

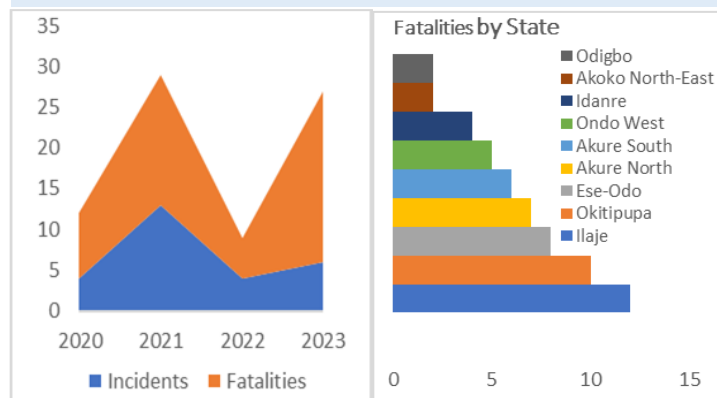
Niger Delta Weekly: Mitigating the Impact of Disasters on Human Security in Ondo State

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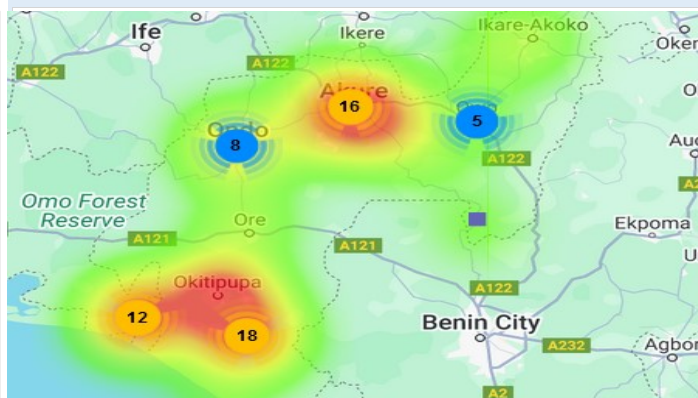
This special edition of the weekly update spotlights natural disasters in the Niger Delta with a focus on flooding and ocean surge in Ondo State. Many communities in Ondo State are predisposed to recurrent water-related disasters, including flooding and ocean surge, because of the low topography, especially in coastal and riverine areas. According to data (see map below), natural disasters caused over 50 fatalities in Ondo State between January 2020 and June 2024. Recent data shows that water-related disasters are becoming more frequent and devastating in the State. The Nigeria Meteorological Agency (NiMET) had predicted that six local government areas (LGAs) in Ondo State will experience ocean surge and flooding this year. In May 2024, over 5,000 residents were reportedly displaced from their homes as a result of flooding caused by ocean surge in Ayetoro community, Ilaje LGA. Recently, on October 04, 2024, over 1,000 homes and 25 schools were submerged and more than 7,000 people were rendered homeless as a result of flooding caused by heavy rainfall in different communities in Ondo West LGA.

Key Facts and Figures: Trends and Patterns of Natural Disasters in Ondo State



Data shows that Ilaje LGA had the highest number of fatalities caused by natural disasters in Ondo State during the period. Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted on PIND's P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Fatalities Heat Map of Natural Disasters in Ondo State, Nigeria



Heat Map shows the geographical concentration of reported fatalities caused by disasters in Ondo State from January 2020 - June 2024. Sources: All data sources formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Why it Matters

Flooding and other water-related disasters are becoming more frequent and severe in Ondo and other States in the Niger Delta due to changes in rainfall patterns and rising sea levels. If not mitigated, the situation could get worse, especially against the backdrop of increasing climate variability. This could cause far-reaching socio-economic and security consequences, including disruption of livelihoods, outbreak of waterborne diseases, and internal displacement. This could negatively affect the dynamics of conflict and insecurity in the State.

Anticipated Trends and Dynamics

Based on recent trends, flooding and other water-related disasters could intensify, undermining human security in the State, especially against the backdrop of global warming and climate change. Stakeholders should collaborate with the relevant government agencies to devise strategies to mitigate the situation, including construction of coastal embankment and flood shelters. Stakeholders should also raise public awareness of the situation including dissemination of early warning alerts and training on emergency preparedness.

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