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Welcome to the latest edition of the Partners for peace in the Niger Delta Newsletter!



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We are thrilled to bring you the latest edition of our quarterly publication, providing you with updates on the latest developments and activities within our Network. This quarter, we've seen our Network come together for enriching general meetings and essential trainings. Financial secretaries from all nine states honed their skills, while peace club coordinators received the tools, they need to foster harmony and achieve impact in secondary schools.

Excitingly, intervention funds reached all nine states, driving meaningful change. As we concluded the phase on August 31, 2023, we celebrate the impact achieved through unity and vision.

This edition of the newsletter encapsulates not just achievements, but the spirit that propels us ever forward. Within these pages, stories are etched – stories of empowerment, stories of change. As we navigate toward a future harmonized by understanding and cooperation, let's draw inspiration from these narratives.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our funder, Partnership Initiative in the Niger Delta PIND, our valued network members, for being the cornerstone of this journey. Every ounce of dedication and passion you contribute fuels the momentum of our collective goal of peacebuilding. Thank you for being an essential part of this journey. Together, we continue to build a harmonious future.



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@2023 P4P General meeting



CHRONICLES OF UNITY AND INNOVATION: THE P4P NETWORK'S TRANSFORMATIVE GATHERING AT BOPHILL HOTEL, WARRI DELTA STATE.

Nestled in the heart of the enchanting city of Warri, our P4P Network on July 13th and 14th, embarked on a two-day odyssey that left an indelible mark on our collective mission for peace. The occasion? The General meeting at the prestigious Bophill Hotel, a gathering that brought together state coordinators, secretaries, CWC members and program officers of the network.

The event commenced with a warm welcome from our esteemed National Coordinator, High Chief Akomolafe Pius. His words, both inspiring and insightful, set the tone for a truly momentous gathering. High Chief Akomolafe eloquently elucidated the objectives of our meeting, which were succinctly framed around three pillars. Assessing the Journey So Far, Charting a New Way Forward, and Proposals for the Next Intervention.



Amidst the eager faces and bustling conversations, a distinguished figure graced our midst. Dr. David Udofia, PIND's Peacebuilding Manager, brought his wisdom and experience to the fore. With an air of humility, he took the stage to share insights on the transformative power of volunteering.

Chief Lawal Africas, our esteemed Network Coordinator, stepped forward. His presence exuded charisma, and his words carried the weight of authority and inspiration.

"Resource mobilization," he declared, "is not just a necessity; it's an opportunity. It's the bridge that connects our aspirations to the means to achieve them." Chief Africas ignited a fire within us, urging us to tap into the vast realm of possibilities for resource mobilization.

Throughout the meeting, the diversity of voices, experiences, and ideas was not only celebrated but leveraged to foster innovative solutions. Interactive sessions, panel discussions, and presentations facilitated a dynamic exchange of insights and experiences.

Our general meeting not only solidified our commitment to peacebuilding but also underscored the strength of our collective endeavor. It was evident that every member present was driven by the common vision of a peaceful Niger Delta.

As we departed from Warri with hearts brimming with hope and minds illuminated with new ideas, we stand at the threshold of transformation. The next steps saw us implementing interventions at the four levels of P4P interventions.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all who made this event a triumph.

The P4P Network remains committed to making a difference, one step at a time.

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P4P NETWORK'S DYNAMIC Q3 TRAINING SERIES

The third quarter of 2023 marked a flourishing chapter in the story of the Partners for Peace (P4P) Network. Over the course of the quarter, we embarked on a transformative journey of learning and growth through a series of impactful training sessions.



FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TRAINING (AUGUST 3–4)

As August dawned, the focus shifted to financial stewardship. On August 3rd and 4th, our financial secretaries from the nine states, along with CWC members and program officers, came together to refine their financial management acumen. Attendees gained expertise in proper financial management, budget drafting, and retirement planning. Seventeen persons benefited. This training ensures the prudent management of our resources, aligning our financial practices with our mission for a peaceful Niger Delta.



