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About PIND Foundation

The Foundation for Partnership Initiatives in the Niger Delta (PIND) is a Nigerian non-profit organization dedicated to promoting peace and equitable economic growth in Nigeria's Niger Delta region. PIND fosters multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder partnerships at regional, national, and international levels to address the complex development challenges of the region.

Recognizing that no single entity can resolve these challenges alone, PIND collaborates with government, civil society, businesses, and international development partners to implement market-driven, community-based programs that mitigate conflicts and expand economic opportunities. This ensures that economic progress in the Niger Delta is systemic, inclusive, and sustainable.

PIND operates across all nine states in the Niger Delta – Abia, Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross River, Delta, Edo, Imo, Ondo, and Rivers, with a special focus on underserved and hard-to-reach coastal communities often overlooked in development programming.

Since 2010, PIND and its partners have contributed to peace, poverty reduction, energy access, employment generation, stability, and development in the region.

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Abbreviations and acronyms

AOIHCDT	Agbonu Ogulagha-Ibe Host Community Development Trust
A2E	Access to Energy
ABAAS	Arog Bio Allied Agro Services Limited
ATED	Appropriate Technology Enabled Development
BATVE	Ondo State Board for Adult Technical Vocational Education
BDS	Business Development & Sustainability
BHLF	Better Human Living Foundation
BoI	Bank of Industry
BSP	Business Service Provider
CDP	Community Development Plan
CLASP	Collaborative Labelling and Appliance Standards Program - An NGO promoting efficient appliances for people and the planet.
CNA	Comprehensive Needs Assessment
CNL	Chevron Nigeria Limited
DARES	Distributed Access through Renewable Energy Scale-up
CDP	Community Development Plan
CPP	Crop Protection Product
CSOs	Civil Society Organizations
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
DELCOM COOP	Delta State Commercial Oil Palm Plantation Growers Cooperative Society
EOHCDT	Egbema OPUDIS Host Community Development Trust
EU	European Union
EWER	Early Warning and Early Response
FCDO	UK Government's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office
FGD	Focus Group Discussion
FIDA	International Federation of Women Lawyers
FSP	Farm Service Provider
FMYD	Federal Ministry of Youth Development
FUPRE	Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun
GAP	Good Agricultural Practices
GESI	Gender Equality and Social Inclusion
GenCos	Nigerian Power Generation Companies
HCDT	Host Community Development Trust
ICT	Information and Communication Technologies
IoT	Internet of Things
IDH	IDH Trade
Ibom-LED	Ibom Leadership and Entrepreneurial Development Centre
JONAPWD	Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities
JSC	Joint Steering Committee
ILO	International Labor Organization
IPDU	Integrated Peace and Development Unit
IWD	International Women's Day
KAP	Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices
KEFFESO	Koluama 1, Ezetu 1, Foropa, Fish Town, Ekeni, Sangana
KSS	Knowledge Sharing Session
LMA	Labor Market Assessment
LPG	Liquefied Petroleum Gas
LV	Low Voltage
MASTERCARD	Mastercard Foundation
MDA	Ministries, Departments and Agencies
MoA	Memorandum of Agreement
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MSME	Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises
MWI	Melville Women Initiative

NASME	Nigerian Association of Small and Medium Enterprises
NASC	National Agricultural Seed Council
NDPSN	Niger Delta Peace and Security Network
NDRPS	Niger Delta Regional Peacebuilding Strategy
NDYEP	Niger Delta Youth Employment Pathways
NIGCOMSAT	Nigerian Communications Satellite Limited
NIHORT	National Institute for Horticultural Research
NPO	Nigerian Philanthropy Office
NSHP	Nigeria Solar for Health Project
NRCRI	National Root Crops Research Institute
NTU	NTU International
NUPRC	Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission
OOPC	Okomu Oil Palm Company
PAYGo	Pay-As-You-Go
PB	Peacebuilding
PIA	Petroleum Industry Act
PIP	PIND Integrated Platform
PPA	Power Purchase Agreement
PREO	Powering Renewable Energy Opportunities - A demand-led donor funded productive use of renewable energy program improving the livelihoods of communities in sub-Saharan Africa and Pacific Island Countries
PSS	Procurement Support Services
PWD	Person with Disability
P4P	Partners for Peace
REAN	Renewable Energy Association of Nigeria
REA	Rural Electrification Agency
RFP	Request for Proposal
REEEP	Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Policy (NREEEP)
ROGEAP	Regional Off-grid Electricity Access Project - An ECOWAS project that provides funding for certified off-grid and standalone solar
ECN	Energy Commission of Nigeria
SDN	Stakeholder Democracy Network
SFCG	Search for Common Ground
SHF	Small Holder Farmers
SMEDAN	Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria
ToT	Training of Trainers
TSPs	Technical Service Providers
TVET	Technical and Vocational Education and Training
TWG	Technical Working Group
OAODF	Okiero Anthony Okoro Development Foundation
OOPC	Okomu Oil-Palm Company PLC
OSERB	Ondo State Electricity Regulatory Bureau
WACCIMA	Warri Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Mines and Agriculture
WKHCDT	Warri Kingdom Coastal Host Community Development Trust
UK-PACT	UK Government's Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions
UHCDDT	Ugboland Host Community Development Trust
YEP	Youth Employment Pathways
WACEE	West African Clean Energy and Environment Trade Fair and Conference
WISE	Empowering Young Women through SME Growth and Local Sourcing in Africa
YOF	Youth Out grower Farmer

Background

Our goal at PIND is to identify, catalyze, and leverage opportunities, jobs, and incomes for our target beneficiaries. In these roles, we actively engage in identifying multi-stakeholder partners and act as a catalyst for establishing an enabling environment for socio-economic growth in the Niger Delta region. The goals of these partnerships are to reduce poverty, increase welfare benefits, and mitigate conflict by implementing interventions that promote stability and equitable growth in employment and income for beneficiaries across the nine target states: Abia, Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross River, Delta, Edo, Imo, Ondo, and Rivers.

To achieve this goal, PIND works to understand the root causes of economic instability, conflict, and fragility to develop community-based, market-driven, and sustainable solutions.

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

- **Economic Development Program:** Focused on generating opportunities for pro-poor market development and employment creation.
- **Peacebuilding Program:** Strengthens conflict resolution mechanisms to foster integrated peace and economic growth.

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

- **Capacity Building:** Strengthens the service delivery and engagement capacity of business membership organizations, civil society organizations, and communities.
- **Advocacy:** Seeks to influence policies, practices, and programs through in-depth analysis and an understanding of systemic constraints to growth in the Niger Delta region.
- **Communications/Knowledge management:** Enhances PIND's reputation and brand through clear and consistent messaging across multiple channels, highlighting its unique value proposition, transformative approaches, impact, learning and knowledge management.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E):** Independently tracks, verifies, and measures program results to ensure accountability.

THE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

By the end of Phase IV (2025-2029), PIND aims to:

SO1: Achieve better functioning market systems for agriculture and MSMEs, youth skills development for employment, finance, and access to renewable energy benefiting 800,000 farmers and MSMEs, 50% of whom will increase their income by 40%, and creating 150,000 new jobs, 50% of which will benefit youths and other vulnerable groups. Additionally, 250 communities will be electrified.

SO2: Influence \$50 million investment in the Niger Delta through PIND; raise a minimum of \$7.5 million in additional funds from the private sector and donor community for PIND programs, equivalent to 30% of Chevron's funding.

SO3: Integrate climate adaptation and mitigation initiatives to increase resilience in the Niger Delta, reducing GHG emissions from renewable energy, mitigating flood impacts through community plans, and supporting enterprises selling bio/organic products.

SO4: Support Host Community Development Trusts (HCDDTs) to co-invest in priority projects that improve economic and peacebuilding agendas in their communities by enhancing their capacity to co-design and co-invest in skills development, market linkages, and renewable solutions for job creation and income generation.

SO5: Reduce conflict and promote peace by sustainably deploying the P4P Network, strengthening the link between peacebuilding and economic development, delivering value to donors and other stakeholders, and addressing regional conflict issues.

PIND's Programs contribute to the following Sustainable Development Goals:

Programs	SDGs
Market development, Access to energy and Youth Employment Pathways	1,2,5,6,7
Peacebuilding Program	16
General Enabling Programs	5,10,15, 17



Security

During this quarter, PIND continued to collaborate with local peace actors and civil society organizations to mitigate emerging conflict risks across the Niger Delta, including identifying and addressing emerging conflict issues across Chevron Nigeria Limited (CNL) Host Community Development Trusts (HCDTs) in Delta and Ondo States.

For example, during Q2 2026, in partnership with Chevron Nigeria Limited (CNL) Host Community Development Trusts (HCDTs), PIND enhanced the capacity of Peacebuilding Committees in the Ugboland, Egbema OPUDIS, Warri Kingdom Coastal, and Agbonu Ogulagha-Ibe HCDTs in Delta and Ondo states. These interventions focused on improving community-based conflict prevention through effective early warning and early response mechanisms, strengthening local peace infrastructure, building the capacities of committee members, and institutionalizing resilience strategies within HCDT governance structures.

The interventions were implemented against a backdrop of growing community grievances arising from delays in the execution of development projects, employment concerns, controversies surrounding pipeline surveillance, environmental risks, leadership disputes, and broader governance challenges. To prevent these grievances from escalating into violence, PIND strengthened the HCDT Peacebuilding Committees as structured platforms for dialogue, mediation, community engagement, and coordinated action involving traditional rulers, local government authorities, security agencies, and other community stakeholders.

In addition, to strengthen coordination with the CNL HCDT Peacebuilding Committees, PIND continued the deployment and coordination of EWER **Field Assistants** across the HCDTs as an additional layer of its early warning and response

system. These **Field Assistants** facilitate the timely flow of information between early warning monitors and response actors, thereby supporting preventive and coordinated interventions. The committees also responded to emerging conflicts. For example, in Opuama, Warri North, competing claims over community leadership created tensions that threatened to divide the community and disrupt relationships with operating companies. Peacebuilding Committee members supported stakeholder engagements that redirected the dispute towards dialogue and out-of-court settlement. By encouraging negotiated resolution and promoting reconciliation rather than prolonged litigation, the committee helped reduce the likelihood of prolonged community division.

During the same period, pipeline surveillance issues emerged as another major source of tension across several HCDTs. In Warri Kingdom Coastal, protests calling for decentralization of pipeline surveillance contracts created anxiety among host communities. Rather than allowing the protests to degenerate into broader unrest, Peacebuilding Committee members worked closely with community leaders and HCDT executives to engage protesters, encourage dialogue, and calm community tensions. Community leaders confirmed that the protests remained peaceful and did not disrupt community activities, demonstrating the effectiveness of grassroots mediation and coordinate stakeholder engagement.

Generally, kidnapping, both targeted and opportunistic, continues to be a significant threat in the Niger Delta and across Nigeria, primarily driven by economic gains regardless of the victim's profile. Other forms of security situations recorded in Q2 2026 are provided below:

- **Delta State (June 10, 2026):** A protest was staged by Itsekiri women and youths at the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) gate in Warri South LGA, over the INEC ward delineation exercise in Warri Federal Constituency. The protesters expressed concerns over the alleged blockade of waterways and oil facilities by Ijaw groups and called on authorities to uphold the rule of law and address rising tensions in the area. On **10 April 2026**, gunmen abducted the Chairperson of Sapele Local Government Area, from a hotel along Owumi Road in Sapele. A vigilante commander (chief security officer to the chairperson) was shot during the attack. No further updates on rescue or arrests yet.
 - **Ondo State (June 23, 2026):** A woman and her two children were abducted at Gbegun Community, along Alhaja Camp, off Housing Estate, in Owo LGA; On **25 June 2026**, Amotekun operatives rescued about 10 kidnap victims from forest hideouts in Akure North LGA.
 - **Abia State (June 10, 2026):** Gunmen abducted two persons near Umuahia-Uzuakoli Road, Umuahia North LGA, demanding a ₦10 million ransom. Local youths from Umuawa-Alaocha, with police and vigilantes, conducted a nighttime search and rescued both victims unharmed (kidnappers fled, abandoning them).
 - **Akwa Ibom State (June 17, 2026):** The Akwa Ibom State Police Command reportedly dismantled a phone robbery syndicate in Uyo, arresting a suspected receiver and distributor of stolen mobile phones linked to an armed robbery network operating along the Calabar–Itu Road axis. The police recovered 34 assorted phones, other items suspected to be Proceeds of crime, and substances believed to be illicit drugs, while investigations to apprehend other syndicate members remain ongoing.
 - Click [HERE](#) for more security incidents.
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Abridged Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Report

Introduction:

The Monitoring and Evaluation report provides updates to donors, Board of Trustees, and partners on project achievements, challenges, and lessons learned. It also aims to strengthen collaboration for greater impact and sustainability while demonstrating how PIND's work contributes to a peaceful and stable operating environment in the Niger Delta.

The report highlights successes and challenges, fostering shared learning and encouraging further collaborations with partners including the Ford Foundation, the Mastercard Foundation, the European Union and Okomu Oil Palm Company.

This quarter's report (**April–June, 2026**), is the sixth under Phase IV strategic period (2025 – 2029) - the second for 2026, and it provides updates on program performance in line with PIND's five Strategic Objectives. Each quarter, PIND will present consolidated progress updates across all programs and projects under these objectives.



Fig 1: Demonstration conducted by Service Provider Ugo Michael in collaboration with Lead Farmer Utang Sundav on 24 June 2026 in Ibenta Village.

1.0 Strategic Objective 1. Better functioning market systems - for explicit statement of strategic objective 1, page 6

This objective focuses on improving market systems in agriculture, MSMEs, youth skills development, finance, and access to renewable energy. Additionally, it aims to deepen economic growth outcomes in the Niger Delta through improved interventions to address systemic constraints hindering business functionality and equitable delivery of business gains to the players. In Q2 2026, the Market Systems Development (MSD), Access to Energy (A2E), and Youth Employment Pathways (YEP) programs continued to work collaboratively with PIND's cross-cutting units (Capacity Building, Advocacy, Knowledge management - Communications, Planning Monitoring and Evaluation to advance activities benefiting farmers and MSMEs.

