



## 2014 – First Quarter Report

Foundation for Partnership Initiatives in the Niger Delta

# Acronyms

<b>ADVANCE</b>	Advocacy, Awareness and Civic Empowerment
<b>ATED</b>	Appropriate Technology Enabled Development
<b>AT</b>	Appropriate Technology
<b>AQVC</b>	Aquaculture Value Chain
<b>BMO</b>	Business Membership Organization
<b>CAPABLE</b>	Capacity Building for Local Empowerment
<b>CBP</b>	Capacity Building Program
<b>CSO</b>	Civil Society Organization
<b>CMADI</b>	Coastal and Marine Areas Development Initiative
<b>CBO</b>	Community Based Organization
<b>CVC</b>	Cassava Value Chain
<b>EDC</b>	Economic Development Centre
<b>LCC</b>	Local Community Content
<b>LEAD</b>	Leadership, Empowerment and Development Project
<b>LGA</b>	Local Government Area
<b>LGC</b>	Local Government Council
<b>SME</b>	Small and Medium Enterprises
<b>NDDF</b>	Niger Delta Development Forum
<b>NDPI</b>	Niger Delta Partnership Initiative
<b>NGO</b>	Non-Governmental Organization
<b>NLNG</b>	Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas Ltd
<b>P4P</b>	Partners for Peace
<b>PBP</b>	Peace Building Program
<b>PLACE</b>	Peaceable Livelihoods and Community Empowerment
<b>RDC</b>	Regional Development Councils
<b>USG</b>	United States Government

*Cover photo: local youth building the structure for a chorkor oven in Fishtown, Keffes Regional Development Council (RDC) of Delta State. Fish smoking a major source of livelihood in this community, and the introduction of the clean-burning stove that smokes more fish at a time and with less pollution means increased efficiency in production and higher yield in less time*

# Executive Summary

This report covers the activities and results achieved by the Foundation for Partnership Initiatives in the Niger Delta (PIND) from January to March 2014. Top highlights include:

## ✓ Demo-Pond Scale Up Commenced

PIND commenced the scale up of last year's demonstration pond pilot project which increased the fish farmers' profit margin by 21 percent. 5 fish farmers association and 3 fish feed companies were engaged to participate in the scale up while a trainers' manual to be used for a Training of Trainers was also completed.

## ✓ Mechanized harvester demonstrated to Palm Oil market actors

The market development team supported NIFOR, STIHL Germany and Texmaco to demonstrate the use of the mechanized palm oil harvester to 187 palm oil market actors in the Niger Delta. Feedback from the demonstration is informing adjustment in design of the harvester to suit Nigerian market while participating market actors have placed orders for the equipment.

## ✓ Chorkor Oven Introduced to Fish Farming Association

A demo/training on the use, maintenance and construction of the Chorkor oven, a clean-burning stove made from local materials that can help fish smokers smoke more fish at the same time with less emission was held for 13 members (12 males, 1 female) of the United Ufuoma Fish Farmers Association (UUFFA) in Warri, Delta state. A double-chambered chorkor oven house was built for the demo training.

## ✓ Priority Setting Mechanism for budgeting introduced to 3 Local Government Councils

The PIND/USAID local governance strengthening program, LEAD supported its 3 Champion LGCs to hold town hall meetings with government, private and community stakeholders where community needs and priorities for inclusion in the LGCs' 2014 budget were identified.

## ✓ Conflict Assessment training conducted for Peace Networks in the Niger Delta



Photo: A civil defense corps officer talks to the facilitator of the P4P Conflict Assessment Tools (CAST) workshop about conflict in his community in Imo State

P4P facilitated Conflict Assessment Tools (CAST) workshops in Imo and Akwa Ibom States where network members in each state learned the skills needed to identify, analyze and mitigate conflict in their respective communities. The peace agents used the skills gained to come up with peacebuilding activities appropriate to addressing conflict in their states.

✓ **NDLink grows as an Information Hub**  
 NDLink continued to provide relevant development information on the Niger Delta within the quarter, gaining over 100,000 page views (137,808 at the end of March), with a record of 2, 076 page visits as at February 4, 2014. The team is reviewing current layout of the website to ensure more user-friendliness.

