



# Partners for Peace (P4P) Niger Delta: Quarterly Report

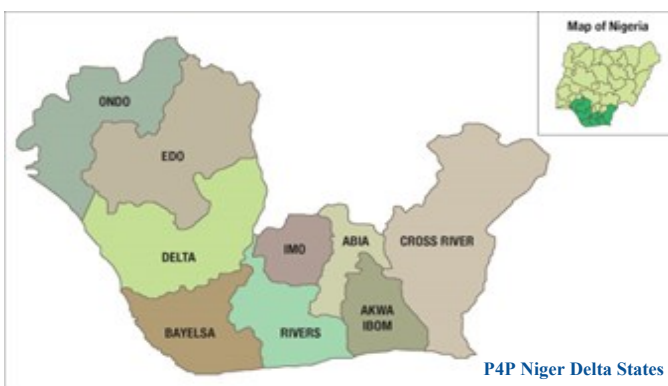
## April – June 2016

### Partners for Peace Network

Partners for Peace (P4P) is a Network whose **mission** is to build social capital around peacebuilding through amplifying the voices of positive actors, building a network of self-identified agents of peace, and leveraging that network through facilitation, small grants, and capacity building. P4P's **vision** is dedicated to promoting sustainable peaceable livelihoods in the Niger Delta through voices, action, and network. It is a platform where local peace actors with different backgrounds and perspectives come together to understand and address the root causes of conflict in their locality and to build peace.

### Contextual

Partners for Peace (P4P) adopts a unique approach to peace building that seeks to enable people, businesses, and civil society organizations (CSOs) to work together to advance their cause for livelihoods free from violence and conflict. P4P fosters collaboration around the idea of peace building across various stakeholder groups in the Niger Delta through the cultivation of networks. These networks are then leveraged for specific peace building and conflict mitigation initiatives.



This Report will describe P4P progress achieved during the months of April - June, 2016. The outline is as follows:



### KEY ACTIVITIES IN APR – JUN, 2016

1. Facilitation team and P4P CWC meeting with P4P Consultant on review of the draft strategic plan.
2. P4P Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Uyo, Akwa Ibom.
3. Integration of contact details of P4P AGM participants into P4P/IPDU Early Warning database.
4. Relationship mapping of key government security institutions.
5. Developed a final draft of P4P Strategic Operating Protocols (SOP).
6. Early Warning/Early Response training for P4P sub-chapters
7. Development of P4P AGM report.
8. P4P CWC Quarterly meeting with PIND Executive Director.
9. Developed final draft of Peace Club modules for secondary schools.
10. Niger Delta Peace and Security Working Group-NDPSWG meeting focused on the increasing cult menace in Rivers state
11. Bio Sand Filter training for Abia P4P social entrepreneurs.
12. Engagement with peace and security actors in Ondo and Imo state.
13. Specialized conflict analysis training for students of University of Port Harcourt's Center for Conflict and Gender Studies (CCGS)
14. Participated in Niger Delta Stakeholders meeting in Uyo, Akwa Ibom state.
15. Participated in meeting with Cross River state Government on peace and security.
16. Developed and produced policy brief on militancy in the Niger Delta.
17. Facilitate training of peace agents on the P4P peace map.
18. Facilitate meeting with stakeholders in Edo state on the Non-violent election projected with funding from from USIP through FFP.
19. Participated in Imo state Peace Corps launch.
20. P4P state Chapter general and PREVENT Committee meeting across all 9 states.
21. Collection and collation of all P4P state Chapters' and PREVENT Committee interventions

## Activities and Outreaches

In April 2016, the P4P held her second Annual General Meeting bringing together representatives of state chapters to share success stories, challenges and experiences of the past year and collective responsibility for the coming year. In October, 2014 the Annual General Meeting was held in Ondo State with the theme: *“Time to Unite the Network”*. The 2016 Annual General Meeting was held in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State with the theme: *“Networking for Sustainability”*. In view of a sustainable network the Central Working Committee (CWC) planned and hosted the event themselves with oversight from the PIND Facilitation Team. This was a milestone in the process of ownership of the P4P Network by the network people themselves. A total of 86 people were in attendance of which 26 were females. Major activities carried out during the AGM was the: Adoption of the P4P amended charter, the Standard Operating Protocols (SOP) and Two - Year strategic plan by the delegates. A few Important Dignitaries at the event include; Hon. Onofiok Luke, the Speaker Akwa Ibom State House of Assembly, Hon. Emmanuel Ekpoyong Bassey, Chief Whip Akwa Ibom State House of Assembly, Obong Moses Ekpo, the Deputy Governor Akwa Ibom State.