1.1.0 Market System Development (MSD) Program

The market system development for agricultural and economic growth continues to flourish with several behavior changes observed in **Q2 2026** by **Service Providers (SPs)**. Service Providers continued to enhance farmers' knowledge on improved productivity models; supported the entire agricultural value chain through on-farm agronomic demonstrations; including finance access, business and services support and linkages to SMEs and Host Community Development Trusts (HCDTs); and expanded operations for resilience and growth in the region. To expand the outcomes of service partners, PIND continued to identify entrepreneurial partners and onboard them into cross-cutting services across the MSD thematic areas: **Access to Agricultural Inputs (fertilizers, crop protection products (CPPs), feeds, vaccines, etc.); Access to Seeds; Access to Technical and Business Development Services; and Access to Industrial Markets and Agricultural Technology.**

1.1.1. MSD Key Outputs/Outcome as at Q2 2026

In Q2 2026, an additional **37 Service Providers** were onboarded in addition to the **41** reported in the previous quarter bringing the total as at Q2 to **78**. They are delivering improved services to farmers and MSMEs across the four thematic areas: **Access to Agricultural Inputs (fertilizers, crop protection products (CPPs), feed, vaccines, etc.); Access to Seeds, Access to Technical and Business Development Services; and Access to Industrial Market and Agricultural Technology.** For this year MSD plans to onboard 100 service providers to provide cross-cutting services to farmers and MSMEs across the nine states of the Niger Delta.

An additional **37,745** farmers/MSMEs – **17,100 females**, were reached in Q2 2026 with improved cross-cutting services through the **37** service providers onboarded. The cumulative number of farmers reached with improved services as at Q2

2026 was **60,087**. MSD portfolio plans to impact over 150,000 farmers/MSMEs in 2026 through 100+ Service Providers. The progress of the MSD partners, farmers/MSMEs will be monitored to track their performances in the coming quarters. Please click [More MSD report](#) for the details.

1.2. Access to Energy (A2E)

1.2.1. Q2 2026 Key Activities

In Q2 2026, the Access to Energy (A2E) program consolidated the shift from outreach to deployment recorded in the first quarter while opening a new investment pipeline through the Coastal Communities Off-Grid Energy Challenge Fund. Twelve new energy solutions were deployed across 21 communities during the quarter, bringing the half-year total to 22 solutions and extending clean energy access to an additional 10,553 people in the Niger Delta.

The Challenge Fund became the main engine of partner engagement this quarter. Seven applicant firms went through a structured technical review and co-creation process that allowed A2E to share its delivery model with each firm directly and assess technical and operational capacity interactively rather than on paper alone. The resulting pipeline of committed projects covers solar refrigeration hubs, hybrid energy cabins, and solar mini-grids across coastal communities in Delta, Ondo, and Edo States.

Hands-on technical assistance continued to shape partner investment decisions. A2E's community entry and regulatory advisory support to Ashdam Solar led the Ondo State Electricity Regulatory Bureau (OSERB) to approve the company's registration for isolated mesh-grid deployment in eight coastal communities in Ilaje LGA, and redirected an investment the company had originally planned for Oyo State into the Niger Delta.

Under the Okomu (OOPC) project, A2E supported EtinPower through stakeholder engagement, land acquisition, tariff modelling, and the setup of a ten-member Community Power Committee in Gbelebu, culminating in the signing of the Power Purchase Agreement for the Gbelebu Energy Cabin.

Work with the Host Community Development Trusts also matured. The Warri Kingdom coastal energy assessment covering 16 communities was validated with the Warri Kingdom Coastal Host Community Development Trust (WKHCDT) and the final report shared for the project's next stage, while technical support continued for the Egbema-OPUDIS, Ugboland and Agbonu-Ogulagha Ibe HCDTs on their community energy projects.

1.2.2. Energy Partners Outputs

The Off-Grid Challenge Fund technical review and co-creation process covered seven applicants, each scored against a common Terms of Reference: **Janus Cleantech (Sunbread), A1 Power Technologies, Magnificent Catalytic Inclusions, Jway Tech, R&R Energy Solution, Moon Innovations, and Warri Tech Hub**. In addition, **BCIS, Ashdam Solar, and EtinPower** participated in the quarterly partners meeting and received drilled-down technical support during the quarter. In total, **eight energy providers** were reached with support in Q2, bringing the number reached in the first half of the year to **17**.

1.2.3. Energy Partners Outcomes

Following the co-creation process, the Challenge Fund applicants firmed up project designs that now make up a committed deployment pipeline across the coastal Niger Delta.

Janus Cleantech Solutions Limited developed a 20-foot Solar Refrigeration Hub powered by 15kWp solar PV, 30kWh lithium battery storage, and a 15kW hybrid inverter. The hub provides dedicated cold storage compartments for fish, meat, fruits, and food products; ice block production for market use; a 100-point phone charging station; and charging infrastructure for electric cargo tricycles used in last-mile logistics. It functions as a solar-powered cold-chain and market aggregation platform rather than a household electricity supply.

A1 Power Technologies (Agor-nla and Costain communities, Warri South-West LGA, Delta State) combined a Hybrid

Energy Cabin with a Solar Refrigeration Hub. The Energy Cabin (20kWp solar PV, 10kVA inverter, 15kWh lithium battery) will supply electricity to households and micro-enterprises in both communities, while the Refrigeration Hub will run four 319-litre chest freezers dedicated to fish storage and cold-chain services for artisanal fisherfolk.

Magnificent Catalytic Inclusions Limited (Ibredé community, Ndokwa East LGA, Delta State) developed the largest project in the portfolio, a full solar-hybrid mini-grid running on 80kW ground-mounted solar PV, lithium-ion battery storage sized for 24-hour critical load coverage, and a 50kW diesel backup generator for extended low-solar periods. Smart prepaid meters will cover more than 1,025 connections, including households, micro-enterprises, a health post, and schools. The system also includes productive-use appliance financing under a PAYGo lease-to-own model targeting cassava grating and palm oil milling. Because Ibredé floods seasonally, the entire installation is designed to be flood-resilient, with elevated platforms, sealed enclosures, and corrosion-resistant materials.

R&R Energy Solution Ltd (Ipare Market, Ondo State) implemented Project Tahir, a 15kWp solar mini-grid paired with a 10-ton modular cold room at a riverine fish aggregation market. The design rests on a “Cool Power” model in which the cold room serves as the anchor load, generating the stable and predictable revenue that underwrites the commercial viability of the whole mini-grid. Power will be distributed to at least 50 MSMEs through an overhead LV network with smart prepaid metering and IoT remote monitoring, built with marine-grade corrosion-resistant structures for the saline coastal environment.

Moon Innovations Limited (Agogboro and Agokutu communities, Warri South-West LGA, Delta State) delivered the most integrated solution in the set, bundling three systems into one: an 80kWp solar energy cabin (120kWh lithium storage, 40kVA inverter) distributing electricity to more than 700 households and 500 microenterprises through smart prepaid meters and an overhead LV network; four modular cold storage units operating under a Cooling-as-a-Service model for fisheries; and NIGCOMSAT-powered community Wi-Fi in both communities, which will enable digital payments, e-commerce, telemedicine, and distance learning on top of the electricity supply.

EtinPower Limited (Gbelebu community, Ovia South-West LGA, Edo State) developed a NERC-compliant mini-grid using a 60.9kWp/50kW/153.9kWh Energy Cabin model with smart metering and remote monitoring across the distribution network. Beyond electricity supply, EtinPower has committed to deploying electric passenger and cargo tricycles with charging infrastructure, piloting the retrofit of diesel-powered agro-processing equipment to electric alternatives, and electrifying the community's primary healthcare facility at no cost. The project sits within Okomu Oil Palm Company's neighboring community network.

1.2.4. Significant Achievements / Results

Deployment of **12 energy solutions** across **21 communities**: partner installations with a combined capacity of about 270.9 kWp extended electricity access to **10,553 people**, **1,545 households**, and **1,283 businesses** during the quarter, bringing half-year totals to 22 solutions and 43,901 people. Deployments during the quarter also created **18 new local energy technical jobs**, while **120 people** were trained on renewable energy solutions in rural communities. Women made up 50% of participants across A2E engagements and beneficiaries in Q2, bringing the year-to-date rate to 41.9%.

A committed investment pipeline through the Off-Grid Challenge Fund: seven applicants completed technical review and co-creation, producing firm project designs for solar refrigeration hubs, hybrid energy cabins, and mini-grids across Delta, Ondo, and Edo States. Private investment redirected into the Niger Delta: A2E's facilitation moved Ashdam Solar's planned Oyo State investment into coastal Ondo State, with OSERB approving the company's registration for mesh-grid deployment in eight Ilaje communities.

Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) signed for the Gbelebu Energy Cabin: pre-implementation support to EtinPower under the OOPC project led to the signing of PPA, with OOPC co-funding the project CAPEX through PIND.

₦1.39 billion in new funds leveraged: energy providers accessed ₦1,389,971,694.53 in funds and grants with PIND's influence during the quarter, bringing the cumulative figure for the year to ₦6.64 billion. Please click [HERE](#) for detailed funds leveraged energy partners.

1.3. Youth Employment Pathways (YEP)

The Youth Employment Pathways program adopts a three-pronged approach in Phase IV of PIND's program while deemphasizing the traditional direct grants provision to Implementing Partners, aimed at scaling systemic impact and ecosystem development for youth employment: TVET facility upgrades for inclusive training; TVET scholarship grants and Challenge Fund award. These complement each other in building a system that stimulates ecosystem functionality for youth development in the Niger Delta.

In Q2 2026, YEP continued to deepened its shift towards enabling commercially driven TVET models, strengthening partner capacity, enhancing industry linkages, and expanding pathways for youth employment outcome. Ecosystem changes around youth employment programming recorded a number of positive outcomes.

Facility Improvement Grant beneficiary partners continue to report improved institutional performance resulting from the installed advanced and much improved TVET infrastructure and equipment, supporting a drastic reduction of their business operational costs, expanded training capacities, enhancing increased enrolment, and the overall service delivery of practical vocational skills training. This contributes effectively to the commercial viability and sustainability of the TVET centers.

1.3.1. Deployment of TVET Facility Improvement Grant in Q2 2026

In Q2, the last three partners who benefited from the TVET Facility Upgrade Grant completed the upgrade of their TVET facilities. Though the organizations witnessed some slight delay in procuring the facilities due to price increases of key equipment, the three partners have finally purchased and installed the items and equipment as approved in their grants. The three institutions; Innovation Growth Hub (IG Hub) in Aba and Start Innovation Hub in Uyo have upgraded their power systems with solar and inverter system installation. Azure-Gold Ltd, an institution providing vocational skills in the building construction sector also purchased technical equipment including two (2) petrol generators to improve its vocational training especially at building construction sites.

In all 14, TVET facilities were upgraded under the facility grant. Seven of the beneficiary institutions are ICT training centers with requirements for power upgrade with solar and inverter installation to provide sustainable power solution to the centers. Two agriculture TVET centers acquired various training materials including a complete set of green-house (40ft x 30ft) for Aquagreen Integrated Farming Center and 1 pellet machine each for Ibiteinye Farms and Aquagreen. Four other TVET centers providing services in fashion and tailoring, photography, finished leather and renewable energy also received the grant to upgrade various facilities to improve their vocational training. The 14 beneficiary institutions have confirmed significant improvements in their provision of vocational training services in the various sectors. All the TVET institutions with power upgrade facilities confirm drastic reduction in power cost as they all now run on full 24-hour power supply. Others with various equipment upgrade have reduced tuition which means more young people can afford the training program.

1.3.2. Deployment of 2025-2026 TVET Scholarship Grant in in Q2 2026

A total of **4,172** were reported to be in training in Q2, comprising **1,995** males (47.82%) and **2,177** females (52.18%). The program also enrolled 97 persons with disabilities (PWDs), representing 2.3% of total beneficiaries, reflecting continued efforts to promote gender inclusion and accessibility. Cumulatively, all partners implementing one or more YEP programs in the Niger Delta region reported **4,172** enrolled trainees for Q2 2026. An average of 98% of trainees are youths, demonstrating strong alignment with the program's youth-focused objectives.

Gender distribution across partners averages approximately 52.18% female and 47.82% male, with variations across sectors—female participation is higher in service-oriented trades, while technical sectors remain male-dominated. Inclusion of persons with disabilities (PWDs) remains limited, with an average of about 1% across partners. Collectively,

8 partners reported completed training for **985¹** youths in 2026 Q2, some of which were from the legacy projects. Below is a dissection of the scholarship grants application along the 3 formats, Self and Corporate sponsorship still remain low in the ladder.

Of the **4,172** trainees reached during the reporting period, a total of **1,677** (40% of the entire enrolment) benefited from the deployment of PIND supported scholarship grant (**980 (23.4%)** benefited from full scholarships, **697 (16.7%)** received partial scholarships), while **736** (17.6%) were supported under the YEP Bayelsa program. Additionally, **213** participants (5.1%) were self-sponsored, and 59 participants (1.6%) received corporate sponsorship.

Table1: showing number of youth enrollments in Q2 2026.

Sectors	No. of Partners	No. of Trainees
Agriculture	5	824
ICT	10	1,674
Services	11	1,119
Building Construction	4	555
Total	30	4,172

1.3.3. YEP Scale-up to Bayelsa State / On-boarding of new Implementing Partners

In 2026 PIND and the Bayelsa Ministry of Youth Development (BMYD) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to scale the planned YEP program implementation in Bayelsa. A key part of the deliverables of the MoU was to facilitate technical and vocational skills training to 2,000 youths over a period of two (2) years among other youth development related activities.

