



Requests for Proposal: Peacebuilding Projects in Specific Niger Delta States

BACKGROUND

PIND is a Nigerian non-profit Foundation established in 2010 with initial funding by Chevron Corporation to support a portfolio of socio-economic development programs for Nigeria's Niger Delta in order to improve standards of living of communities in the region. PIND supports projects in collaboration with a diverse range of donor partners including bilateral and multi-lateral aid agencies, federal and state government agencies in Nigeria, private companies and foundations. With an overarching goal of increasing income and employment in the region, the Foundation has four distinct but interrelated program areas. They are:

- An **economic development program** focused on generating opportunities for pro-poor market development and employment generation.
- A **capacity building program** that will build the service delivery and engagement capacity of government, civil society and communities.
- A **peace-building program** that strengthens conflict resolution mechanisms for enabling integrated peace and economic growth.
- An **analysis & advocacy program** that improves analysis and understanding of systemic constraints to growth in the Niger Delta region.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

PIND's Peacebuilding Program has as its objectives, the reduction of violence as a key constraint to key constraint to economic growth in the region. The program also operates along two strands; the Integrated Peace and Development Unit and the Partners for Peace Project.

Integrated Peace and Development Unit

One of the components of PIND's Peacebuilding Program is the Integrated Peacebuilding and Development Unit (IPDU). IPDU was developed to build upon and assist current and future PIND projects. PIND's IPDU operates over all nine states in the Niger Delta by providing trainings (and other forms of support) to PIND's Partners for Peace (P4P), CSOs, state and national actors leveraging off networks and other synergies. IPDU consists of three main components;

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- **Research.** The research component serves not only as a clearinghouse both for existing research, but also proactively fills knowledge gaps in response to the needs of partners on the ground.
- **Training and Capacity Building.** This component builds the capacity of those in the conflict management space to include International Oil Companies (IOCs), development practitioners, youth corps, religious and community leaders, security agencies, Ex-militant leaders, government workers, and CBOs/NGOs.
- **Applied Learning.** In response to the needs as identified by the research component and the capacities of our partners as identified by the training and capacity building component, IPDU works with local and international stakeholders to implement pilot projects through innovative activities that show promise of making a difference on the ground

It is the intention of PIND to manage long-term peace building activities that remain relevant and effective. IPDU, as stated previously, is tasked to support the Partners for Peace Network (P4P) by piloting activities, organizing capacity building and other means to ensure overall successes.

Partners for Peace (P4P)

The Partners for Peace Network (P4P) is PIND's strategy towards establishing social infrastructure and capital across all 9 states of the Niger Delta region. P4P is a network of self-identified agents of peace that have deployed the power of grassroots networking towards building peace in the region. Through the instrumentality of conflict analysis and early warning, P4P identifies, and supports existing initiatives, and creates new ones to address the conflict risk factors.

P4P fosters collaboration around the idea of peacebuilding across various stakeholder groups in the Niger Delta through the cultivation of networks. These networks are then leveraged for specific peacebuilding and conflict mitigation initiatives. P4P seeks to identify, establish, and strengthen grass roots conflict resolution initiatives within the Niger Delta region to promote a more enabling, integrated, and peaceable environment conducive for economic growth and development.

Since 2013, the P4P has taken the lead in establishing grassroots led community initiatives in order to contribute to the reduction of violence as a key constraint to economic growth in the Niger Delta. In addition, the P4P provides a platform for coordination, collaboration and information sharing among local peacebuilding actors as they move beyond discussing the need for peace to actual engagement in peacebuilding activities.

Over the past Four years, PIND has catalyzed the Partners for Peace Network (P4P) across the Niger Delta to a network of over 5,000 peace agents linked together for conflict early warning, prevention, and management. To support the Network as well as provide information for early warning and response, PIND has built a web platform called the P4P Peace Map for the integration

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and visualization of tens of thousands of data points which are collated monthly in support of P4P's conflict prevention efforts and peace building activities.