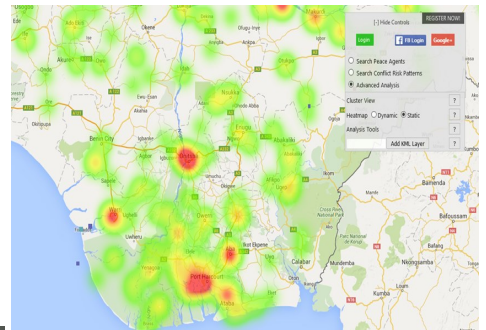
*Group picture of Participants at the AGM*

In its efforts to promoting peace in the Niger Delta, the Peacebuilding Team of Partnership Initiative in the Niger Delta (PIND) in May, 2016 delivered conflict analysis training to postgraduate students of the Centre for Conflict and Gender Studies (CCGS) of University of Port Harcourt as part of its collaborative engagement with the University for advancement of peace studies from a practical perspective of working in the Niger Delta region. The training had 23 participants with 16 female and 7 Male including the Director and Assistant Director of the Centre. The training focused on three correlated areas- conflict analysis, designing intervention, research designs and data gathering methods in peacebuilding programming with emphasis on fieldwork approaches to complement the theoretical dimensions students are well exposed and used to.



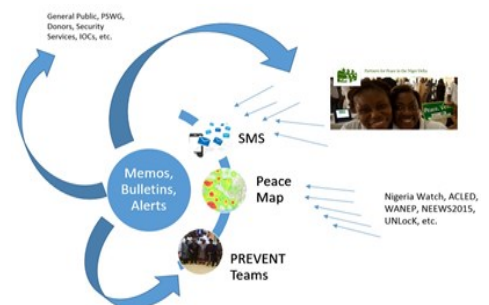
*The Director CCGS Dr. Fidelis Allen Addressing the participants on the benefits of the training*

The PIND’s Peacebuilding team in June, 2016 commenced the Peace Map training with NGO/CSO/CBO’s in Rivers state. The training aimed to build the capacity of Peace Actors on how to use the Peace Map to support their peacebuilding activities. In a way the training aid organizations’ capacity in designing interventions and proposals to mitigate conflict incidence in the Niger Delta. The training had in attendance 20 organizations represented of which 12 were males and 8 females.



## SMS-Based Early Warning Response System

The SMS-Based Early Warning Response System and peace messaging online platform collects, collates and analyze conflict incidents. The Platform enables PREVENT Committee Members and other trained field monitors to send in regular reports that are integrated into monthly trackers along with other data sources. Between April-June, 2016 over 160 incidence report were reported to the IPDU SMS Platform against 223 quarter one which was higher as a result of the re-run elections in the region. These reports comes through the trained conflict monitors and PREVENT Committee members across the region.



## Skills

PIND is committed to building capacities of CSO's/NGO's and Network members in the Niger Delta.

In order to increase the number of conflict monitors in communities across the Niger Delta States, the PIND Peacebuilding Team between the month of April - June, 2016 have trained 151 P4P sub-chapter members in 5 States on the IPDU/P4P Early Warning Early Response reporting platform. The training aim at increasing the number of conflict incidence reported to the platform that would aid to reduce and prevent conflict, with the help of relevant stakeholders' interventions through the P4P/IPDU monthly conflict trackers. This training is continuous in every quarter and will spread across communities in the 9 P4P states. Moving forward P4P members have been empowered with the skills as such they will be supported to extend the trainings to their various local communities.



