interventions in Q2,2022

3.1.6 MSME Development and Linkages

The MSME Development and Linkages project aims to stimulate a market that creates a dynamic and diversified set of strong local enterprises that can meet the demand created by large buyers operating within the Niger Delta. This then strengthens the local economic environment capable of driving economic growth and job creation. The project also strengthens platforms that enable micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to access quality business support services, market, and funding opportunities that enable enterprises to grow and be more competitive in both local and global markets.

The project activities are driven by business services providers (BSPs) whose capacities have been strengthened by PIND to enhance the growth of local enterprises. These BSPs work in partnership with financial institutions, large corporate buyers, chambers of commerce, and other public and private stakeholders important to the development of the MSME sector; to organize business linkages and investment forums, as well as to access new market and funding opportunities necessary for MSME development.

In 2022, PIND plans to work with the business service providers (BSPs) to expand the business performance of 4,500 MSMEs in the region, by improving their technical and business management skills and facilitating linkages to funding and market opportunities necessary for MSME growth and competitiveness.

In Q2, nine BSPs trained and supported 1,541 (664 women owned) MSMEs with business management, business plan development, loan application, and linkages to finance through the CBN Agri-Business/Small and Medium Enterprise Investment Scheme (AGSMEIS) scheme and other MSME-friendly loan schemes, and facilitated a total of ₦1.697 billion in loans. Cumulatively, 2,877 MSMEs have been reached so far in 2022.

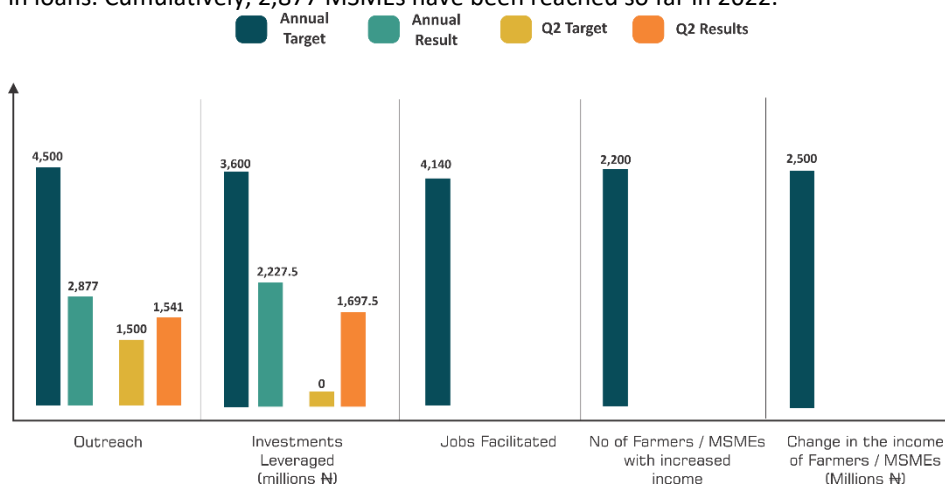


Figure 6. Performance of MSME interventions in Q2,2022

3.2 Skills Development for Youth Employment

YEP Scale-up in Abia, Akwa Ibom & Rivers States

In 2018; with funding from Ford Foundation, PIND implemented the Niger Delta Youth Employment Pathways (NDYEP) Pilot Project in Abia, Akwa Ibom and Rivers States. The pilot provided vocational skills training to 4,355 youths in emerging growth sectors of Agriculture, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Building Construction and supported linkages of these trainees to employment opportunities. With the completion of the Ford Foundation funded pilot phase of NDYEP, PIND, with its own funding, has commenced its scale-up in the pilot states of Abia, Akwa Ibom and Rivers, in addition to ongoing activities in Delta State.

Out of 2,422 applicants, 991 youths were enrolled in the NDYEP scale up project across the three states, within the reporting period. These youths were enrolled to build skills in four sectors: Agriculture (Rivers and Akwa Ibom States), ICT, building construction, and finished leather (Abia State only). The project is working with 11 implementing partners (involved in the NDYEP pilot phase) and private technical and vocational education and training (TVET) institutions to provide technical vocational skills training, whilst mainstreaming soft skills and entrepreneurship, in the curriculum.

Table 2: Number of selected participants by sector:

Sector	Selected	Male	Female	PWD
Aquaculture	451	226	225	2
Construction	218	161	57	1
ICT	266	167	99	10
Finished Leather Works	58	22	36	2
TOTAL	991	574	417	15

YEP Scale-up across the initial three states of the Niger Delta - Orientation/Onboarding of the selected youths

In Q2 2022, a 2-day orientation exercise was conducted for the newly selected participants by implementing partners. All selected trainees were fully on-boarded and technical/soft skills training workshops are ongoing in Abia, Akwa Ibom, and Rivers states. The training program is structured to be 70% practical/ field-based to enhance participants' occupational skills capacity, with soft skills mainstreamed in the curriculum, to facilitate behavioral change and participants' preparedness for the ideal work/business environment. 80% attendance is mandatory for successful completion and to be qualified for recommendation to partner organizations for an apprenticeship, job linkage, and certification examinations were also provided.

Youth Employment Pathways Project in Delta State

Within the reporting period, the YEP in Delta State focused on supporting the trainees from the first batch to make an early transition into jobs or enterprise start-ups. 505 (250 females) out of the 631 youths who completed vocational skills training in Q1, 2022; have been engaged as follows – 112 (50 females) successfully linked to jobs; 232 (109 females) linked to apprenticeship positions; and another 161 (91 females) received support to start enterprises (mostly participants from the fashion & tailoring and ICT sectors). 48 participants (mostly females) also started livestock businesses, while three cooperative farms emerged during this period. The collaboration with the Delta State Ministry of Science and Technology was sustained with the unit taking on some of the trainees as interns during the reporting period. Efforts are being made to link the remaining 126 youths, and those on internships or apprenticeships, to waged employment or enterprise start-ups.

3.3 Access to Energy

The coastline rural communities in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria suffer poor rural electrification, with many of the communities not having access to regular electricity supply to power basic economic assets and household needs, leading to reduced economic activities. Expectations for connection to the National grid anytime soon are unlikely due to high-cost implications and the difficult terrains. Since 2018, PIND has been addressing this gap through alternative and affordable off-grid solutions, capable of targeting not only basic energy needs (i.e lighting and cooking energy), but also productive use of energy at both household and rural enterprise levels (such as used in barber shops and beauty salons).

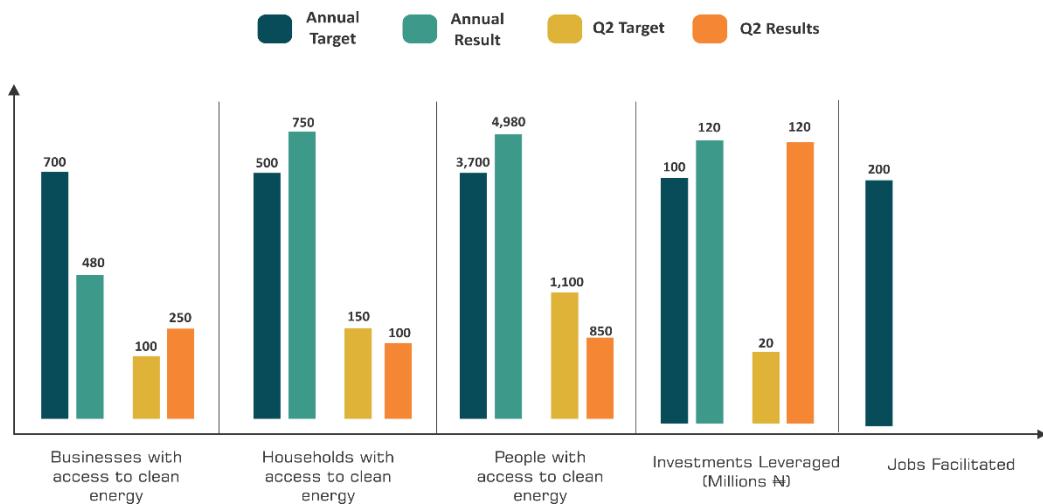


Figure 7. Performance of A2E in Q2, 2022

Outreach

PIND’s Access to energy program had an outreach of 970 in Q2 2022. This are 850 persons across 250 businesses and 100 households now enjoying access to electricity goods and services, 110 persons who participated in PIND supported demonstrations, and 10 persons who received training as new village level energy stewards.

Matching unserved coastal communities with potential power project developers

As part of the technical assistance and support provided to new businesses and power providers in Q2 2022, PIND facilitated community energy assessments and sensitization visits to three riverine communities in Delta and Edo states. This was in a bid to match 3 solar power developers – ETIN power Limited, Oghosa Limited and Contained Energy Limited – who have interests in providing commercial solar electricity in the coastal areas, with viable communities. The visit engaged community leadership across Adagbarassa (Delta State), Ofunama (Edo State) and Ajakurama (Edo State) communities and completed some preliminary assessment on viability for commercial mini grids.

Solar refrigeration for coastal communities

Earlier in the year, a needs assessment of the fishing communities around the coastal parts of the Niger Delta, without access to electricity, was completed with a view to supporting access to energy projects in hard-to-reach coastal communities, for value added electricity services in one of such communities. This led to the identification of Koluama 2 in Brass Local Government Area of Bayelsa State, as fit for the project, due to the demand for electricity to power cold storage equipment and the potential for commercialization.

Collaborating with the KOTEF fishing cooperative as the anchor offtaker for the refrigeration hub services, PIND carried out a series of engagements and sensitization activities on the productive use of renewable energy cold storage services, in Q1 2022. The engagements buttressed the benefit of employing pro poor business models to prevent post-harvest losses for fisher folks, using cost-effective pay-per-service method. In Q2 2022, Vectis Business Solutions limited deployed a community solar refrigeration hub to Koluama 2 community, to provide commercial refrigeration services to the cooperative members as well as the wider community. Through this intervention, 250 fisherfolks in Koluama 2 community, and members of the neighboring Olobia community now have access to commercial solar refrigeration services.

The project also trained 5 community energy stewards as part of the support services towards establishing a sustainable operations and maintenance regime, while two of the trainees were employed as full-time hub workers.

Closing the electricity supply gap in underserved communities with Solar-Home-Systems

Solar Home Systems (SHS) are a range of quick-deployment access to energy technologies, that bridge the gap between productive use and welfare needs – a typical scenario common to the riverine areas. It extends the power availability period (hours) at a reduced cost and impact to the environment and has therefore become an increasingly popular

⁷ Jobs facilitated will be reported in Q3.

solution for many off-grid communities.

In Q2 2022, PIND facilitated a Business to Consumer B2C town hall to support the introduction of other access to energy models that can support basic welfare needs in some coastal communities. To this end, a SHS demonstration was carried out in Tsekelewu community (Delta State) to explore the supply gaps from their community generator systems.

For coastal communities like Tsekelewu with communal generating sets, the SHS offers some resilience against the instability of the local generator grid. On the one hand, the SHS is able to plug the demand gap for electricity by powering tier 1 and 2 systems of energy which are essentially phones, lightbulbs and fans. On the other hand, it has the potential of weaning the households from non-essential fossil fuel electricity use and consequently a reduction on their household spend and demand for electricity from the diesel generators.

Through this activity, PIND leveraged ₦6M through A4&T's investment in 100 SHS to be installed across an initial 100 households in Tsekelewu community. In addition, PIND's community engagement efforts, training of community energy stewards and technology demonstration events all contributed towards derisking the project for A4&T who invested in technology that will provide access to electricity, through Pay-as-you-go services to subscribing households.

63 persons attended the technology demonstration at the Tsekelewu community hall, while another 5 members of the community were trained and retained as distribution service agents to scale the penetration of the SHS in the community and neighboring locations.