EMPOWERING PEACE CLUB COORDINATORS (AUGUST 21–23)

Towards the end of August, our peace club coordinators from across all nine states gathered for a specialized training session. This comprehensive program, held from August 21st to 23rd, introduced the coordinators to the new generic module for operating peace clubs. Facilitated by experienced P4P program officers, this training empowers our coordinators to instill the values of peace and understanding in secondary school students of the Niger Delta, fortifying our commitment to a harmonious future.

As we move forward, the knowledge gained from these training sessions will serve as the cornerstone of our endeavors. The P4P Network remains dedicated to equipping our members with the tools they need to make a lasting impact on peace in the region. Together, we continue to build a brighter future for the Niger Delta.

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION TRAINING (JULY 31–AUGUST 2)

In late July and early August, our Central Working Committee (CWC) members and program officers gathered to bolster their skills in resource mobilization. 12 persons benefited from the training. This training, held from July 31st to August 2nd, was a pivotal moment as it equipped attendees with the tools and insights needed for grant seeking and proposal writing. It's a testament to our commitment to sustainable peacebuilding, ensuring we have the means to turn our vision into reality.



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P4P NETWORK JOINS GLOBAL PEACEBUILDING FORCES

In an extraordinary milestone, the Partners for Peace (P4P) Network was inaugurated as a distinguished member of the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) in Nigeria on August 1st. The grand event, held in the capital city of Abuja, was a resounding celebration of our unwavering commitment to peacebuilding.

Representing P4P with grace and dedication, Faith Etukudo stood as the embodiment of our network's spirit. His presence at this momentous gathering, which drew like-minded organizations under the banner of peacebuilding, echoed our shared theme of fostering harmony.



P4P network Faith Etukudo @ the GPPAC Inauguration

As we embark on this new chapter within the global peacebuilding community, P4P remains steadfast in its mission to shape a peaceful future for the Niger Delta and beyond. Together, we stride forward, fortified by the alliance with GPPAC and driven by the common purpose of promoting peace worldwide.

P4P ONDO STATE CHAPTER IGNITES HOPE WITH "ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOOD" INITIATIVE

Greetings from the vibrant P4P Ondo State Chapter, We are thrilled to share the remarkable impact of our latest intervention titled "Alternative Livelihood for Twenty-Five Youths through Skill Acquisition in Ilaje LGA." This transformative training took place at the Deep-Sea Hotel in Igbokoda, Ilaje Local Government Area.

Our mission to promote peace in Ondo state isn't confined to mere words; it's about equipping our youths with the skills and knowledge they need to become effective peacebuilders. To this end, 25 exceptional individuals were carefully selected as beneficiaries. Their journey towards empowerment began with training on early warning responses to conflict and conflict mitigation strategies.

But that's not all; we enlightened them on the principle of volunteerism and unveiled the IPDU SMS platform, a powerful tool for reporting incidents of violence within their community. During the training, they had hands-on experience with the platform, ensuring they're well-prepared to be proactive peace actors.

A special shoutout to IMADE Foundation from Lagos for their stellar demonstration and training sessions. They awakened the creative spirits within our participants, teaching them how beautiful tie-and-dye clothes and design footwear.

These newfound skills aren't just a source of pride; they're opportunities for income generation. 25 of them were giving a start-up pack to enable them establish themselves.

Participants have been equipped with skill set and they are already generating money from it. Skill set contained; different chemicals for coloring, T-shirts, Footwears and footwear making accessories.

In the P4P Ondo State Chapter, we believe that sustainable peace is nurtured through knowledge, skill, and opportunity. With every training and every empowering session, we're sowing the seeds of lasting harmony.

Ondo Prevent Team was not left out in this quarter's intervention. We are elated to share the remarkable impact of our Prevent Team's latest intervention, titled "Mitigating Herder-Farmer Clashes and Criminal Violence in Owo & Ose LGAs."

This vital intervention unfolded at Owo and Ose Local Government Areas, where farmers and herders were engaged in early warning early response conflict mitigation. It was a resounding success.