The implementation of technical vocational skills training commenced in Bayelsa State in April 2026 with grant signing and onboarding of seven partner organizations in the agriculture, ICT, building construction and services sectors. Three (3) of the organizations (Azure Gold Foundation, Aquagreen Integrated Farming Support Initiative and Olotu Square Solutions) are old partners that have expanded their TVET services to Bayelsa, while four are new partners (**Zigha's Aigbakoru Ltd, Keyway Consult, Today for Tomorrow Catering Institute and Elegant Style Fashion**).

Recruitment campaigns for unemployed youths generated over 3,100 applications, from which 736 youths aged 16–35 years have been selected, enrolled and onboarded on the vocational skills training program. All 7 implementing partners have commenced training activities in line with approved workplans, with the youth beneficiaries receiving technical, entrepreneurship, and soft skills training to enhance their pathways to jobs and sustainable livelihoods. The total number of implementing partners onboarded as at Q2 2026 is **32** in addition to the seven from Bayelsa State.

1.3.4. Youth employment pathways in Okomu Oil Palm Company (OOPC) – Edo State

Okomu YEP intervention commenced after the mapping and assessment of potential TVET centers/partners; assessment of the proposed TVET center at Udo; facilitation of collaboration with relevant government agencies such as Edo Board for Technical and Vocational Education (BTVE) and EdoJobs; assessment of potential implementing organizations across relevant sectors and trades to determine their capacity to deliver skills training in sectors aligned with market demand and a shortlisting of 165 youth beneficiaries from OOPC neighboring communities in technical & vocational skills training.

In Q2, three (3) organizations, **Genius Hub Limited; Mindshift Consultancy and Services Limited; and Amy6015** in collaboration with **Benin Technical College**, commenced the implementation of vocational skills development for youth beneficiaries from Okomu neighboring communities. 165 unemployed youths were shortlisted for various vocations including catering, leatherworks (shoemaking), welding and fabrication, ICT, Fashion and tailoring as well as the mandatory soft skills and entrepreneurship training.

¹ Out of 917 reported to have completed from 2025, 168 was reported in Q1, leaving the balance of 749, plus 236 from 2026 = 985 reported in Q2 2026

As at the end of Q2, 2026, only **128** youths have resumed training across the skills sectors. Training was ongoing smoothly with several positive feedback and evidence of both technical learning and soft skills learning provided by the trainees. However, for the remaining 37 youths who are yet to mobilize for the training, the reasons advanced are challenges around reasonable accommodation and transport support as major factors responsible for their inability to join the program, among other concerns. The YEP team are working with the communities to have the replacement of the 37 youths as soon as possible.

1.3.5. Implementing Partners' Investments and other Outcomes in Q2 2026.

The overarching value proposition for youth pathways program was to stimulate adaptive skills deployment to youths by the partners, exemplified as follows:

- Four partners (**Aqua Green Integrated Farm Support Initiative, Azure Gold Ltd, AMY6015 Global Enterprise, and Kiara De-Luke Academy**) secured **₦54,855,000 funding²** and technical support from Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (ARCN), Federal and State Ministries, WorldFish, universities, polytechnics, and private-sector sponsors, expanding the collaborations on TVET services to reduce unemployment. The funding will strengthen skills training delivery and expand program outreach – Click [HERE](#) for details
- **543** youths accessed employment and other income-earning opportunities after graduating from YEP program from **12** partners, who also created **34** fulltime jobs in 2026 Q2.

1.3.6. Update on State and non-state actors

As part of YEP's strategy to promote the adoption and adaptation of the NDYEP model by government institutions, PIND facilitated a two-day cross-learning workshop with the Dakkada Skills Acquisition Centre (DASAC) in Akwa Ibom State. The workshop brought together DASAC management, the YEP team, and YEP implementing partners—Start Innovation Hub, Future Labs (ICT), and Azure Gold (Building Construction)—to share practical approaches to market-driven vocational skills training, employability and soft skills integration, mentorship, internship and job linkage, entrepreneurship support, and private sector engagement.

The government institution DASAC received presentations on the core components of the NDYEP model and undertook learning visits to Start Innovation Hub TVET, Future Labs, Azure Gold, TVET centers as well as paid a site visit to Qavara Limited, a woodwork construction center. There the DASAC team, observed ICT and construction training delivery sessions, mentorship and enterprise development processes, and some youth beneficiary success stories. The engagements identified opportunities for DASAC to adapt key elements of the NDYEP model, including structured orientation, soft skills integration, mentorship, internship and job placement systems, employer engagement, and the Challenge Fund approach to enterprise support on their program. To help the institution internalize the lessons, an orientation workshop will be implemented to guide the DASAC training team adopt the YEP Orientation model and Soft Skills Curriculum as technical support to the government institution.

1.3.7. System Level Shifts - Sustainability of YEP

- **Sustained Independent Youth Training:** The Implementing Partners continued in Q2 2026 to deliver employability training after the support from PIND. Seven new partners were engaged through the YEP Bayelsa and Okomu partnership to implement youth skills training: **Azure Gold Foundation, Aquagreen Integrated Farming Support Initiative and Olotu Square Solutions**. Others are **Zigha's Aigbakoru Ltd, Keyway Consult, Today for Tomorrow Catering Institute and Elegant Style Fashion**
- **Deepened Independent Partners' Post Training Linkages:** Partners are increasingly promoting post-training engagements for youths who completed skills training at their centers. 543 youths accessed employment and other income-earning opportunities after graduating from YEP in Q2 2026.

² Aqua Green Integrated Farm Support Initiative (₦5,000,000 Agriculture); Azure Gold Ltd, Building Construction got ₦6,355,000; AMY6015 Global Enterprise (Fashion & Garment Making) 13,500,000; Kiara De-Luke Academy - Fashion & Garment Making; Building Construction - 30,000,000;

2.0 Strategic Objective 2: Influence \$50 million investment and raise a minimum of \$7.5 million in additional funds - for explicit statement of strategic objective 2, refer to page 6.

This objective seeks to attract external investments into the Niger Delta from donors and funders to deepen the economic growth outcomes in the region through improved interventions that address systemic constraints hindering business functionality and equitable delivery of business gains to market players.

New funds will be raised from the private sector and donor community for PIND programs through the activities of the Business Development and Sustainability (BDS) unit. The target is to raise a minimum of \$7.5 million, equivalent to 30% of Chevron's funding. Funds from Government and other sources spent on projects arising from PIND-influenced development models, policies and initiatives, (e.g. HCDDTs; Niger Delta Regional Peacebuilding Strategy (NDRPS), Access to Land Policy, State long-term development plans, etc.) and resulting in demonstrable changes will be tracked and reported, annually.

2.1.0 Q2 2026 Key Achievements

Funds Influenced:

In Q2 2026, PIND influenced a total of **\$1,075,093.83 (₦1,466,739,765.85)**³ in investment by donors and funders into Niger Delta development under the Youth Employment Pathways (YEP), Access to Energy and Capacity Building (CB) and Market Development programs. The cumulative funds yet influenced for the year was **\$5,004,420.34**. This constitutes 50% of the target of **\$10 million** target set for 2026. Details below:

- **Youth Employment Pathways (YEP) program:** In Q2 2026, **₦54,855,000 (\$40,207.73)** external grants was received by the YEP implementing partners as follows: Aqua Green Integrated Farm Support Initiative received (₦5,000,000 under Agriculture sectors); Azure Gold Ltd, Building Construction received **₦6,355,000**; AMY6015 Global Enterprise (Fashion & Garment Making) **₦13,500,000**; Kiara De-Luke Academy - Fashion & Garment Making; and Building Construction also was awarded **₦30,000,000**; YEP targets **\$2 million** partner investments in 2026 to deliver youths training across the region.
- **Capacity Building (CB):** Within this quarter, CSOs in the region trained by PIND influenced a total of **₦17,400,000 (\$12,753.89)** into the development of the Niger Delta. CARA Development Foundation reported accessing a grant of **₦15,000,000** from ActionAid Nigeria under the Renewed Women Voices and Leadership (RWVL) Project in Imo State. Newland Pathway Integrated Consult reported securing **₦2,400,000** in funding from the Young Africa Nigeria Advancement and Productivity Initiative to implement a business development intervention for women-owned nano and microenterprises in Akure North and Akure South Local Government Areas of Ondo State. In 2026 the CB targets to influence **\$1 million**, which would be leveraged from the local CSOs trained by PIND.
- **Access to Energy:** In Q1 2026, a total of **₦1,389,971,694.53 (\$1,018,824.22)** was influenced into the development of the Niger Delta through funders, donors, and private institutions by the energy partners. *For details of funds influenced, click [HERE](#)*
- **Market System Development (MSD) Program:** A total of **₦4,512,000 (\$3,308.00)** was leveraged by the Saro Africa as a service provider to provide improved cross-cutting services to farmers and MSMEs. In 2026, MSD targets **₦165 million** in leverage from over 100 Service Providers.

Funds Raised:

- Within Q2 2026 a total of **\$591,970.00** was raised through Business Development and Sustainability (BDS) activities from private sector and donor community for PIND programs, which is 39.5% of the annual target of **\$1.5 million**. Details: **\$300,000** from the Ford Foundation for the next phase of the Bridges Project; and **\$291,970 (₦400,000,000)** by Sombreiro Kapital (SK) to progress farmers' access to finance - PIND (through Sombreiro Kapital SK) and Ugboland HCDDT signed an agreement to implement Access to Finance/Livelihood program for Ugboland HCDDT.

³ Dollar – Naira conversion: \$1,075,093.83 (₦1,466,739,765.85) @ \$1/1,364.29

3.0 Strategic Objective 3: Integration of climate adaptation and mitigation across program delivery - for explicit statement of strategic objective 3, refer to page 6.

This objective aims to build resilience in the Niger Delta by promoting carbon markets, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, mitigating flood risks, and supporting enterprises selling bio/organic products.

3.1.0 Access to energy - climate adaptation

A2E interventions continued to link energy access with climate mitigation and adaptation across the Niger Delta during the quarter. The 12 energy solutions deployed in Q2 added a combined solar capacity of about 270.9 kWp, displacing petrol and diesel generation in 21 communities. In many of these communities, a shared community generator has been the default source of electricity; each solar deployment cuts the running hours on these generators along with the fuel costs, noise, and emissions that come with them.

Solar refrigeration hub is proving to be one of the strongest mitigation and adaptation combinations in the portfolio. The solar refrigeration hub gives fisherfolk and market traders an alternative to preserving fish by smoking, a practice that drives wood cutting in fragile coastal vegetation and exposes the women who do most of the smoking to sustained smoke inhalation. Replacing smoking with refrigeration therefore cuts emissions and deforestation pressure while removing a direct health hazard for women. The cold chain also reduces post-harvest losses, which strengthens household incomes and food availability, both of which shape how well communities absorb climate shocks.

The electric mobility components in the pipeline extend emission reductions into transport. The cargo tricycle charging infrastructure in the **Janus hub and EtinPower's committed deployment of electric passenger** and cargo tricycles in **Gbelebu** will displace petrol-powered tricycles used for goods movement in and around the markets.

On clean cooking, A2E continued its LPG market development partnership with **Better Human Living Foundation (BHLF)** across Rivers, Bayelsa, and Delta States, profiling candidate businesses and facilitating access to finance so that more households and food businesses can shift from firewood and charcoal to LPG. These gains go beyond emissions. Cleaner air in homes and market spaces and safer work for the women who process fish translate into health and human capital benefits that strengthen how coastal communities cope with a changing climate.

3.1.1. Market System Development Program - climate adaptation

Climate mitigation remained a cross-cutting feature of PIND's Market Systems Development (MSD) interventions during the reporting period. Rather than implementing stand-alone climate activities, the program integrated climate-smart agricultural practices into market-led service delivery models, strengthening the capacity of service providers, agro-dealers, technology providers, processors, and other private-sector partners to promote sustainable production practices across multiple agricultural value chains. This approach supports long-term adoption by embedding climate-smart solutions within commercially viable business models rather than relying on project-led extension.

During the quarter, partners conducted **114 Good Agronomic Practices (GAP)** and climate-smart agriculture training sessions and established **20 demonstration plots** that enabled farmers to observe practical applications of improved production techniques under local conditions. Training covered integrated pest management, responsible fertilizer use, soil fertility management, safe handling of crop protection products, and improved planting techniques that contribute to more efficient resource use while reducing environmental risks associated with poor input management. The CARA last-mile input distribution model further strengthened access to climate-smart inputs by connecting farmers with certified agro-dealers through organized community distribution networks.

In the oil palm sector, farmers supplying Okomu Oil Palm Company received training on Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) standards, Best Management Practices, forest monitoring, and improved harvesting and post-harvest handling techniques. Similarly, cocoa farmers were supported to improve compliance with traceability systems and the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), strengthening market access while encouraging more sustainable production and reducing deforestation risks associated with agricultural expansion.

Across the program, climate mitigation measures increasingly relied on private-sector incentives rather than direct project delivery. Agro-dealers, service providers, processors, technology companies, and digital service providers are progressively integrating climate-smart products and advisory services into their commercial operations, creating

stronger incentives for continued delivery beyond the life of the project. Examples of climate-smart adoptions are as follows:

- Use of mulching, ridge planting, composting, efficient fertilizer application, and integrated pest management. These practices are integrated into PIND promoted GAP manual to enable farmers manage soil fertility, retain moisture, and reduce production risks linked to erratic rainfall.
- Espousal of improved seed varieties (cassava, maize, rice, and vegetables) and certified crop protection products, which would improve yield stability and pest management under changing climate conditions.
- Promotion of eco-friendly input solutions, including biological and soil-regenerating products, promoted by CHC **Agritech** - PIND's partner.
- Expansion of access to solar-powered cold storage, reducing post-harvest losses and improving market access for perishable produce promoted by **ColdHubs**
- Introduction of solar-powered irrigation solutions for targeted farm clusters through PIND's partnership with **Green Focus Technologies Limited** underway in Q2, will improve water access, production efficiency, and climate resilience while reducing emissions.