3.4 Feed the Future Nigeria Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services Activity (AEAS)

The Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services (AEAS) Activity is jointly-funded by USAID and PIND over a five-year period (May 25, 2020 – May 24, 2025). Like PIND, the Activity utilizes a facilitative approach to market development by partnering with micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and key market actors within the aquaculture, cowpea, maize, rice, and soybean value chains to pilot proven technologies, scale up successful ones, and promote the adoption of improved production practices. It also aims to improve service delivery that will rapidly, effectively, and sustainably provide access to agro-inputs and disseminate extension messaging to at least two million smallholder farmers in Benue, Cross River, Delta, Ebonyi, Kaduna, Kebbi, and Niger states.

The Extension Activity uses Lean⁸ production principles and tools to develop a deep understanding of the existing production systems to identify the most promising opportunities (also known as most impactful practices- MIPs) and the most important constraints to improve efficiency and increase return on investment for farmers. The Extension Activity leverages MSMEs as change agents around the identified on-farm opportunities. These MSMEs are strategically placed intermediaries for upstream and downstream movement of inputs and commodities through the market system; and their businesses depend on and can grow with the enhanced competitiveness and profitability of smallholder producers: their core customers.

PIND and AEAS interventions in the Niger Delta

The AEAS project focuses on interventions in Aquaculture, Maize and Rice in Delta and Cross River States. Between April and June 2022, the Extension Activity identified and validated 11 additional MIPs, bringing the total list to 20 MIPs across the five target value chains it is intervening; nine of these MIPs are being promoted in Cross River and Delta State as shown below.

- Aquaculture: Stocking juveniles; Complementary feeding with Maggots and Duckweed
- Maize: Mechanized land preparation, Fall Army Worm control & management
- Rice: Mechanized threshing, Mechanized land prep with small equipment- power tillers (lowland rice)
- Maize & Rice: Use of improved seeds, optimum herbicide utilization for weed management, optimum fertilizer use

Of the 179 MSMEs partnering with the Extension Activity and receiving services to promote private sector extension in Cross River and Delta states, 70 MSMEs commercialized the MIPs this quarter and are providing extensions services to 7,798 small holder farmers (SHFs). Of these, 4 MSMEs conducted demand stimulation and extension messaging campaigns in Cross River state on the use of improved seeds in 11 communities in these 4 LGAs: Akamkpa, Bekwarra,

⁸ Lean is a process-driven analytical and management set of principles and tools the Activity will use to develop a deep understanding of the existing production systems to identify the most promising opportunities and the most important constraints to improve efficiency and increase return on investment for farmers. Lean principles emerged from the Toyota Production System, known for efficiency and high net margins within its industry, and have been applied in agriculture as well as other sectors and industries in the recent decades.

Obanliku, and Ogoja. To further reach farmers in rural communities with extension services and stimulate the adoption of MIPs, 10 MSMEs in Cross River State engaged and trained 80 private Agricultural Extension Agents (AEAs), which include champion farmers and small-scale out-door agricultural input retailers, to serve farmers in Ogoja and Yala LGAs.

In addition, The Extension Activity provided technical assistance to MSME cohorts to improve their viability for credit. The technical assistance included business registration, development of business plans, introduction to financial institutions, loan application documentation, and cash flow monitoring. Through this initiative, in Delta State, \$ 104,909 (₦43.54 million) has been disbursed as cash credit to 64 beneficiaries (6 MSMEs, 58 SHFs). In Cross River State, a credit financing pipeline of \$850,093 (₦352.79 million) is being facilitated for 316 beneficiaries – MSMEs and SHFs, with an equity contribution of USD 19,106 (₦7.93 million) required to draw the facility. As part of conditions to satisfy requirements for accessing the facility 301 bank accounts have been opened.

Also, the Extension Activity began development of a radio awareness campaign program to promote adoption of seed-related MIPs in collaboration with 4 MSMEs in Cross River state seeking to pool resources for a common radio campaign. The Activity continued to collaborate with the Cross River State Agricultural Development Program (CRADP) to develop and disseminate extension videos demonstrating the value and practice of MIPs. Following a training last quarter, five videos were produced in the local language (Pidgin). Four videos highlight MIPs (improved rice seeds, improved maize seeds, juveniles for stocking ponds, and mechanized land preparation) and one video promotes healthy nutrition.

Partner MSMEs in Cross River and Delta states invested \$58,702 (₦24.36 million) to address the issue of availability of products and services to SHFs. They invested in pond expansion, purchase of pumps and purchase of new inputs inventory. To satisfy an expanded client base, seven firms in Cross River and Delta States reported 53 additional jobs created (48 extension agents and 5 hatchery workers) with 23% of the jobholders being women or youth.

Table 3. Breakdown of MSME's enlisted and providing services

State	Cross River			Delta			Aggregate		
	Total	Female - owned	Youth - owned	Total	Female - owned	Youth - owned	Total	Female - owned	Youth - owned
Partner MSMEs	51	8	-	128	20	4	179	28	4
MSMEs deploying MIPs	23	1	1	47	9	4	70	10	5

Table 4. Number of farmers accessing MIPs/Intervention

MIP/Intervention	Cross River			Delta		
	Total	Female	Youth	Total	Female	Youth
Use of Juveniles	-	-	-	1,139	386	25
Optimum Herbicide utilization for weed management (Rice)	3,093	1,107	39	-	-	-
Optimum Fertilizer Use (Rice)	205	82	30	-	-	-
Mechanized Land Preparation (Rice)	18	-	-	-	-	-
Mechanized Land Preparation (Maize)	-	-	-	26	5	-
Use of improved seeds (Maize)	-	-	-	506	209	-
Extension messaging	766	177	18	53	30	-

3.5 Sombreiro Kapital Ltd/Gte

Over the years, poor or no access to finance has affected the productivity of businesses in the Niger Delta. This is due to systemic constraints (existing laws, infrastructural deficit, and knowledge gap), which influence the demand and supply of financial services. In response to these constraints, Sombreiro Kapital (SK) was incorporated to facilitate lending to businesses through the issuance of credit guarantees to partner commercial banks to de-risk lending and unlock the flow of funds to intended beneficiaries.

In 2022, SK's target is to facilitate loans worth ₦300 million to 1,000 businesses in the selected value chains of aquaculture, poultry, cocoa, oil palm, and cassava, across the focal states of Delta, Edo, Bayelsa, Imo, and Ondo through risk-sharing with partner commercial banks.

In the second quarter of 2022, although SK planned to facilitate loans worth ₦75,000,000 to 250 smallholder farmers, in

addition to designing a sustainability plan that will deliver profitable financial returns and create positive value for stakeholders, it instead prioritized loan recovery over facilitating additional loans. This was because the non-performing loan rate on SK-guaranteed loans rose from 3.78% to 11%, due to the diversion of ₦16 million by one of the signatories to the benefitting farmers' cooperative's account.

To ensure that the loan default rate remains within the industry benchmark of 5%, and to improve the quality of loan applicants, SK revised the eligibility criteria for farmer groups to access guarantee instruments, including vetting account signatories during the assessment phase, and facilitated the recruitment of loan monitoring officers in each of the focal states, in collaboration with Sterling Bank. As a result in Q2, ₦100,402,277 was recovered from 251 smallholder farmers, leaving an outstanding balance of ₦25,356,319 owed by 61 smallholder farmers, with measures in place to ensure recovery.

Table 5. Sombreiro Kapital progress against 2022 annual targets

Indicators	2022 target	Target for the Period	Result for Q2			Cumulative to date (2022)		
			Results for Q2	Females	No of PWDs	YTD	Females	No. of PWDs
Number of farmers supported to receive loans by SK	1000	250	0	0	0	195	90	0
Volume of loans facilitated (Naira)	₦300,000,000	₦75,000,000	0	0	0	₦30,172,800	₦13,586,400	0
Default rate on loans facilitated (%)	5	5	11	0	0	11	0	0
New investment leveraged into SK	₦40,000,000	₦20,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of farmers receiving loans from commercial banks post SK support	Too early to measure	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Women farmers receiving loans from commercial Banks	400	100	0	0	0	90	90	0

4. Peace Building Program

The strategic thrust of the peace building program is to achieve regional and lasting peace in the Niger Delta. To achieve this, PIND is creating sustainable peace partnerships, encouraging collaboration and cooperation amongst peace actors, providing support for economic development, and strengthening indigenous structures for peace. It does this while creating and building interfaces with larger state-level or regional peace efforts; thereby creating an enabling environment for sustainable broad-based economic development.

The peace building program consists of two interrelated and interdependent projects: The Integrated Peace and Development Unit (IPDU), and the Partners for Peace (P4P) Network. The IPDU focuses on undertaking research and providing training to local and international stakeholders to implement innovative pilot projects that show promise of making a difference on the ground. Responding quickly in a targeted manner to rapidly changing dynamics, IPDU promotes collaboration and synergy amongst existing local, regional, and national efforts of actors in both public and private sectors to develop/deploy early warning and response mechanisms to address conflict, with a focus on women and youth.

The P4P Network is PIND's strategy towards establishing social infrastructure and capital the Niger Delta. In the last five years, this PIND- established network of self-identified agents of peace has deployed the power of grassroots networking towards building peace in the region. Using conflict analyses and early warning as key instruments, P4P identifies, and supports existing initiatives, and creates new ones to address conflict risk factors. The P4P Network currently has chapters and subchapters in all the nine States and 119 LGAs of the Niger Delta.

In the current strategic phase, the Peace Network will focus on establishing and strengthening grassroots conflict resolution initiatives that promote a more enabling, integrated, and peaceable environment conducive for economic growth and development in the region.

PIND's Peace Building Program contributes to this global Sustainable Development Goal:



This section highlights the key achievements of the Peace Building program in Q2,2022.

4.1 Peace Building

PIND continued to undertake interventions in conflict prevention, conflict management and peacebuilding in the Niger Delta region as part of the plan of action aimed at keeping the level of violence as low as possible, particularly in key communities of interest, while also building the social infrastructure and social capital of peace actors across the region for long term sustainable peace. PIND's peace building strategy recognizes the need for an integrated and comprehensive approach to tackling the complex causes and drivers of conflict; adopting innovative approaches to work on problems of militancy, election violence, gang/cult violence, communal violence, and the cross-cutting issue of Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG)⁹.

In Q2, PIND inducted 90 youths into its Niger Delta Peace Champions program as part of its strategy of promoting grassroots facilitated prevention, mitigation, and resolution of violent conflicts in the region. These youths are scheduled to receive training in peacebuilding and PIND's Early Warning and Early Response (EWER) system to complement the P4P Peace Monitors and Prevent Teams as part of a strategy to strengthen the incident reporting and response mechanisms of PIND's Early Warning and Early Response system.

⁹ PIND Impact Assessment: promoting peace in the Niger Delta 2012- 2018.

The data-driven and highly analytical weekly conflict updates produced by Peacebuilding alerted stakeholders to new emerging trends and patterns of violence and instability in the region. In June 2022, based on information from the IPDU weekly updates and conflict reports, the Peacebuilding team in collaboration with NDLink facilitated an online discussion (Twitter Chat) on how to mitigate election related violence and targeted killing of women and girls in the Niger Delta. The online discussion raised public awareness of the emerging trends and dynamics of targeted violence against women and girls in the Niger Delta.

During the quarter, 214 conflict early warning incidents were reported on the SMS EWER platform. From the incidents reported on the SMS EWER platform, the IPDU generated and disseminated conflict alerts to 35 peace actors including the P4P Prevent committees for situational awareness and preventive response. Several incidents of politically motivated violence and killings were reported during the primary elections of some political parties during the period. Although data from the peace maps (www.p4p-nigerdelta.org/peace-map) show that communal conflict including farmer-herder clashes, criminal insurgency/violent separatist agitation and targeted violence against women and girls (VAWG) increased by 58%, 44% and 53% respectively during the quarter; at the state level, communal conflict and violence against women and girls (VAWG) decreased by 37% and 36% respectively in Delta State, and cult/gang related violence decreased by 50% in Bayelsa State during the period.

