



## **PARTNERS FOR PEACE IN THE NIGER DELTA**

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### **Request for Proposal: Peacebuilding Projects/intervention in the Niger Delta**

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#### **BACKGROUND**

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Partners for Peace is a network supported by the Foundation for Partnership Initiatives in the Niger Delta (PIND) with the mission to build social capital around peacebuilding by amplifying the voices of positive actors, building a network of self-identified agents of peace, and leveraging that network through facilitation, small grants, and capacity building. This network includes stakeholders from civil society, community-based organizations, nongovernmental organizations, private companies, donor organizations, and the general public committed to promoting peaceable livelihoods in the Niger Delta.

#### **PROJECT BACKGROUND**

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According to data, over 60 incidents of VAWG and more than 25 related fatalities were reported in Ondo State between January 2021 and June 2023. Likewise, in Akwa Ibom state, domestic violence and criminal homicide caused over 150 fatalities between January 2020 and December 2023. 30 fatalities were recorded from domestic violence in Abia State between January 2019 and December 2023. Moreover, in October a girl was defiled in Agbor town in Ika LGA. Again, over the years, kidnapping has evolved into a multidimensional organized criminal enterprise and a protracted security threat in the Niger Delta and in Nigeria generally. According to data, over 300 kidnap incidents and more than 250 related fatalities were reported in the Niger Delta between January 2022 and December 2023. Recent data shows a rise in kidnapping incidents in the region. In January 2024, for instance, several travelers were reportedly abducted by kidnappers in Ikom LGA, Cross River State. Also, a traditional ruler was allegedly abducted from his residence by gunmen in Mbaitoli LGA, Imo State. In addition, gunmen reportedly abducted a 40-year-old woman and demanded a ransom of 10 million naira in Yenagoa LGA, Bayelsa state. There are also cases of organized criminality in the Niger Delta with a focus on criminal violence and targeted killings in Delta and Rivers States. Organized criminal violence including kidnap for ransom and killings by cult gangs has been a major cause of conflict and insecurity in both states. According to data, criminal violence caused over 250 fatalities in Rivers State between January 2022 and December 2023. Spotlights on emerging threats to public health and human security in the Niger



Delta with a focus on the outbreak of Lassa fever in the region. Lassa Fever is a zoonotic and acute viral disease caused by the Lassa virus. It is an epidemic-prone infectious disease with significant public health consequences. Recent epidemiological data from the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) shows a resurgence of Lassa fever in Edo and Ondo States. According to NCDC’s Lassa fever Situation Report, as of March 31, 2024, 46% of 806 new confirmed cases in Nigeria were reported in Ondo and Edo States. According to data, more than 370 confirmed cases of Lassa fever and over 35 fatalities were reported in Ondo and Edo State during the period. Confirmed cases and related fatalities were also reported in Bayelsa, Cross River, Delta, Imo, and Rivers State during the period.

In light of the above cases of violent conflict; Partners for Peace in the Niger Delta is seeking proposals from Civil Society Organizations especially organizational members of the network to carry out conflict management interventions in communities within the Niger Delta to support other Partners for Peace interventions that are carried out by the various state chapters of the network.

P4P small grant to Civil Society Organizations will support them in addressing drivers of conflict in communities within the Niger Delta. The proposals from CSOs should address any of the following conflict issues within the Niger Delta:

**Gender-based violence, Communal Conflict, Political tension, traditional conflicts, youth restiveness, leadership-related conflict, and cult/mob-related violence.**

CSOs are expected to focus on any of the listed thematic areas in their respective states as indicated below:

State	Thematic Areas
Abia	Gender-Based Violence
Akwa Ibom	VAWG, Gang/Cult Violence & Communal Violence
Bayelsa	Communal Violence/Kidnapping and Cult/mob-related violence
Cross Rivers	Communal violence, VAWG
Delta	Communal & Cult/Gang Violence
Edo	GBV, Cult Violence & Laser Fever
Imo	Leadership tussles, leadership-related conflict.
Ondo	Laser Fever, GBV, and Domestic Violence, IPV.
Rivers	Communal Violence, GBV, Cult Violence and Clashes



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## RECOMMENDED APPROACH

We strongly recommend that the proposal prioritize the following approach:

- i. **Data Driven:** We suggest CSOs refer to the PIND conflict tracker to see areas of concern and current issues within their localities.
- ii. **Sustainability:** Proposals should contain long-term strategies; and plans to ensure the solutions are integrated into existing structures.

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## PROJECT SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- a. To specifically address drivers of conflict within communities in the Niger Delta
- b. To strengthen systems to support conflict mitigation in communities in the Niger Delta
- c. To contribute to conflict reduction in the Niger Delta

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## EXPECTED DURATION

We invite proposals that will be implemented with tangible results over a maximum period of one month from the date of signing the MoU (Agreement).

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## GRANT SIZE

Partners for Peace intends to award a small grant of N1,000,000 to Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). Project cost should amount to more than 87% of the total budget.

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## WHO CAN APPLY

Civil society organizations operating in the Niger Delta especially those with experience in implementing peacebuilding projects. Organizational members of the Partners for Peace in the Niger Delta are encouraged to apply.

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## HOW TO APPLY

Interested organizations should submit a technical proposal including a detailed monitoring and evaluation plan and budgets to [partners4peace16@gmail.com](mailto:partners4peace16@gmail.com) with the subject heading 'Name of State-P4P, Title/theme of the Proposal' along with the following mandatory item/supporting documents not later than September 9, 2024, by 23:59 WAT. ***For example, ABIA-Peacebuilding Proposal.*** Proposals received in response to this call will be reviewed internally, and after due verifications, the successful proposals will be selected and recommended for approval. Due to the volume of proposals expected, only successful applicants will be contacted. We will not be able to provide feedback on unsuccessful bids.



The following documents are expected to be submitted as part of the requirements:

1. Certificate of Business Registration (CAC)
2. Full physical contact Address of the Organization
3. Tax Identification Number
4. Organizational Profile & Structure
5. Bank Details including the Address of the Bank
6. Financial Organizational Membership Status for Organizational Members of the P4P.