3.1.2 Peacebuilding Program – Climate Adaptation

During Q2 2026, the Peacebuilding Program recorded progress in integrating climate considerations into its interventions. The policy roundtable on advancing climate resilience, climate-sensitive peacebuilding, and human security in the Niger Delta is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5, 2026. The roundtable is designed to disseminate the findings and recommendations of PIND's Policy Brief on Climate Change and Human Security in the Niger Delta and facilitate multi-stakeholder dialogue on strengthening climate resilience, climate-sensitive peacebuilding, and human security across the region.

3.1.3 Advocacy - Climate Adaptation

In Q2, the Advocacy activities contribute to climate integration by promoting climate-conscious policies, fostering partnerships with government institutions, and encouraging the mainstreaming of renewable energy and climate adaptation measures into development planning and implementation. This resulted in Abia State Ministry of Power and Public Utilities formally expressing interest in strengthening collaboration with PIND to create opportunity to scale the A2E model beyond pilot interventions, support state-level renewable energy policy implementation, and accelerate adoption of clean energy solutions that reduce environmental degradation, strengthen livelihoods, and mitigate climate-related risks.

Also, the new Ford Foundation-funded project gives PIND a strategic platform to strengthen climate adaptation and mitigation across the Niger Delta. The project will integrate climate considerations into community development planning through climate impact assessments of Community Development Plans (CDPs), deeper stakeholder engagement, and the development of climate-smart models for host communities. These efforts are expected to strengthen community resilience by addressing climate-related conflict drivers, promoting sustainable resource management, and supporting evidence-based decision-making.

4.0 Strategic Objective 4: Support Host Community Development Trusts (HCDTs) to co-invest in priority projects - for explicit statement of strategic objective 4, refer to page 6.

This objective focuses on enhancing the capacity of HCDTs to co-design and co-invest in interventions that improve economic conditions and peacebuilding in their communities through skills development, market linkages, and renewable solutions for job creation and income generation. This section will highlight activities supporting Chevron Nigeria Limited Host Community Development Trust (CNL HCDTs) communities, as well as the non-CNL HCDTs across the Niger Delta region, as part of PIND's broad response to the PIA opportunity in Phase IV.

Click [HCDTs Dashboard](#) to navigate the CNL and other HCDTs in the map. You can navigate the platform by other clicks on any of the states, to see specific HCDTs geolocations.

4.1.0 Market Systems Development (MSD) HCDTs Engagement:

MSD aims to improve the livelihood of **12,000** farmers and nano, micro, and small businesses in the HCDT communities. The MSD program continued its community-based training and demonstration activities tailored to MSMEs in the HCDT communities. These efforts are designed to build local capacity and drive the adoption of good agricultural and business practices within the communities.

PIND is supporting Host Community Development Trusts (HCDTs) to move beyond traditional project funding toward co-investment in market-driven interventions that improve livelihoods and strengthen local economies. This includes building their capacity to co-design and finance initiatives that enhance agricultural productivity, expand market access, and support sustainable income generation.

During the quarter, PIND strengthened engagement with Warri Kingdom Coastal, BOPANE, OTAKAIKPOKO, TUBU, and IMA Host Community Development Trusts (HCDTs) to identify commercially viable livelihood investments and strengthen local implementation partnerships. Technical and business development support, cooperative formation, market linkages, and enterprise support activities continued to improve economic opportunities within HCDT communities and position the Trusts as active partners in community development.

A notable milestone during the quarter was the commencement of the formal registration of a multi-purpose cooperative society in Odo-NIa Community by Newland Pathway, one of PIND's Business Service Providers. The cooperative will bring together fishers, fish processors, and other MSMEs to strengthen collective action and improve access to business development services, financial services, markets, and enterprise support. By providing a stronger platform for collaboration and engagement with financial institutions and buyers, the cooperative is expected to improve the competitiveness and sustainability of community-based enterprises.

Across the agricultural value chains, PIND also continued strengthening community-based delivery systems that HCDTs can build upon in future investments. Through organized farmer groups, lead farmers, agro-dealers, service providers, and producer organizations, communities are gaining better access to certified inputs, technical advisory services, and structured markets. These emerging market structures provide practical entry points for HCDTs to channel future investments into commercially viable livelihood initiatives that are driven by local demand and private sector partnerships.

Overall, the reporting period reflects continued progress from stakeholder engagement toward investment readiness. While formal co-investment commitments are expected in subsequent quarters, HCDTs are increasingly adopting market-oriented approaches to community development and strengthening partnerships with private sector actors. By investing in local service providers, producer organizations, and community enterprises, PIND is laying the foundation for HCDTs to utilize their resources more strategically in ways that can generate lasting economic opportunities for host communities.

4.1.1 HCDTs Capacity Building (HCB)

During the first quarter, the Capacity Building program implemented a series of foundational interventions to increase the institutional capacity of the HCDTs and reposition them from largely administrative entities to proactive, results-driven development institutions.

During the quarter, the Capacity Building team continued to strengthen the institutional capacity of the four CNL Host Community Development Trusts (HCDTs); **Agbonu Ogulagha-Ibe, Egbema OPUDIS, Warri Kingdom Coastal, and Ugboland**, through strategic engagements, technical advisory support, and targeted capacity development interventions. The team is also currently conducting capacity assessment of trained cooperatives/farmer groups to track improvements, systematic and institutional changes and how these groups have contributed to MSD overall work.

CAPIND Secretariat:

The quarter commenced with Strategic Alignment Meetings held between April and June involving CAPIND (CNL Corporate Affairs and PIND) and the four CNL HCDTs: Agbonu Ogulagha-Ibe, Egbema OPUDIS, Warri Kingdom Coastal, and Ugboland. The meetings focused on aligning stakeholders around the projects captured in the HCDTs' Community

Development Plans (CDPs) and reviewing the implementation work plans and governance framework for approved co-developed projects. The engagements also sought to strengthen ownership, accountability, and collaboration among PIND, CNL Corporate Affairs, and the leadership of the CNL HCDTs, while tracking implementation progress, addressing emerging issues, and ensuring the timely and effective delivery of Community Development Plan interventions.

Advocacy Training and M & E mentoring of the HCDTs

To address institutional capacity gaps identified through the Organizational Capacity Assessment (OCA), the team also organized a two-day Advocacy Training for members of the **Boards of Trustees, Management Committees, and Advisory Committees of the four HCDTs** and **intensive M&E mentoring and handholding for HCDT leadership** - Click [Role of M & E, project implementation Team of the HCDTs](#). The training equipped participants with practical skills in structured, evidence-based advocacy, including problem analysis, stakeholder mapping, advocacy planning, and monitoring and evaluation, enabling them to engage government and other stakeholders more effectively on community development priorities. Click [HERE](#) for more HCDT CB report.

Within the quarter, PIND continued its supports to the HCDTs. Please click [HERE](#) for more HCDTs report under **Access to Energy, peace Building and Advocacy**.

5.0 Strategic Objective 5 (So5): Reduce conflict and promote peace - for explicit statement of strategic objective 5, refer to page 6.

Building on over a decade of achievements, the Peacebuilding Program aims to position PIND more centrally as a strategic enabler of sustainable peace and development in the region. In **Phase IV (2024-2029)**, the Peacebuilding Program will bridge communities, government, and corporate stakeholders, empowering the P4P Network to independently manage peacebuilding initiatives aligned with broader development strategies. By linking peacebuilding with economic growth initiatives, PIND will promote a holistic model that leverages economic stability as a foundation for long-term peace.

5.1.0 Niger Delta Peace Outlook in Q2

During the second quarter of 2026, the Peacebuilding (PB) Program continued to advance its mandate of promoting data-driven conflict prevention, strengthening community-based peace structures, and aligning peacebuilding with economic development across the Niger Delta. These interventions enhanced local capacity for conflict prevention, improved early warning reporting, reinforced community ownership of peacebuilding processes and improved situational awareness, informed policy and programming, and strengthened preventive responses.

Q2 2026, however, was marked by an observed fragility of peace across the region, with general conflict-related fatalities increased from **11** in Q1 to **30** largely driven by rising criminal violence, cult clashes, and growing political tensions ahead of the 2027 general elections. The fragility underscores the importance of a sustained and adaptive interventions, leveraging P4P network, prevent council and other peace infrastructure.

Clashes between rival cult gangs declined during the period. Fatalities associated with cult-related violence fell by **41%**, from **17** in Q1 to **10** in Q2. Despite this improvement, cult gang clashes remain a significant security concern in Delta and Bayelsa States, fueled by reprisal attacks, competition for territorial control, and broader criminal dynamics.

5.1.1. Peacebuilding highlights of activities in Q2 2026

In view of the persistent incidents of violence and criminal activities, 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 low, particularly in key communities of interest. PIND continued to leverage on its PB social infrastructure and social capital of peace actors across the region for long-term sustainable peace. PIND's peacebuilding strategy recognizes the need for an integrated and comprehensive approach to tackling the complex causes and drivers

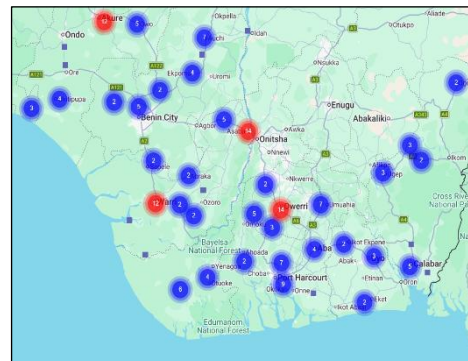


Fig. 4. Niger Delta Conflict Fatalities Heat Map,

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). The following provides details of the activities carried out in Q2 2026.

- **Advance Research and Data-Driven Analysis for Informed Peacebuilding:** In Q2 2026, PIND supported the Niger Delta peace and security ecosystem through the provision of research and data analysis products that informed targeted, data-driven peacebuilding and conflict management interventions during the reporting period. Research outputs and conflict-related data generated through the EWER platform - including real-time alerts, weekly situation updates, and analytical briefs—were widely utilized by key stakeholders, such as Prevent Councils, P4P Prevent Committees, CNL Peacebuilding Committees, PIND project partners, relevant government institutions, security agencies, and broader networks including the P4P Network and the Niger Delta Peace and Security Network (NDPSN). Click [EWER Outcomes in Q2 2026](#).
- PIND produced 13 analytical outputs, comprising 12 weekly conflict briefs and the Niger Delta Quarterly Conflict Tracker for the two quarters of 2026-. Click [PB IPDU - Q2 2026 weekly updates](#). These publications monitored and assessed evolving security dynamics, including organized criminal activity; cult and gang violence; vigilante abuses and targeted killings; illicit drug production, trafficking, and abuse; the proliferation of illicit arms and ammunition; energy infrastructure sabotage and theft; insecurity affecting agricultural production; violence against women and girls; kidnapping along key transport routes; political and ethnic tensions; violence against healthcare workers; homicide trends; communal conflict; mob actions; corporate–community relations; and risks associated with climate change, disasters, and disease outbreaks.
- PIND also developed and disseminated a suite of data-driven early warning products to support timely and evidence-based peacebuilding action. A total of 25 early warning alerts were issued to more than 65 response actors, including community-based mechanisms and institutional partners such as the CNL HCDT Peacebuilding Committees and Prevent Councils. These alerts facilitated rapid responses to emerging threats and strengthened collaboration among peace actors across the Niger Delta. The examples below highlight how the alerts informed rapid response interventions that helped prevent the escalation of conflict. 32 new stakeholders subscribed to receive and use PIND’s research and analytical products. Collectively, these outputs played a significant role in informing decision-making, guiding targeted interventions, and strengthening coordinated responses to emerging conflict risks across the region.

5.1.2. P4P Network in Q2 2026

- **Board of Trustees Meeting:** The P4P Board of Trustees held its second meeting of 2026 on 27 May in Port Harcourt to strengthen governance, institutional sustainability, and network effectiveness. The Board reaffirmed the P4P Charter as the network's supreme governance instrument, ensuring that all reforms and operational decisions align with its provisions. It commended the Secretariat's successful implementation of Seven Prevent Team interventions addressing farmer-herder conflict, gender-based violence, drug abuse, and community cohesion, while approving measures to improve organizational visibility through a corporate factsheet and quarterly Board updates. To enhance sustainability, the Board endorsed strategic expansion into locations with strong partnership opportunities and directed the Secretariat to develop a transition action plan, Strategic Plan, Due Diligence Framework, and centralized data management system. Additional resolutions focused on strengthening coordination with State Chapters, improving staff welfare, revising the Procurement Policy, completing the 2025 financial audit, and ensuring statutory compliance to support long-term institutional growth and accountability.
- **Creation of P4P Subchapters in Okomu Oil Palm Company (OOPC) Neighboring Communities:** The Partners for Peace Network successfully completed community entry and stakeholder engagement activities across 13 neighboring communities of Okomu Oil Palm Company (OOPC) in Edo State, laying the foundation for the establishment of sustainable community-led peacebuilding structures, the P4P Subchapters. The activities took place in **Irhue, Oke, Umokpe, Ekpan, Orhua, Uhiere, Owan, Odiguetue, Odighi, Gbelebu, Gbole-Uba, Inikorogha, and Okomu-Ijaw**. The engagement strengthened stakeholder ownership of the initiative by securing the support of community leaders, youth leaders, women leaders, and other influential stakeholders for the planned establishment of P4P Subchapters.

