

PPCD Collaborates with PIND to Train RDCs, CCDC and NGOs



Participants during the Resource Mobilisation and Fundraising training at Sweet Spirit Hotel, Asaba, Delta State.



Interactive session at the Conflict Sensitivity training held at Sweet Spirit Hotel, Asaba, Delta State.

PPCD and PIND collaborated in the 2018 Second Quarter to build the capacities of the Regional Development Committees (RDCs), Coastal Communities Development Committee (CCDC) and mentoring NGOs in various identified gaps. The collaboration which started a few months back has assisted the participants to clearly understand their roles and responsibilities under the GMoU process and helped in enlightening them on new areas that would enhance their sustainability as organisations.

Some of the trainings conducted in the 2018 second quarter include: Resource Mobilisation and Fundraising for 24 participants from Ilaje RDC, Itsekiri RDC, EGCDF and AMAICOMMA on June 4-7, 2018 at Swiss Hotel, Asaba, Delta State. At the same venue on June 5-7, 2018 was the workshop on Conflict Sensitivity

for 20 participants from EGCDF, Dodo River, Ilaje, KEFFES RDCs and NGOs.

In the same vein was the training on Monitoring and Evaluation on June 4-8, 2018 at PIND office in Port Harcourt, Rivers State. Prior to that on April 30-May 4, 2018, 22 participants from EGCDF, KEFFES, Dodo River RDCs, PPCD and representatives of New Nigeria Foundation (NNF) Morgan Smart Development Foundation, Accord for Development and LITE Africa, the mentoring NGOs were trained on Monitoring and Evaluation. The PPCD-PIND collaboration is expected to broaden the training and capacity building opportunities for the GMOU process, promote an enriched programming and peer learning at PPCD committee levels and increase opportunities & linkages with relevant networks from PIND, its ND Links etc.

EGCDF Holds Interactive Forum with Community Stakeholders

No fewer than 213 persons participated in the Egbema and Gbaramatu Development Foundation (EGCDF) Interactive Forum organized by the Participatory Partnerships for Community Development (PPCD) to enhance

communication between EGCDF and her communities. The programme was conducted in Egbema and Gbaramtu kingdoms at Opia and Benikrukru communities on April 16 and 17, 2018 respectively.

Participants were drawn from Adagbrasa, Asantagbene, Itabubo, Itagbene, Opuabo, Okifamba, Dumok, Dgbolo, Gbaramatu Bloc A, Kenyagbene, and Kokodiagbene communities in Delta State.

The objectives of the programme were to facilitate communication between EGCDF and communities, ensure effective working relationship between the EGCDF and the communities, increase community members' understanding of the GMoU process, establish a proactive peace process between communities and EGCDF leaders and introduce community members to the activities of PPCD. The event provided a platform for interaction on the issues discussed: Understanding the GMOU, RDC's activities, achievement and challenges,

Community development etc. The forum was facilitated by PPCD, EGCDF Executive, New Nigeria Foundation and LITE Africa.



Elder Reuben Tonjoh (EGCDF PRO) addressing community members during the Interactive Forum at Opia community



Participants at the Interactive Forum held in Benikrukru community

MSDF Celebrates International Women's Day



Participants at the 2018 International Women's Day

joined women globally to celebrate the 2018 International Women's Day with the theme "**Press for Progress**" in Warri, Delta State on March 8-9, 2018. The celebration started with an Exhibition Fare organized in collaboration with the Delta Association of Chambers of Commerce, Warri Chapter; to

showcase the goods and services of women entrepreneurs, while exposing them to potential markets and providing opportunities to network. The event also featured a lecture on "Combating Domestic and Gender Based Violence", free medical screening for high blood pressure and diabetics, health counselling and free eye examinations conducted by Capitol Hill Clinic/Hospitals, and Salvation Eye Services.

The celebrations continued March 9, 2018 with thought-provoking presentations and interactive sessions led by inspirational women leaders. Discussions centered on the theme for 2018 "Press for Progress" and a documentary on "The Plight of Women in the Niger Delta". The occasion was also used to empower 20 Women, who would be sponsored for 3 months through mentoring and apprenticeship training on specific trades/skills.

