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



Welcome to the January edition of our monthly newsletter!

As we embrace the opportunities that the new year presents, we are thrilled to extend a heartfelt welcome to our valued network members, partners, and friends of Partners for Peace in the Niger Delta (P4P). This edition signifies the commencement of a fresh chapter in our shared quest to cultivate peace, stability, and prosperity in the Niger Delta region.

As we say goodbye to the trials of the previous year, we reflect on the enduring resilience and fortitude displayed by our network in confronting adversity. The dedication you have shown to the vision of a harmonious Niger Delta has been a wellspring of inspiration for us. Collectively, we have navigated through challenges and rejoiced in successes, establishing the groundwork for meaningful transformation.

In this edition, we invite you to join us in reflecting on the transformative power of collective action. The new year brings an opportunity for renewed dedication to our shared goals. Let's explore the theme of "New Year, New Goals" as we delve into strategies for personal and community development. From setting individual aspirations to contributing to the broader vision of peace, we aim to inspire and guide you on this growth path.

Our newsletter will shine a spotlight on the remarkable individuals within our network who are the driving force behind positive change. Through compelling stories and interviews, we will showcase the diverse initiatives and projects that embody the ethos of Partners for Peace in the Niger Delta. These stories are a testament to the impact each of you can make in your communities.

As we navigate the coming months, we encourage you to stay connected with our vibrant network through upcoming events, workshops, and gatherings. These platforms provide opportunities for collaboration, idea exchange, and mutual support. Let's continue to build bridges, fostering connections that strengthen the fabric of our collective efforts.

In the spirit of shared knowledge and growth, we will feature curated resources in the realms of personal development, leadership, and social impact. Together, let's expand our horizons and equip ourselves with the tools needed to effect positive change in our communities.

This newsletter is not just a source of information; it is evidence of the synergy that defines Partners for Peace in the Niger Delta. Your voices, experiences, and contributions are the heartbeat of this network. We invite you to share your stories, achievements, and insights with us. Your unique perspectives enrich the fabric of our network and serve as a beacon of inspiration for others.

As we embark on the journey that 2024 unfolds before us, let us embrace the challenges and opportunities with steadfast optimism. Partners for Peace in the Niger Delta is not merely a network; it is a collective endeavor fueled by the passion and dedication of individuals like you. Together, let's make this year a testament to the transformative power of partnership, resilience, and progress.

Thank you for being an integral part of Partners for Peace in the Niger Delta. Here's to a month, a year, and a future filled with peace, prosperity, and shared success.



EMPOWERING CHANGE STATE BY STATE: P4P FUELS CHANGE BY GIVING GRANTS TO THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERS OF THE NETWORK!



REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NSCDC, ABIA STATE



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PROJECT PLANNING MEETING



RADIO SENSITIZATION PROGRAM

We are excited to share a positive update in this edition of the newsletter about fostering change and making a greater impact. P4P has provided grants to our esteemed organizational members in the network, enabling them to make significant progress in their respective states and communities.

As we delve into state-by-state highlights, join us in celebrating the diverse initiatives and projects that these grants support. From the creeks of the Delta to the hills of Abia, our network is actively contributing to the advancement of peace, stability, and prosperity in every corner of the Niger Delta.

Each state holds unique challenges and opportunities, and we are excited to witness how our organizational members are leveraging these grants to create positive change at the grassroots level. Together, we are shaping a brighter future for the entire region.

Read on to discover the incredible stories of impact, innovation, and collaboration as P4P grants unfold, state by state.

SANAB Development Foundation's Triumph: P4P Grant Sparks Transformative Change in Abia State

In the heart of Abia State, **SANAB Development Foundation**, a proud member of Partners for Peace in the Niger Delta (P4P), recently harnessed the power of change through a P4P grant. Their intervention, aptly titled "Reducing Violence Against Women and Girls in Umuahia North and Umuahia South LGAs of Abia State," has become a beacon of success, touching the lives of 65 individuals and creating waves of positive transformation.

With a comprehensive approach, SANAB engaged in advocacy visits to key stakeholders, sparking crucial dialogues to combat violence against women and girls. The foundation's dedication extended to a robust sensitization campaign, permeating the community with awareness and cultivating a culture of respect and equality.

What sets SANAB Development Foundation's initiative apart is its commitment to collaboration. By actively partnering with women-led and owned organizations in the state, they tapped into the collective strength of the network, fostering a united front against gender-based violence.