PIND also produced 15 data-driven conflict reports¹⁰ including 13 weekly conflict briefs, a quarterly conflict tracker (2022 Q1) and a special policy brief on peace and security impact of illegal artisanal oil refining in the Niger Delta, to create situational awareness, update stakeholders and catalyze response actions.

An analysis of the utilization of PIND’s data products revealed that 409 stakeholders utilized PIND’s peacebuilding data and analysis during Q2 2022.

Stimulating peace actors to tackle conflict and promote peace.

PIND’s peace efforts are geared towards preventing violence as a means of resolving conflicts, reducing fragility as a breeding ground for violence, and creating opportunities for long-term development. Since conflicts are a natural part of the social processes of change for sustainable development, PIND relentlessly promotes a culture of peace by providing relevant data for early response and facilitating collaborative efforts for implementing conflict management and peace building interventions. Through its Integrated Peace Development Unit (IPDU) and the Partners for Peace (P4P) network, PIND facilitates training and workshops to enhance capacities of peace actors to constructively mitigate conflict.

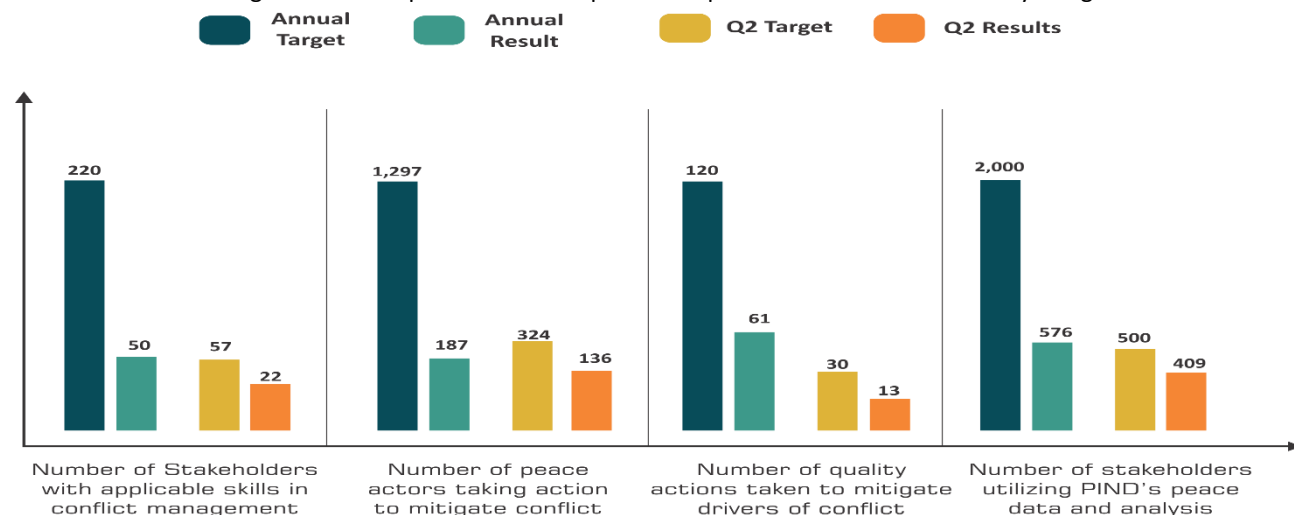


Figure 8. Performance of Peace Building program in Q2, 2022

¹¹In Q2 of 2022, 22 stakeholders in communities in Bayelsa, Delta, Edo, Ondo and Rivers States, whose capacities had

¹⁰ The conflict reports were gathered from different sources including PIND’s IPDU, West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP), Fund for Peace’s UNLock, Transition Monitoring Group’s (TMG) Quick Count of the Nigerian Election Early Warning System (NEEWS2015), Nigeria Stability and Reconciliation Program (NSRP), Council of Foreign Relations, Nigeria Watch, Armed Conflict Location and Event Data (ACLED), and Community Initiative for Enhanced Peace and Development (CIEPD); and these data are integrated on the Peace Map making it the most comprehensive dataset on conflict risk in Nigeria publicly available.

¹¹ PIND is supporting the resourcing of the P4P secretariat to facilitate the harvesting and reporting of interventions done at sub-chapter levels.

been strengthened through PIND/P4P facilitated training sessions and workshops, applied the skills they had acquired to promote peace and tackle conflict in their communities. Most of the peace actors reportedly applied their skills by providing further training to others; engaging in conflict mitigation efforts within and outside their communities; reporting conflict issues to the PIND/SMS platform; engaging in peacebuilding awareness campaigns against electoral violence and analyzing conflict trends and patterns.

An example of the way previously-trained peace actors applied skills gained to promote peace and tackle conflict in Q2, is Israel from Edo State. Israel is an executive in Connected Advocacy for Empowerment and Youth Development Initiative (CAEYDI) in Edo State. He attended EWER/ Conflict Management and media training in 2016 and 2018. In June 2022, Israel organized a stakeholder dialogue on developing early warning system in Benin city. The theme was “The role of citizens in environmental conflict mitigation and prevention” and it focused on strengthening relationships between security operatives and residents at grassroots, as well as on the use of EWER to ensure prompt response against community attack in Edo state. Over 50 participants were in attendance including security and media agents.

Also, 136 peace actors (P4P members) constructively resolved emerging conflicts in various communities in the Niger Delta, utilizing 13 ‘quality actions’ to resolve these conflicts within the reporting period. Some of such interventions towards creating a long-term peaceful environment, are presented in the table below.

Table 6. Summary of selected interventions carried out by peace actors in Q2 2022 by location, type and results

Peace actor/Location	Type of conflict issue	Outcome of interventions
<i>Daniel</i> Edo State	Leadership tussle	A leadership tussle between two elders in Apana Community, Etsako West Local Government Area of Edo State, started in 2011 and has reemerged periodically since then. The struggle for the leadership position led to the division of community members as community members in support of the opponent refused to attend any meeting summoned by any of these two elders. In April 2022, as part of P4P’s periodic monitoring/follow-up and conflict resolution efforts, Daniel applied the skills from the P4P training and brought the members of the community together in multiples dialogues. Although the leadership tussle has not been fully resolved, however community members now attend community meetings despite who/what factions calls for the meetings.
<i>Sammy</i> Akwa Ibom	Land dispute	Sammy, a member of Partners for Peace in Ibesikpo, Akwa Ibom State, intervened in a land dispute between Ikot-ekwere and Ikot-Obioitongin April 2022, caused by acquisition of land for a factory by an investor who had approached and negotiated with Ikot Ekwere but ownership of the land in question was claimed/contested by Ikot Obiotong. The dispute resulted in injuries and damages to properties and houses. After mapping the conflict situation, he invited the security personnel and the local government to intervene, they jointly convened a meeting between both communities. As a result, the case was resolved, with the local government taking ownership of the land.
Oden Cross River	Communal conflict	Oden attended a training on Conflict Assessment and Resource Mobilization in 2017 and since then, he has been a committed member of the P4P network, has passed on the knowledge to several youths in his community and has been actively involved in conflict early warning incident reporting to the EWER platform, and voluntarily undertaken preventive interventions. In May 2022, he collaborated with one of the youths he trained to intervene in a conflict between Nko and Onyadama communities of Cross River State. It was a land dispute that resulted in loss of properties, destruction of farmlands and physical violence. They organized several round table discussions with both communities and peaceful negotiations are now ongoing between the communities.

5. General Enabling Program

PIND's two distinct but interrelated programs, Economic Development and Peace Building, are supported by initiatives which enable, measure, and communicate the results and achievements of the pillar programs and they include:

Capacity building that builds the service delivery and engagement capacity of business membership organizations, civil society organizations and communities.

Advocacy that seeks to influence policies, practices and programs underpinned by in-depth analyses and understanding of systemic constraints to growth in the Niger Delta region.

A robust communications and outreach effort that enhances PIND's reputation through clear and consistent messaging via multiple channels, of its unique selling points, transformative approaches, impacts, and learning.

PIND's General Enabling Program contributes to the following Sustainable Development Goals:



This section shows key achievements in Quarter 2 of 2022 for all initiatives implemented under the General Enabling Program.

5.1 Capacity Building

As one of PIND's key enablers, the Capacity Building program is designed and positioned to strengthen the institutional and technical capacity of government, civil society, and business associations/service providers; for effective socio-economic engagement, inclusive governance for growth, and peaceful co-existence in the Niger Delta". It directly contributes to both PIND's long-term objective and overall goal.

The Program was designed to focus on two major areas, the first being to strengthen the capacity of local development organizations in the Niger Delta to adopt the market systems approach through the Capacity Building for Local Empowerment (CAPABLE) Making markets work for the poor (M4P) training program. M4P is an overarching approach to development that provides agencies and governments with the direction required to achieve large-scale sustainable change by focusing on underlying constraints that prevent the poor from participating effectively in markets. As part of its continued support to CAPABLE organizations this year, PIND is providing direct mentorship to selected organizations to implement projects using the market systems approach, and handholding on proposal writing and fund mobilization to diversify their funding base.

The second area of focus for the project is to strengthen the institutions that support the Chevron Global Memorandum of Understanding (GMOU) process and enable them to carry out developmental projects that improve the livelihood of people living in the communities. Between 2020 and 2021, PIND carried out a series of activities aimed at strengthening the institutions that support the Chevron GMOU and Regional Development Councils (RDCs), including supporting the implementation of the recommendations from the 2018 Organizational Capacity Assessment (OCA) conducted on the RDCs. These include coaching, mentoring and training conducted for various committees of the RDCs including those in Video production and photography, Sustainable Project Management, and on gender equality and social inclusion.

This year, PIND plans to continue to coach and mentor the various committees of the RDC in the skill areas in line with the OCA recommendations. PIND will also continue to support the Policy, Government and Public Affairs (PGPA) teams in the implementation of GMoU interventions. It will also conduct an evaluation of the RDCs on their progress in adopting and implementing the OCA recommendations and increasing their organization capacity Index.

This quarter, PIND continued to provide mentorship and support to the Media and Communications team of the the Egbema Gbaramatu Communities Development Foundation (EGCDF) and Itsekiri Regional Development Council (IRDC) to finalize their media advocacy video to showcase the activities of the RDCs in their communities. PIND is also concluding the engagement of a consultant to evaluate the RDCs on their OCA implementation and organizational progress.

It will exit this support upon the kick-off on August 15, 2022 of the Petroleum Industry Act’s Host Community Development Trusts that will replace the RDCs, in the latter half of the year, and will continue to collaborate with Chevron Nigeria Limited (CNL) through its transition from the RDC to the Petroleum Industry Act’s Host Community Development Trust (HCDT) structure. PIND will work with CNL to provide the needed capacity building support to the new entity when it is established.

In addition, PIND will continue to strengthen the capacities of CAPABLE M4P organizations on proposal writing and resource mobilization alongside continued mentorship in the implementation of Market systems interventions in the region.

As part of its secretariat support to the GMoU process, PIND facilitated the Q2 joint PGPA and PIND collaboration meeting to support CNL’s transition process to the HCDT.

Organizations accessing funds and grants for capacity building

Within in the reporting period, a total of ₦7.8 million was recorded as funds raised by organizations who were trained by PIND to provide capacity strengthening to individuals and organizations as follows:

- Conservation Alliance received total funding of ₦4.8 million from Finance in Motion (FIM) and the National Cashew Association of Nigeria (NCAN). The funds were for carrying out studies on cashew and other certified crops in Nigeria (including the Niger Delta).
- Similarly, KOLPING Society of Nigeria received ₦3 million from Africa Cassava Agronomy Initiatives (ACAI) to train 1,000 individuals to become commercial seed entrepreneurs.

Cumulatively, ₦24.8 million has been raised so far in 2022, against the annual target of ₦26 million.

Additionally, Self Help and Rural Development Association (SHERDA) provided capacity-building support to the GMOU communities, to 250 participants in Asaingbene cluster and Kolokuma/Opokuma cluster.

