

USAID Activities in core Niger Delta States:

Abia
Akwa Ibom
Bayelsa
Cross River
Delta
Edo
Imo
Ondo
Rivers

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State Legislature Capacity-Building (Rivers and Delta)

- Partners: Mississippi Consortium for International Development, State Assembly, local civil society organizations.
- Key interventions: Technical training for elected members of the State Assembly and its permanent staff, conflict mitigation and management training, and constituency outreach to increase citizen involvement with elected representatives.
- Approach: Strengthened public participation in policy making processes through improved representation; enhancement of policy and oversight capacities of target legislators; citizens' empowerment to hold their elected leaders accountable.

Conflict Mitigation and Management Program (Rivers and Delta)

- Partners: International Foundation for Education and Self-Help (IFESH). There will be a close linkage between the Legislature Program and the Conflict Program.
- Key interventions: Structured sports competitions for vulnerable youth, peer educator training and counseling, market-driven vocational and enterprise development skills training.
- Approach: increased positive social participation among youth, inculcation of the values of responsible citizenship, and linkage of trained youth with gainful employment opportunities in the formal sector and business development services, including credit.

Advocacy, Awareness and Civic Empowerment (ADVANCE) (Rivers, Bayelsa and Edo)

- Partners: PACT Inc., in partnership with local civil society organizations, including those working in the areas of democracy and governance, health, agriculture, and economic growth.

- **Key Interventions:** Organizational and institutional strengthening, civic awareness and advocacy training, and anti-corruption.
- **Approach:** Strengthening advocacy capacity, increasing awareness and empowering citizens to effectively engage with policy makers and public officials and hold them accountable. Civil society activities will cut across thematic areas such as gender, conflict, and transparency and establish linkages with other strategic objectives in conformity with the GON's governance and economic reform agendas (NEEDS, SEEDS, Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI), and G8/Nigeria Transparency and Accountability Initiative).

Trafficking in Persons (Edo or Rivers)

- **Partners:** To be determined. This is a new five-year program currently in the design stage.
- **Key interventions:** Technical assistance to NAPTIP and affiliated agencies to manage trafficking-related information and improve the agency's track record in investigating and prosecuting trafficking cases; job skills assistance and crisis prevention services for potential victims of trafficking and for children and women repatriated to Nigeria from abroad; legal, medical, and psycho-social counseling services.
- **Approach:** Adapt and replicate rehabilitation models that provide strategic information management, case tracking, care, counseling, shelter, subsistence, assistance in tracing family and friends, and structured alternatives for income generation.

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Cassava Enterprise Development (Abia, Imo, Cross River, Akwa Ibom, Delta, Rivers, Bayelsa)

- **Partners:** USAID/Nigeria, the Shell Petroleum Development Company, and the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture
- **Key interventions:** reduce the impact of virulent cassava mosaic disease; increase cassava productivity from 10 MT per ha in 2004 to 22 MT per ha in 2009; and develop and expand post-harvest processing and marketing outlets for cassava products.
- **Approach:** Development and dissemination of high-yielding, disease resistant cassava varieties through private-sector driven extension services and producer associations; strengthening of market linkages between primary producers and both small and large-scale cassava processors; establishment of community-based processing facilities. CEDP will be implemented in 11 states of the South East and South South zones.

Maximizing Agricultural Revenue and Key Enterprises in Targeted Sites (MARKETS) (Abia, Akwa Ibom, others TBD)

- Partners: Chemonics International.
- Key interventions: MARKETS will expand economic opportunities in the Nigerian agricultural sector by increasing agricultural productivity, improving competitiveness, and creating an enabling environment for investment and demand-driven, private-sector led growth and development.
- Approach: The project will employ an integrated commodity chain development approach and has targeted aquaculture, dairy, rice, and cereals/legumes as the four initial commodity chains for development. The project will conduct feasibility assessments to identify additional commodities for expansion.

Cassava Competitiveness Cluster (Akwa Ibom)

- Partners: Citizens International, New Nigeria Foundation, United Nations Foundation, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, Akwa Ibom State Government.
- Key interventions: Cassava market development and improved input supply and production systems.
- Approach: Build a cassava cluster competitiveness program that employs a commodity value chain methodology.