The project's success stories are nothing short of inspiring. Lives have been positively impacted, and the community is witnessing tangible shifts towards a safer and more supportive environment for women and girls. SANAB Development Foundation's achievements stand as a testament to the values championed by P4P, illustrating the tangible impact that our collective efforts can have on the ground.

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YOUTH FOR CHANGE: TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES AND CURTAILING CULT GANG VIOLENCE IN AKWA IBOM STATE.



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YOFCI TEAM

Youth for Change and Social Life Development Foundation (YOFCI), a vibrant Akwa Ibom P4P member, is making waves in curbing cult gang violence. Fueled by a P4P grant, their initiative, "**Reducing Cult Gang-Related Violence in Uyo LGA,**" has sparked a transformative shift.

Empowering 60 individuals directly, YOFCI proactively addressed cult gang violence, leveraging the P4P grant to engage in strategic grassroots actions. Advocacy visits elevated awareness and fostered collaboration, with a strong focus on community engagement in Uyo Local Government.

Immersing themselves in the selected communities, YOFCI facilitated open discussions, shared insights, and collaborative solutions, ensuring the project was a collective effort rooted in the unique dynamics of the local context.

The tangible impact of their commitment and the P4P grant is evident in reduced cult gang-related violence, showcasing not just statistical achievement but a genuine improvement in the safety of youth leaders.

This success story highlights the power of collaboration, community engagement, and strategic advocacy. Youth for Change epitomizes the P4P spirit, actively contributing to a peaceful and thriving Akwa Ibom State.

Cultivating Peace: Light-Green and Clean Environment Initiative's Impact in Akumoni, Bayelsa State

In Bayelsa State, **Light-Green and Clean Environment Initiative**, a dedicated member of Bayelsa P4P, recently harnessed the transformative potential of a P4P grant. Their project, "**Mitigating the rise in cult activities, mob actions in Akumoni for a peaceful communal life,**" unfolded as an icon of positive change, leaving an indelible mark on the community.

Strategically addressing the escalating challenges of cult activities and mob actions, the initiative reached 50 individuals directly, fostering a vision of peaceful communal life in Akumoni. The success of the project lies in its meticulous strategy, effectively navigating the complexities of the issues at hand and contributing to a more secure and harmonious community.

As success stories illuminate the impact, Light-Green and Clean Environment Initiative showcase the effectiveness of collaborative efforts, strategic planning, and the meaningful influence of P4P grants on community-driven initiatives. They embody the spirit of P4P, actively contributing to the vision of a cleaner, safer, and more peaceful Bayelsa State.



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Real Impact Unleashed: P4P Grant Empowers RIDE Foundation's Anti-Vigilante Violence Initiative in Delta.

In Delta State, **Real Impact for Development and Empowerment Foundation (RIDE)**, a proud member of Delta P4P, has made significant strides through a P4P grant. Executing the project "Mitigating Vigilante Violence in Ughelli North LGA," RIDE has become a catalyst for positive change, leaving a lasting impact on the community.

By advocating relevant stakeholders, actively participating in town hall meetings, and engaging with the community, RIDE directly benefited 55 individuals. This strategic approach not only addressed the immediate issue of vigilante violence but also fostered a sense of empowerment and community cohesion.



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The aftermath of the project paints a vivid picture of positive transformation. Pleasant stories of change ripple through Ughelli North LGA, showcasing the tangible impact of RIDE's dedication and the support provided by the P4P grant.

This story of success serves as proof of the concrete and beneficial outcomes that community-led initiatives, supported by P4P funding, can bring about. The RIDE Foundation embodies the essence of P4P by actively contributing to the goal of creating a more empowered, secure, and unified Delta State.

Building Bridges of Peace through the Power of Sport: CHEDRES Transforms Lives with P4P Grant in Cross River.

In the dynamic landscape of Cross River State, the **Centre for Healthworks, Development and Research Initiative (CHEDRES)**, a devoted member of the P4P Cross River chapter, has recently achieved a significant milestone through the support of a P4P grant. Their intervention, titled "Integrating Sports into Peacebuilding and Violence Crime Reduction Program in the University of Cross River State," emerged as a beacon of positive change, addressing critical issues of peacebuilding, cultism, and criminality. In a resounding success, the project saw a turnout of 92 participants benefitting from the innovative approach. Through thoughtful integration of sports into peacebuilding strategies, CHEDRES not only engaged the student community but also effectively tackled complex challenges.