Ondo P4P PIC & project beneficiaries

In P4P Ondo State Chapter, we believe that sustainable peace is nurtured through knowledge, skill, and opportunity. With every training and every empowering session, we're sowing the seeds of lasting peace in Ondo State.

This heartening intervention was meticulously led by our State Coordinator, Mrs. Stella Nathaniel, and the passionate Prevent Committee Chairperson Mrs. Odedele and their teams.

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Edo P4P Prevent Team

P4P EDO STATE CHAPTER'S BOLD INITIATIVES: A TRIUMPH FOR PEACE

Greetings from the dynamic P4P Edo State Chapter. We are elated to share the resounding success of this quarter's interventions, each a beacon of peace and progress for our beloved Edo State. With dedication, strategy, and collaboration at the heart of our mission, we are pleased to report on two transformative initiatives:

"REDUCING VIOLENT CRIMINALITY AND KIDNAPPING FOR RANSOM IN EDO STATE"

In our relentless pursuit of peace, the state team embarked on a vital mission to reduce violent criminality and kidnapping for ransom. Under the capable leadership of our State Coordinator, Eugene Okoeguale, we conducted advocacy visits to relevant stakeholders across the three senatorial zones of Edo State. Their valuable buy-ins and commitment to our cause reinforced our dedication to lasting change.



Edo P4P state Team

To foster dialogue and collaboration, we organized roundtable meetings that brought together key stakeholders. The exchange of ideas and insights was instrumental in shaping our strategies for a safer Edo State.

One of the highlights of our campaign was a radio call-in show, where we engaged with the public and raised awareness about the importance of peaceful coexistence. The media became a powerful tool for spreading our message far and wide.

"REDUCING THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF CULTISM IN EDO STATE"

Simultaneously, our Prevent Committee, under the capable leadership of Mr. Alphonsus Odiaua, spearheaded an equally vital initiative. "Reducing the Negative Impact of Cultism in Edo State" was our rallying cry, and we left no stone unturned to achieve this objective.

Advocacy visits to key stakeholders echoed our commitment to eradicating the scourge of cultism from our communities. Their support and cooperation bolstered our resolve.



Edo P4P Coordinator @ the roundtable dialogue

To foster a deeper understanding of the issue, we organized townhall meeting that brought together experts and community leaders. Through these discussions, we illuminated the path toward a cultism-free Edo State.

Our efforts culminated in a radio call-in show, where we engaged with the public, providing insights and solutions to tackle this pressing challenge.

As we look to the future, the P4P Edo State Chapter remains steadfast in its pursuit of peace and progress. We believe that change is not a solitary endeavor but a collective mission, and together, we shall continue to build a brighter, more peaceful Edo State.

Stay tuned for more inspiring stories from our chapter as we continue to empower, educate, and elevate our community.

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P4P CROSS RIVER STATE CHAPTER: TACKLING CULTISM IN SCHOOLS FOR PEACE SOLIDARITY

Greetings from the committed members of P4P Cross River State Chapter, We are thrilled to share the incredible progress made by our Prevent Committee in their vital intervention focused on addressing cultism in schools, fostering peace solidarity in Akpabuyo Local Government Area. This initiative showcases our unwavering commitment to securing a brighter, more harmonious future for our communities.

ADVOCACY FOR CHANGE: ENGAGING CRITICAL STAKEHOLDERS

Our Prevent Committee has been working tirelessly to lay the foundations for a safer, more peaceful Akpabuyo. They embarked on a series of advocacy visits to critical stakeholders, with a clear mission - to achieve the project's noble objectives.

These engagements were nothing short of inspiring, with a broad spectrum of stakeholders coming together to support our cause. Notable stakeholders included the Nigeria Police and the National Orientation Agency. We also extended our outreach to the esteemed community leaders of Edem Odo and Esuk MBA, whose wisdom and guidance are invaluable.

In a remarkable display of unity and forward-thinking, we collaborated with the Youth Parliament of the National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN), Cross River Chapter. Their enthusiasm and commitment to our cause were palpable, and we're proud to report that 39 stakeholders from the NYCN have already pledged their support for our project.