*P4P SLO training Okitipupa sub-chapter members in Ondo State on the IPDU/P4P Early Warning Early Response reporting platform training.*



*P4P SLO training Asari-Toru sub-chapter members in Rivers State on the IPDU/P4P Early Warning Early Response reporting platform training.*

State	Training	Total Participants	Female	Male
Abia	IPDU/P4P SMS Early Warning Early Response (EWER) reporting Platform training	38	12	26
	Bio-sand Filter training for P4P social entrepreneurs	5	2	3
Akwa Ibom	IPDU/P4P SMS Early Warning Early Response (EWER) reporting Platform training	26	10	16
Bayelsa	P4P membership Database Training	2	1	1
Imo	IPDU/P4P SMS Early Warning Early Response (EWER) reporting Platform training	25	6	19
Ondo	IPDU/P4P SMS Early Warning Early Response (EWER) reporting Platform training	32	5	27
Rivers	IPDU/P4P SMS Early Warning Early Response (EWER) reporting Platform training	30	8	22
	Conflict analysis training for students of University of Port Harcourt's Center for Conflict and Gender Studies (CCGS)	23	16	7
	P4P Peace Map training to peace agents for on the P4P peace map.	19	7	12

### Linkage with Economic Development

PIND Peacebuilding Team in line with building sustainable peace has also instill economic development programs to the P4P Network members in collaboration with PIND's market development unit. Between the month of April-June PIND has trained P4P Network members in Abia State on how to construct, use and market a Bio-sand Filter.

Courtesy of PIND Financial and Technical support Edo State P4P Chapter have established and Economic Demo fish pond for her members.

Also, the PIND business linkage programme have trained 2 P4P members as Business Service Providers (BSPs) to provide business diagnostic and mentoring service to SMEs in Imo state. The charge and average of N30,000 - N60,000 for services rendered.



*Bio-sand Filter Training Participants in Abia State*



*Edo P4P Chapter members feeding their fishes in the Demo Fish Pond as the Network Coordinator Visits*

### P4P Led Partnerships

Partnership is a key to sustainable peace and development. P4P within the month of April - June have established partnerships with different stakeholders committed to promoting peace in the Niger Delta. These partners include security agencies (Nigeria Police, Army, NSCDC, SSS, Boys Scout, Man O war), non-governmental organizations (Nigerian Red Cross), government agencies (National Orientation Agency) and the media. These partnerships are cut across the states within the Niger Delta and its ongoing. Majority of the partners are very much interested in the P4P/IPDU conflict trackers attesting that the information in the trackers are very rich and useful for interventions. However, they also pledged to contribute their quarter to ensure there is quick response to conflict incidences in the region. Adding to that P4P state Chapters have linked partnerships with different structures and organizations across their respective states that support the peacebuilding initiative.



*P4P Network Coordinator Creating Partnership with Nigerian Red Cross*

## NDPSWG

The Niger Delta Peace and Security Working Group (NDPSWG) held two meetings in the month of May, 2016 to discuss and design strategies for effective **Advocacy and Peace Messaging** to curb Cult Menace in Rivers State. Prior to the meeting, the committee which was set to deliberate on the strategies to address the cult menace in Rivers State in their report identified some of the drivers of cultism in the State to include: poor parenting, poverty, crave for wealth, greed, and politicians influence. Some strategies discussed by the committee were face-to-face talks, use of information, education and communication (IEC) materials, radio stations, etc. However, the committee identified catalyst to reach the targeted cultists through the churches, traditional rulers, transformed politicians (former cultists) youth groups, women groups, some respected personalities within their localities and some members of CSO who frequent these areas e.g. P4P network members.

In a very intense and comprehensive format, the mapping process started with identification of victims of cult menace, cult groups, age bracket of members, sex, causes, issues for cult groups violent, influencers/ degree of influence and lastly strategies for advocacy.

### PREVENT Committee Interventions

In the past three months (April-June) the P4P Network has been very active throughout the Niger Delta. State Chapters and PREVENT Committees have carried out 30 new/scaled up peace building interventions. A few to mention are as follows:

#### Abia

The Abia PREVENT Committee intervened in a land boundary dispute between the people of Ariam/Usaka in Ikwuano LGA of Abia State and Obot Akara people of Akwa Ibom State. The conflict is as a result of the land where the Military Barracks is sited. The people of Ariam/Usaka, Ikwuano LGA claim to be the rightful owner of the land since time immemo-

rial, also the Obot Akara people of Akwa Ibom State laid adverse claim and erected a sign post at the entrance of the Barracks which was destroyed by the Obuwgu youths this resulted to the conflict between the two groups. The PREVENT Committee on hearing the story visited the HRH EZE AMBROSE NWAGWU of Ugwuegbu Autonomous Community in the presence of the officer in charge of the Barracks, one MAJOR AKPAN for intervention. According to the Major he said the land belong to the Obugwu people but however admitted the matter was before the Ministry of Defence, Abuja. On that the Eze agreed to instruct his subjects to sheath their swords as a result of the PREVENT Committee intervention.