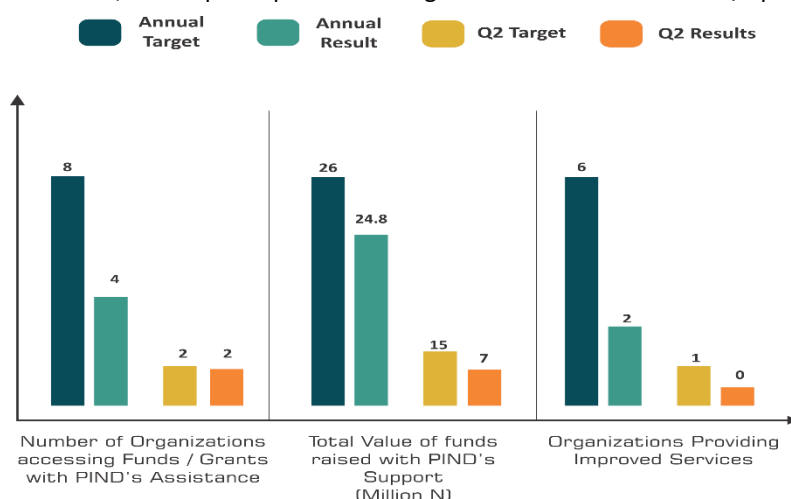


Figure 9. Performance of Capacity building in Q2, 2022

Regarding support to CAPABLE M4P organizations, PIND finalized the selection of a consultant to support the selected CAPABLE M4P organizations through training and mentorship on proposal writing and resource mobilization, this is expected to commence in Q3.

5.2 Advocacy

PIND's advocacy focus continued to be on three key work areas: to influence spending and funding from government, donors, and the private sector organizations on new projects in the Niger Delta; address issues of inadequate access to arable land for smallholder farmers, and constraints on small businesses brought about by multi-taxation and illegal levies; and to support institutionalizing strategies in peacebuilding efforts that will promote conflict prevention across the Niger Delta.

In addition, PIND continued to position itself as a resource organization for the implementation of the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA), by supporting Settlers (International and National Oil Companies) to manage the processes that birth and administer their Host Communities Development Trusts as prescribed by the PIA and highlighting expectations of community stakeholders in achieving successful implementation of the new process.

The extent of responsiveness in addressing discriminatory practices concerning equitable access to land by smallholder farmers.

PIND is making progress in its effort to influence state governments to establish a more sustainable policy framework for managing land for agricultural activities. During the second quarter, PIND influenced the establishment of an Arable land Committee in Delta State and secured executive consent of the Edo State governor on the propositions (for communities, government, civils society organizations and investors) of the arable land committee for Edo State. Please see Annex 2 for details of the work of these arable land committees.

The extent of change in policy concerning multiple taxations on small-scale businesses.

In Q2, an internal review of the report on the impact of multiple taxations and illegal levies on small businesses in Abia, Delta, and the Rivers States, took place followed by a subsequent review/perfection by an external subject matter. Also, in Q2, work progressed on the design of a tax matrix for the intervention states (Abia, Delta, and Rivers States), with the legal and illegal taxes identified and tracked through the matrix. Public dissemination forums are scheduled for Q3 in Port Harcourt and Asaba which will bring together business service providers, business owners, government Tax officials, media, and civil society. They will discuss the findings and recommendations of the field assessment towards designing workable solutions that address this issue in the Niger Delta at large, starting with the intervention states.

Quality and comprehensive policies and strategies that promote a peaceful non-violent society.

PIND participated in a Technical Committee meeting of the National Council on Niger Delta which held in Calabar, Cross River State in May 2022. It afforded PIND the opportunity, as a member of the regional committee, to present a memo on the partnership with Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs (MNDA) to develop a peacebuilding infrastructure for the region. Building on the memo presented in Calabar, the MoU sealing the partnership between PIND and MNDA to develop the regional peacebuilding infrastructure was finalized in June 2022 is awaiting signing by both parties.

NDLink

In Q2 of 2022, PIND achieved a remarkable milestone with its online advocacy platform, NDLink (www.ndlink.org) which in line with its sustainability plan, offered its first subscription service to the Civil society coalition on Environmental Action and the Civil Society Coalition. Secondly, the platform crossed 16 million website cumulative visits as at Q2, 2022. This underscores the work PIND has put in to increase its Search Engine Optimization (securing visits from search engines) and its general social media visibility, ensuring that the platform is a voice to be reckoned with on social media (See Annex 2 for more details).

5.3 Communications

PIND's communication activities aim to increase its visibility by getting people to know about PIND, talk about it, and engage with it and its programs. They also aim to strengthen PIND's reputation and attract target stakeholders to support its cause, partner with it, fund its programs and replicate its proven models.

Increasing awareness of PIND among stakeholder groups through digital and mainstream media

In the second quarter of the year, similar to the first, discourse on the digital media space continued to be dominated by the upcoming Nigeria 2023 general elections, insecurity, and migration of skilled workforce from Nigeria in search of greener pastures. To key into the discourse, remain relevant, and attract audience attention to PIND, the Unit focused on using relatable human stories to share critical messages of economic opportunities, peacebuilding, and enabling

environment facilitated by PIND across multiple channels of communication: social media, newsletter, website, traditional media, forums, and knowledge products such as factsheets and reports. Via these channels, PIND’s brand messages reached a total of 2,296,793 target stakeholders.

1. Social Media

PIND shared 266 original content (conveying PIND’s key messages) across social media platforms like: LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. The social media posts reached 793,737 individuals who became newly or more aware of PIND’s programs/projects, models, and results. 53,013 of the people reached engaged by liking, commenting, sharing, or link clicking. Thus, PIND’s followership increased by 666 in Q2 2022, with a total of 1,129 new followers in 2022 so far, indicating increased visibility and interest in PIND and its work.

2. Newsletter

PIND produced and disseminated five newsletters to recipients in target stakeholder groups during the quarter in review, reaching 2,161 people. 112 new subscribers were also added to its mailing list during the quarter, resulting in a total of 244 new newsletter subscribers so far in 2022.

3. PIND Website

In Q2, PIND provided target stakeholders with information about its brand, program, and projects through the organization’s website. This attracted 5,234 individuals (54% female and 46% male) to PIND’s website for the first time, exposing them to PIND’s work, results, and models. 1,210 of these people also subscribed for notifications of all PIND website posts, showing rising affinity for the brand.

Table 7. PIND’s website performance summary in Q2 2022.

15,234 visitors learned about PIND for the first time
38,644 repeat visitors to the website to learn more about PIND
32 new content shared about PIND and partners
12,377 views of posted content and the About PIND page that increased awareness of PIND
4,496 downloads of PIND’s knowledge products to learn more

4. Email Enquiries

PIND received a total of 107 email enquiries this quarter. Most of these enquiries sought information on access to PIND-promoted agricultural technologies, collaboration with PIND, media enquiry, academic research on PIND, and others (such as for either economic development or peace building matters). These enquiries indicate increased visibility and better positioning of PIND as a thought leader and go-to organization on issues of socio-economic development in the Niger Delta.

5. Mainstream Media

In Q2, 2022, PIND messages targeted at its stakeholder groups through the radio, TV, print, and online newspapers helped it to attain 39 positive mainstream media mentions across these channels, out of which 18 were earned media mentions (third-party media mentions of PIND). The exposures reached an average of 1,487,527 people who became more or newly aware of PIND, its programs, models, and results. A total of 4,574,357 people have become more or newly aware of PIND via mainstream media channels so far in 2022.

6. Public Endorsement of PIND

PIND received 30 public endorsements from program participants, and the general public through various public media platforms. PIND also hosted and participated in seven forums where it shared relevant and useful lessons and evidence of its work to critical stakeholder groups to stimulate possible replication of the models and position. PIND for new partnership opportunities. Details of the forum are given in Annex 2.

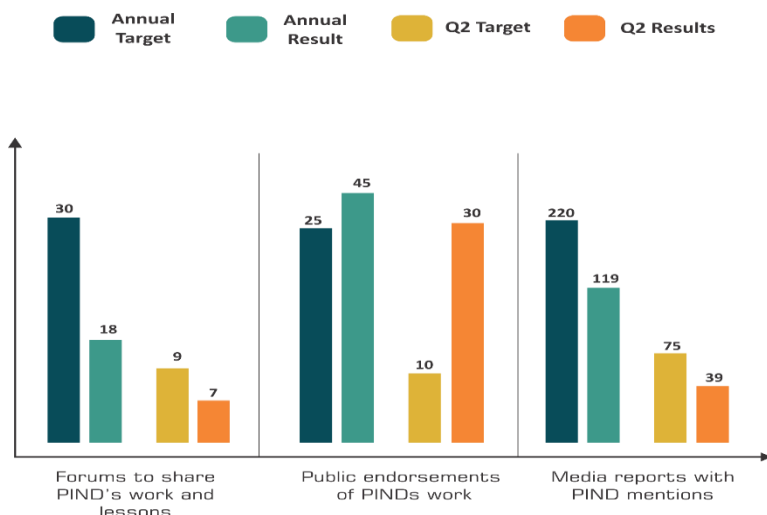


Figure 10. Performance of Communications in Q2, 2022

5.4 Gender Equality and Social Inclusion

PIND's commitment to gender and social inclusion underpins efforts that the organization is making to achieve greater gender equality as a key pathway towards sustainable poverty reduction, and shared security and prosperity in the Niger Delta. At the center of PIND's 2020–2024 strategic plan is the achievement of gender equality and empowerment of youth, poor women and persons with disabilities. Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) mainstreaming as a cross cutting theme, is embedded within PIND's programs and projects to ensure that its activities are inclusive, reflect equitable participation and access to benefits.

Steering women's economic empowerment

PIND has a target of enabling at least 60,000 women (40% of the overall target) to increase their incomes, thereby positioning women's economic empowerment at the core of its economic development implementation activities.

In Q2 2022, 9,394 males and 6,897 females (42% of the total beneficiaries) benefitted from the various economic development interventions in the Niger Delta, targeted at improving their knowledge and practices; with an aim to increase their incomes and improve their livelihoods. Also 17 people with disabilities were reached through the Youth Empowerment Program (YEP) stakeholders' engagement workshops.

Similarly, 319 males and 243 females (43% of the peace actors) participated in various peacebuilding interventions including: conflict mitigation, forums on peace and stability, skills enhancements, and mentorships, for the advancement of sustainable peace in the region.

PIND Gender Mainstreaming Policy and Strategy Update

As part of the 2019 Participatory Stakeholders Review (PSR) recommendations, PIND integrated social inclusion in its Gender Mainstreaming Policy and Strategy in line with global best practice in bringing other vulnerable segments of the population to a common fold for improved attention to their issues and contributions to sustainable development and in Q2 2022, PIND continued activities to update the policy.

5.5 Business Development

In line with its effort to diversify and expand its funding base, PIND continued to engage potential partners to explore new opportunities across its program areas, in Q2, 2022 and held its first Business Development and Sustainability (BDS) Sub-Committee and board committee meetings on the 17th of May and 2nd of June respectively. Also, to help PIND channel its fund-raising efforts PIND commenced work on its Donor Landscape Analysis for 2022. This is an in-depth review of funders, funding trends and donors' programmatic priorities. The document will be ready for circulation in Q3.

Petroleum Industry Act (PIA)

This quarter, PIND submitted a proposal to Heritage Energy Operational Services Limited (HEOSL), an independent, private company with a diversified, international oil and gas portfolio, and operator of Oil Mining Lease (OML) 30, with 30 assets, working in 112 communities (including GMOU), whom PIND seeks to handle its transition from its current GMOU structures to the Host Community Development Trust (HCDDT) as instituted by the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA), in partnership with New Nigeria Foundation (NNF). PIND also pitched its PIA offerings and to Ford Foundation, with whom PIND plans to work with to educate host communities on the PIA and their role in the establishment of the HCDDT and stewardship of the process.

