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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **NIDPRODEV develops new programme areas.**
- **Gender Sensitization Training prompts commitments to women's participation in decision making.**
- **GMoU continues to foster development in communities.**

## NIDPRODEV HOSTS STAKEHOLDER'S POLICY DIALOGUE

Underdevelopment in the Niger Delta is partially attributed to a lack of consistent and meaningful engagement between politicians and the communities they are elected to serve.

NIDPRODEV's in-house assessments demonstrate that the majority of elected representatives only visit their constituents during election campaigns to solicit votes. These issues have resulted in a series of abandoned and substandard development projects, and numerous projects that do not reflect the needs of the community.

To bridge this communication gap, and strengthen the relationship between communities and elected officials, NIDPRODEV, with support from

Oxfam Novib, hosted two Stakeholder Policy Dialogues as part of its Livelihoods and Governance Program (ONLAG). The dialogues were held in Yenagoa Local Government Area (LGA), Bayelsa State and Isoko South LGA, Delta State on 27 and 28 July 2011 respectively. The dialogues attracted Local Government representatives, Traditional Rulers, Community Leaders, and community members. Community members voiced their community development needs and concerns, and government representatives were given an opportunity to describe the role of local government as it relates to the community. Representatives at both dialogues stated that local government is "the grassroots gov-

ernment" as it is the closest government arm to the community. The interaction resulted in a communiqué which outlined specific steps to be taken by the community and government toward enhanced engagement. The communiqué will be signed



by community leaders and distributed to government officials.

*Participants from Isoko South Stakeholder's Dialogue. 28 July 2011.*

## ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS

In December 2010, NIDPRODEV held a Training Workshop on the Voluntary Principles (VP) on Security and Human Rights for the Government Security Forces, Outsourcing Services Limited and Chevron Nigeria Ltd. (CNL) Security Personnel. With growing pressure being placed on multinational corporations to adhere to international human

rights standards in host countries. NIDPRODEV proposed that CNL extend its VP training for the Pipeline and Facilities Surveillance team to all security organs and agencies within the company. As a result, 166 participants were trained on VP's, human rights standards, leadership and conflict management. The training was facilitated, in

part, by NIDPRODEV Executive Director Joel Bisina. As a result of NIDPRODEV's intervention, CNL's Security Services Division developed a 10-point Code of Conduct on Human Rights for all security personnel. NIDPRODEV will continue to play a key role in CNL's advancement of security and human rights.

**A NEW VISION: NIDPRODEV'S STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT**

In an effort to reposition the organization and reconstruct existing operative modalities, NIDPRODEV staff participated in a four-day Strategic Planning Retreat from 20 June to 23 June 2011. The retreat was facilitated by John Onyeukwu, Senior Civil Society Specialist of PACT-Nigeria.

The retreat allowed staff and management an opportunity to consolidate past achieve-

ments with future goals to take NIDPRODEV to the highest level of professionalism, creativity, excellence, and sustainability.

Through the retreat NIDPRODEV modified its mission, vision and core thematic areas. The new vision reads: "NIDPRODEV envisions a world in which the principles of democracy and human rights guide the visions and actions of governance in

heightening peace and development."

This shift was done in an effort to reposition the organization to address Community Development, Democracy and Governance and Human Security in the Niger Delta and globally through programming, research, policy formulation and analysis and participation in national, regional and international networks and institutions.



*NIDPRODEV Staff at Strategic Planning Retreat.*

**MEDIUM, SMALL AND MICRO ENTERPRISE ASSESMENT**

From January to March 2011, NIDPRODEV carried out an assessment of medium, small and micro enterprises (MSME) in Warri and Environ. The assessment was funded by the Foundation for Partnership Initiatives in the Niger Delta (PIND). The goal of the assessment was to provide PIND with a basic understanding of several Business Development Service markets to enable it to (1) select

services that are in high demand and have the best potential to grow and (2) identify common opportunities and constraints in the MSME market. Three NIDPRODEV Programme Officers participated in the assessments. The Programme Officers selected business associations to assess based on information gathered through meetings with the President of the Warri Chamber of

Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture. Programme Officers conducted focus group interviews with members of the selected business associations and Chairmen of the business association. The study contributed to a greater understanding of the key non-oil related businesses in the Warri area and uncovered potential for MSME growth through support.

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**GENDER SENSITIZATION TRAINING**

On 7 July 2011, NIDPRODEV, in conjunction with Media Information and Narrative Development (MIND), facilitated Gender Sensitization trainings in 10 communities in Isoko South and Yenogoa LGA's. The trainings are a component of NIDPRODEV's Livelihoods and Good Governance Programme (ONLAG)

funded by Oxfam Novib. Theater for Development was incorporated to illustrate the problem of lack of women's participation in decision making. The dramas served as a precursor to a Town Hall meeting on gender, with over 1,000 participants including community leaders. The meeting allowed participants

to analyze the lack of female participation in governance. The training resulted in verbal commitments by several community leaders to designate positions for women in community decision making structures. Following the training women met informally to develop a plan of action.