Also, the PREVENT Committee organized a Town Hall Meeting at Ohafia Local Government inviting all Eze Ogos i.e. Traditional Rulers in Ohafia Local Government Area, the Local Government Council, the Hausa Community, the Christian Association of Nigeria and some Security Agencies. The meeting was centered on the incessant destruction of farm crops by cattles owned and controlled by the Fulani Herdsmen who take refuge inside the Military Barracks where they and their cattle reside. The complaints of the local farmers had long been over looked by government and its agencies. Suspecting that the people may resort to self help if nothing is done fast, the Prevent Committee through one of its member Mba Odo Okereke who is a Traditional Ruler and leader of the Eze Ogos organized the meeting to mediate on the need to broker peace between the Herdsmen and the natives of the land. All the speakers spoke eloquently on the need for peace and harmony and the PREVENT Committee was highly appreciated for their interest in intervening in the matter. The meeting recorded success which a second visit is expected during which the Fulani Herdsmen will be addressed.

#### Bayelsa

The PREVENT Committee intervened in a

conflict between group of revenue collectors in Swali market in Yenagoa. The market union have a group of people who collects revenue on its behalf. The state government also came up with an outfit that equally comes to the market to collect revenue on daily basis. As would have expected, conflict arose between the two revenue collecting bodies. Also in the market was a group of members of the Ijaw Youth Council (IYC) who voluntarily were securing the market from hoodlums. Suddenly, the IYC saw the need to tidy up some unused stalls and toilets and started collecting revenue as well from the marketers. This now brought the number of groups jostling to collect revenue at Swali market to three. One day a fight broke out and saw many members of each group sustaining varying degrees of injuries. The PREVENT Committee on hearing about the fight and injuries met separately with the three groups and spoke with them on the need to work as a team to restore peace in the market. They resolved the market be divided into three sections and each group be placed in-charge of revenue collection this was accepted by the groups and peace was restored in the market.

Secondly, the Bayelsa PREVENT Committee also intervened in a conflict between two Chairmanship candidates of the Ijaw Youth Council (IYC) elections in Ekeowe, Southern Ijaw LGA. It was alleged that the electoral committee that conducted the said election took bribe and declared an unpopular candidate as the winner of the contest to the surprise of the majority of the people of the clan. This led to protests and fights between the supporters of both candidates. The PREVENT Committee on hearing about the incidence pleaded with the aggrieved party to allow the matter rest in the interest of peace, since they are both from the same clan. The supposed loser stated that he would allow the matter rest on the condition that the winner would pledge to support him at the end of his tenure. The both parties were brought together and they all had an agreement which restored peace among them.

## Delta State

Delta State PREVENT Committee on 17th April, 2016 intervened in a conflict between Ogbe-Ijoh community and Aladja community of Udu LGA over a boundary dispute. The both communities struggle over the boundary and ownership a land. They have faced several conflict attacks and counter attacks, with casualties from both sides over issues of toll gate levies and trespass by indigenes of the two communities. The incident according to the Vice president of Aladja Community, said the land in question belongs to the Aladja people, but was giving to the Ogbe-Ijoh people by their fore fathers, as a show of love and hospitality, when they were displaced from their community. The PREVENT Committee met with the Ovie of Aladja community, who was represented by the vice president, he said the Aladja community and youths can no longer condone the continuous attack of Ogbe-Ijoh community against the safety of the Aladja people, that has made them helpless in the situation, with the decision to fight for their right. Pointing that the community is ready for a reprisal attack. The PREVENT Committee, pleaded with leaders of Aladja community and youths not to use violence in resolving conflict: as it would only lead to more destruction and casualties, but should peacefully and diplomatically deal with the situation. Adding that the community should give peace a chance, as they wait and logically accept the result of the decision and terms that would be reached by the committee set up by the government in resolving the issue. The people accepted to stay in peace, however the re is a follow up on the intervention in anticipation of the result on the committee set up by the government.