A Collective Triumph for Peace

The efforts of our Prevent Committee and the unwavering support of these critical stakeholders highlight the essence of our mission. It's a mission that recognizes that sustainable peace is nurtured through collaboration, awareness, and proactive engagement.

As we move forward, we at P4P Cross River State Chapter remain dedicated to our vision of a more peaceful Akpabuyo and a harmonious world. Together, we will continue to pave the way for positive change, one step at a time.

P4P AKWA IBOM AND BAYELSA STATE CHAPTERS: A QUARTER THREE REPORT.

Greetings from the vibrant P4P Akwa Ibom and Bayelsa States chapters,

In the spirit of unity and progress, we are delighted to present a combined report on our impactful quarter three state interventions. These initiatives exemplify our shared commitment to peace, community engagement, and conflict resolution.

P4P Bayelsa State Chapter: Sensitization for Violence-Free Elections

Bayelsa State, under the adept leadership of our chapter, embarked on a crucial mission the "Sensitization Campaign in Central Senatorial District Against Violence-Free Election in Bayelsa State 2023 Governorship Election." This initiative was a multi-faceted approach to ensure a non-violent election.

The journey began with pre-planning meetings, followed by advocacy visits to key stakeholders who graciously offered their buy-in. Our collective dedication culminated in a one-day sensitization campaign. We engaged with the citizens, disseminating vital information to prepare them for an election characterized by peace and harmony.

P4P Akwa Ibom State Chapter: Resolving Communal Conflict Over Land Disputes

In Akwa Ibom State, our chapter took on the formidable challenge of "Addressing Communal Armed Conflict Over Land Disputes Between Uko Akpang Ewang and Ukongtegha Uda in Mbo LGA." This intervention unfolded through meticulous planning and strategic activities.

We commenced with pre-planning meetings and a comprehensive conflict analysis assessment. To garner support and understanding, we embarked on advocacy visits to paramount rulers, community leaders, and the office of the deputy governor. Our efforts culminated in a community dialogue and a peace-building workshop, laying the foundation for a successful intervention.

In Unity, We Thrive

These quarter three interventions exemplify the spirit of P4P – proactive, collaborative, and dedicated to sustainable peace. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all stakeholders and members who made these initiatives possible.

As we move forward, the P4P chapters in Akwa Ibom and Bayelsa States remain unwavering in our commitment to peace, resilience, and progress. Together, we continue to make a positive impact in our communities.

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P4P IMO STATE CHAPTER: FOSTERING PEACE AND UNITY

Greetings from the passionate members of P4P Imo State Chapter,

It is with immense pride and a deep sense of purpose that we share the transformative impact of our recent interventions. These initiatives exemplify our unwavering commitment to building bridges, resolving disputes, and nurturing a culture of peace in our beloved Imo State.

Intervention One: Ezeship Tussle and Town Union Leadership Dispute in Awo Mberi Autonomous Community

In a bid to resolve the longstanding Ezeship tussle and Town Union Leadership dispute in Awo Mberi Autonomous Community, Mbaitoli Local Government Area, The State Team embarked on a peacebuilding intervention.

This initiative brought together 75 individuals from the heart of the conflict. Our intervention was marked by open dialogue, mediation sessions, and conflict resolution workshops. Through the power of communication and understanding, we began the journey towards reconciliation and harmony.

Intervention Two: Promoting Peace in Ohaji-Egbema LGA

Simultaneously, our Prevent Team embarked on a mission to "Promote Peace in Ohaji-Egbema LGA through Building the Capacity of Community Leaders and Influencers as Peace Actors and Monitors." This initiative garnered the active participation of 70 individuals who share our vision for peace.

Nineteen individuals officially registered as members of P4P, aligning themselves with our mission to promote peace and stability. Our intervention included capacity-building workshops, conflict analysis assessments, and community dialogue sessions. Together, we laid the groundwork for a peaceful and prosperous Ohaji-Egbema LGA.

