

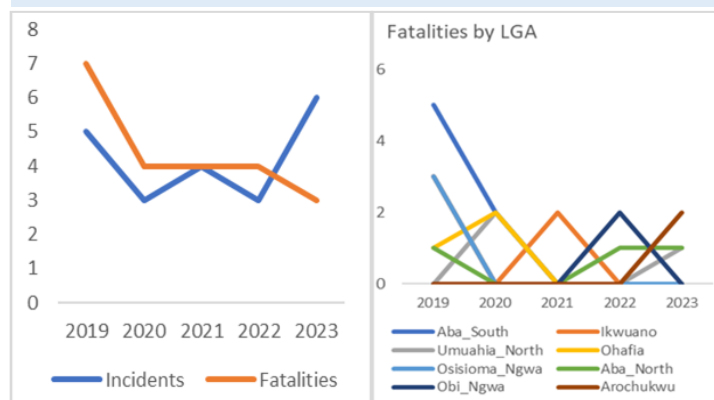
Niger Delta Weekly: Preventing Domestic Violence and Homicide in Abia State

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Background

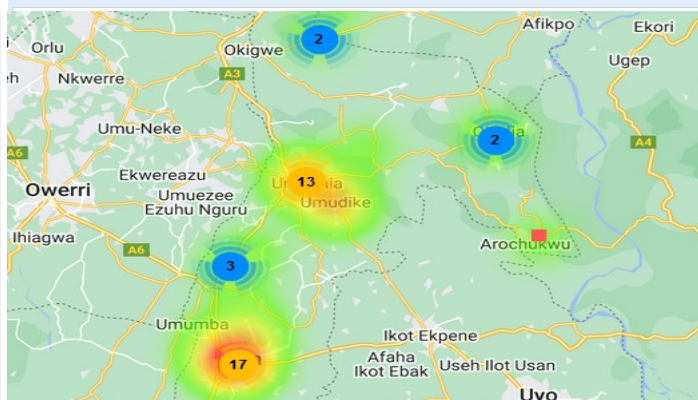
This weekly update spotlights homicidal violence in the Niger Delta with a focus on fatal domestic violence in Abia State. Domestic violence is a major security issue in Abia State. According to data (see map below), domestic violence caused over 30 fatalities in the State between January 2019 and December 2023. Recent incidents indicate the prevalence of domestic violence-related homicides in the State. In July 2023, for instance, a 24-year-old man allegedly killed his girlfriend during a quarrel in Ajata Ibeku community, Umuahia North LGA. In December 2023, a man reportedly died during a fight with his wife in Umuamoke Ngwaoma community, Ugunagbo LGA. In February 2024, a 27-year-old man allegedly killed his father and removed one of his eyes for alleged money-making rituals in Amuzukwu community, Umuahia North LGA. More recently, on February 27, 2024, a 70-year-old man allegedly killed his 27-year-old son during a disagreement over food in Eziamu Lokpaukwu community, Umunneochi LGA. The young man was allegedly killed because he took food from the family's pot without his father's permission.

Important Facts and Figures: Trends of Domestic Violence and Homicide in Abia State



Data shows that Aba South LGA had the highest number of domestic violence-related homicides in the State during the period. Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Fatalities Heat Map of Domestic Violence and Homicide in Abia State, Nigeria



Heat Map shows the geographical concentration of domestic violence and homicide in Abia State from January 2019 - December 2023. Sources: All data sources formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Why it Matters

The growing prevalence of domestic violence-related homicide has the potential to intensify interpersonal and communal violence. If not appropriately mitigated, the situation could escalate in ways that could adversely impact the dynamics of conflict and insecurity in the State. Domestic violence fatalities could result in social unrest, mob lynching, protests and a breakdown of law and order, which could bring about human rights violations, socio-economic disruptions and political instability, with far-reaching security consequences.

Anticipated Trends and Dynamics

The current trends of domestic violence in Abia have the potential to intensify, especially against the backdrop of current economic hardship caused by inflation in the country. Stakeholders should work with the relevant government and non-governmental agencies to tackle the underlying drivers, and develop suitable preventive measures including awareness raising to change attitudes and behaviors that condone domestic violence. Targeted engagement of civil society organizations could help tackle the structural factors.

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