## Edo State

Edo PREVENT Committee intervened in a conflict between Auchu and Uzairue Communities of Etsako West LGA over a piece of land where the Benin Electricity Distribution Company (BEDC) wanted to install a transformer donated by the Federal Government

for power generation in the area. On the arrival of the transformer, The Auchu traditional rulers donated a portion of land to site the transformer but was opposed by the Uzairue community as they claim the ownership of land, which resulted to the withholding the transformer installation. The PREVENT Committee on 26th May, 2016 advocated to both group traditional rulers to understand the importance of the project for the benefit of community people in relation to economic growth and development for all. Both groups were urged to embrace a peaceful cordial relationship. On the part of the BEDC they said the were only waiting for the both communities to resolved their issues before they come in for the installation. The intervention is on-going, as the committee is still on the issue, working out modalities to facilitate the meeting of both communities.

## Imo State

On Friday, April 15, 2016, the Imo PREVENT Committee had an emergency meeting with the youth leaders of the Awarra Court Area of Ohaji stressing the need for peace over their grievance on the newly constituted members of the Governing Board of the Imo State Oil Producing Development Commission (ISOPADEC). The youths who besieged the gate of the Imo State Government House accused the Government of deliberately marginalizing the Awarra court Area of Ohaji in Ohaji-Egbema L.G.A from the Board. The PREVENT Committee also wrote a letter to the Executive Governor of Imo State, Speaker of the State House of Assembly copying the Commissioner of Police, Director SSS, Commandant NSCDC, Chairman, House Committee on ISOPADEC, and Vice

Chairman, House Committee on ISOPADEC respectively highlighting the potentials of the conflict and advised them to stop the screening of the members of the Governing Board of ISOPADEC as announced pending reconciliation of the different interests. The government yielded to the letter and announced the suspension of the planned screening of the ISOPADEC Board list.

Also, on Sunday June 26, 2016 the Team of Imo Prevent Committee and our facilitators from Awarra Court Area organized a town hall meeting to address Peace Building in Obitti and Obile Autonomous Communities respectively in Ohaji-Egbema L.G.A. The Town Hall meeting was targeted on the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) of Awarra and Ochia indigenes taking refuge in Obitti. The Town Hall meeting was structured to stimulate ideas and contributions from the affected people on the way forward for lasting peace in the conflict affected communities. Also the town hall meeting was used to solicit for support from the community people on the peace building process in Awarra Court Area. The community people expressed happiness in the town hall meeting and promised to give their support to providing lasting peace in Awarra Court Area. Adding to that majority of the community members indicated interest to register as P4P members to actively join in the crusade for peace in Awarra, mediation and reconciliation.



*Imo PREVENT Committee Chairman initiating peace building message during an Advocacy visit to the HRH Eze Andrew of Awarra Autonomous Community*

## Rivers State

The Rivers PREVENT Committee intervened in a planned attack on a settlement in Okrika called Egelebie popularly known as Arab. The settlement has many people from different parts of Nigeria living there including Fulani. The attack was planned following the news that a Boko Haram terrorist was traced and arrested at the place. Some youth of Okrika wanted to attack the Fulani's in the area.. The PREVENT Committee on hearing the wind of the impending attack, quickly called a meeting of all the CDC Chairmen of the four communities that own that settlement. He shared the report with them and they all agreed to talk to the youth of their respective communities and dissuade them from attacking the Fulani's nor anyone living in that

settlement that would trigger series of crises. The youth were discouraged and the planned attack on the Fulani's living in Egelebie settlement in Okrika was averted.

## Success Stories

As a result of improved skills, resources and platforms P4P State Chapters recorded the following successes.

Abia record successes in media and news paper publications on their interventions in Ohafia community as the Community and Fulani herdsmen embrace peace resulting from the PREVENT Committee intervention.