Also, PIND and NNF submitted a proposal to Green Energy (an indigenous oil company) to conduct a needs assessment and capacity building for its Host Communities Development Trust (HCDDT) in Rivers State. The needs assessment and capacity building are in line with the requirements of the PIA and will involve the collection of socio-economic baseline data, identification & mapping of stakeholders and capacity building for the HCDDTs.

PIND is also co-creating with Ford Foundation to focus on empowering community stakeholders to function effectively under the PIA HCDDT regime. The plan is to train key community representatives, and Civil Society Organizations to support the host communities by serving as umpires during the process of implementation.

United States Department for Agriculture (USDA)

PIND (lead organization), along with partners in a consortium of five member organizations; North Carolina State University (NCSU), FHI 360, New Nigeria Foundation (NNF), Center for Research and Development (CERAD), and Conservation Alliance (CA); submitted a proposal for a \$21Million grant to the USDA. The 5-year (2022 to 2027) cocoa-centered project will be implemented across 12 cocoa producing states of Nigeria. The proposal is being reviewed with outcomes expected in Q3.

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

With UNICEF's strategic targeting of young adults (below 24 years) as a beneficiary group, PIND held a meeting with UNICEF to explore partnerships for youth employment initiatives, with a potential to mainstream the initiatives with peacebuilding. PIND shared details of the NDYEP (Niger Delta Youth Employment Pathways) project's goal of bridging the gap of youth employment in the Niger Delta, with emphasis on the evidence-led and demand driven approach to the project, following the labour market assessment conducted prior to implementing the project.

6. Challenges and Lessons Learned

Challenges

1. **MDP: The rising cost of agro-inputs continues to affect farmers negatively.** In the poultry sector, for example, Smallholder farmers are reducing their stocking density and retaining the number of birds they can afford to grow within the period.

The **outbreak of the viral disease (Avian Influenza)** which surfaced during the end of the 2nd quarter of the year is also a major concern for poultry farmers. As part of an effort to help reduce the impact on farmers, PIND partnered with some of the service providers to organize awareness workshops to help enlighten farmers on the use and importance of vaccines and biosecurity. PIND also developed and reviewed a set of planned activities in collaboration with the Delta State Ministry of Agriculture to create awareness and respond to potential disease outbreaks in the poultry sector.
2. **Loan disbursement by credit schemes and financial institutions is slow** and creating a bottleneck in facilitating access to finance for MSMEs and thus limiting funds available for MSMEs to access markets.
3. **Access to energy: Power developers increasingly preferring peri-urban locations to coastal communities.** This has meant an increase in PIND's facilitation activities to ensure that coastal communities are not left behind in the market strategy to scale the energy cabins to newer locations.
4. **Youth employment project (YEP)**
 - Implementing partners found it a difficult to get organized groups of PWDs to persuade their members to participate in the trainings. These organization noted that members who had participated in similar endeavors did not receive adequate financial support after the training to start businesses.
 - **IPOB sit-at-home orders in the Southeast are affecting training schedule in Abia state.** To manage this, partners have reduced the number of training days and re-structured their training timetable to ensure that all topics are covered within the revised timeframe. However, this implies that the vocational training will be extended in this state.
 - Interest in agriculture is generally still low among youths. The agriculture sector training is being revised to include other livestock farming such as poultry and snail farming to give youth viable options for skills and livelihood development in the agricultural sector. Other emerging areas that youth find interesting which are being considered are: online/e-marketing, use of courier services to deliver food items and farm produce from the farm gate and cooperatives to domestic customers.
5. **Sombriero Kapital (SK):**
 - SK prioritized loan recovery over facilitating additional loans. This was because the non-performing loan rate on SK-guaranteed loans rose from 3.78% to 11%, due to the diversion of funds by one of the signatories to the benefitting farmers' cooperative's account.
 - There was difficulty in identifying viable farmer groups to offtake loans on behalf of members.
 - The volume of the guaranteed capital received from credit-worthy farmer groups was inadequate to secure loans.
 - Inflation led to an increase in the loan amounts sought by smallholder farmers, while decreasing the number and volume of loans that can be facilitated by the guarantee fund.
6. **Peace Building: Peace actors, who are volunteers, increasingly seemingly seeking new incentives to continue to provide this service for free.** PIND is mitigating this through the creation of platforms for peace actors to enjoy group benefits from a broader social network, provision of certificates to participants which can be leveraged for career and business opportunities and the recognition of peace actors.

Lessons Learnt

1. **MSD:**
 - The Federal Government is creating more opportunities to support MSMEs through training and funding. Funding institutions are now creating interest-free loan products that are more accessible. As such, more BSPs are crowding-in to provide support services to enterprises to access these opportunities and also to support businesses struggling to repay their loans.
 - Funding institutions are now formalizing BSP certification to leverage BSP services for loan management. Entrepreneurship Development Institutions (EDIs) are also upgrading and registering for BSP certifications to offer BSP services.
 - The use of online platforms is increasing the reach of BSP services, with BSPs reaching more MSMEs in different locations without restriction.

2. **Youth employment projects (YEP):** The involvement of previous successful project participants served as morale for trainees and helped to create awareness of the importance of the program.
3. **Sombreiro Kapital (SK)**
 - There is need to suspend the Input Credit Scheme until an effective loan monitoring system is put in place, as it accounted for 80% of the total loan default.
 - There is need to delegate the selection of viable cooperatives/associations that would benefit from loans, to BSP's to curb the trend in which farm service providers, who are also farm owners recommend associations in which they hold controlling stakes for loans, and deploy sums meant for the benefit of several farmers to their singular farms.
 - There is need to engage partners regularly (service providers, financial institutions, etc.) to determine the incentives needed to further SK's mandate of unlocking cost-effective financing for the benefit of smallholder farmer.
4. **Peace Building:** Publicizing peacebuilding activities, interventions and impacts on PINDs website and social media platforms, helps to motivate/encourage P4P members and other peace actors, who are the foot soldiers, to do more.
5. **Advocacy:** It is important to develop multiple pathways for fund generation as this ensures multiple streams of income for the NDLink. Also, the civil society networks across the Niger Delta region provide a good client base for NDLink and there's a need to target them with products and services that enhance their work.
6. **Communications:** PIND's use of Hootsuite, a third-party social media curation platform, has significantly improved the efficiency of PIND's social media communication and provided analytics of PIND's social media audience.

7. Program Management

Measuring change, learning, and generating knowledge

In the quarter in review, PIND commenced internal impact studies of its projects, and undertook assessments of its Access to Energy project, the Niger Delta Youth Employment Pathways (NDYEP) project, and the performance of its market development project's service providers; to determine project results, validate the underlying assumptions of project strategies and suggest improvements to PIND's implementation approaches.

Additionally, PIND concluded plans for its 2022 Mid-year review sessions which will hold from 2nd – 3rd August 2022. These sessions serve as a checkpoint for program implementation by highlighting program accomplishments, sharing effective practices and learnings with team members, as well as identifying challenges and potential mitigative strategies.

Organizational effectiveness, health, safety, and security

PIND continued to invest resources to promote wellbeing and safeguard employees' lives. This quarter, PIND circulated its reviewed IT policy, provided IT updates & technical support to staff and held a cyber security awareness session with all staff. PIND also undertook its quarterly fumigation and COVID 19 disinfection across PIND office locations and provided COVID 19 travel kits (hand sanitizers, and disinfectant wipes & sprays, and face masks) to staff for all approved field trips. In addition, PIND undertook basic etiquette and skills development training for support staff (Office assistants, Drivers, Cleaners, etc.) in all PIND's locations, to help build capacity to deliver effective services across the organization.

Furthermore, PIND carried out routine inspection of facilities and ensured that all third-party vendors carried out appropriate repairs and services on generators, air conditioners, etc., accordingly. Similarly PIND undertook scheduled servicing and routine maintenance checks on all vehicles, including appropriate repairs and replacements. Also, PIND continued to undertake risk assessments of planned activities and trips, and based on informed analysis and security advice, provided travel advice and security tips for approved trips, liaising with the emergency response teams at various locations in readiness for any eventualities, whilst circulating 13 security reports and two security alert messages within the quarter, to increase safety awareness in the Niger Delta. Consequently, no vehicle incidents or travel-related accidents were recorded during the quarter.

8. Looking Ahead

Priority actions for next quarter

In Q3 2022, the **market development project** will undertake the following activities:

- **Aquaculture:** The sector will undertake trainings for artisanal fisher folks in coastal communities, continue to support the promotion and adoption of improved processing technology, and facilitate access to finance, market, and input for farmers. It will also implement a series of close-out activities to exit the sector.
- **Cassava:** The sector will support new and existing partners to scale-up of productivity improvement activities and support SK, Sterling Bank, and Dufil on the out-grower scheme in Imo State.
- **Cocoa:** The sector will support existing and new partners to expand and deepen productivity improvement, quality improvement, and access to high-yielding seeds interventions in the cocoa-producing states of the Niger Delta.
- **MSMEs:** The sector will support BSPs to provide business development services to MSMEs and organize linkages/investment forums in collaboration with chambers of commerce, institutional buyers, government, and other stakeholders. Continue the expansion of MSME support activities in the Chevron GMOU Communities.
- **Palm Oil:** For the third quarter of 2022, the palm oil sector plans to work with services providers, agro-dealers, and input companies to reach 3, 275 farmers in the Niger Delta. Also, it intends to carry out a workshop with 1 new seed producer to improve business growth in the seed industry
- **Poultry:** The sector will finalize the harmonized manual for poultry service providers, provide support to PSPs & VLDs to reach additional poultry farmers with training on good poultry practices and improved vaccines, and support promotional activities in collaboration with input companies.

The **access to energy project** will continue to promote mini grid business models through support to Darway Coast's mini grid project development at Toru Eben in Bayelsa State; scale up of the solar refrigeration hubs at Sangana and Fishtown, as well as an additional community in Delta State; and facilitate the signing of exclusivity agreements between private sector power developers and Kurutie, Ajakurama and Adagbarassa communities.

The **Youth Employment Pathways Project** will provide mentorship to 250 past Delta trainees to enable them to start enterprises; restart the engagements of Niger Delta state governments/ MDAs towards the inclusion of youth employment program on their yearly plan and for the adoption of the NDYEP model and framework; and facilitate technical/soft skills training for 800 youths across Delta State in the 2nd batch implementation phase.

Sombriero Kapital will be facilitating loans worth ₦194.83 million to 555 smallholder farmers; grow the seed fund by ₦40 million and implement the designed sustainability plan.

The **peacebuilding program** will finalize the perception of safety, supervise the production of two Case Studies on P4P interventions, facilitate the 2023 Nonviolence Election Mitigation Project jointly integrate Peacebuilding activities with Economic Development (Conflict Sensitivity), maintain the peace and conflict database and website, facilitate small grant interventions on Herders/ Farmers conflicts, facilitate the development of the Niger Delta Peace and Security Framework, in collaboration with the Advocacy project, produce briefs and trackers and facilitate Prevent Council operationalization in selected states.

The **advocacy project** will finalize the Multiple Taxation field assessment report and organize dissemination forums in Port Harcourt and Asaba and finalize the report of committee activities on access to land in Edo State and commerce committee activities in both Delta and Ondo States. It will also sign an MoU with MNDAs to formalize the partnership for the Peace and Security Framework, track and report stakeholders' engagement, continue to support PIND Business Development and fundraising initiatives, as well as support the NDLINK sustainability drive, and engage with Settlers and other stakeholders to pitch and implement PIND PIA offerings.

Under **GESI**, secure endorsement of the GESI policy, build the capacity of staff to adopt the policy; and conduct coaching and mentoring for RDCs and CCDCs for effective GESI mainstreaming in all their programs and projects; and facilitate activities to commemorate the 2022 International Youth Day.