## PIND Q1 2014 Results Quantified

Indicator	Results
Research Studies conducted to inform stakeholders	3
Training Programs conducted in various program areas	20
Jobs Created through PIND's operations and interventions	34
People trained in various skills	546
Direct Beneficiaries from PIND interventions	426
Indirect Beneficiaries	1,260

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

## Aquaculture Value Chain Pilot Project

The aquaculture value chain project continued within the quarter under review to pursue its objective of stimulating growth in the sector by improving the technical skills of fish farmers, building organizational capacity of business membership organizations (BMOs) and improving farmers' access to appropriate technologies, finance and markets. To achieve these, the following activities were undertaken:

### Improving Farmers' Fish Farming Practices

Five fish farmers' associations and three (3) fish feed companies were engaged to participate in the demo pond following the successful

completion of the pilot phase in 2013. Plans for carrying out Training of Trainers (ToT) on demo pond management are underway.

Copies of demo ponds trainers' manual was produced ahead of the proposed ToT.

Delta state government was successfully engaged through the Ministry of Agriculture on the demo-pond scale up, with clear commitment from the state to select and fund the participation of government extension workers in the planned TOT.

### Access to Finance for Fish Farmers

Loans were disbursed to 2 Fish farmers' associations (FFAs) by two micro-finance banks Wetland Bank and Coastline Bank through the United States African Development Foundation revolving fund, and a third FFA was supported to develop a new proposal which awaits disbursement from the MFB.

### Capacity of Fish Farming Association to Serve its Members

Following the successful disbursement of the loan, UUFFA entered into partnership with Grand Cereals



Photo: A member of the Keffes RDC community building the structure for the chorkor oven, a clean-burning stove that helps smoke more fish at a time with less pollution and energy

to become distributors of feed and are selling at competitive price to their members, making the association more beneficial to them.

### Access to new Technology – Chorkor Oven for Fish Smoking

The market development team visited fish processors in Lagos on a scoping study for an improved fish processing, packaging and market linkage intervention in Warri, and facilitated field visits of potential partner fish processors from Lagos to Warri ahead of pilot intervention for chorkor oven.

Two Lagos-based fish processing firms have indicated interest to partner with PIND to pilot the improved fish processing, packaging and market linkage intervention in Warri.

### Cassava Value Chain Pilot Project

The cassava pilot project started out aimed at promoting more markets for small holder farmers by creating market linkage between them and large-scale farmers. Lessons learned

from the implementation in 2013 led PIND to plan for a scoping study to gain deeper understanding of the cassava market dynamics. All activities carried out under this value chain this quarter contributed to completion of a scoping study of all sectors of the cassava value chain to help understand the various market segments in the value chain and also inform further interventions. These include:

- Developed and reviewed survey instruments for the study
- Trained enumerators for the cassava survey
- Commenced field survey of different actors (farmers, processors, SMEs, traders/bulking agent and end-users) in Delta, Edo, Rivers and Ondo states. This will be completed in the second quarter.

### Palm Oil Value Chain Pilot Project

PIND's palm oil pilot project continued this quarter to promote knowledge sharing of good



Photo: Edo State Farmers test their starch content of their cassava using starch testing kits provided by Thai Farms. Only high starch content cassava tubers are used by cassava flour mills, among other industrial users of cassava

practices among the market actors and to improve their access to better technology and finance. In the quarter, PIND signed a MoU with Self Help and Rural Development Association (SHERDA) as co-facilitator for the implementation of the palm oil interventions. Activities under the palm oil value chain include:

### Access to Improved Processing Technology for Palm Oil Association

The Nigeria Institute for Oil Palm Research (NIFOR) conducted a function test of the small scale processing equipment to determine its extraction rate. The test showed the equipment gives a higher extraction with better quality of palm oil.

NIFOR conducted training for mill owners and operators in Eziorsu farming cluster in Imo state to address their knowledge gap in the use of the improved processing equipment. The training proved to improve the operators' attitude to the equipment positively.

### Business Skills Training for Fabricators of Processing Equipment

In partnership with Seigha Associates, SHERDA and NIFOR held business and entrepreneurship training for the 5 fabricators who were trained to manufacture the small scale processing equipment in 2013 to enable them make a business of their technical skills.