To date, PIND has collected and collated data from multiple sources on the emerging dynamics in the Niger Delta Region. It is PIND's intention to highlight the ever changing conflict landscape in the region with the intention of improving the understanding of stakeholders and other actors regarding those dynamics. Furthermore, PIND also intends to influence through the collection and collation of data the response of Civil Society Organizations and other Peace and Security actors in the region towards addressing those dynamics.

It is as a result of the foregoing, that PIND hereby requests for proposals under its small grants project, from Civil Society Organizations operating in the Niger Delta for projects aimed at responding to emerging dynamics identified by the Integrated Peace and Development Unit (IPDU) Early Warning and Early Response (EWER) system.

PURPOSE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The objectives of this program would be as follows:

1. Build on the gains of the PIND's Peacebuilding work to proactively address the deeper drivers of conflict across the Niger Delta region.
2. Improve on the alignment of interventions with the key risks and vulnerabilities identified in the IPDU EWER system.
3. Use the experience of these projects to also improve the capacity of P4P chapters in addressing conflict at a deeper, more structural level.

Approach

Data-Driven: As with everything PIND's peacebuilding project does, the approach to the small grants program is data-driven, such that it flows directly from the existing early warning infrastructure. This early warning infrastructure collects and triangulates data on the Peace Map from the IPDU's SMS system, Community Initiative for Enhanced Peace and Development's (CIEPD) crowd sourcing, the Violence Against Women and Girls' (VAWG) observatories, Nigeria Watch, Armed Conflict Location and Event Data (ACLED) and other sources. These data are consolidated monthly and quarterly in the form of trackers and briefs which are delivered to a broad range of stakeholders across the region, including the P4P chapters.

The projects funded through the small grants program will be the ones that respond directly to the identified issues and concerns highlighted in these products.

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Deep Impact: Although the grants targets real-time salient dynamics as identified in the early warning products, the projects must be designed in such a way as to begin to address the deeper drivers of those conflict dynamics, rather than simply managing current escalation.

Capacity Building for P4P Chapters: Before and after implementation of the interventions, grantees will brief the P4P Chapters so as to share best practices and lessons learned. Extra consideration will be given to proposals that include P4P in the design and implementation of the intervention itself. This way the Network will increase in its effectiveness going forward as a result of this program.

Key areas of focus identified in the IPDU EWER system over the last 12 months are as follows;

- Communal conflicts
- Farmer and Herder conflicts
- Cultism/Gang violence

Proposals should focus on interventions to either mitigate, prevent or address the issues identified above at the community or Local Government level in the following states;

- Bayelsa
- Cross River State
- Delta State and
- Rivers State

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. Address the deeper drivers of conflict across the Niger Delta region.
2. Reduce violence in key hotspot areas in the region
3. Address emerging conflict issues from the IPDU EWER system

DURATION

It is expected that project proposals cover a maximum period of 12 months from the date of signing of the contract whichever comes later.

COSTS

Project costs should not exceed N4m. Project costs should amount to more than 70% of the total budget. PIND will disregard budgets bloated with operational costs.

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QUALIFICATIONS

Civil Society Organizations operating in any of the Nine Niger Delta States are encouraged to apply. Regard will be given to organizations that have a record of implementing peacebuilding projects in the region.

HOW TO APPLY

Technical proposals including a detailed monitoring and evaluation plan and budgets should be emailed to procurement@pindfoundation.org with the subject heading 'Peacebuilding Proposal' along with the following mandatory item/supporting documents not later than April 30 2018 by 11:59 WAT.

Mandatory Required items from vendors/consultants who intends to bid any work or service in PIND

1. Certificate of Business Registration
2. Profile of organization and Résumé of key project staff
3. Most Recent Tax Clearance Certificate
4. Tax Identification Number
5. Full physical contact address
6. Bank Reference Letter
7. Bank details as follows:
 - I. Name of Account
 - II. Account Number
 - III. Name of Bank
 - IV. Address of Bank

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