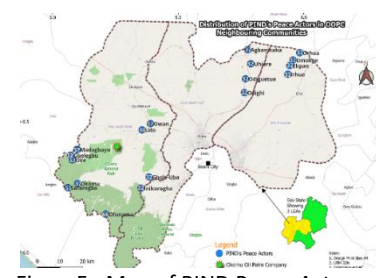


Figure5: Map of PIND Peace Actors in OOPC neighboring communities

- Through the sensitization meetings, communities gained a clear understanding of the objectives of the intervention and their roles in promoting peaceful coexistence and preventing violent conflict within their respective communities. As a key outcome, participating communities committed to nominating twenty-five pioneer members per community to serve as the foundation of the new subchapters. The nomination process will prioritize inclusive representation, ensuring the participation of traditional and community leaders, youth, women, and persons with disabilities to promote broad-based ownership and strengthen local peacebuilding capacity. A total of **215** persons participated in the activities.
- **Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Awareness in Akwa Ibom State:** The Akwa Ibom State **P4P Chapter** in collaboration with The State Ministry of Justice, strengthened community awareness and support for the Implementation of the Violence Against Persons (Prohibition) Law as part of the 2026 Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Awareness Month. The Chapter contributed to the statewide advocacy campaign led under the theme, **"Implementing the Akwa Ibom State Violence Against Persons (Prohibition) Law 2020: From Awareness to Action."** The campaign promoted collective responsibility for preventing and responding to gender-based violence across the state, reaching about **195** persons.
- The campaign strengthened community commitment to preventing GBV by encouraging participants to challenge harmful social norms, report incidents of abuse, support survivors, and actively promote respect for the rights, safety, and dignity of women, girls, men, and boys. Through these engagements, P4P reinforced the message that preventing gender-based violence requires coordinated action by individuals, communities, institutions, and government. The intervention further strengthened collaboration between P4P and key state stakeholders working to combat gender-based violence, particularly the Akwa Ibom State Ministry of Justice and other campaign partners. This collaboration contributed to a coordinated statewide effort to translate increased public awareness into concrete actions that support the effective implementation of the Violence Against Persons (Prohibition) Law and the creation of safer and more inclusive communities.

5.1.3. Strengthening Regional Ecosystem Players

Mapping and Profiling of Peace Actors: In Q2 2026, PIND mapped and profiled more than 5,000 active peace actors across communities in the Niger Delta to identify geographic gaps in peacebuilding presence and optimize the allocation of resources for conflict prevention. The exercise produced a spatial database linking peace actors to their respective communities, enabling stakeholders to visualize their distribution across the region and better understand the extent of peacebuilding coverage. This evidence-based approach highlights areas with robust peacebuilding networks while identifying locations where additional engagement may be required.

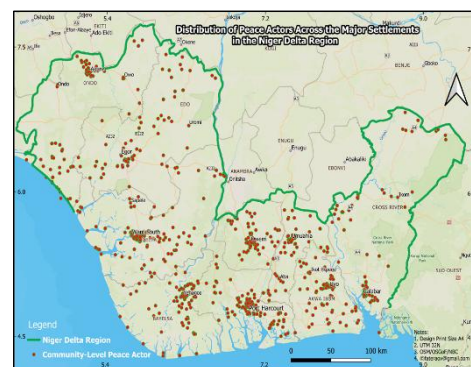


Fig 6: Peace Actors Map across ND

The spatial and attribute data generated through the mapping will enable PIND to mobilize peace actors more effectively during periods of tension, support early response initiatives, and facilitate knowledge sharing among communities. In turn, this will enhance the responsiveness of peacebuilding interventions and strengthen local capacities for conflict prevention. Consistent with PIND's Phase 4 strategy, the mapping and profiling initiative also advances the integration of peacebuilding and economic development to achieve sustainable, long-term impact. The resulting database will support PIND's corporate–community engagement efforts, including its collaboration with Okomu Oil Palm Company (OOPC) to promote peace, social cohesion, and improved livelihoods in neighboring communities. Likewise, in partnerships with other corporate actors, such as CNL's HCDTs, the database and peace actor profiles can be leveraged to strengthen early conflict response mechanisms. By drawing on the economic roles and community influence of these actors, PIND will be better positioned to implement coordinated interventions that advance both peace and development outcomes. Click [HERE](#) for Nexus between Peacebuilding Q2 2026 activities with other programs.

6.0 General Enabling programs

This section presents key achievements in Q2 2026 for initiatives implemented under the General Enabling Program.

6.1 Capacity Building

As a key enabler of PIND's Phase IV strategy, the Capacity Building program is designed to strengthen the institutional

and operational capacities of Chevron Host Community Development Trusts HCDDTs, private institutions, government institutions, civil society, business associations and services providers, for effective socio-economic engagement and inclusive governance. This program directly contributes to PIND's long-term development objectives and the promotion of growth and peaceful co-existence in the Niger Delta.

The program focuses on two major areas:

1. **Strengthening HCDDTs:** Supporting Chevron HCDDT, which replaced the Regional Development Councils (RDCs) under the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA) of 2021, to effectively implement peacebuilding and economic development interventions.
2. **Empowering Local Institutions:** Enhancing the institutional capacity of local BMOs, organizations, and implementing partners, to drive sustainable economic growth in the region.

6.1.1 Empowering Local Institutions (BMOs)- Key Achievements – Q2 2026:

During the previous quarter, the Capacity Building program implemented a series of foundational interventions to increase the institutional capacity of the HCDDTs and reposition them from largely administrative entities to proactive, results-driven development institutions.

In Q2 2026, the Capacity Building team focused on strengthening the institutional effectiveness, governance, and implementation capacity of Chevron Nigeria Limited (CNL) Host Community Development Trusts (HCDDTs), while consolidating the outcomes of previous capacity-building investments across PIND's broader network of partners and cooperatives. The quarter combined strategic coordination, technical advisory support, advocacy capacity development, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) mentoring, and post-training capacity assessments to improve the ability of partner institutions to plan, implement, monitor, and sustain development interventions.

Through the CAPIND Secretariat, PIND facilitated strategic alignment meetings with the four CNL HCDDTs—Agbonu Ogulagha-Ibe, Egbema-OPUDIS, Warri Kingdom Coastal, and Ugboland—to strengthen collaboration among HCDDTs, Chevron Corporate Affairs, and PIND, review implementation progress, resolve governance and operational bottlenecks, and align Community Development Plan (CDP) priorities with emerging community needs. The engagements also provided technical guidance on governance systems, institutional accountability, and implementation planning, while identifying opportunities to strengthen livelihood and economic empowerment interventions within the HCDDTs' development agenda.

To address organizational capacity gaps identified through the Organizational Capacity Assessment (OCA), the team delivered **advocacy training** and intensive M&E mentoring and handholding for HCDDT leadership. These interventions strengthened competencies in evidence-based advocacy, stakeholder engagement, results-based management, and Monitoring, Results and Measurement (MRM) planning. The HCDDTs developed draft advocacy issue papers, initiated plans for dedicated advocacy structures, and strengthened their capacity to monitor Community Development Plan implementation using results-based approaches that emphasize measurable development outcomes rather than activity completion.

A total of 67 HCDDT representatives (59 males and 8 females) benefited directly from advocacy training and M&E mentoring during the quarter. While governance, administrative, and operational challenges continued to affect the pace of implementation in some HCDDTs, strategic alignment meetings, technical advisory support, and continuous mentoring provided practical mechanisms for addressing these constraints. Overall, the quarter reinforced PIND's capacity-building approach as a long-term investment in building resilient institutions capable of delivering accountable, evidence-based, and sustainable development outcomes across the Niger Delta.

Beyond the HCDDTs, the Capacity Building team commenced post-training capacity assessments of cooperatives supported under the Market Systems Development (MSD) program in Rivers and Bayelsa States. Early findings indicate that trained cooperatives are progressively institutionalizing improved governance, financial management, business planning, record-keeping, and market engagement practices. The assessments also identified priority areas for continued mentoring and technical support to strengthen organizational sustainability, competitiveness, and participation in agricultural markets. For more Q2 2026 report on Capacity Building Click [HERE](#).

6.2.0 Advocacy

The goal for Advocacy in phase IV (2025 – 2029) is to leverage value from already built models and structures to support program areas in cross-cutting operations and open up opportunities for investments across the Economic Development and Peacebuilding programs. Its support shall be at strategic levels and deliberate to elicit measurable impacts and will be implemented through the following approaches: Strategic/Demand-Driven Support, Supporting Program Integration, Promotion of PIND Models, Strategic Collaboration, and Deliver value to the stakeholders.

Q2 2026 was marked by deeper strategic partnerships, resolution of key implementation barriers, and increased institutional uptake of PIND's development models across the Niger Delta. Despite pre-election political tension, localized insecurity, and macroeconomic pressure, PIND advanced state-level engagements, moved priority MoU processes forward, and demonstrated the value of sustained, relationship-driven advocacy.

6.2.1. Key Advocacy Activities in Q2 2026

A. Promotion of PIND Models to the Government and Private Sector

- **Engagement with Abia State Ministry of Planning and key stakeholders:** In collaboration with the Abia State Ministry of Budget and Planning, PIND convened representatives from key ministries with strong potential to adopt PIND models. The session featured presentations on PIND's development models, updates on ongoing PIND-supported initiatives in the state, and discussions to gather stakeholder feedback. The engagement produced agreement on priority areas of collaboration to strengthen Long Term Development Plan (LTDP) implementation tracking, particularly through collation and verification of Q1 performance data. It also increased stakeholder awareness and buy-in for PIND models. The Advocacy Unit is consolidating requests from participating ministries to guide future collaboration, while M&E Associates will support data collection and verification to strengthen LTDP monitoring.
- **Engagement with Abia State Ministry of Agriculture and key stakeholders on WISE Program constraints:** As part of a joint strategy by the Advocacy, Peacebuilding, and WISE teams to address security challenges affecting WISE implementation in Abia State, PIND convened a stakeholder meeting with the Commissioner and Permanent Secretary of the Abia State Ministry of Agriculture, the Commissioner for Women Affairs, a representative of the Office of the Special Adviser on Security, and representatives of VON Foods & Farms. The engagement introduced the WISE Program to key stakeholders, addressed implementation constraints, and identified collaborative solutions. It strengthened stakeholder buy-in, with participants committing to active involvement in implementation and agreeing to establish a multi-stakeholder coordination platform to support effective, uninterrupted delivery.

6.2.2 Key Advocacy Outputs and Outcomes in Q2 2026

- **Model adoption and policy influence:** The first quarter activities produced clear institutional uptake of PIND models. The BTNET MoU formalized YEP adoption in Edo State; Cross River State's request for a market-driven employability program is under review for inclusion in YEP's 2027 plan; and Bayelsa State's invitation for PIND to review and validate its draft Agricultural Policy creates a pathway to institutionalize the MSD approach at state level. In Abia State, the LTDP engagement secured agreement on implementation-tracking collaboration and strengthened ministry-level buy-in for PIND models.
- **Program constraints removed:** Joint Advocacy interventions with Peacebuilding and WISE resolved security constraints affecting WISE in Abia State, established a multi-stakeholder coordination platform with government and VON Foods & Farms, and secured land, security, and mechanization commitments in Edo State. In Delta State, the Ministry of Agriculture's endorsement letter is supporting land-access negotiations for SME partners.
- **HCDT/PIA outcomes:** Advocacy Committees are now active across all CNL HCDTs and are applying structured, non-disruptive advocacy approaches, with issue papers developed and step-down trainings planned. Foukeregba2 HCDT has requested capacity-building support to internalize PIND models, while engagements with non-CNL HCDTs in Rivers State are influencing trust spending towards the adoption of PIND models.
- **Resource mobilization:** The new Ford Foundation grant and Bridges Project extension were secured, with the first tranche received and the inception report, stakeholder mapping, and engagement plan completed during the quarter.

Click [HERE](#) for more Advocacy report.

6.3.0 Q2 2026 Knowledge Management and Communications

During the second quarter of 2026, the Knowledge Management and Communications (KM-Comms) Unit strengthened PIND's institutional visibility, strategic communications, and knowledge management systems in support of the Foundation's Phase IV Strategic Objectives. The Unit continued to provide strategic communications oversight for program implementation, partnerships, and corporate engagement.

Achievements/Results

Key achievements included the production and dissemination of **two strategic knowledge products** strengthening institutional learning and thought leadership. The Unit also developed and finalized **one Public Service Announcement (PSA)** and executed **six press releases and thought-leadership publications** significantly increasing the visibility of PIND's programs and partnerships.

KM-Comms coordinated executive communications, media engagement, photography, videography, branding, and documentation for over **14 major program and partnership engagements**, including strategic collaborations with government agencies, development partners, Host Community Development Trusts (HCDTs), and the private sector. These efforts reinforced PIND's reputation as a trusted convener for sustainable peace and inclusive economic development in the Niger Delta.

KM-Comms Produced and published **15+ video stories** showcasing program impact across: Energy access, Peacebuilding, Livelihoods and agriculture. **Content highlights include:** Improved farmer incomes; Strengthened community resilience; and Conflict prevention outcomes. **Sample outputs include:** From Energy Access to Community Growth; Powering Livelihoods Through Sustainable Innovation; Strengthening Conflict Prevention (Bayelsa & Rivers); and Building Trust and Stability in the Niger Delta. (Links available below)

- [Strengthening Business Support for MSMEs in the Niger Delta](#)
- <https://youtu.be/K7n5JMdTIqQ>
- [Strengthening Community-Based Peace Systems in Edo State](#)
- [Transforming Cocoa Farming, One Community at a Time](#)
- <https://youtu.be/xPODVCgb40k>
- https://youtu.be/lc9ob9q_sE8
- [Monitoring and Evaluation Training for Host Community Development Trusts](#)
- [Measuring Progress. Strengthening Impact](#)
- [Advancing Livelihoods Through Energy Access](#)
- [From Energy Access to Community Growth](#)
- <https://youtu.be/OM-tDyvhYBM>
- [Empowering Fish Farmers to Strengthen Aquaculture in the Niger Delta](#)
- [Driving Investment Reform Through Strategic Advocacy](#)
- [Building the next generation of agricultural service providers in Okomu communities](#)
- [From Small Business to Market Success: Braimo Lovelyn's Story](#)
- [Empowering Communities Through Aquaculture:](#)
- <https://youtu.be/i1BUOadfOq0>
- <https://youtu.be/6vdeebNCeaY>

Digital communications continued to expand PIND's reach and influence. The Unit disseminated more than **15 multimedia impact stories** documenting program achievements across Access to Energy, Peacebuilding, Youth Employment Pathways, and Market Systems Development, generating **211,551 social media engagements**, against the quarterly target of 200,000, while growing PIND's online audience to **62,055 followers** across digital platforms.