The team further conducted site visits to support the fabricators in applying the new skills. As an outcome of the training, fabricators are negotiating with palm oil clusters to make and sell the equipment to them as a business.

### Creating Communication Platform between Market Actors on the Motorized Harvester

PIND supported a technical session on the motorized harvester at the National Institute for Oil Palm Research (NIFOR) with key stakeholders in the palm oil value chain (farmers, processors, fabricators, harvesters, etc), and got technical input from the participants. The session gave opportunity for the manufacturers STIHL Germany, and distributor, Texmaco of the motorized harvester to get feedback from the palm oil actors in the Niger Delta.



Resulting from the session, the design of the equipment

**PIND Markets Development Project Manager facilitates an adjustable harvester demonstration event at NIFOR with key palm oil sector stakeholders to give makers of the agro-machinery firm feedback from the palm oil actors in the region**

will be modified to suit the local users in order to meet their needs and has further stimulated the interest of the farmers to purchase and use the equipment which will increase their harvesting capacity.

## Business Linkages Project

PIND's business linkages project is aimed at increasing the participation of small and medium scale enterprises in the supply chain of large corporations in the Niger Delta. The consultations and scoping activities held this quarter helped Business Linkages team prepare the ground for the implementation of the pilot project later this year that aims to link SMEs specializing in poultry in the Niger Delta to large corporations operating in the region. Major highlights of these activities include:

### Facilitating Poultry Services SMEs to Meet Market Opportunities

The team facilitated an alignment meeting between PIND and Chevron Nigeria Limited to develop an implementation strategy for the pilot intervention to link poultry services SMEs with larger corporations operating in the Niger

Delta as against the initial plan to focus on multiple sectors.

Engagement was also held with Gibbles Nigeria Ltd, one of the Local Community Content (LCCs) interested in the opportunities in the poultry



**“The decision to start small and focus on a single sector for the pilot project, against the initial plan to work in multiple sectors, was good. Project activities would now be within manageable limits; we will learn lessons, build experience and gain traction before scaling up” – Precious Agbunno, Market Development Officer**



sector, to obtain a better understanding of the challenges firms interested in investing in the sector may face and the type of support they may require to further inform the pilot design.



**Photo: Business linkages strategy session with stakeholders in progress**

## Promoting Sustainable Approaches to Development through NLNG Enterprise Development Program

The Business Linkage team supported the Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas Ltd (NLNG) to develop action plans to adopt a market development approach in the implementation of their Enterprise Development Program so results will be sustainable. The program will focus on two priority areas namely the creation of market linkages for its target farmer groups and capacity building of its local suppliers. A market study to inform intervention design is already on with PIND continuing to support the local implementing NGO.

## Appropriate Technology Enabled Development (ATED) Program

ATED seeks to promote simple and affordable technologies to improve challenges in the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and agricultural sectors.



Photo: ATED Project Coordinator Mr. Andrew Adu met with local civil society partners to discuss how best to promote good hygiene and the benefits of the bio-sand filter

This quarter, the ATED team provided support to PIND's aquaculture value chain work on the promotion of the chorkor oven, a clean-burning stove made from local materials that can help fish smokers smoke more fish at the same time with less emissions and continued the previous year's work to promote the bio-sand filter, a simple water filtration technology made out of locally available materials that can remove 99% of impurities in water. Highlights of the quarter's work include:

### Chorkor Oven for More Efficient and Healthier Fish Smoking

A monitoring visit was undertaken to Fishtown in Keffes Regional Development Council, Delta State, where the chorkor oven was introduced in 2013 as part of the pilot project. The visit showed the chorkor oven has been built and is being used by the fish smokers

In addition, engagement meetings were held with the UUFFA to introduce the farmers to the chorkor oven technology. One double-chambered chorkor oven was constructed and used to conduct demo training for 13 persons on the use, maintenance and construction of the oven. Project monitoring visit to the UUFFA chorkor oven site showed the fish

smokers were using the oven.

