

PIND Collaborates with USAID to Power Healthcare Centers in the Niger Delta

The Foundation for Partnership Initiatives in the Niger Delta (PIND) is collaborating with the U.S. Government-led Power Africa Health Electrification and Telecommunications Alliance (HETA) to facilitate access to renewable energy for healthcare centers in the Niger Delta.

HETA is an ambitious project by Power Africa geared at electrifying up to 10,000 healthcare centers in Africa through decentralized renewable energy resources. PIND joined the Alliance in 2022 and was subsequently chosen to implement the project in Nigeria, using its proven Access to Energy model of providing reliable, affordable solar power to last-mile communities.

In 2023, while contributing its financial and technical resources, PIND also leveraged a grant of over \$200,000 from the Alliance and partnered with several private sector players to extend electricity to 12 primary healthcare centers (PHCs) across three Niger Delta states: Delta, Ondo, and Bayelsa.

PIND's implementation model establishes a financially sustainable, long-term operations and maintenance structure for energy systems. The model incorporates lifeline tariffs for healthcare facilities, ensuring affordability and fostering profitability for users.

Overall, the project is already yielding results in delivering reliable, affordable, and sustainable electricity to meet the essential, critical, and emergency needs of healthcare facilities and small businesses. It has not only subsidized operational costs but also ensured a reliable and sustainable electricity supply to meet the growing demands of the healthcare centers.

Not only does this initiative contribute to PIND's overall goal to light up the Niger Delta one community at a time, but the phased approach also aligns with HETA's five-year plan, offering reliable electricity for daily healthcare needs and community-wide use through private-sector participation.

USAID plans to support PIND with additional funding to scale the project across the nine Niger Delta states.