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SPORT COMPETITION



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PEACE DIALOGUE WITH STUDENT UNION

The heart of the project lay in comprehensive training sessions, where attendees were equipped with diverse peacebuilding techniques, including early warning and early response mechanisms. This training not only heightened awareness but also empowered individuals with practical tools to contribute to a more peaceful and secure community. The project ended with a football match between students.

The success of CHEDRES' initiative is a testament to the transformative power of community-driven projects supported by P4P grants. Beyond the numbers, the project has left an enduring impact on the University of Cross River State, fostering a culture of peace, resilience against cultism, and a deterrence against criminal activities.

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Empowering Oguta: BECOLIN's Triumph in Shaping a Peaceful Electoral Landscape with P4P Grant.

In the serene corners of Imo State, where the heartbeat of community life resonates, **BETTER COMMUNITY LIFE INITIATIVE (BECOLIN)**, emerges a storyteller of change, weaving tales of resilience and unity with the transformative threads of a P4P grant. Picture Oguta, a community pulsating with life, where the narrative is not just numbers but a captivating story of transformation.

BECOLIN, armed with a vision and a P4P grant that served as the ink to script the intervention titled "**Facilitating Engagement with Stakeholders for Reduction of Violence In Oguta Community Ahead of Local Government and Governorship Elections.**" This wasn't just a project; it was a journey, a story that unfolded with every engaged stakeholder and every voice that resonated with the vision.

With 72 individuals directly benefiting from this initiative, BECOLIN took proactive steps to fortify resilience against electoral violence in Oguta. The project's strategic approach involved engaging stakeholders in meaningful dialogue, fostering a collaborative effort to ensure a peaceful environment leading up to the Local Government and Governorship Elections.

The success of BECOLIN's intervention is not just measured in numbers but in the enormous success stories that have emerged from Oguta. Resilience has been built, and the community now stands united against the specter of electoral violence.



Sparking Change: SRHIHD's Triumph Against Sexual Violence in Owo and Oke Aro Communities.



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With the support of the P4P grant, SRHIHD conducted an impactful sensitization project that reached 102 individuals directly. This initiative was not just about spreading awareness; it was a concerted effort to empower the community with knowledge, resilience, and the tools to combat sexual violence.



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In the tranquil landscapes of Ondo State, **Star Ruby Health Initiative and Human Development (SRHIHD)**, a cherished member of P4P, has illuminated the path of positive change through the support of a P4P grant. Their intervention, titled "**Sensitization on Violence Against Persons Prohibition Law,**" unfolded as a beacon of hope, specifically targeting the reduction of sexual violence in Owo and Oke Aro communities.



GROUP PHOTOGRAPH

The success of SRHIHD's intervention resonates in the numerous stories of triumph that unfolded in the aftermath. Lives have been touched, and the communities of Owo and Oke Aro are witnessing a tangible reduction in incidents of sexual violence.

This achievement stands as a testament to the real and lasting impact that community-driven projects, fueled by P4P grants, can achieve.

SRHIHD exemplifies the spirit of P4P, actively contributing to the vision of a safer, more informed, and empowered Ondo State.



Unveiling Change: RIDE's Impactful Anti-Cult Sensitization in Ugbowo, Edo State

In the heart of Edo State, **Real Impact for Development and Empowerment Foundation (RIDE)**, a proud member of Edo State P4P, has unfolded a powerful chapter of change with the support of a P4P grant. Their intervention, **a sensitization campaign on the dangers of cult violence**, has not only made an impact but has carved a path towards a safer and empowered community.

Focused on the seat of the University of Benin in Ugbowo, **RIDE** executed this initiative with a commitment to addressing the perils of cult violence. With 80 individuals benefiting directly, the campaign transcended mere awareness, aiming to instill resilience and empower the community to stand against the menace of cult activities.



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Representative of the commissioner of police, Edo State



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The success of **RIDE's** campaign echoes through Ugbowo, where stories of transformation are now emerging. Lives have been touched, and the community is witnessing a shift towards unity, awareness, and a collective determination to combat the dangers posed by cult violence.

About P4P

P4P is a network dedicated to promoting peace in the Niger Delta. Join now and connect. It is only by linking hands that the vision of peaceable livelihoods in our communities will be realized. P4P provides a platform where people with different backgrounds and perspectives can come together, not to point fingers or take sides, but to understand and address the root causes of conflict and build peace.

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