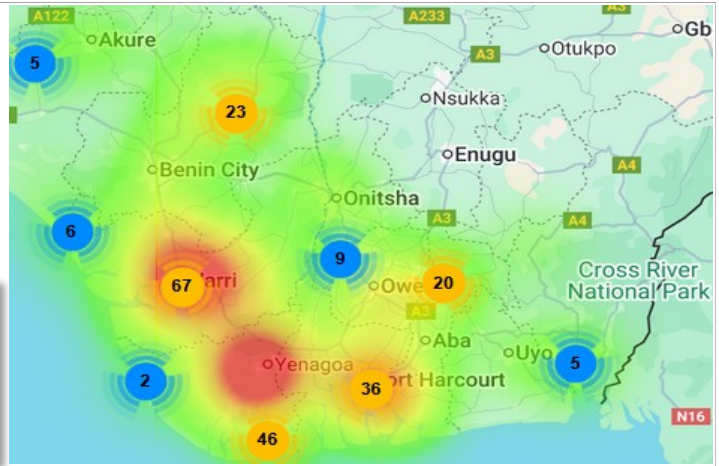


# Niger Delta Weekly Conflict Update

## Mitigating Illicit Drug Production, Trafficking, and Abuse in the Niger Delta

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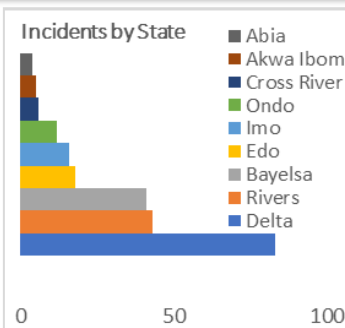
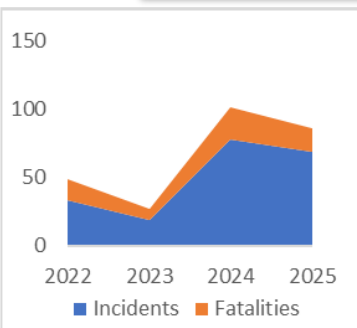
The Niger Delta is facing a growing threat from the production, trafficking, and abuse of illicit drugs, driven by the expanding reach of organized drug networks across the region. The spread of illicit drugs is increasing risks to community safety, making young people more vulnerable, and fueling crime, violence, and broader social instability.



Heat Map shows the concentration of incidents of illicit drug trafficking and abuse in the Niger Delta from January 2022 to December 2025. Sources: All data sources formatted on PIND's P4P Peace Map [www.p4pnigerdelta.org](http://www.p4pnigerdelta.org)



### Trends and Hotspots of Illicit Drug Trafficking and Abuse in the Niger Delta



### Anticipated Trends and Dynamics

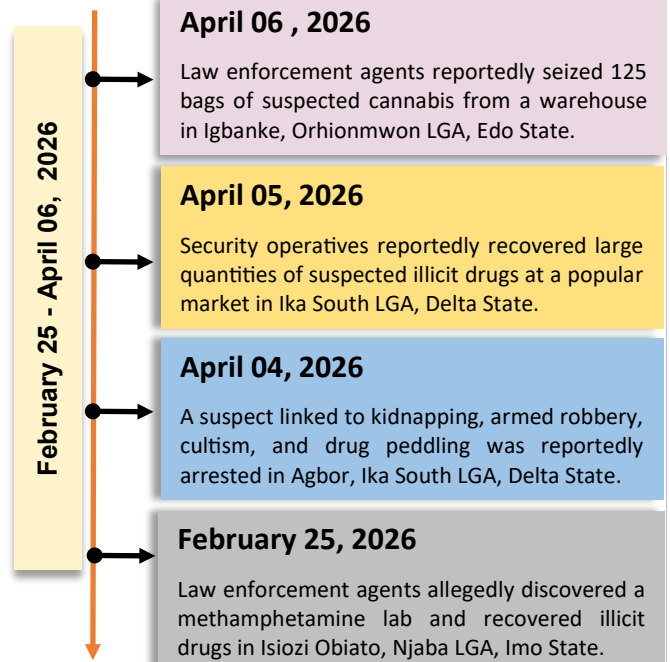
If current trends continue, illicit drug production and trafficking could strengthen criminal networks and fuel cultism and armed violence. This could increase youth vulnerability, expand illicit markets, and undermine public health, safety, and social stability in the region.

### Actions Taken to Mitigate the Situation

Law enforcement agencies have intensified crackdowns, including seizures and arrests. However, sustained enforcement of drug control measures and coordinated awareness campaigns remain crucial to reduce drug-related crimes and protect vulnerable populations.



### Timeline of Recent Incidents of Illicit Drug Trafficking and Abuse



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**Incident Details:** Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and brief incident description.



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