

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Delta State: April-May 2019

### Background

This monthly tracker is designed to update Peace Agents on patterns and trends in conflict risk and violence, as identified by the Integrated Peace and Development Unit (IPDU) early warning system, and to seek feedback and input for response to mitigate areas of conflict.

### Patterns and Trends February-April 2019

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 2), Delta was the second most violent state in the Niger Delta during this period. Reported incidents during the period included communal conflict, political violence, criminality, cult violence, and Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG).

**Communal Conflict:** In April, three farmers were reportedly killed by herdsmen in Owah-Abbi village, Ukwuani LGA. Separately, herdsmen reportedly killed four people including a man, his wife and daughter, in Abraka, Ethiope East LGA. In another incident, a youth was reportedly killed during a clash over a leadership tussle between rival youth groups in Erhioke community, Ethiope East LGA.

**Violent Criminality:** In March, four robbers were reportedly killed during a gun duel with the police in Isiokolo community, Ethiope East LGA. Separately, a man and his son were reportedly killed and buried by suspected assassins in Erhiephihor community, Udu LGA. In April, two robbers were reportedly killed by vigilantes in Okpara Inland, Ethiope East LGA. Separately, two robbers were killed by the police at Eket Waterside, Udu LGA. In another incident, bandits reportedly attacked a policeman at a

security checkpoint and made away with his weapon in Asaba. Separately, four travelers were reportedly abducted by gunmen in Okurekpo community, Ethiope East LGA.

**Political Violence:** In March, thugs reportedly attacked a voting center, killed two voters and took away voting materials in Oghara community, Ethiope West LGA. Separately, gunmen reportedly killed a man at a voting center in Ughelli South LGA.

**Others:** In April, a member of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) was reportedly killed during a clash with the police in Asaba, the state capital. A landlord was reportedly stabbed to death by the son of his tenant in Asaba, Oshimili North LGA.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, May 2019

Reported incidents during the month related mainly to communal violence, criminality, cult violence, and protests.

**Criminality:** During the month, a vigilante group reportedly killed three kidnapping suspects during a gun duel and rescued two victims in Kokori, Ethiope East LGA. Separately, some herdsmen reportedly shot a man and abducted his wife in Ubulu-Uku, Aniocha South LGA. In another incident, a polytechnic lecturer was reportedly shot dead at a drinking spot in Ogwashi-Ukwu, Aniocha South LGA.

**Communal Violence:** Two people were reportedly killed during a clash between two families over the sharing of benefits from a planned exploration of crude oil in Aboh community, Ndokwa East LGA. Separately, herdsmen reportedly killed a prominent community leader in Ubulu-Uku, Aniocha South LGA.

**Cult Violence:** Four persons were reportedly killed during a clash between members of two rival cult groups in Asaba, Oshimili South LGA.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Delta State

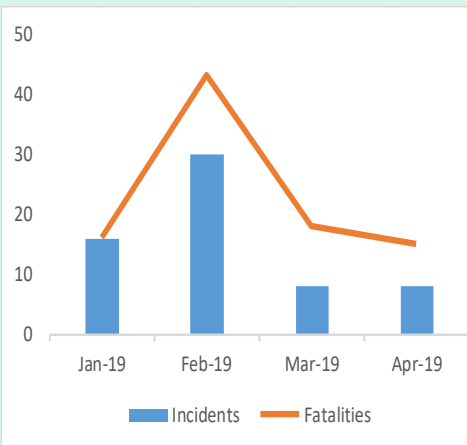
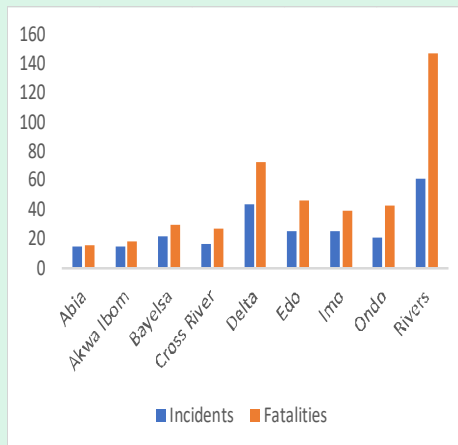


Figure 2: Incidents and Fatalities, Niger Delta (January - April 2019)



Reported incidents and fatalities from January – April 2019 in Delta State and regional trends.

Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted on the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org).

**Sexual Violence:** A 42-year old man was reportedly caught raping his 16-year old step-daughter in Sapele LGA. The suspect allegedly have been raping the victim for the past eight years.