These interventions remind us that the path to peace is paved with understanding, communication, and collaboration. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all participants and stakeholders who made these initiatives possible.



Imo P4P state Team

P4P ABIA STATE: NURTURING PEACE AND SECURITY

Greetings from P4P Abia State Chapter,

We're excited to share our recent work, dedicated to fostering peace and security in Abia State.

Intervention One: Reducing Criminality and Kidnapping

Our state team embarked on a mission to reduce criminality and kidnapping across Isuikwuato, Umahia North, and Ohafia Local Governments. We reached 80 individuals, nurturing understanding through community dialogues and workshops.

Intervention Two: Reducing Criminalities and Violence Against Women and Girls

Our Prevent Team took on the challenge of reducing criminalities and violence against women and girls in Aba South and North Local Governments. Engaging 60 individuals, we conducted workshops and awareness campaigns.

As we move forward, P4P Abia remains dedicated to a more peaceful and secure Abia. Together, we forge the path towards unity and prosperity.



Abia P4P state Team

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P4P RIVERS STATE CHAPTER: BRIDGING COMMUNITIES FOR A SAFER FUTURE

Greetings from the resolute members of P4P Rivers State Chapter,

We are thrilled to share the impactful outcomes of our recent interventions. These initiatives underscore our unwavering commitment to fostering peace, understanding, and unity in our beloved Rivers State.

State Team Intervention: Strengthening Citizen-Police Relations in Port Harcourt, Obio/Akpor, and Emohua

In our pursuit of a more secure and harmonious society, our state team embarked on a mission to "Strengthen the Relationship between Citizens and the Police in Port Harcourt, Obio/Akpor, and Emohua in Rivers State." This crucial intervention reached out to 35 individuals, each sharing a common vision for a safer community.

Our efforts were marked by community forums, interactive sessions, and workshops aimed at building trust and understanding between citizens and law enforcement. By fostering open dialogue, we took significant strides towards a more collaborative and secure environment.

Prevent Team Intervention: Reducing Cult Violence in Port Harcourt Metropolis

Simultaneously, our Prevent Team tackled the pressing issue of "Reducing Cult Violence in Port Harcourt Metropolis in Rivers State." This initiative engaged 20 individuals who stand united against the scourge of cult-related violence.

Our activities encompassed community sensitization, conflict resolution workshops, and targeted outreach programs. Through these efforts, we aim to create a safer and more inclusive environment for all residents. P4P Rivers State Chapter remains steadfast in its dedication to a more peaceful and secure Rivers State.



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P4P DELTA STATE CHAPTER: NURTURING PEACE AND SAFETY

Warm greetings from the vibrant P4P Delta State Chapter,

We are thrilled to bring you the highlights of our quarter's interventions.

State Team Intervention: Reducing Mass Kidnapping and Criminality

Our state team embarked on a mission to "Reduce Mass Kidnapping and Criminality in Abraka and Obiaruku Communities in Delta State." This critical intervention aimed to safeguard our communities from the grip of criminality. Together, we reached out to address the root causes and lay the foundation for lasting peace.

Our intervention was characterized by community forums, interactive sessions, and workshops aimed at empowering communities with the tools to protect themselves.

Prevent Team Intervention: SPEAK UP - Speaking Against SGBV on Young Girls and Women

Simultaneously, our Prevent Team initiated the 'Speak Up' campaign, targeting Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) on young girls and women in Ovwian and Otu-remi communities. This initiative engaged 60 individuals who are resolute in their commitment to protect the vulnerable.

Activities included awareness campaigns, workshops, and the establishment of support systems to empower victims and create a safer environment. These interventions reflect our deep-seated commitment to the well-being and safety of Delta State. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all participants, stakeholders, and communities who stood by us in this crucial endeavor.

As we progress, the P4P Delta State Chapter remains steadfast in its dedication to a more peaceful and secure Delta. Together, we will continue to bridge divides, nurture understanding, and forge the path towards unity and prosperity

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