ANNEXES

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Economic Development	
Sector	Details of Key Achievements
Aquaculture	<p>Outreach-People Trained</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A total of 1,618 farmers/processors (756 female) were reached with activities in Q2 as follows: ○ In Delta State, Marich Agro-Allied, a service provider with the support of PIND, provided five capacity-building training programs to 299 fish farmers on pond management practices. Chuvaak agro, a service provider supported by PIND in the Aquaculture sector carried out four training for fish farmers on best farming practices and business skill training to reach 221 farmers across three LGAs. Aqua Green, A master service provider based in Rivers, also carried out a 5-month intensive practical training for 188 participants. ○ In Bayelsa State, Kingdom Obuza Ventures, an Aquaculture service provider, in collaboration with ZAL, Stakeholders Democratic Network (SDN), and other partners reached 147 participants with training on best fish management practices in the state. This is inclusive of 41 NYSC corps members who were exposed to the opportunities in fish farming and better pond management practices. ○ In Ondo State, The Arkshore Consult, a master service provider trained 186 participants on fish farming practices. Also, 50 farmers were reached through the adoption of improved fish seeds. These farmers were reached by Shadi Farms, a hatchery operator in Ondo state. ○ In Rivers State, two training was carried out by a master service provider Aqua Green Initiatives (AGI) to reach 67 participants on improved pond management practices and business skill training. ○ In addition, training of fisher folks and two demonstrations to promote the adoption of improved smoking technology (chorkor oven) were carried out across three GMoU communities in Delta and Bayelsa states reaching 388 participants. ○ Also, a set of 75 processors reached in the last quarter through chorkor oven practical demonstration in two communities: Bateren and Opuama in Delta state, whose names were not submitted, have been received and added to the current number of outreaches. Thus, making the total outreach 1,618 against a target of 1,250 for the quarter and a cumulative of 3,333 for the year. <p>Facilitating Linkage to Finance for fish farmers and processors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As part of its strategy to deepen its activities through financial inclusion and access to finance, PIND, in collaboration with the USAID Ag-Extension activity, supported Chuvaak agro services to facilitate access to finance for fish farmers and hatchery operators. Four financial institutions: Lapo, Polaris bank, Emerald Development Initiatives (EDI), and Sterling bank were engaged and farmers were provided support with the necessary documentation to meet the bank's requirements. So far, N40, 067,826.67 loans have been approved with N34,101,767.67 disbursed to 59 beneficiaries (51) fish farmers and (8) hatchery operators in Delta state by these financial institutions. <p>Increasing uptake of Fish Processing technologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This quarter, PIND continued to provide support to the Service Providers, Masons, and fabricators whose capacities have been built to drive the uptake of chorkor ovens and smoking kiln technologies to improve the efficiency of fish processors in the Niger Delta region. In the GMOU communities, PIND supported local service providers to carry out demonstrations to promote the adoption of chorkor ovens in Ode-Ogborodo and Bilabiri 1 to reach 138 fish processors. These demonstration activities resulted in the adoption of 15 ovens from the two communities resulting in a cumulative of 35 ovens for the year. The low level of adoption was due to the increased cost of transporting materials thus increasing the final cost of the ovens. PIND is currently developing a strategy to address the low level of adoption due to the high cost of transportation. This is expected to be rolled out in the coming quarter. <p>Improving the efficiency and productivity of fisher folks in the GMOU communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In the previous quarter, PIND signed an MoU with the Nigeria Institute for Oceanography and Marine Research (NIOMR) as a technical partner to pilot the intervention aimed at improving the productivity of fisher folks in target GMOU communities through the adoption of improved practices and technologies. ○ This quarter, a baseline and capacity needs assessment were carried out in Ogidigen and Awoye. Following the assessment, capacity-building training was organized for fisher folks in Ogidigen where they were exposed to safety measures in their fishing activities, appropriate use and maintenance of their fishing gears, and protection of breeding sites for sustainable fishing activities, etc. Other training will be carried out in other target GMOU communities in the coming quarters. ○ PIND also engaged and facilitated linkage between Sterling bank and the Ugborodo fishing association on access to finance to uptake and upgrade their fishing gears. Additionally, PIND worked with local service providers to identify equipment dealers for linkage with fisher folks. As a result, 10 fisher folks from Ogidigen and Gbagira Ilaje have adopted higher capacity outboard engines and fishing gears for their fishing business attracting an investment of N13,000 from the adoption <p>Improving Access to Quality Fish Seeds for Niger Delta Fish farmers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The use of quality fish seeds/fingerlings is one of the major contributors to good yield and improved productivity. PIND's intervention to improve farmers' access to quality fish seeds supported selected hatchery operators to develop brood stock banks alongside providing them with capacity building on good

	<p>hatchery management practices. This resulted in the production of over two million fish seeds adopted by farmers. Field assessment carried out last year on adopting farmers showed that the seeds contributed to a marginal increase of 4% in farmers' yield (from 0.96kg to 1kg). In addition, and a 4% reduction in the mortality rate (from 11% to 7%) of fish stocked under the same management condition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PIND's partnership with the USAID Feed the future Ag-Extension activity in Delta and Cross River State is also complementing the promotion and use of quality fish seeds by farmers in those states. 8 cohorts comprising over 82 hatchery operators were formed and trained on hatchery management and business development. These hatcheries are beginning to adopt and promote the adoption of quality fish seeds to farmers. ○ This quarter, PIND continued to work with the selected hatchery operators to promote quality fish seeds to farmers in the region. 372,500 fish seeds were produced from the brood stock by five hatchery operators resulting in sales of N13, 132,000 million at an average sale of N35 per seed. 50 farmers purchased these improved fish seeds. This result brings the total sales by the hatchery operators so far this year to N23,632 Million naira with 247 farmers purchasing these fish seeds. ○ Similarly, through the USAID Feed the future Ag-Extension activity in Delta and Cross River State, this quarter, 23 new MSME hatchery members were identified, profiled, and on boarded making a total of 105 MSME hatchery members. Technical training on hatchery management was carried out for 10 hatchery operators in Cross Rivers. Also, 5 promotional workshops on the use of better fish seeds were carried out to reach 210 farmers in Cross Rivers.
Cassava	<p>Direct cassava farmers outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3,996 (2,445 females) farmers were reached with productivity improvement activities. ○ In Abia state, Alaoma Chukwu (agro dealer), Chikezie Kalu, and two other farm service providers (FSPs) organized training and establish two demonstration plots on good agronomic practices for 160 (100 female) farmers in two local government areas of Umunnochi and Bende of the state. ○ In Akwa Ibom state, 505 (201 female) farmers were reached with training and demonstration activities on good agronomic practices. Victor Tom collaborated with 12 other FSPs to reach 405 (130 female) farmers in six training and demonstration activities. Also, Sustainable Smallholders Services together with two other FSPs organized two training and established a demonstration plot for 100 (71 female) farmers. ○ In Bayelsa State, a female FSP Bari Endurance working with nine other FSPs reached 1,758 (1,203 female) farmers through demonstration and GAP training across several locations in the state. ○ In Cross River State, through the activities of Ugo Michael and four other FSPs, 540 (271 female) farmers were reached through GAP training and demonstrations. ○ In Delta State, a total of 425 (177 females) farmers were reached b partner agro-dealers and FSPs. Ben Wisdom, Agro Dealer/FSP and six other FSPs reached 325 (118 female) farmers through training and demonstration activities in five different locations of the state. Also, Oghenetega Ikpoma in collaboration with one other FSP organized one training activity for 100 (59 female) farmers. ○ In Imo State, 587 (505 female) farmers were reached by two leading service providers with training and demonstration activities. Alaoma Chukwu a leading agro dealer collaborated with six other service providers to organize six training programs for 366 (291 female) farmers. Alaoma established three demonstration plots across the six locations to show the farmers the benefits of adopting good agricultural practices. Also in Imo, an FSP Chidinma Amanze together with five other service providers organized training programs and established demonstration plots under good agronomic practices reaching 221 (214 female) farmers. ○ In Ondo State, a farm service provider, Bobade Adebayo, worked with two other FSPs to organize training and demonstration programs on good agronomic practices for 81 (19 female) farmers. Bobade, who used to focus mainly on the Oil Palm sector has seen incentives in other crops and has diversified his services to include Cassava and Cocoa farmers. <p>Strengthening Cassava Seed System in the Niger Delta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PIND is partnering with the BASICS II project, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and the International Institute for Tropical Agriculture (IITA) as well as the National Root Crop Research Institute (NRCRI), a tripartite collaboration to implement interventions to increase access to improved Cassava stem varieties that are high yielding and disease resistant in the Niger Delta, through the Cassava Seed Entrepreneurship (CSE) program, formerly called Village Seed entrepreneurship (VSE) program. The program aims to establish a viable commercial seed system in the region. ○ Through this partnership, and with Kolping Society as PIND's co-facilitator, 143 CSEs were trained and onboarded into the National Network of Seed entrepreneurs. These CSEs have continued to support Cassava farmers with access to improved Cassava stem varieties. This partnership also led to organizing the second national Cassava Summit in 2021 with the theme 'catalyzing and scaling up private sector-led Cassava seed system' to create National awareness and interest in the ongoing effort to build a sustainable cassava seed system in Nigeria. The workshop was organized in collaboration with The Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (FMARD). ○ This quarter, PIND began exploring new approaches to further increase the availability and access to improved Cassava stem varieties by farmers in the region by identifying partners including existing CSEs willing to expand their current scope and scale of investment in promoting access to seeds. PIND also continued monitoring and tracking the commercial supply of improved stem varieties to farmers in the

	<p>region. The result of the tracking activities shows that 2,363 bundles of improved stems have been sold by 20 CSEs to 105 farmers this quarter.</p> <p>Facilitating access to Finance and Markets through Cassava out-grower scheme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PIND identified a new initiative working with Sombreiro Kapital and Sterling bank Ltd for the development of an out-grower project in Imo state and also finalized the project design and implementation framework and commenced the establishment of a 33-hectare cassava out-grower scheme in Imo state. This was in partnership with Dufil Prima Foods, as the off-taker and Sombreiro Kapital and Sterling bank Ltd as the financiers. <p>In this quarter, PIND continued to progress implementation of the 33-hectare out-grower farm in Imo state. So far, ploughing and ridging operations have been completed and 23 hectares out of the 33 hectares have already been planted. Through the program, 33 farmers who are members of the Ukwuoma Ndigbo cooperative society in Imo State have been supported to access finance to cultivate and manage 1ha of cassava farm each with off-take arrangements finalized with Dufil Prima Foods. In the coming quarter, PIND will continue to support the farmers to complete the establishment of the 33 hectares under good agronomic practices and monitor the progress of the farm together with Dufil and Sombreiro Kapital.</p>
Cocoa	<p>Outreach</p> <p>During this quarter, 3,000 farmers were reached as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In Ondo state, five farm service providers (Adebola Abel, Ibikunle Olumuyiwa, Jacob Omowunmi, Anthony Akinmade, and Raphael Adebayo) and one off-taker (Nivik Investment) reached 1,942 (including 477 females) farmers with training, demonstrations activities, and farm services on GAP and quality improvement. ○ In Akwa Ibom state, a farm service provider (Sustainable Smallholder Oil Palm Service) reached 78 (including 15 females) farmers with training and demonstrations activities on GAP ○ In Edo state, one farm service provider (Ehimika Emmanuel), one input company (Saro Agro sciences), and one nursery operator (Adebayo Sylvester) reached 539 (including 193 females) farmers with training, demonstrations, and nursery services. ○ In Cross River state, a farm service provider/nursery operator (Solomon Agbor) and input company (Crop Doctor Nigeria) reached 482 (including 115 females) farmers with training and demonstration activities on GAP. <p>Strengthening relationships among actors to improve access to quality seeds for cocoa farmers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In 2021, PIND designed the access to quality (high-yielding) seeds intervention to engender increased access to improved seedlings to cocoa farmers in the region. The intervention aims to strengthen the relationship between entrepreneur nursery operators and seed producers as a strategy to increase the distribution network for seeds in the Niger Delta. This involves collaborating with the Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria (CRIN) to strengthen the technical and management capacity of entrepreneur nursery operators on seed nursery establishment and management and supporting the nursery operators to access high-yielding seed varieties from CRIN, raise the seeds to seedlings at the nurseries and selling to farmers commercially. <p>In this quarter, monitoring visits were conducted on the nursery operators to ascertain the status of the nurseries and track sales happening. The 13 nursery operators have established 54,500 cocoa nurseries and currently have sold a total of 12,650 seedlings to 52 farmers. PIND targets to reach 500 farmers accessing the improved seedlings through the nursery operators in 2022. As part of its promotional strategy for seeds, one nursery operator carried out the use of seed awareness campaigns for 69 farmers in Edo state.</p> <p>This quarter also, PIND engaged several actors in the sector who announced plans to distribute over 1 Million free seedlings to farmers. PIND is looking to leverage these opportunities to strengthen its network of nursery operators who could potentially leverage the opportunities and participate in distributing quality cocoa seeds into the sector and minimize potential market distortion that could be created through a weakly coordinated free distribution of seeds.</p> <p>Improving cocoa quality through an incentive-based model</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The incentive-based model for quality improvement was designed by PIND in 2020 to stimulate actors (farmers and off-takers) to begin to address the issues associated with poor quality cocoa beans. This model is built around the offer of premium price as an incentive to farmers for producing good quality cocoa beans. The model guarantees a 1% to 1.5% premium on each kilogram of good-quality cocoa bean produced by the farmers. This ensures a win-win business relationship between the farmer and off-taker. ○ Since 2020, PIND has partnered with five off-takers (Subjugate Nigeria Ltd, Nivik Investment, Abbico Ltd, Sunbeth Global, and Gbemtan Investment) who signed on to the Rainforest Alliance Certification program, to support farmers to adopt improved production and post-harvest practices that ensure quality cocoa beans production. These activities have reached over 2,000 farmers in Ondo and Edo states. ○ In this quarter, through PINDs support, Nivik Investment (exporter) received Rainforest Alliance Certification for 1,010 farmers who supplied an aggregate of 500,401kg (500 metric tons) of certified cocoa beans to Touton (global cocoa buyer). In the next quarter, PIND will assess the supported farmers and document the incentives received in form of a premium price and other benefits of the program. The assessment will help