Significant progress was also made in strengthening PIND's digital infrastructure through continued implementation of the NDLink website revamp, achieving the planned quarterly milestone while advancing cybersecurity, user experience, and data privacy improvements.

6.3.1 Q2 2026 GESI Key Achievements:

6.3.2 GESI Mainstreaming: In Q2 2026, the overall PIND's mainstreamed gender data recorded an average of **41.58%** participation across its activities, with programmatic area scoring **43%** mainstreaming. The final 41.58% GESI mainstreamed percentage as at Q2 2026 meets organizational target of **40%** - as shown in the female mainstreaming table 2 below.

- **MSD:** In Q2 2026, a total of **37,745** farmers and MSMEs were reached, of which **17,100** were women, representing approximately **45%** female participation. This reflects strong commitment to gender inclusion and balanced outreach efforts. Specific interventions were designed using inclusive service models, ensuring that women and youth were not only participants but also positioned as service providers, seed entrepreneurs, and agripreneurs within the evolving market systems.
- **YEP:** In Q2 2026, over 12 partners reported a cumulative total of 4,172 youths enrolled for training on applicable skills between, of which 2,177 (**52%**) were female.
- **Peacebuilding (IPDU):** A total of **102** participants were recorded in Q2 2026, including **25 - women 25%**, while **48** youths (47.1%) and 3 PWDs, took part in the IPDU and research activities.
- **Project Support Services:** In Q2 2026, a total of **39** contracts (service and purchase orders) were awarded, with **14** awarded to female-led vendors, representing **36%** of the total.

Q2 2026			
Programs /PSS	Output Number reported	Female	%
MSD farmers and MSMEs reached	37,745	17,100	45%
AZE partners	120	60	50%
YEP partners/youths enrolled for training	4,172	2,177	52%
PB IPDU event participants	102	25	25%
PSS Professional Services Contract, Service Orders, Grants MOU/MOA	39	14	36%
Programs only)	10,535	4,841	43%
program plus non program	8,435.60	3,875.20	41.58%
Overall Female %:		41.58%	

Table2: showing Gender mainstreaming in Q2 2026

6.3.3 2026 International Women Day (IWD) Mentorship Program

The implementation of the 2026 International Women's Day Mentorship Program commenced during the reporting period with the onboarding of mentors and mentees across the program's three thematic areas: Access to Productive Resources and Markets, Peacebuilding and Resource Mobilization, and Solar Enterprise Capacity Building.

During the quarter, mentors and mentees commenced structured one-on-one engagements, practical field exposure, technical guidance, and professional development activities tailored to participants' learning objectives. Across the three thematic areas, mentees participated in field-based activities, sessions, workshops, market linkage engagements, peacebuilding initiatives, and technical learning opportunities designed to strengthen their knowledge, skills, and confidence. The mentorship program runs until December and will continue to strengthen women's technical, entrepreneurial, and leadership capacities while enhancing their access to knowledge, professional networks, and opportunities that contribute to economic empowerment and sustainable peace in the Niger Delta

2026 International Youth Day (IYD)

This quarter marked the commencement of preparations for the **2026 International Youth Day (IYD)** commemoration, themed "**Youth Empowerment for a Sustainable Future,**" with PIND's sub-theme, "Empowering Youth Through Career Pathways for Economic Development and Sustainable Peace in the Niger Delta." The highlight of the commemoration is a one-day youth engagement forum scheduled to hold on **August 12, 2026**, in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State. The event will feature beneficiary success stories, plenary sessions on career pathways in emerging sectors, an interactive panel discussion, and a Career Opportunities and Support Fair aimed at connecting young people to employment, mentorship, internships, apprenticeships, enterprise development support, and other market-relevant opportunities. The forum seeks to strengthen collaboration among government, private sector, academia, TVET institutions, development partners, and youth-focused organizations to advance youth employability, economic inclusion, and sustainable peace in the Niger Delta.

6.4.0 Q2 2026 Planning M & E Key Achievements

Within the reporting period, the Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation team:

- Monitored implementation of the 2026 operating plans and tracked milestones performance against target for 2026 through routine activity and outcome monitoring.
- Developed new program framework for CSR interventions in Okomu Oil Palm Company (OOPC), established indicators and baselines for the OOPC CSR projects.
- Carried out 2026 mid-year technical review and reflection to improve the second half of 2026 program delivery. This would align Phase IV strategy implementation with the Theory of Change (ToC) across all programs and projects.
- Reviewed the existing intervention control frameworks to support plausible attributions and reporting
- Performed routine data quality assurances from partners and other target groups.
- Produced and published Q2 2026 Monitoring and Evaluation Progress report.

6.5.0 Business Development and Sustainability (BDS)

In 2026, BDS aims to raise **\$1.5 million**. In alignment with its Strategic Objective to diversify and expand its funding base, the BDS team deepened internal collaboration with other units in Q2 2026 to advance fundraising efforts. Within the period, a total of **\$591,970.00 (39.5% of the annual target)** was raised as follows:

- \$291,970 (~~₦400,000,000~~) signed agreement between PIND (through **Sombreiro Kapital SK**) and **Ugboland HCDT** for the implementation of Access to Finance/Livelihood program
- A \$300,000 secured from the Ford Foundation for “**CONNECT Project**”, a Strategic initiative for inclusive, climate-responsive and accountable community development for strengthening Host Community Development Trusts (HCDTs) in the Niger Delta (2026–2028).
- A finalized project-specific agreement with the PRESCO PLC/SIAT on their Community High-Impact Partnership projects is underway. Click [HERE](#) for more BDS report.
- Within Q2 2026 a total of **\$591,970.00** was raised through Business Development and Sustainability (BDS) activities from private sector and donor community for PIND programs, which is 39.5% of the annual target of **\$1.5 million**. Details: **\$300,000** from the Ford Foundation for the next phase of the Bridges Project; and **\$291,970 (~~₦400,000,000~~)** by Sombreiro Kapital (SK) to progress farmers’ access to finance - PIND (through Sombreiro Kapital SK) and Ugboland HCDT signed an agreement to implement Access to Finance/Livelihood program for Ugboland HCDT.

7.0 Technology and Digital Innovation (Enterprise Systems, Cybersecurity, Digital Workplace, Knowledge & AI) - TDI

The **Information and Communications Technology (ICT)** unit was upgraded to be a standalone department in June 2026 known as **Technology and Digital Innovation (Enterprise Systems, Cybersecurity, Digital Workplace, Knowledge & AI)** to advance PIND optimization of knowledge management including Artificial Intelligence (AI) and other support in the delivery of programs. It will synergize with the planning, monitoring and evaluation and KM-communications units in managing PIND’s data and information transformation agenda.

7.1.0 Key TDI Activities/Outcomes in Q2

The Technology and Digital Innovation (TDI) recorded key activities and outcomes in Q2 2026 as follows:

- **Digital Transformation and Enterprise Solutions:** PIND artificial intelligence (AI) Phase 1 has been created and activated for application within the quarter. Also, PIND’s communications Service Module got activated on PIND integrated Platform (PIP) enabling easy communications, taking PIP into advance pilot level. Five other enterprise platforms progressed and optimizing them is underway. These are: **salesforce procurement, policy portal V2, AI knowledge assistant (phase 2), partner data protection, and POID**.
- **Technology Operations and Infrastructure:** Within the quarter, TDI has improved connectivity in the **Port Harcourt EDC**, where the connectivity has moved from radio-wave to fiber with Starlink as backup. This has begun to show positive outcome with downtime from weather related issues reduced to almost zero. Among other support, standard operations and backups continued at all the three offices.

- **Cybersecurity, Governance and Compliance):** TDI within the quarter significantly improved security of PIND's platforms, through moving every endpoint from Kaspersky to Sophos. This has helped governance, documentation, standards and monitoring.
- **Digital Workplace and Operational Efficiency:** To improve program delivery seamlessly, TDI improved PIND's digital utilization where program participants' attendance is taken digitally using Taroworks software, which has reduced the use paper recording, and eased coordination of field operations. To advance the digitalization of PIND's processes, a joint Taroworks applications' training was delivered under the auspices of the TDI and PM&E to programs consultants. This is expected to optimize PIND processes for field level coordination.

8.0 Program Management - Governance and Accountability/ Organizational Sustainability:

PIND held her second 2026 Leadership Team (LT) meeting in Q2 2026 to review organizational health and guide the course for 2026 program management. PIND continues to refine its program governance structure to enhance outcomes and stakeholders value. The **Information and Communications Technology (ICT)** unit has been upgraded to be known as **Technology and Digital Innovation (Enterprise Systems, Cybersecurity, Digital Workplace, Knowledge & AI)** to advance PIND optimization of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) and other support in the delivery of programs.

Program management continued to emphasize **Energies and Non-Energies portfolios** as delivery model commenced January this year to drive pragmatic models to greater impact. The **Energies portfolio** covers engagements around projects, interventions and stakeholders across oil and gas ecosystem as a response to new development opportunities created by PIA and associated HCDTs establishment; while the **Non-Energies portfolio** focuses on projects, interventions and stakeholder engagements outside of oil and gas ecosystem in the Niger Delta. With the growing third-party engagements across these two ecosystems, PIND is better positioned to respond to the new partnership relations for scaled impact.

In Q2 2026, PIND progressed with the implementation of the ₦1billion program delivery agreement with Okomu Oil Plc to implement CSR interventions in 2026. This milestone is strengthening non-oil corporate partnerships in the Niger Delta.

8.1.0 Organizational effectiveness, health, safety, and security

PIND continued investing in employee well-being and workplace safety. In Q2 2026, the Operations Unit provided seamless services to consultants and stakeholders, enabling effective project delivery for all programs inclusive of WISE project.

Key achievements included:

- Optimal logistics support for program implementation and operations.
- Timely processing of utility bills, maintenance of communication systems, stakeholder/vendor relations, and vehicle maintenance.
- Successful facilitation of internal and external events.
- Provided security updates and travel advice for approved field trips with regular liaison with the emergency response team at various locations in readiness for uncertainties.
- 12 safety & security reports were circulated to the workforce to enhance their safety and security awareness.
- Conducted safety & security assessment for all PIND locations and developed appropriate risk mitigation measures.
- Recorded zero major road traffic accidents and zero major safety or security incidents across all locations.

9.0 Project Support Services (PSS):

During the quarter under review, the PSS team recorded progress in strengthening operational systems, ensuring compliance, and placing greater emphasis on transparency and integrity across all procurement and grants management transactions. PSS awarded a total of **39** contracts: **two** professional service contracts, **23** service orders, **seven** purchase orders, and **seven** MoAs - see table 3 below.

Table 3: Contracts awarded in Q2 2026 in their types, total amount and by type of recipient

Instruments	Number (Q2 2026)	Number Processed to date (January - June 2026)	Value Committed (Q2 2026) (NGN)	Total Amount committed to date (January - June 2026) (NGN)	Q2 2026							
					Total Value Committed by Gender (Q2 2026)							
					Male	Value Committed (NGN)	Female	Value Committed (NGN)	Female- Headed/Owned Organizations	Value Committed (NGN)	Male- Headed/Owned Organizations	Value Committed (NGN)
Professional Services Contract	2	5	1,363,905,927.81	3,540,513,042.40	-	-	-	-	1	1,359,104,977.81	1	4,800,950.00
Services Order	23	44	167,634,717.27	447,320,336.42	14	96,649,998.20	5	22,383,969.07	3	43,225,750.00	1	5,375,000.00
Purchase Order	7	14	166,115,681.75	204,245,456.75	-	-	-	-	2	13,820,506.75	5	152,295,175.00
Master Services Contract	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	7	-	110,316,500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MOU	7	8	230,996,500.00	313,546,500.00	-	-	-	-	3	174,996,500.00	4	56,000,000.00
Total	39	78	1,928,652,826.83	4,615,941,835.57	14	96,649,998.20	5	22,383,969.07	9	1,591,147,734.56	11	218,471,125.00

A major milestone achieved during the quarter was the successful engagement of Beacongate Ltd an independent consultant on contract-for-service to deliver contracts and payroll administration on behalf of PIND complementing the internal Human Resource management of PIND. In addition, PSS completed the procurement and delivery of two (2) Toyota Hilux pickup vehicles to strengthen operational logistics, improve the mobility of consultants in the Warri Field Office, and facilitate the efficient implementation of program activities. There is ongoing collaboration with the TDI Team to optimize the vendor's database and other PSS functions on PIP.

In addition, PSS successfully facilitated the issuance of the Access to Energy challenge fund agreements to five (5) energy partners; this further shows PSS's commitment to supporting PIND's program teams in delivering measurable outcomes. The quarter also marked the successful procurement of security and safety items to improve the organization's preparedness, safeguard personnel and assets, and ensure compliance with workplace health and safety standards.

Furthermore, PSS successfully completed the engagement of a consultant to undertake the development and enhancement of PIND Foundation's comprehensive policy framework, with the objective of strengthening organizational governance, improving PIND's policy alignment, and ensuring compliance with the applicable regulatory and operational requirements.

Also, in Q2 of 2026, PSS completed the Contract renewal process for **five** Women in Sourcing and Enterprise (WISE) consultants and **eight** Agricultural Service Providers to support the SME partners previously engaged; successfully engaged 5 energy companies for the Access to Energy Challenge Fund program; onboarded **seven** grantees for the pilot implementation of YEP grants in Bayelsa state and issued **four** contracts also issued for pilot of YEP implementation for OKOMU Communities in Edo State and completed the engagement of a consultant for the comprehensive policy framework development and enhancement.