Palm Oil Production: Stakeholders Discusses Enabling Environment



The Edo State Governor, Mr. Godwin Nogheghase Obaseki speaking at the event, seated are other stakeholders

In the effort to increase palm oil production in Nigeria through creation of an enabling environment, a roundtable was organised by Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) for Nigeria National Interpretation (NNI) on principles and criteria for Sustainable Palm oil presentation on April 24, 2018 at Protea hotel, Benin-City Edo State. The event had stakeholders in the Palm Oil production value chain such as: Planters/millers, processors, manufacturers, Government MDAs, NGOs, Banks, environmentalist, media and other dignitaries. RSPO seeks to transform markets to make sustainable Palm Oil a global norm by promoting its production and use for people, planet and prosperity.

The conference emphasized the need for an efficient and strong Palm oil sector in Nigeria as part of the solution to poverty challenge through provision of employment and means of livelihood, noting that Africa with a production of 990,000 metric tonnes annually against a demand of 2.7 metric tonnes leaves a deficit of 1.71 metric tonnes for importation annually.

The Edo State Governor, Mr. Godwin Nogheghase Obaseki in his remark, said, Edo State is committed to the principles of the RSPO and working towards the formation of palm oil production council in Nigeria and promised that his government will continue to create enabling environment for palm oil production and investments. Stakeholders and investors at the event applauded the Edo State governor's stance and pledged their support towards the promotion of RSPO ideals for national and institutional prosperity. The event ended with awards to deserving dignitaries, organisations and MDAs for their supports to the actualization of the RSPO Nigeria National Interpretation (NNI). New Nigeria Foundation (NNF) was represented by the Managing Director, Prof Obafemi Ajibola while Blessed Ovie represented Participatory Partnership for Community Development (PPCD).

My Perspectives on the GMoU

GMoU should Concentrate More on Community Engagement ----Juliana Korepugha



Mrs. Juliana Korepugha Dodo River CRDA Financial Secretary

Question: Can you introduce yourself and your role (s) in the GMoU process?

Answer: My name is Juliana Korepugha from Bilabiri 1 Community of Dodo River Communities Rural Development Association (DRCRDA). I am the Financial Secretary of the Dodo River CRDA (2012 till date), a member of the RDA's Community Engagement Management Board (CEMB) and a Gender Focal Person (GFP) in the GMoU process.

Question: Can you assess the GMoU process and tell us how it has impacted your RDC and its communities?

Answer: Answer: The GMoU has been a plus to community development. It has brought infrastructural and non-infrastructural projects to the Dodo River CRDA communities. Some of the achievements of the GMoU are: Town halls, generator houses, guest houses, cottage hospital, scholarship award, adult education programme, skills acquisition programme, etc

Question: How do you think that the community projects should be sustained?

Answer: Project(s) handed over to the community at large are often not sustained because no community member is really in charge. For it to be sustained a community project should have a board or committee set up by the community concerned to manage such project (s).

Question: What new areas of development would you want your RDC and even the GMoU to focus on in the future?

Answer: The GMoU should go beyond building the capacity of the RDC to more of community engagement. The community people need to be trained, their mindset needs to be changed to understand GMoU process and understand the purpose/ importance of development to the community.

Question: How would you assess your RDC projects implementation strategy in the light of the new GMoU focus on human development and livelihood?

Answer: The RDA Chairman is people-oriented which has led to the RDA adopting series of strategies to ensure community members' capacities are built in such that they are empowered in their chosen endeavour. Some of these livelihood programmes are: The implementation of adult education programme, skills acquisition and scholarship scheme.

Question: How is your RDC faring in soliciting and securing third party and sponsorship support?

Answer: With the knowledge acquired from the Resource Mobilisation training organised by PIND/PPCD some months ago, the RDA have written about two Proposals for third party supports which we hope would be successful.

Question: What are the major problems confronting your RDC?

Answer: The major problem is misinformation especially in the RDA communities.

Question: What is the future of the GMoU and what should key stakeholders do to ensure sustainability of the process?

Answer: For the GMoU to continue successfully, there should be continuation of transparency and accountability

Question: *PPCD and NGOs have conducted some activities in your RDC. What do you want included in their programmes and what other ways can PPCD and other NGOs support your RDC?*

Answer: PPCD has built the capacity of a lot of people in the RDCs. As for me, PPCD has made me who I am today. Before now, I used to battle inferiority complex, I could hardly speak in the public but through the trainings conducted by PPCD my capacity has been built, I can express myself now in public and speak for my women. PPCD has done a good job. However, I will need PPCD/NGOs to build the capacity of other women in the communities to join me in the GMoU process.

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