**Protests:** There was a protest against an international oil company over community development in Ugborodo, Warri South-West LGA. Separately, a community threatened to shut down the operations of an oil company over issues relating to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in Eruemukokwarien, Ughelli North LGA. In another incident, women besieged an oil flow station belonging to an international oil company in protest over issues relating to employment for the locals in Irri community, Isoko South LGA. Also, a community threatened to shut down the operations of an oil company over the provision of electricity in Kokodiagbene, Warri South-West LGA.

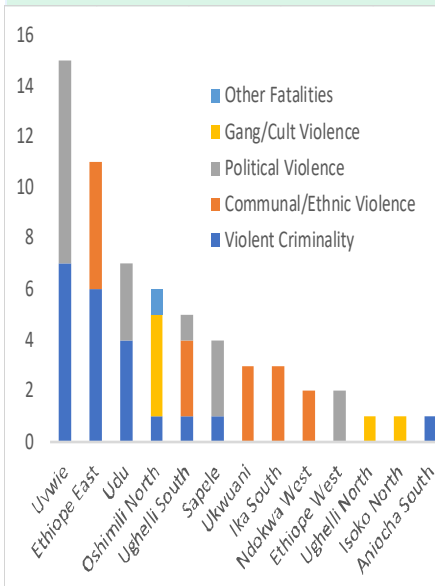
## Prognosis

Conflict risk and lethal violence in Delta state during this period were driven mainly by communal conflict, political violence, criminality, cult violence, protests, sexual violence, and other Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG). Peace Agents should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

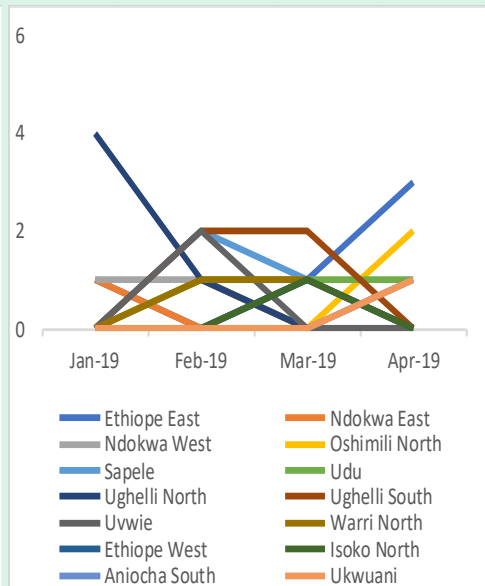
## Questions for Peace Agents

1. Is anything missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue suggested by, or missing from this tracker, is a priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely trigger events in the next 6 months that could escalate this conflict?
4. Who are the key stakeholders that have influence on the conflict?
5. What will you do to help mitigate the conflict in the short, medium, and long term?

**Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (February - April 2019)**

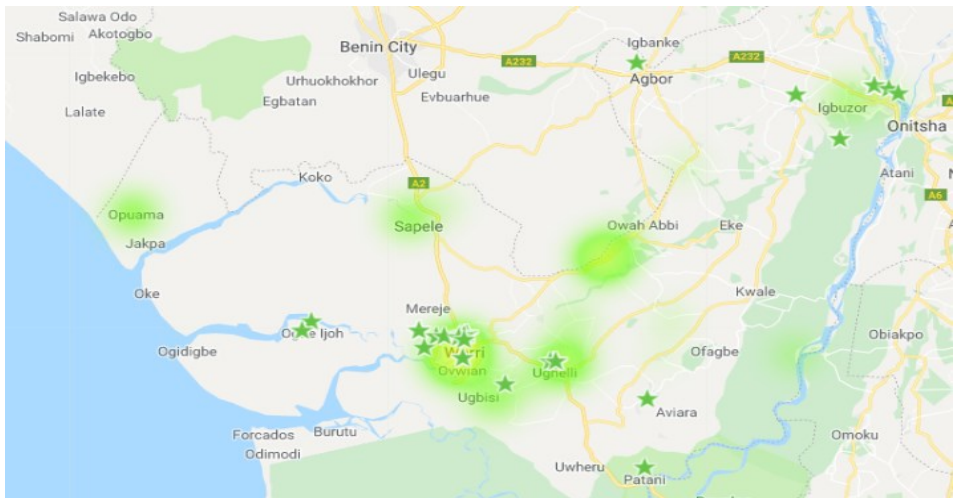


**Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA), in Delta State this quarter show that Uvwie, followed by Ethiope East, had the most reported lethal violence during the period. Sources (Figure 3): ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map. Source (Figure 4): Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace. Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

**Figure 5: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Delta State**



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from February – April 2019 in Delta; with green stars representing the registered Peace Agents. Source: All data sources formatted for the P4P Peace Map [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

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