Following the Internal Control Manger's report on 10 key findings in PSS and recommendations to strengthen procurement automation, compliance integration, vendor governance to improve operational efficiency, mitigate risks, and enhance donor confidence; the PSS team developed a draft procurement automation implementation plan to fully utilize technology to strengthen procurement, contract, and grant award management and controls within PIND's existing Salesforce Customer Relations Managements (CRM) Ecosystem. The implementation plan has been approved and is scheduled in phases from July 1st 2026 – June 30th 2027.

10.0. Sombreiro Kapital (SK)

Sombreiro Kapital Ltd/Gte (SK), incorporated on July 27, 2018, was established to drive innovation in agricultural value chain financing and MSME support in the renewable energy sector. Over the years, SK has demonstrated multiple models to improve access to finance for target sectors and businesses in the Niger Delta, stimulating capital flow on both the demand and supply sides of finance for agribusinesses, with a focus on smallholder inclusion. With a capital base of ₦100 million, SK focuses on increasing financial inclusion for smallholder farmers and MSMEs in the Niger Delta by reinvesting interest earned, lowering the cost of capital through blended finance, and serving as a testing ground for innovative financing models.

In Phase IV (2025 – 2029), SK plans to:

- Influence financial institutions to tailor products for PIND's target beneficiaries in the Niger Delta and develop innovative financial products for PIND's Economic Development programs (MSD, YEP, and A2E).
- Increase its capital base to leverage more loans by seeking new capital injections from PIND and external investors, including HCDTs.
- Test new financing models aligned with evolving market and regulatory dynamics of the operating environment in target ED programs
- Expand financial services into Coastal communities and HCDT ecosystems by developing a bespoke funding strategy with the HCDTs.

By the end of 2026, SK is expected to have strengthened its capital base, expanded its partner ecosystem, improved portfolio performance, and progressed significantly toward becoming a fully independent blended finance institution supporting inclusive economic growth in the Niger Delta. In 2026, SK's main focus is to:

- **Capital Mobilization and Strategic Partnerships:** Expand and diversify SK's capital base through funding partnerships with HCDTs, Development agencies, Foundations, and corporates, while progressively reducing reliance on legacy funding sources.
- **Financial Innovation and Inclusive Portfolio Growth:** Develop and scale blended finance models that improve access to finance for over 1,000 MSMEs and smallholder farmers, while maintaining strong portfolio quality with Portfolio at Risk (PAR 30) below 5%.
- **Institutional Strengthening and Operational Sustainability:** Strengthen internal systems, governance structures, and revenue generation capacity to support SK's transition into a self-sustaining financial intermediary.

Key Sombreiro Kapital (SK) Achievements in Q2 2026:

Building on the momentum from the first quarter of 2026, SK continued to advance its mandate of expanding access to finance for smallholder farmers and MSMEs during the second quarter. This was achieved through sustained stakeholder engagement, program coordination, and strategic partnerships with financial institutions and service providers; strengthened implementation structures; improved aggregation and market linkages; increased MSME linkages to funders; and deepened collaboration with partners to enhance financial intermediation. Highlights are detailed below:

Key Highlights

- **731 farmers** reached cumulatively (426 in Q2 alone) across **13 communities** (Q1 + Q2 combined), through enrolment with Unity Bank Plc, Ecobank Ltd, and digital financial platforms.
 - **14 existing cooperatives** strengthened and **8 new cooperatives** registered, in collaboration with relevant MDAs, improving governance and financial readiness.
 - **₦80 million** concessionary loan submitted for TA Commodities Limited to finance 500 smallholder FFB suppliers to OOPC, currently under review at Unity Bank pending its internal restructuring with Providus Bank.
 - **92 SMEs** profiled in Q1 by four business development Service providers (BDSPs), including **13 of 32 women entrepreneurs'** now receiving assessment for disbursement (₦10 million each, ₦130 million total) under the Bol GLOW credit scheme.
 - **80 SMEs** financed via the **Dorbudee/WACCIMA NDDCIMA** microcredit scheme (₦50 million) have commenced timely repayments, reflecting positive behavioral change.
 - **₦150 million** leveraged in financing through strategic partner linkages with Zenith Bank Plc.
 - **₦133 million** in CRG loans with Unity Bank across Oil Palm, Apiculture, Bakery, and Aquaculture/Fishery value chains, awaiting bank verification and disbursement.
 - **8 functional cooperatives** established across EOHCDT and Warri Kingdom Coastal HCDT in partnership with **Marich Agro Services**, linked to buyer cooperatives via **TA Commodities** under the coastal offtake model advancing sustainable coastal trade hubs.
 - **₦400 million+** in projected blended finance mobilized through deepened HCDT partnerships, including a signed MoU with Ugboland HCDT and finalized project design with EOHCDT.
 - Strategic partnerships advanced with SIAT/PRESCO, SARO Africa, and UNDP-PIND, expanding SK's reach into last-mile BoP financing and exploratory state-level engagement
- Click [HERE](#) for detailed SK report as Q2 2026

10.1. Continuum Capital (CC)

Continuum Capital (CC) Limited is PIND's dedicated impact investing SPV, established to enable access to affordable finance for growth stage companies across the Niger Delta. CC represents PIND's scaling of its Access to Finance interventions, building on the success of its pioneer SPV, Sombreiro Kapital. CC's core mandate is the deployment of concessionary debt capital via co-financing structures with selected partner banks. CC's focus spans three investment verticals - Agricultural Value Chains, Clean Energy and Youth Enterprise Development. CC's investment thesis is anchored by the Financing for Systemic Change approach, guided by CC's proprietary return on investment impact (RIMPACT) philosophy. Through the FSC approach, CC will be driving the continuum of PIND's market systems approach and its broader systems change agenda for development, translating PIND's legacy into a live, scalable investment platform for the region.

Q2 2026 Key Activities

- **Board Meeting Convening** - Q2 Board meeting was convened, demonstrating that CC's governance structures are in place, the Board has active oversight of management activities, and is providing clear direction on pilot phase priorities presented by management.
- **Development of Key Policy Frameworks** - Six core governance policies advanced, spanning risk, financial management, delegation of authority, investment, contracts and vendor management, establishing the internal control architecture and safeguards required to protect funder capital as CC moves into pilot phase deployment.
- **Development of the Pilot Phase Operational Framework (PPOF)** - A comprehensive operating system for the pilot phase developed, translating the six governance policies into a clearly defined stage gated investment lifecycle overseen by an Investment Committee, giving CC a rigorously structured basis for managing investments from origination through to exit.
- **Development of Financing for Systemic Change (FSC) concept** - FSC was developed and presented as CC's defining investment thesis. It is an innovative development finance methodology that extends PIND's market systems and systems change philosophy into a practical, scalable investment framework. Rather than positioning CC as a conventional capital provider, FSC uses investment as a deliberate lever for structural change in the Niger Delta's real economy, giving PIND's systems thinking legacy a live and replicable expression through the SPV, and setting CC apart within Nigeria's impact investing landscape.
- **Pre-Assessment of A2E Pipelines for Potential Funding** - Initial pipeline screening of A2E SMEs conducted, with a number of prospective investees identified as meeting CC's investment criteria, subject to full due diligence and selection once investing activities commence.
- **Hosting of a Joint Webinar of the PIND, NDPI and CC Boards** - Cross board engagement held, aligning PIND, NDPI and CC on CC's investment readiness and pilot rollout direction.
- **Inaugural CC Operationalization Coordination Committee (COCC) Meeting** - The inaugural COCC meeting held in May. The COCC brings the PIND and NDPI boards, through their nominated representatives, into direct engagement with CC's directors. The COCC affords PIND/NDPI a structured channel for high level engagement to foster joint strategy development and alignment on shared objectives. Though advisory in nature, it provides PIND/NDPI an additional layer of oversight beyond formal Board reporting.

Q2 2026 Key outputs

CC's governance architecture fully established, comprising the core policy framework, a stage gated operational structure anchored by the Investment Committee, and the COCC as an additional oversight channel for PIND and NDPI, together giving CC a robust governance foundation ahead of pilot phase launch.

Q2 2026 Key outcomes

NDPI seed funding of **\$5,500,000**, comprising investable capital and technical assistance was approved, providing CC's initial capital base for pilot phase deployment.

11. Women in Sourcing and Enterprise (WISE)

The Cassava Youth Agripreneur Program— now known as Women in Sourcing and Enterprise (WISE) — is an intervention under the agriculture priority sector of the Mastercard Foundation that contributes to the realization of the Young Africa

Works (YAW) strategy in Nigeria. WISE seeks to transform the cassava value chain in Nigeria by promoting innovative and sustainable business approaches that boost production for both the food and industrial markets, while attracting youth and women into the cassava value chain to build capacity, access resources (including finance and markets), and improve efficiency in cassava production and processing. The program's approach focuses on providing key support, aligning relationships, and offering incentives needed to optimize productivity and efficiency across the value chain.

This will lead to profitable cassava farming businesses and the creation of dignified and fulfilling jobs. WISE aims to support cassava youth out grower farmers (YOFs) —**80% of whom are young women**—and other cassava agripreneurs to increase knowledge and capacity in cassava production and processing. This will ensure the supply of safe, quality-assured, and price-competitive cassava-based raw materials and products to processing factories and global markets. The intervention will incentivize investment to unlock opportunities within the cassava value chain in Nigeria and create institutional changes that will sustainably drive the impact.

A total of **80,000 youth** participants aged **15-35 years** will be onboarded into the program, 80% of whom will be young women. These youth out grower farmers will be integrated into the supply chains of cassava SME processors. In addition, 1,250 more participants will be onboarded into other segments of the cassava value chain.

PIND is responsible for onboarding and engaging **30,000** youth agripreneurs and **94** cassava seed entrepreneurs, delivering **9** makeshift cassava processing centers, and engaging **10** SMEs within the Edo/Delta cluster in the implementation, coordination, and results delivery and reporting on the project.

WISE Program Key Achievements as at Q2 2026

This report presents a comprehensive overview of the second quarter (Q2) implementation of Year 2 of the Empowering Young Women through SME Growth and Local Sourcing in Africa (WISE) Program. During the reporting period, the Program transitioned fully into large-scale field implementation, characterized by expanded beneficiary outreach, strengthened partnerships, intensified technical support to implementing partners, and significant progress in establishing the systems required to deliver sustainable employment opportunities for youth and women across the cassava value chain.

Throughout the quarter, all contracted Sub-Implementing Partners (SIPs) actively implemented field activities focused on community mobilization, farmer onboarding, input purchase and distribution, Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) training, and preparation for the 2026 production season. Implementation remained guided by structured workplans aligned with the Program's strategic pathways, enabling coordinated delivery across program governance, coalition building, enterprise development, production support, access to finance, monitoring and learning, and strategic communications. In addition, FECEDU was successfully onboarded as a new implementation partner, further expanding the Program's implementation footprint.

The Program recorded substantial progress in beneficiary outreach and employment generation during the quarter. A total of 14,688 Youth Out-Grower Farmers (YOFs) were onboarded, bringing cumulative YOF onboarding to 28,714, representing 104% of the overall target of 27,500 YOFs. Women continued to constitute the majority of program participants, accounting for 86% of all YOFs onboarded during the quarter, while 99.8% of beneficiaries were youth between the ages of 18 and 35, with an average age of 26 years. In parallel, 23,840 Youth in Work (YIW) on-farm opportunities were created during the quarter, increasing cumulative YIW achievements to 27,170, equivalent to 92% of the June target. Notably, 2,992 Youth Out-Grower Farmers successfully transitioned into Youth in Work, primarily through vegetable cultivation and cassava-based enterprises, demonstrating encouraging progress toward sustainable employment creation.

Implementation during the quarter also focused on strengthening production systems and improving SME capacity to deliver quality services to beneficiaries. Program support included the development of quarterly implementation workplans, monitoring of input procurement and distribution, rollout of first- and second-level Training of Trainers (ToT)

on Good Agricultural Practices and climate-smart agriculture, dissemination of standardized vegetable production and demonstration plot protocols, and continuous technical supervision of field implementation. These interventions significantly improved SME preparedness for the production season and strengthened the technical capacity of Field Officers and Lead Farmers to support participating Youth Out-Grower Farmers.

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12.0 Challenges and Lessons Learned - Click [HERE](#) for challenges and lessons learned in Q2 2026.

13. Summary of progress against 2026 targets as at Q2

Table 4: The summary below presents a view of progress against PIND's 2026 target as at Q2.

Strategic Objective 1: Better functioning market systems: for agricultural and MSME, youth skills development for employment, finance, and access to renewable energy.					
	Indicators	2026 Target	Results as at Q2 2026		
	1. Number of targeted service providers reached and providing services across sectors (MSD), TVET centers/IPs (YEP) and energy providers (A2E)			%	Rag
	Market System Development Program (MSD)	100	78	78%	
	Access to Energy (A2E)	20	13 ⁴	65%	
	Youth Employment Pathways (YEP)	20	17	85%	
	2. Equity Investments leveraged from the implementing partners as a result of successful adoption and adaptation programs in MSD, YEP and A2E (NGN)				
	Market System Development Program (MSD) (NGN)	165million	89.14million ⁵	89%	
	Access to Energy (A2E) (NGN)	6.5billion	6.64billion ⁶	102%	
	Youth Employment Pathways (YEP) (NGN)	150million	64.61million	43%	
	3. Service providers experiencing increased productivity/income - Service providers, reached through project facilitation, who experienced increased productivity/income				
	Market System Development Program (MSD)	80	TBD in Q3	-	
	Access to Energy (A2E)	20	5 (Ass. in Q3)	25%	
	Youth Employment Pathways (YEP)	20	13 (Ass. in Q3)	65%	
	4. Net jobs created by the Partners' businesses (Energy providers/IPs/Other partners)				
	Market System Development Program (MSD)	450	TBD in Q3	-	
	Access to Energy (A2E)	100	38.00 (Ass. in Q3)	38%	
	Youth Employment Pathways (YEP)	300	47 (Ass. in Q3)	15.6%	
	5. Number of targeted farmers and enterprises reached with improved products and services, introduced through project facilitation.	150,000	60,087 (Ass in Q3)	40%	
	6. Farmers/businesses who experienced increased productivity/income in MSD/YEP; Realize a financial benefit as a result of access to clean energy (A2E)				
	Market System Development Program (MSD)	73,000	TBD in Q3	-	
	Access to Energy (A2E)	3,500	TBD in Q3	-	
	Youth Employment Pathways (YEP)	8,000	TBD in Q3	-	
	7. Naira value of (equity) investment by farmers adopting/adapting the cross-cutting services and innovations (MSD); by new enterprises established under YEP; and Businesses accessing clean energy (A2E)				

⁴ Out of the 9 Energy Providers onboarded in Q1 2026, 5 deployed the 10 energy solutions as at Q1 2026, in Q2, addition 8 deployed energy solution – cumulative is 13

⁵ This was recorded in 2026, but was omitted then. Now it is reported in Q1 2026

⁶ In Q2 2026, energy providers accessed N1,389,971,694.53 in funds and grants with PIND's influence during the quarter in addition to the one reported in Q1.