### Improving WASH through Training and the Bio-Sand Water Filters

As part of the scale-up of the ATED supported Egbema Garamatu Community Development Foundation (EGCDF) WASH program, the community based WASH trainers produced in 2013 conducted a step-down training where 21 persons (12 females and 9 males) were trained on good practices in water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) education and the use of the Bio-sand Filter (BSF). 70 filters were deployed after the training in Azama and Kokodiagbene communities in Delta State.

Still in the quarter, a Training of Trainers (ToT) was held for 20 CSOs and Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDA) participants on WASH and the use of the BSF. Through their improved knowledge on WASH/BSF from the training, the participants began sensitizing their counterparts on the BSF/WASH while the team received interest from the Delta State Ministry of Environment on working with PIND in the provision of BSFs to

communities in the state.



**This quarter's work on WASH provided over 40 persons with increased knowledge of good WASH practices**

**The quarter also produced trained trainers from the community who demonstrated the skills and knowledge to install and operate the bio-sand filters, while 60 filters are already installed and in use by the community**



**Photo: Bio-sand filter being installed in rural households as a simple source of clean potable water**

# CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

The Capacity Building program was focused on grassroots empowerment this quarter, with projects aimed at local youth, local government officials in Rivers State, and local civil society throughout the region. Major activities undertaken under this program area are below.

## Producing New Set of Youth Leaders

The second round of the Youth Leadership and Capacity Building project commenced in the quarter with the short-listing of 44 participants out of 110 who applied to participate in the program. Participants will receive training in ICT skills, report-writing and leadership, as well as mentorship by notable members of society in the region.

## Strengthening Local Governance through the LEAD project

The joint PIND/USAID/RTI Leadership Empowerment and Development (LEAD) project in Rivers state held sessions to establish baseline and identify gaps to be addressed by

LEAD during an assessment of the capacity and effectiveness of the three Champion Local Government Councils selected for the project using the Local Government Development Framework (LGDF). The baseline setting was followed by a work-plan roll-out stakeholder consultation meeting with a total of 54 persons (37 males and 17 females) in attendance.

During same quarter, LEAD held town hall meetings with broad participation of communities, government and other stakeholders in the three LGCs to give an update/status of the project to the citizens, identify community needs, and set priorities for inclusion in the LGCs 2014 budgets.

LEAD also facilitated the formation of Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) forum in the 3 LGCs to provide a structured platform for interaction on diversifying internal revenue generation and improved service delivery. Membership of the forum includes businesses, community development councils, traditional rulers, law enforcement bodies, private revenue collection agents and agents of the LGCs.



**Photo: PIND's Field Projects Manager, Sylvester Okoh addressing youth at the roll-out of the first phase of the Youth Leadership project which trained and mentored 36 youth who as a result have gained employment, started new businesses and inspired others as change agents**



**LEAD outputs in Q1:**

Two CLGCs, Okrika and Khana have included the identified community priorities into their 2014 budgets

Two LGCs held their first interactive session with the business communities on internally generated revenue

The 3 LGCs have identified potentially strong new sources of internal revenue through the IGR forum



**Strengthening Advocacy and Civic Engagement**

PIND and USAID rolled out a new Strengthening Advocacy and Civic Engagement (SACE) project within the quarter with Chemonics International as the lead implementing partner. The teams held series of start-up meetings on the implementation strategy and logistics and core activities are set to begin in quarter 2.

# PEACE BUILDING PROGRAM

## Partners for Peace (P4P)

P4P continued its drive to building strong network of peace advocates who have the capacity to promote peace in their communities. Key activities towards this in quarter one includes:

### Building Conflict Assessment Skills of Peace Networks

This quarter, PIND’s P4P team began a region-wide two-day conflict assessment trainings for the P4P Network chapters and diverse group of persons in Imo and Akwa Ibom states. These workshops created an avenue wherein P4P members from these states shared and analyzed their states’ conflict bulletin, which was generated using information on P4P’s peace building web-map. The team also used these workshops to train state chapters’ members on the use of conflict assessment tools (CAST), an analysis tool for classifying conflict helped each state identify its peacebuilding



**Photo: Participants learnt best practices in classifying conflict for peace building interventions at the CAST workshop in Imo State**

activities and programs appropriate to addressing conflict in the individual states. Read more on [www.pindfoundation.org](http://www.pindfoundation.org)