*Theater for Development drama on women's participation in community decision making.*

### GMoU HIGHLIGHTS

In 2006 the Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) introduced the Global Memorandum of Understanding (GMoU) as a tool to better engage with the communities where they operate. This is accomplished through increased transparency, accountability and greater communication and engagement with communities. NIDPRODEV acts as a liaison between SPDC and the com-

munity clusters to ensure that the conditions of the GMoU are being met. There has been significant progress in the GMoU process. The July 2011 Iduwini Development Foundation GMoU update presentations provided summaries of SPDC sponsored projects in the various clusters, both completed and ongoing. Currently there are 62 completed and 29 ongoing projects. It was also high-

lighted that Agro based skills acquisition trainings were provided to 60 youth in May. The Nembe City Development Foundation (NCDF) reported that they attracted funding from PACT-Nigeria and USAID, accomplished through proposal development assistance from NIDPRODEV. Additionally, NCDF was awarded 14 new projects from SPDC.



Commissioning of Civic Centre in Ahgoro I&II, Iduwini.

### CITIZENS REPORT CARD

Corruption remains endemic throughout Nigeria. It stifles development, breeds insecurity and fosters mistrust.

To address these issues and promote community development, good governance and human security, NIDPRODEV created a tool to educate community members and strengthen government transparency and accountability in the Niger Delta.

In 2010, NIDPRODEV launched a landmark government accountability tool, the Niger Delta Citizen Report Card (CRC). This EU funded project assessed government performance in the areas of public services (health, education, public electricity, drinking water and sewage), transparency and accountability and infrastructure development. The project assessed 120 communities in 3

geopolitical zones of Nigeria Southeast, Southwest and South-South. This publication is the first ever citizen report card in the Niger Delta.

The project revealed that government has failed to prioritize and implement projects in the Niger Delta. The report uncovered 287 abandoned projects. While disturbing, these findings have resulted in the successful reengagement of contractors on previously abandoned projects in Abia State, Ondo State and Imo State. Three successful regional conferences were held on the CRC, bringing together government officials, community members and oil companies to stimulate national dialogue and cohesion and to guide pro poor development initiatives.

The CRC is a tremendous

step in advancing human development through good governance. This project has garnered significant media attention and accolades from local and international development partners and national policy makers. NIDPRODEV has also been approached by CSO's in Northern Nigeria to assist them in replicating the CRC process in their communities.

NIDPRODEV is currently in the final evaluation stage of the project. Future looking, NIDPRODEV is seeking to assist the 120 communities in advocacy and lobbying on the issues uncovered and to administer assessments in 3 new states outside of the Niger Delta region.

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Participants at the Akure Conference on the sharing of the findings of the Niger Delta CRC

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NIDPRODEV/LCPIT is a Nigerian non-profit organization founded in 1999. It currently operates in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria on the thematic areas of Community Development, Democracy and Governance and Human Security. It produces programming, conducts research and development and engages in networking and collaboration at the national, regional and international levels. NIDPRODEV as an organisation continues to reinvent itself, retooling and repositioning itself to enable it to deliver high impact projects.

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### **NIDPRODEV STAFF HIGHLIGHTS**

NIDPRODEV welcomed 2 new staff members in June 2011. Mr. Jerry Nwigwe was recruited as the Senior Programme Manager. His responsibilities include overseeing and supporting the activities of all Programme Staff. He is also responsible for programme development through securing funding. Mr. Nwigwe holds an M.Sc in International Community Economic Development.

Ms. Ramatolie Saho was recruited as the Development Communications Specialist. Her responsibilities include identifying and analyzing the

communication needs of various stakeholders, the creation, collation and assembly of various communication materials for projects and activities directed at internal and external audiences. Ms. Saho holds an M.S in Global Affairs from New York University.

NIDPRODEV Programme Officer Arinze Ojukwu recently participated in a PIND Foundation sponsored training on the value chain approach to economic development. This four day training allowed participants to gain an understanding of the Value Chain ap-

proach to development in emerging markets and to determine the level of potential in the sectors. Mr. Ojukwu was trained to conduct value chain analyses in economic sectors. Following the training he was assigned to Fisheries Value Chain. He engaged actors in the value chain, including the Department of Fisheries in the Ministry of Agriculture, toward producing a quantitative analysis of the sector. The final report will be submitted to PIND.

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

- **NIDPRODEV seeks to expand its Citizen Report Card to 3 geopolitical zones of Northern Nigeria.**
- **Oxfam Novib funded Livelihood and Governance Programme to close in September 2011. NIDPRODEV seeks to expand this project to 20 new communities.**
- **NIDPRODEV to oversee the commissioning of 3 development projects in Bassan West as part of the GMoU with SPDC.**