

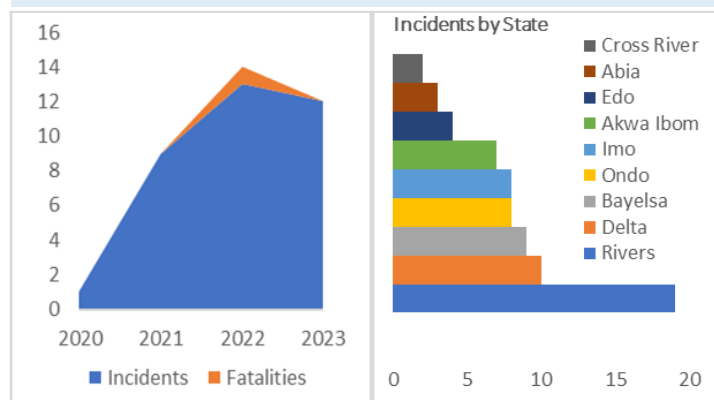
Niger Delta Weekly: Preventing and Mitigating Child Trafficking in Delta State

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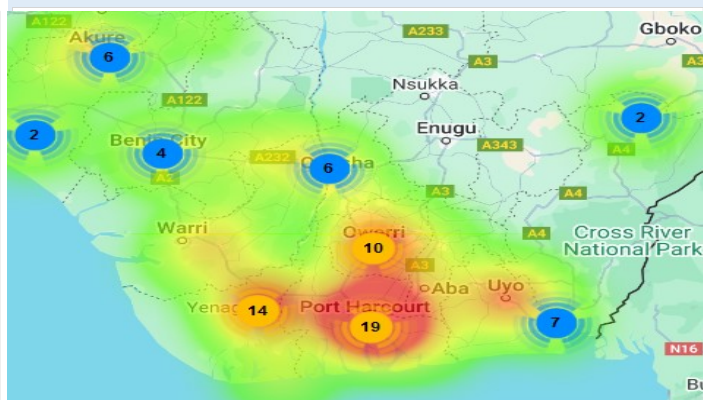
This special edition of the weekly update highlights the issue of human trafficking in the Niger Delta, specifically focusing on the alarming trend of child trafficking for illegal adoption and sexual exploitation in Delta State. Data from January 2020 to September 2024 reveal over 60 reported child trafficking incidents in the Niger Delta, with 14% occurring in Delta State. Recent cases point to a resurgence of trafficking activities in Delta State. In July 2024, police reportedly rescued 23 trafficked teenagers and arrested 35 suspects involved in a trafficking operation at a hotel along Ughelli/Patani Road, Ughelli South LGA. In October, two women were allegedly arrested in Ekpan community, Uvwie LGA, while attempting to sell a three-day-old baby for two million naira. In a separate incident that same month, a woman reportedly sold her 15-year-old daughter to a suspected sex trafficker in a hotel in Owase community, Udu LGA. Most recently, on November 13, 2024, a woman was allegedly arrested in Agbor, Ika South LGA, while attempting to sell a young boy, who had been kidnapped while running an errand for his parents.

Key Facts and Figures: Trends and Dynamics of Child Trafficking in the Niger Delta of Nigeria



Data shows that Rivers and Delta States recorded the highest child trafficking incidents in the Niger Delta from January 2020 to September 2024, with Delta accounting for 14% of reported cases. Sources: www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Incidents Heat Map of Child Trafficking in the Niger Delta of Nigeria



Heat Map shows concentration of reported incidents of child trafficking in the Niger Delta from January 2020 – September 2024. Sources: All data sources formatted on PIND's P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Why it Matters

The current trend of child trafficking in Delta State is disturbing, particularly the sale of children for illegal adoption and the trafficking of underage girls for sexual exploitation. This trend has the potential to evolve into a thriving black market for human trafficking, which could further sustain trafficking networks at regional, national, and international levels. Such developments could have severe psychosocial and health impacts on victims and lead to socio-economic, political, and security repercussions at the state and regional levels.

Anticipated Trends and Dynamics

The growing trend of child trafficking in Delta State poses a serious threat to the safety and well-being of vulnerable children. To tackle this crisis, stakeholders, including civil society organizations and law enforcement agencies must collaborate to identify the underlying drivers and implement preventive and remedial measures. Key priorities include prosecuting traffickers, raising public awareness of trafficking indicators, and countering the demand for babies for illegal adoption and the exploitation of underage girls in the State.

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Incident Details: Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and brief incident description.



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