### Digital Information Hub on Peace in the Niger Delta

P4P and partners continued to gather and upload peace activities/initiatives data on the webmap and produced peace bulletins, newsletters, alerts and memos which stakeholders are finding increasingly useful in conflict assessment, management, prevention and peacebuilding. The P4P conflict maps were presented at high-level discussions with current and former USG officials in international development, House Foreign Affairs, military, intelligence, and diplomacy. Over 3,000 persons received the P4P bulletins and they were also used by UNLock for a participatory conflict assessment (23 people) and in the P4P conflict assessment workshops.

### Peaceable Livelihoods and Community Engagement Project (PLACE)



PLACE is targeted at creating a peaceful and enabling environment for the operations of



### Q1 P4P Online Reach – By the Numbers

- Website: 617 unique visitors;
- Facebook: 1098 followers;
- 51,899 total daily impressions.
- Twitter - 131 followers



PIND in Ubeji and Egbokodo communities where the PIND EDC in Warri is located, while simultaneously providing opportunities for economic growth for the mutual benefits of stakeholders. During the quarter, the project team conducted various assessments to inform the design of its interventions.

As part of its mainstreaming peace into PIND projects function, PLACE also commenced a baseline assessment of conflict sensitivity conducted on all PIND staff, as well as a selection of implementing

Photo: P4P's growing network of peace advocates who are committed to protecting and asserting their rights to a peaceable livelihood in the Niger Delta

partners and beneficiaries. The information has been collated and is currently being disaggregated and analyzed, as it will also help PIND as it works to mainstream peace building and conflict sensitivity into its program and project operations.

## ANALYSIS AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM

This program area is focused on creating more informed stakeholders who are vital for the effectiveness of development solutions in the Niger Delta. Activities towards this goal in the quarter are as follows:

### Niger Delta Development Forum

The team reviewed happenings of the Niger Delta Development Forum (NDDF) that held last year with 284 diverse stakeholders in attendance, and arrived at how to use the recommendations made during the multi-stakeholder dialogue in this year's interventions. A post 2013 NDDF follow up plan



- Charles Durojaye to conduct study on community

**Photo: the 2013 NDDF provided a unique opportunity for diverse stakeholders to share good practices and engage in policy dialogue on MSME issues**

on the conclusions and recommendations that emerged from the forum was developed. Five priority actions were identified around seminars/trainings, policy dialogues and increased awareness for MSMEs.

PIND also finalized the 2013 NDDF report, and published on the following websites:

- **PIND:** <http://www.pindfoundation.org/homepage/niger-delta-development-forum/>
- **P4P:** <http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org/progress>
- **NDLink:** <https://ndlink.org/promoting-innovative-approaches-for-msmes-development-in-the-niger-delta/>
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/NDLinkonline>

### Data for Development Planning through Small Research Grants

During the quarter, the grantee selection for the award of the second round of the small research grants was completed and grants awarded to two individual grantees:

governance and challenges of development planning in conflict prone areas in Ondo state with a grant

- Loveth Ewubareh to conduct study on promoting peace and conflict transformation through art-based approaches in selected ethnic nationalities in the Niger Delta with a grant

Grant agreements were signed and effective from March 31<sup>st</sup> 2014.

### **NDLink: Providing Development Information with just One Click**

NDLink, which launched during 2013 NDDF as an online information and communication platform, marked its first full quarter at the end of March. Major activities under this program area are:

- Scoured the internet for news and jobs in the Niger Delta
- Produced news content that has been tailored to fit the NDLink audience, including a monthly newsletter supplemented by an online/social media version on a paper called “The

Niger Delta Report”.

- Reviewed current layout of the website and identified areas to meet the needs



*Members are finding the resources, news articles, and job postings particularly useful and we have noticed a significant increase on engagement on our social media sites – Facebook and Twitter in particular. Membership continued to rise, averaging 40 new members per month, bringing the total registered members to 400. The progress made notwithstanding, changing the thinking and perspective that data is a public good and that we must all do our part to share and elevate that knowledge is still an uphill struggle – Ese Emerhi, NDLink Project Manager*



of users better.