	Market System Development Program (MSD) NGN	119.9 billion	TBD in Q3	-	
	Youth Employment Pathways (YEP) (NGN)	3.5 billion	TBD in Q3	-	
8. Number of Jobs created by farmers who access partners' services; Number of jobs created by Businesses established in YEP; number of jobs created by Businesses who access clean energy under A2E. (This is distinct from the SPs contribution to jobs)					
	Market System Development Program (MSD)	20,500	TBD in Q3	-	
	Access to Energy (A2E)	7,200	TBD in Q3	-	
	Youth Employment Pathways (YEP)	9,000	TBD in Q3	-	
9. Net attributable income change [Naira value] - Aggregated change in cumulative income of farmers/Businesses (NGN) -MSD/YEP					
	Market System Development Program (MSD) (NGN)	80 billion	TBD in Q3	-	
	Access to Energy (A2E) (NGN)	2 billion	TBD in Q3	-	
	Youth Employment Pathways (YEP) (NGN)	2 billion	TBD in Q3	-	
10. Percentage change in cumulative income of farmers/Businesses (NGN) -MSD/YEP (%)					
	Market System Development Program (MSD)	70%	TBD in Q3	-	
11. Change in Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index.					
	Percentage of GESI mainstreaming	40%	40.57%	101%	
	Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index (WEAI) - Market System Development Program (MSD)	80%	TBD in Q3	-	
12	Number of households with access to energy solutions by the energy providers in the coastal/HCDTs and neighboring communities	6,500	7,103	109%	
13	Number of businesses with access to energy solutions by the energy providers, promoting tested energy models around the productive use of energy for economic development of the coastal/HCDTs and neighboring communities	3,500	4,605	131.6%	
14	Number of persons with access to clean energy.	42,500	43,901	103.3%	
15	Financial benefits accruing to users of energy solutions (NGN) - Businesses and Households (A2E) (NGN)	2 billion	TBD in Q3	-	
16	Number of youths with applicable skills from supported TVET centers/IPs (private and public) implementing innovative youth skills development model in the ND (completed training)	10,000	1,153 ⁷	11.5%	
17	Number of youths accessing employment and other income-earning opportunities after graduating from YEP program	8,000	TBD in Q3	-	
18	Number of youths benefiting from PIND's Challenge Funds	65	TBD in Q3	-	
Strategic Objective 2: Investment by donors/funders influenced by PIND in Niger Delta (\$50million)					
	Indicators	2026 Target	Results as at Q2 2026		
19. Net Amount of funds/grants accessed with PIND's influence into the ND by partners (Energy providers/IPs and other SPs) from external donors/funders - (50 million USD)		\$10million	\$5,004,420.34	50%	
A2E	Net Amount of funds/grants accessed with PIND's influence into the development of the ND by Energy providers from external donors/funders - (USD)	\$5 million	\$4,866,979.67 ⁸	97.3%	
YEP	Net Amount of funds/grants accessed with PIND's influence into the development of the ND by YEP IPs from external donors/funders - (USD)	\$2 million	\$47,354.30 ⁹	2.4%	

⁷ Out of 917 reported to have completed from 2025, 168 was reported in Q1, leaving the balance of 749, plus 236 from 2026 = 985 reported in Q2 2026. A total of **4,172** beneficiary youths is currently in various vocational training centers across 7 states in the region.

⁸In Q2 2026, energy providers accessed **₦1,389,971,694.53** in funds and grants with PIND's influence during the quarter in addition to the one reported in Q1

⁹ Aqua Green Integrated Farm Support Initiative (**₦5,000,000** Agriculture); Azure Gold Ltd, Building Construction got **₦6,355,000**; AMY6015 Global Enterprise (Fashion & Garment Making) **₦13,500,000**; Kiara De-Luke Academy - Fashion & Garment Making; Building Construction - **₦30,000,000**;

Capacity Building	Net Amount of funds raised/technical assistance from funders, donors, and private institutions by the CSOs/NGOs for local service provision (HCDTs + others) - (USD)	\$1 million	\$21,437.38 ¹⁰	2.14%	
MSD	Net Amount of funds/grants accessed with PIND's influence into the development of the ND by MSD Partners (SPs) from external donors/funders - (USD) – SK influenced funds inclusive	\$2 million	\$360,618.99 ¹¹	18%	
20. Naira value of the demonstrable changes as a result of PIND-influenced Development Models, policies and initiatives in EDP and PB. (NGN) <i>Demonstrable changes (infrastructural and non-infrastructural projects) as a result of the implementation of: Long-term Development Plans (LTDP), Access to land Policy, NDRPS, policy on double taxation etc. by public and private institutions.</i>					
	Advocacy (Naira value - NGN)	100billion	TBD in Q3	-	
21. BDS Funds raised for PIND managed activities (Raise additional funds from private sector and donor community for PIND programs. A minimum of \$7.5 million raised for PIND, equivalent to 30% of Chevron's funding) - USD					
	BDS - Grants/Technical Services - (USD)	\$1.5 million	\$811,000.00 ¹²	54%	
22. Number of firm commitments by state governments institutions and other development agencies to replicate key aspects of PIND's youth employment pathways approaches, per year and cumulatively (YEP)					
		5	2.00 ¹³	40%	
23. Number of state and non-state actors that adopt or adapt the model for youth job readiness, workforce development and entrepreneurship that is developed, tested, validated, and/or refined by PIND.					
		20	1.00 ¹⁴	5%	
Strategic Objective 3: Integration of climate adaptation and mitigation initiatives to increase resilience in the Niger Delta. (Pilot)					
	Indicators	2026 Target	Results as at Q2 2026		
24. Quantity of Co2 equivalent emissions reduced (metric tons of CO2 equivalent (tCO2e) emissions) - <i>This is the cumulative amount of CO2 displaced from the deployment of renewable energy technologies for community and cluster businesses energy solutions</i>					
		150,000	TBD in Q4 2026	-	
Strategic Objective 4: HCDTs are co-investing in their priority projects to improve economic and peace agendas in their communities: Enhance the capacity of Host Community Development Trusts (HCDTs), to co-design and co-invest in interventions to stimulate skills development, linkages to markets, and renewable solutions for job creation and income generation in their communities. Integration of climate adaptation and mitigation initiatives to increase resilience in the Niger Delta.					
	Indicators	2026 Target	Results as at Q2 2026		
27. Number of organizations, associations and networks accessing funds/grants with PIND assistance.					
		5	3 ¹⁵	60%	
28. Capacity Building - Organizations providing improved services to the HCDTs					
		5	3	60%	

¹⁰ CARA Development Foundation reported accessing a grant of ₦15,000,000 from ActionAid Nigeria under the Renewed Women Voices and Leadership (RWVL) Project in Imo State. Newland Pathway Integrated Consult reported securing ₦2,400,000 in funding from the Young Africa Nigeria Advancement and Productivity Initiative to implement a business development intervention for women-owned nano and microenterprises in Akure North and Akure South Local Government Areas of Ondo State.

¹¹ SK signed an agreement with the Ugboiland HCDT for \$291,970 (₦400,000,000) for the implementation of Access to Finance/Livelihood program. This fund was influenced under the MSD. It is not fund raised.

¹² 1. Secure CSR funding of \$511,000 (₦701,000,000) from the Okomu Oil Palm Company Plc. For the next phase of the CSR initiative. Plus \$300,000 from the Ford Foundation for the next phase of the Bridges Project.

¹³ In 2026 Q1, PIND and the Bayelsa Ministry of Youth Development (BMYD) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to scale the planned YEP program implementation in Bayelsa. 2. Dakkada Skills Acquisition Center (DASAC): YEP, visited the Dakkada Skills Acquisition Centre (DASAC); a government owned vocational training facility in Akwa Ibom. Notably, DASAC management demonstrated strong commitment to exploring a formal partnership with PIND, including the potential adaptation and contextualization of the YEP model to enhance youth employment outcomes in Akwa Ibom State.

¹⁴ Bayelsa State has committed to adopt the YEP model through an MoU with PIND

¹⁵ Newland Pathway Integrated Consult accessed ₦1,846,800, while Family Welfare Foundation Bayelsa (FAWEF) accessed 10million from CONOIL Nigeria Limited through the Koluama Host Communities Development Trust, as well as additional support from the Global Fund through the Network of NGOs working to eradicate Tuberculosis in Nigeria. In Q2 CARA Development Foundation reported accessing a grant of ₦15,000,000 from ActionAid Nigeria under the Renewed Women Voices and Leadership (RWVL) Project in Imo State. Newland Pathway Integrated Consult reported securing ₦2,400,000 in funding from the Young Africa Nigeria Advancement and Productivity Initiative to implement a business development intervention for women-owned nano and microenterprises in Akure North and Akure South Local Government Areas of Ondo State.

29. Capacity Building - Total amount of funds raised/technical assistance from funders, donors, and private institutions by the CSOs/NGOs for local service provision at the HCDTs (NGN) - to be reported as part of the \$50million target		100 million	29,246,800.00	29.24%	
30. Number of targeted farmers and enterprises reached in the CNL HCDTs with improved products and services, introduced through project facilitation per year and cumulatively. This includes Youths with applicable skills in the CNL HCDTs					
	MSD - Targeted farmers and enterprises reached in the CNL HCDTs inclusive of others	2,000	1,248 ¹⁶	62.4%	
	YEP - Youths with applicable skills in the CNL HCDTs	500	198 ¹⁷	39.6%	
31. Number of CNL HCDTs persons benefiting from Capacity Building (EDP and PB)		400	67	16.8%	
32. Number of youths benefiting from PIND's Challenge Funds in the HCDTs		20	TBD in q3	-	
33. P4P members trained in project management, proposal writing, and reporting with participants demonstrating enhanced skills for successful project completions in the HCDTs		15	-	-	
Strategic Objective 5: Reducing conflict and promoting peace: <i>Advance Research and Data-Driven Analysis for Informed Peacebuilding; ensuring a sustainable and effective deployment of P4P Network; cultivating linkage between Peace Building and Economic Development; delivering value to Chevron; and addressing regional conflict issues.</i>					
	Indicators	2026 Target	Results as at Q2 2026		
34. Percentage of population reporting improved safety among local residents in the Niger Delta - evidenced by persons reporting improved safety in their communities		1.25million	TBD in Q3 2026	-	
35. Strategic alignment activities (workshops, consultations, and roundtables) conducted with government and corporate stakeholders to enhanced strategic alignment of government and corporate peacebuilding frameworks (e.g., NDRPS and Chevron HCDTs) with local needs, demonstrated integration conflict sensitive data and inclusive approaches.		10	7 ¹⁸	70%	
36. P4P members trained in project management, proposal writing, and reporting with participants demonstrating enhanced skills for successful project completions.		10	10	100%	
37. Stakeholders utilizing PIND's peace data and analysis - Utilization rate of EWER data and alerts by stakeholders, evidenced by subscribers.		100	60	60%	
38. Quarterly update from P4P detailing progress on independent projects activities, and regular peace outlook updates showing:		4	2	50%	
39. Stakeholders incorporating conflict analysis insights into planning or interventions. (Greater adoption of peacebuilding strategies by local and international stakeholders informed by data and research products, evidenced by stakeholder feedback and application in policy or interventions)		5	TBD in Q3 2026	-	
40. Briefs/Trackers and Research Products published		48	25 ¹⁹	52%	
41. Integrated plans and implementation strategy developed across peacebuilding and economic development teams, yielding joint interventions that are reported to enhance both stability and economic growth in targeted regions.		3	3 ²⁰	100%	
42. Documented cases of improved economic stability linked to peacebuilding interventions, tracked semi-annually.		2	TBD in Q3 2026	-	
43. New business investments attracted to the ND due to increased safety.		20	Click HERE	-	

¹⁶ 755 farmers, traders, and fisherfolk were linked to ColdHubs' solar-powered cold storage services and introduced to the Coldivate digital platform. Cold Hub 3 Ton cold storage and 1 Ton capacity Ice maker Swali Market, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State.

¹⁷ Names of 138 youths for training by Egbema-Opudis HCDT and Agbonu Ogulagha-Ibe HCDTs. Ugboland HCDT: 2 partners (AMY6015 and Micafotoy) working with GTC have shortlisted over 60 youths from the CNL communities in Ondo State for enrollment and onboarding on the Vocational Training program

¹⁸ https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PBBDP_frZw9zGFwSEeQs8aegsuLGTv9F/view?usp=sharing

¹⁹ https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1aJs6p4JvFqONZ1iSH8OeKDGmobThdCb2?usp=drive_link

²⁰ https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Scg3DNtsOaENldYvdLFEW5OCuD-3Dqla/view?usp=drive_link



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