	<p>to document what has worked, and areas that need further strengthening and lessons learned, which will be incorporated into subsequent activities.</p>
Palm Oil	<p>Outreach</p> <p>Improving the productivity of palm oil farmers through Best Management Practices (BMP) is one of the key objectives of PIND in the palm oil sector. The intervention is driven by support market actors (Lead farmers, agro-dealers, input firms, and farm service providers) who carry out on-field demonstrations showing farmers techniques that can improve their farm productivity. The model has proven successful amongst the support market actors who have seen an increase in income and sales of their products from the promotion of the BMP to farmers. Details of the 3,151 (1,060 females) farmers reached is broken down below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abia State - 55 (50 farmers on BMP and 5 adopters of the improved seeds; Akwa Ibom 1,693; Delta 289 BMP farmers and 8 seed adopters; Ondo State 926 BMP farmers and 15 seed adopters; and Rivers State 165 BMP farmers. These were carried out by 13 agro-dealers/farm service providers in 20 on-farm demonstrations. <p>Leveraging investment through the adoption of efficient technologies and quality seeds</p> <p>Within the quarter, PIND continued to track some of the market systems changes brought about by its interventions in the palm oil sector. As a result of the activities geared towards promoting the adoption of improved technologies and seeds, the palm oil sector recorded investment leveraged worth NGN 119, 165, 000. The details of the activities and amount leveraged are provided below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N5.2 million naira was invested in purchasing 400 improved harvesting technologies in Edo state. The 400 improved harvesting technologies against the target of 400 set for the quarter. N77 million naira was invested in eleven improved processing equipment that was bought and installed in Rivers and Akwa Ibom states. 2 small-scale processing equipment were purchased by 2 processors in Akwa Ibom State at the rate of N6, 000, 000 and 8, 000, 000 each. Similarly, 9 small-scale processing equipment were adopted by 9 processors in Rivers State at the rate of N7, 000, 000 each. As a result, the total number of improved processing technologies sold in Q2 stood at 11, against the Q2 target of eleven, while the annual target was set at 30. N36, 965, 000 Naira was invested in the purchase of 73, 930 seedlings by 150 farmers in the Niger Delta region. <p>The above activities bring the value of investment leveraged in the palm oil sector during the quarter to N119, 165,000 naira and N314, 583,800 naira, so far this year when you add N195, 418,800 recorded in Q1. Additional investment leveraged will also be recorded after the outcome monitoring activity in the sector between Q3 and Q4, 2022.</p> <p>Strengthening the coordination amongst market actors to increase access to improved Seeds for Palm Oil Farmers</p> <p>In the current quarter, PIND facilitated a virtual workshop with Sombreiro Kapital, CAD consulting, and 14 nursery operators. The objective of the workshop was to showcase the financial opportunities the nursery operators can benefit from to improve their businesses. These financial opportunities include crowd-funding and the AGSMEIS loan scheme by the CBN. PIND also partnered with two seed companies to carry out workshops in Edo and Ondo states. The major objectives of the workshops were to improve the collaboration and coordination amongst the seed producers and nursery operators. Also, to strategize on business models that would incentivize the nursery operators to promote the use of improved seeds amongst oil palm farmers in the region. A total of 55 nursery operators were in attendance across Ondo and Edo states.</p> <p>A key component of the intervention this year is the monitoring of the seed producers and nursery operators on the sales of improved seeds to farmers. Consequently, field monitoring was conducted this quarter to ascertain the total quantity of improved seedlings that were purchased. States and farmers purchasing include Edo (30), Delta (20), Ondo (40), A/Ibom (5), Abia (5), Imo (20), Rivers (20), and Cross River (10). This brings the total seedlings purchased this quarter to 73, 930 seedlings purchased by 150 oil palm farmers in the 8 states of the region. This is against the quarter's target of 127,500 seedlings by 261 farmers. This result together with the 229, 336 seedlings purchased by 703 oil palm farmers in Q1 brings the total for the year to 303,266 seedlings purchased by 803 farmers, thereby surpassing the sector's target of 255,000 seedlings by 500 farmers for the year. Monitoring activities will however continue till the end of the year to ascertain the actual quantity of improved seedlings purchased and farmers buying.</p>
Poultry	<p>Outreach</p> <p>1884 (including 766 females) new farmers reached as outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Delta state, Chuvaak Agro Services (A master poultry service provider), trained 403 poultry farmers on good poultry practices. He also facilitated linkage to inputs for some of the farmers. In Rivers state, Ibiputam Enterprise, trained 614 poultry farmers on good poultry practices, business skills using the NAEC curriculum, and how to apply for CBN Agric loans. In Ondo and Akwa Ibom States, the Arkshore Konsult Limited (A master service provider) also trained 286 farmers on good poultry practices and business skills using the NAEC curriculum. In Imo and Abia state, Mr. Chinedu Nduanusi (A poultry service provider), trained 89 farmers on good poultry practices and supported them with linkages to inputs and markets. In Edo State, Mr. Joseph Osawaru (A poultry service provider), trained 31 farmers on good poultry

	<p>practices and business skills using the NAEC curriculum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In Bayelsa state, Mr. Kingdom Obuza (A poultry service provider), trained 409 farmers on good poultry practices and supported them with linkages to quality inputs and markets <p>More poultry farmers access funds through CBN AGMIES and alternative markets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As part of the efforts to address the funding challenges of farmers in the poultry sector, PIND leveraged different platforms to improve access to finance for farmers in the region. The Poultry team leveraged the CBN AGSMEIS scheme, an initiative introduced to support and complement the federal government’s efforts and policy measures for the promotion of agricultural businesses in Nigeria as well as sterling bank Plc. ○ During the quarter, 5 poultry farmers accessed loans worth N4, 500,000 through sterling bank Plc, The loans were facilitated by Chuvaak Agro Services, a poultry service provider in Delta state to improve the working capital of farmers to enable them to increase their bird holding size by 200 birds. In the same vein, 5 other poultry farmers got loans worth N5, 500,000 through the CBN AGSMEIS scheme. The loans were facilitated by Jane Uzonitcha a poultry service provider in Delta state, making it a total of 10 million worth of loans accessed in the quarter. Also, Ibiputam enterprise supported 122 poultry farmers with their loan applications to access loans from the CBN AGSMEIS scheme ○ In Imo, Mr. Chinedu Nduanus, (A service provider), linked 40 poultry farmers to the Chibuke chicken processing plant in the state. In the same vein, Joseph Osawaru a poultry service provider, and Green Shield Technology (A master service provider) linked 20 farmers to two large buyers in Edo and Ondo states respectively.
MSMEs	<p>Outreach</p> <p>1,541 (including 664 women owned) new MSMEs reached as outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In Bayelsa state, CAD consulting Limited, a Business Service Provider, trained and supported 402 (including 131 women-owned) MSMEs to access loans worth N560.4 million from the AGSMEIS fund. Also, in Bayelsa, Enee B Consulting, a Business Service Provider trained 217 MSMEs (including 90 women-owned) MSMEs to access loans worth N305.3 million from the AGSMEIS fund. In the same vein, Henry Agbonifo, a Business Service Provider trained 161 MSMEs (including 9 women-owned) MSMEs to access loans worth N236.7 million from the AGSMEIS fund. Also, Ibiputam Enterprise, a Business Service Provider trained 181 MSMEs (including 62 women-owned) MSMEs to access loans worth N258.1 million from the AGSMEIS fund. These loans were facilitated by the BSPs to support the expansion plans of these MSMEs ○ In Rivers State, Wider Perspectives Limited, a Business Service Provider, supported 20 (including 5 women-owned) with business management training and business plan development. ○ In Imo state, Remoke Consult Limited, a Business Service Provider, trained 21 (including 4 women-owned) MSMEs on business management and financial literacy. ○ In Delta state, Life Edge Consulting Limited, a business service provider trained and supported 159 enterprises (including 152 women-own) on finance and business planning, and supported the 159 enterprises to access loans worth N15 million. Also, In Delta, Michael Ogidi, a community-based BSP trained and supported by PIND, in collaboration with CAD Consulting and United Bank for Africa (UBA) facilitated the account opening for 13 micro-enterprises that participated in the Opuama investment/business linkages forum in the previous quarter. This is to integrate enterprises in the GMoU into the financial system of the country. ○ In Ondo State, PD consult, another Business Service Provider, trained 53 (including 15 women-owned) MSMEs on business management and record keeping. ○ Oxide integrated solutions, a business service provider, provided advisory and linkages support to 103 (including 51 women-owned) MSMEs. <p>More MSMEs access funds through CBN AGSMEIS and Trade Booster Initiative.</p> <p>As part of the efforts to address the funding challenges of MSMEs in the region, the MSME development and linkages project team leveraged different platforms to improve access to finance for MSMEs. The team leveraged the CBN AGSMEIS scheme an initiative introduced to support and complement the federal government’s efforts and policy measures for the promotion of agricultural businesses in Nigeria and the Trade Booster Initiative designed and introduced by one of PIND’s trained BSPs (Life Edge Consulting Limited). Working with Angel investors, Life Edge Consulting supported 159 enterprises to access loans worth N15 million through the Trade Booster Initiative. Also, CAD Consulting, Enee B consulting, Dobeey Consult, Ibiputam enterprises, and Henry Agbonifo (BSP) trained and supported 1,208 MSMEs with their loan application.</p> <p>In summary, the total loan of NGN1,697,481,911.00 was facilitated within the reporting period bringing the total debt financing to NGN2,227,458,933 (63%) against the 2022 annual target of 3.5 billion Naira.</p>
Sombreiro Kapital	<p>Intensifying loan monitoring to improve the quality of loans guaranteed by SK</p> <p>In the second quarter of 2022, the non-performing loan rate on SK-guaranteed loans increased from 3.78 percent to 11 percent. This suggests that the institution could lose N11, 000,000 if delinquent obligations are not settled by the third quarter of 2023. To prevent SK from losing guarantee funds to Sterling Bank Plc, the institution</p>

facilitated credit monitoring visits to defaulting farmers in Delta, Ondo, and Bayelsa states in quarter 2,2022 to understand the issues impeding loan repayment in order to inform possible restructuring of loans where necessary.

