

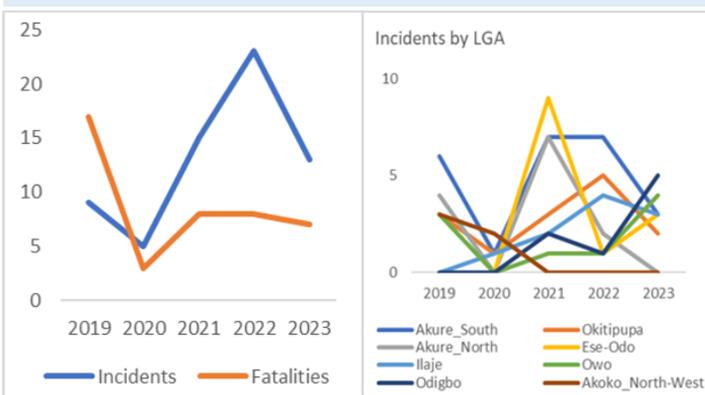
Niger Delta Weekly: Mitigating Violence Against Women and Girls in Ondo State

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Background

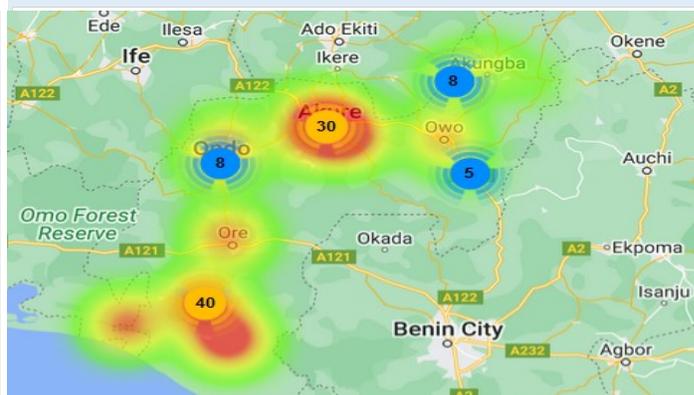
This edition of the weekly update spotlights gender-based violence (GBV) in the Niger Delta with a focus on violence against women and girls (VAWG) in Ondo State. VAWG is a major threat to peace and human security in Ondo State. According to data (see map below), more than 80 incidents of VAWG and over 35 related fatalities were reported in the State between January 2021 and December 2023. Recent data shows an increase in reported incidents of violence against women and girls including sexual violation, domestic violence and targeted killing. In January 2024, for instance, a 55-year-old woman was allegedly raped and killed by a 35-year-old man in Ilere community, Akure South LGA. In February, a 20-year-old female student was reportedly killed by a 21-year-old male student during a disagreement in Akungba-Akoko community, Akoko South-West LGA. More recently, on February 09, 2024, a popular businessman allegedly macheted his wife to death during a disagreement over a private matter at their residence in Alagbaka community in Akure the Ondo State capital. The man reportedly later committed suicide.

Key Facts: Trends and Geographical Spread of Violence Against Women and Girls in Ondo State



Data shows that Akure South and Ese Odo LGAs had the highest number of reported incidents of VAWG in the State. Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Incidents Heat Map of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) in Ondo State, Nigeria



Heat Map shows geographical concentration of incidents of violence against women and girls in Ondo State from January 2021- December 2023. Sources: All data sources formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Why it Matters

The prevalence of violence against women and girls is a serious threat to public health, communal stability, socio-economic development and human security in the State. If not mitigated, the situation could intensify in ways that could reinforce harmful cultural beliefs and practices that could further undermine the human rights, health and safety of women and girls. Moreover, when VAWG is overlooked, it could embolden perpetrators to commit more violence and this can engender a general feeling of injustice in the society.

Anticipated Trends and Dynamics

Violence against women and girls is a major threat to economic development and human security in the State. Stakeholders should collaborate with the relevant government and non-governmental agencies to address the underlying drivers and develop appropriate remedial, punitive and preventive measures, including awareness raising to transform attitudes and behaviors that condone VAWG. Awareness raising and engagement of traditional institutions and civil society organizations could help mitigate VAWG in the State.

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