Imo State Chapter established partnership and collaboration with security agencies and other organizations (National Orientation

Agencies, Police, SA to the Governor on Peace and Conflict Resolution Bureau, )

Ondo State P4P chapter established partnership & collaborate with 6 agencies/ organizations and relevant security agencies (The Army, Police, NSCDC, Boys scout, Red cross & Man O war).

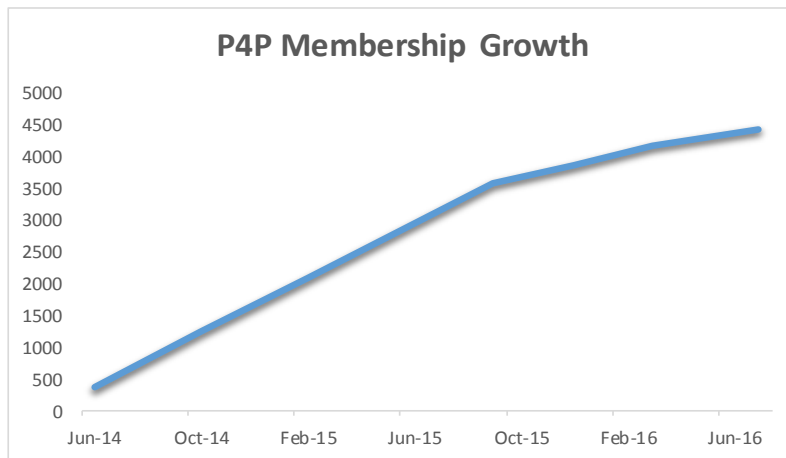
Also the Chapter with support from the PIND/IPDU established 2 peace clubs in 2 schools for peace messaging & activities.

Rivers State Chapter on 30th June, 2016 paid advocacy visit to High Chief Comrade Ateke Tom (JP) as he promises to restore peace back to the state. The visit was part of the effort the Rivers P4P is making to work with stakeholders to forestall peace in Rivers State.



*Rivers P4P Chapter during the advocacy visit to High Chief Comrade Ateke Tom (JP)*

## P4P Membership Growth



P4P Membership growth is on the rise continuously as at March, 2016 the network had reached a total of 4,161 members. However, as at 30th June 2016 the membership increased with additional 270 members making an aggregate of 4431 members of which 38% are females and 62% are males, with a total of 659 organizational members.

### P4P State Chapter Meeting Dates

Each P4P Chapter conducts two sets of monthly meetings as follows below. A member of the Facilitation Team attends each of the meetings to provide possible mentorship and support.

State	General Meeting	Time	Prevent Team Meeting	Time
Abia	3rd Thursday every month	11 am	Last Thursday every month	11 am
Akwa Ibom	3rd Friday every month	4pm	Last Friday every month	4pm
Bayelsa	2nd Tuesday every month	2pm	2nd Monday every month	4pm
Cross River	2nd Friday every month	2pm	1st Thursday every month	2pm
Delta	2nd Tuesday every month	11 am	2nd Tuesday every month	1pm
Edo	Last Friday every month	12pm	Last Friday every month	10am
Imo	3rd Wednesday every month	2pm	3rd Wednesday every month	2pm
Ondo	Last Thursday every month	3pm	Last Thursday every month	1pm
Rivers	1st Tuesday every month	1pm	Last Tuesday every month	1pm

### ICT and Social Media Platforms

Members of the P4P platform interact in a lively social media space. The P4P Facebook Page has 2,152 followers. Each chapter also have their own Facebook Page. P4P's Twitter Page has 562 Followers with over 800 tweets. Data on conflict trends and the locations of peace agents in the Niger Delta) is collated and presented on the Peace Map for better scoping, networking, and analysis.

For more on the P4P Network you can follow us on:

**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/partners4peace>

**Twitter:** [http://twitter.com/P4P\\_NigerDelta](http://twitter.com/P4P_NigerDelta)

**YouTube:** [http://www.youtube.com/user/partners4peace?sub\\_confirmation=1](http://www.youtube.com/user/partners4peace?sub_confirmation=1) tube

**Website:** [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

### Report Incidents: IPDU Early Warning System

**Please report any verified incident of conflict to the IPDU SMS early warning system:**

**Text:** 080 9936 2222

**Incident Details:** Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and Brief Incident Description