As a result of credit monitoring visits to defaulting farmers, loans worth N100,402,277 was repaid by 251 smallholder farmers, leaving an outstanding balance of N25,356,319 owed by 61 smallholder farmers, which would be settled on or before July 31,2022.

Development of a sustainability framework to promote financial autonomy by 2028

During operationalization, SK received a seed fund capital from PIND to facilitate issuance of guarantees to partner financial institutions to unlock financing for smallholder farmers. PIND also offered to cover the institution's running costs until a sustainability framework is developed and implemented to ensure SK's financial independence.

To ensure SK generates sufficient income from its operations to cover its annual operating expenses, a detailed sustainability plan was developed detailing the priority sectors earmarked for loan support, the minimum conditions potential loan beneficiaries must meet prior to loan disbursement and the rationale for proposing an increase in SK's interest income and guarantee fees from 1percent to 3percent and 4percent respectively

The developed sustainability plan has been submitted to the board of SK for approval prior to implementation

Attracting additional guarantee funds to SK for increased outreach

In 2022, SK plans to broaden its scope regarding de-risking loans for the benefit of smallholder farmers in the remaining Niger-delta states of Akwa-Ibom, Abia, Edo, Cross-river, and Rivers; to support this expansion plan, the institution will need to increase its capital base in order to guarantee loans to smallholder farmers and business owners in those states. To help grow the seed fund needed to support the institution's expansion plans, SK developed and shared a \$2,000,000 funding request with the Global Innovation Fund in response to the donor's request for innovative proposals from pro-poor organizations. The institution anticipates receiving positive feedback from the donor in the third quarter of 2022, to inform future steps.

Onboarding additional financial institutions

To ensure smallholder farmers experience uninterrupted access to loans, the institution plans to onboard more commercial banks as lending partners in order to increase the number of financing platforms accessible by small farmers and other businesses in the Niger Delta.

In the third and fourth quarters of 2021, the institution had engaged and subsequently disseminated partnership proposals to Guaranty Trust Bank, Fidelity Bank Plc, First City Monument Bank, Wema Bank Plc, LAPO microfinance bank, and United Bank for Africa, in order to provide additional financing platforms for target beneficiaries to access cost-effective loans. Following a review of the disseminated proposals by the aforementioned banks, the management teams of LAPO microfinance bank and First City Monument Bank indicated their willingness to disburse loans to intended beneficiaries at interest rates of 12% and 15%, respectively per annum.

Since SK's mandate limits it to facilitating loans to intended businesses at a cost-effective interest rate, preferably within single digit, the institution engaged Green Acres Microfinance Bank Limited to determine the bank's willingness in facilitating loans to smallholder farmers at a single-digit interest rate. Following a review of the SK's recommended pricing and its impact on the bank's income, the management team of Green Acres Micro-finance Bank Limited formally indicated its willingness to disburse loans to intended recipients at a single-digit interest rate of 9 percent per annum subject to the deposit of guarantee funds with the bank.

Considering the bank's offer which aligns with SK's mandate; it is anticipated that the institution would formalize this lending collaboration with the bank in quarter 3,2022

ANNEX 2

Enabling Programs	
Program Area	Details of Key Achievements
Advocacy	<p>Access to Arable Land</p> <p><u>Delta State</u></p> <p>This 10-person committee was set up by the Delta State governor and is being coordinated by the Chief Economic Advisor of the State. Members of the committee include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chief economic advisor 2. PS, Ministry of Agriculture

3. Ministry of Lands and Survey
4. Job Creation Bureau
5. Director of Agric Services
6. State Counsel, Ministry of Justice
7. Director of Lands
8. SSA on agriculture
9. Surveyor general office
10. PS, Ministry of Environment
11. PIND

Delta State had a land bank committee that had done a lot of work mapping all the reserved lands in the State. Reservation of land in Delta State is a strategy to resolve land disputes between communities. Whenever such disputes cannot be peaceably resolved, the government takes ownership of the land and uses it for development projects that would benefit the state with minimal compensation paid to the communities. The government currently has reserved land in Abraka, Mosoghar, Ughelli, and Ubulu-Uno to mention a few that were highlighted at the inaugural meeting. It is also noteworthy that oil palm is a primary crop for reforestation on reserved lands. Cassava has also been earmarked as a choice crop in the State for tonga farming on the reserved land. Others include teak millennia and rubber.

Edo State

In Edo State, following extensive engagements carried out in the first quarter of the year, PIND through the Advocacy unit secured executive consent of the Edo State governor on the propositions of the arable land committee for Edo State. The propositions of the committee include:

Community:

- Communities would be encouraged to develop layouts plans. This is to guide the future development of the communities to sustainably manage and administer land allocation and use. The committee proposed that communities sell or lease a portion of their land to obtain the funds that would be required to develop the layout. There should be a layout for farm, industrial area, residential area.
- Communities would be encouraged to lease land for agriculture and abolish the practice of selling off farmland. This is to ensure that the ownership of the land remains with the communities and available for their indigenes use
- Communities should provide lease holding of a maximum of 15 years for investors who intend to cultivate arable crops while tree crops should be for a maximum of 25 years. These lease agreements should be renewed every five years. If there is no action after five years, the initial lease agreement could be revoked without refund and compensation.

Government:

- Government should develop and articulate a clear process flow of the land acquisition process in Edo State. This process should be developed by the ministry of justice, ministry of environment and physical planning and Forestry
- Government should register community layout at a subsidized cost, Edo GIS should work with the communities to map and layout their communities
- Government should provide a short-term certificate of occupancy in line with the lease holding agreed by the communities
- Government should encourage cluster farming to boost production, ensure security and access to support for smallholder farmers in the State

Civil Society Organizations:

- The communities have expressed distrust for government initiatives and programs. They have accused the government of land grabbing schemes and activities that impose on them stakeholders and industrial activities that disrupt their sources and style of livelihood. Civil society organizations and non-government organizations are being required to stand as a witness in the land agreements processes among the community, government, and investors. This is to ensure that there is transparency in the process and that no party is misled.

Investors

- The investors are expected to undertake some infrastructure development in a private-public

partnership model with the State government in communities where they intend to establish their farms.

- The investors are expected to periodically renew lease holding agreements with the community.
- Investors should always verify available land/survey plans with the Edo GIS before payment is made. This is to ascertain that the land is actually available before a lease is paid.

At a meeting with the Governor, Mr. Godwin Obaseki, requested the propositions be shared at a workshop with other relevant MDAs and stakeholders. This meeting is scheduled to happen in July 2022. One of the outcome of community engagement carried out in the first quarter is the donation of 300 hectares of land by the Ukpoke Community for investment in the cassava sector.

NDLink

During the quarter, the Advocacy team also developed 4 funding pathways for NDLink's sustainability drive which includes;

- Fee for Service: This involves a one-off sale of NDLink services in bits as products that meet the needs of the development community in the Niger Delta region. This pathway has already been launched.
- Partners Circle: This includes the organizations who sign up to become NDLink partners and get to pay a subsidized fee to get different levels of NDLink's services. This is a short-term plan.
- Grant Applications: This is a scenario where NDLink would apply and secure grants from donors to implement awareness and sensitization projects within the region. This is a medium term plan.
- Member Subscriptions: This is a more long-term plan considering its viability, but just like Devex, NDLink is working towards a time where its members and users can pay for the information available on the platform.

Support for Young Professionals - Port Harcourt Mentorship Even

On June 28, 2022, PIND supported Young Professionals (YP) Port Harcourt where over 320 young professionals were mentored by 40 industry leaders. The young people received advice on how to plan and sustain a career path and achieve professional exploits. PIND's Executive Director, Tunji Idowu, gave a speech at the plenary session titled: "Note to my Younger Professional Self." He spoke on his own experiences starting out and maintaining his career and highlighted the necessary things a young person would need to do to navigate their career path.

PIND hosted YP Port Harcourt in partnership with Beyond Regular and MTN. It's part of PIND's continued investment in the Niger Delta's youth and this engagement was managed by Advocacy in collaboration with the YEP.

Communications

Public Endorsement of PIND

An example of a public endorsement that PIND received during the quarter in review is a social media post from an implementing partner of PIND's Youth Employment Program (YEP) – The Footwear Academy:



Sharing Knowledge on PIND's Development Models

Some of the forums where PIND shared its knowledge with external stakeholders include the:

- African Philanthropy Forum (APF) Podcast Series
- Iwereland Petroleum Host Communities Summit

- Young Professionals Forum (YP) Port Harcourt
- NDSpaces Session on PIND's weekly conflict reports and the workings of PIND's Early Warning Early Response (EWER) system
- Knowledge Sharing Workshop for Market System Development (MSD) Service Providers in Warri and Uyo
- NDSpaces Session on Ritual Killings in the Niger Delta region

Communications supported these Forums with a range of services, including speeches/talking points development, press releases, social and mainstream media publication or broadcast, photography, videography and video production, live streaming, branding, and other forms of corporate communication support.

The details about the forums are as follows:

African Philanthropy Forum (APF) Podcast Series: PIND participated in a 30-minutes virtual interview session hosted by African Philanthropy Forum (APF) Podcast Series on April 29, 2022 titled "Peace in the Niger Delta: The Role of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)" where it shared details of its Peacebuilding interventions in the Niger Delta region with 950 philanthropists, social investors and donors in Africa and across the world who subscribe to the APF Podcast Series.

Iwereland Petroleum Host Communities Summit: PIND participated a one-day Summit hosted by the Ògiamè Atúwàtse III - The Olú of Warri on May 26, 2022 at Warri, Delta State where it shared its value proposition on the implementation of Host Community Development Trusts (HCDTs) in oil-producing Itsekiri communities under the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA). The Summit had 200 stakeholders from the Oil and Gas Sector inclusive of International Oil Companies (IoCs), National Oil Companies (NoCs), Traditional Leaders and State Government.

Young Professionals (YP) Port Harcourt: As part of PIND's continued investment in the Niger Delta youth development sector, PIND in collaboration with Beyond Regular hosted a one-day Career Mentorship Event for young professionals in Port Harcourt on May 28, 2022. It notably presented a keynote address by the Executive Director titled "Note to My Younger Professional" on how to approach building and sustaining a career and also shared PIND's existing Youth Development Strategy with 320 young professionals and 40 industry leaders.

NDSpaces Session on PIND's weekly conflict reports and the workings of PIND's Early Warning Early Response (EWER) system: PIND's NDLink in collaboration with the Integrated Peace and Development Unit (IPDU) hosted a Twitter Live Session on June 3, 2022 where it shared information on PIND's weekly conflict reports and the workings of its Early Warning Early Response (EWER) system with 63 peace building stakeholders and the general public.

Knowledge Sharing Workshop for Market System Development (MSD) Service Providers: PIND's Market System Development (MSD) Unit shared its knowledge on market system approach and strategy in implementing projects with 33 service providers in the Market System Development Sector from June 15 - 17 in Warri, Delta State.

NDSpaces Session on Ritual Killings in the Niger Delta region: PIND's NDLink in collaboration with the Peace Building Unit and the Center for Gender Studies (CGS) University of Port Harcourt hosted a Live Twitter Session on June 17, 2022 where it shared information on its efforts in addressing ritual killings in the Niger Delta region. The session had 28 attendees from the Peace Building Sector and Academia.

Knowledge Sharing Workshop for Market System Development (MSD) Service Providers: PIND's Market System Development (MSD) Unit shared its knowledge on market system approach and strategy in implementing projects with 30 State Actors and Stakeholders in the Market System Development Sector from June 22 - 24 in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State.



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