- Within the first quarter of operations, NDLink has exceeded over 100,000 page views (137,808 at the end of March), with a record of 2, 076 page visits on February 4, 2014.



**Photo: Panelists discuss MSME development at the Foundation’s second annual Niger Delta Development Forum that held in Benin, Edo State**

## New Staffing



Baranaye Marcus – Administrative Officer,  
Portharcourt EDC



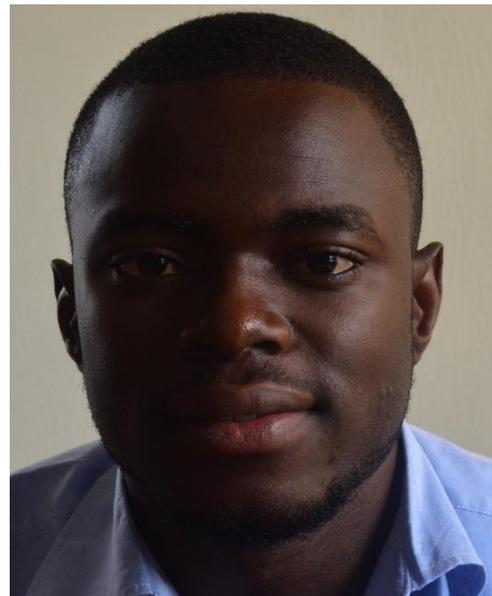
Nkasi Wodu – Peace Building Program  
Officer



Onyinye Onyeakusi - Finance Assistant,  
Abuja



Ese Emerhi – NDLink Project Manager



Dayo Ibitoye – NDLink Content Coordinator

Visit [www.pindfoundation.org](http://www.pindfoundation.org) to learn more about these staff

## Financial Commitments

The \$50 million fund endowed to the Foundation for Partnership Initiatives in the Niger Delta (PIND) is managed by the NDPI Foundation. NDPI has committed a total of \$49,180,000 at the end of March, 2014.

Grant No.	Project Name	NDPI Grant USD\$	Donor/Implementer	Donor Contribution
1	PIND Operating Grant	7,190,000	PIND	
2	Economic Development Center at Warri (Establishment Phase)	2,000,000	PIND	268,000
3	Development of Social Sector Investment Action Plan for the Niger Delta	200,000	UNDP	600,000
4	ADVANCE Extension (Small Grants Program)	500,000	PACT	500,000
5	Appropriate Technology Enabled Development	2,000,000	PIND/EWB	300,000
6	Small Research Grants Program	100,000	PIND	
7	Local Capacity Building Program (LCBP)	50,000	ACCORD	89,000
8	Economic Development Center at Warri (Operational Phase)	13,200,000	PIND	23,712,000
9	Partners for Peace (P4P)	6,000,000	PIND	6,000,000
10	Maximizing Agricultural Revenue and Key Enterprise in Targeted Sectors (MARKETS 2)	8,000,000	USAID/CHEMUNICS	12,500,000
11	Models of Development & Experiential Learning (MODEL) Program	400,000	BROOKINGS/NISER	
12	2012 Youth Advocacy Calendar and Campaign	130,000	PIND	20,000
13	ADVANCE Extension II (Small Grants Program)	300,000	PACT	500,000
14	Capacity Building for Local Empowerment (CAPABLE)	650,000	PIND/CROWN AGENTS	332,000
15	Niger Delta Development Forum 2012	120,000	PIND	
16	Small Grants Program for Peaceable Livelihoods and Community Empowerment (PLACE)	250,000	PIND	
17	Strengthening Advocacy through Civic Engagement (SACE)	2,500,000	USAID	2,500,000
18	Leadership, Empowerment, Advocacy & Development (LEAD)	2,000,000	USAID/RTI	3,000,000
19	PIND Organizational Development Project (ODP)	400,000	NDPI	
20	Advocacy for Niger Delta Development (ANDD)	200,000	PIND	
21	PIND Supplemental Operating Grant 2013-2014	2,990,000	PIND	
<b>Total Funds to be Committed</b>		<b>\$49,180,000</b>		<b>\$50,321,000</b>

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