Sustainable Practices in Agriculture for Critical Environments (SPACE) (Cross River)

- Partners: Associates in Rural Development (ARD), Cross River State Government, local NGOs
- Key interventions: Promotion of sustainable agricultural practices such as agroforestry, sustainable extraction of non-timber forest resources, and community-based conservation of buffer zones adjacent to natural reserves.
- Approach: Implement an integrated commodity chain development strategy that addresses production, processing and marketing; build community capacity for sustainable management and utilization of the natural resource base.

Sustainable Tree Crops Program (Ondo)

- Partners: International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, Ibadan, Nigeria; Tonikoko Farmers' Union, Akure; MARS Chocolate company and Cocoa Association of London.
- Key interventions: establish cocoa-based agroforestry systems on either already deforested lands or in the savanna forest transition zone or savanna grasslands, through the introduction of leguminous nitrogen fixing shade tree species, fruit trees, and timber species with improved cocoa hybrids planted into the system.

- Approach: An integrated approach combining trade and information systems, capacity development of farmers' organizations, and participatory training and extension with a focus on cocoa IPM and the rehabilitation of degraded land use systems

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Malaria Prevention and Treatment (all Delta states)

- Partners: NETMARK, Society for Family Health, Africare, Association Of Net Manufacturers and Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association of Nigeria. Commercial partners and community groups.
- Key interventions: Social marketing of pre-packaged treatment of malaria targeting children and pregnant women; demand creation of ITNs through Radio and Television; case management; capacity building of primary health workers, patent medicine vendors and mothers and other care givers.
- Approach: Building partnerships with community based organizations, ITNs retailers in the markets and Patent medicine vendors to improve access to ITNs and PPDs and build their capacity to assess and provide prompt treatment to mothers and children including treatment of re-treatment of nets.

Contraceptive Social Marketing (all states)

- Partners: Population Services International and its local affiliate, the Society for Family Health
- Key Interventions: Development and implementation of radio campaigns, mid-mass media campaigns and special events to disseminate key family planning messages targeting youth and the general population; production and distribution of print materials to support access to and consumer use of family planning products; and expand access to family planning products in rural areas.
- Approach: Implement a community behavior change strategy that encourages a more participatory interpersonal communication, and an efficient distribution system that makes family planning products available throughout the country.

JOBS (Cross River)

- Partner: Opportunities Industrialization Centers International
- Key Intervention: Job Creation and Placement, employment generation, Business Services Development, micro-enterprise development with access to credit, and agri-business development.
- Approach: Training and skills acquisition through select partner institutions comprising vocational-technical training institutions, CBOs and NGOs to assist at-risk youths to become gainfully employed or self-employed. Providing job placement services and microenterprise development training. The training also incorporates life-skills training in the job placement/creation service delivery components to ensure that youth are adequately prepared and groomed for the workplace.

Accelerated Education/Youth-to-Work in Nigeria: (Rivers State)

- Partners: AED, Chevron Texaco, USAID
- Key Interventions: **YES** will focus on improving the basic educational skill level of young people, mainly adolescents and young adults (age 12 to 25), in communities of the Delta area where ChevronTexaco has operations. Upon program completion, participants will be better prepared to both successfully take national exams in the areas of literacy and numeracy and negotiate the transition into effective post-secondary opportunities such as technical skills training or local enterprise development provided by strategic partnerships. The communities selected are those that are inhabited by the three major ethnic groups Itsekiri, Ijaw and Ilaje. The project will pay special attention to ensuring that 50% of participants are girls.
- Approach: As part of the public-private alliance in education program proposed by the Academy for Educational Development, a project to provide enhanced instruction in literacy, numeracy and work skills for unemployed youth in Rivers State has been developed. At least 1,500 out of school youth aged 15 to 30 in the state are targeted by the activity. Mission support for activity design has enabled the program to secure \$975,000 in matching funds from ChevronTexaco in Nigeria for implementation of the activity.

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Global HIV/AIDS Initiative Nigeria (GHAIN) (Cross River, Edo)

- Partners: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, other USG agencies, Government of Nigeria, Family Health International, University of Maryland, other consortium partners
- Key Interventions: Primary prevention; voluntary, confidential HIV testing and counseling; clinical and palliative care; support to OVC; prevention and/or treatment of tuberculosis, OIs, and STIs.
- Approach: Integrated, comprehensive support for treatment and prevention of HIV infection, and care and support for those living with HIV/AIDS, and orphans and vulnerable children.