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## **Letter from the Executive Director**

Dear Friends of NAPPDRR,

I am pleased to present you with NAPPDRR's Annual Report for 2023. This report highlights our accomplishments over the past year and outlines our plans for the future.

**2023: A Year of Resilience and Growth:** While the year presented ongoing challenges, including economic instability and resource constraints, NAPPDRR remained resilient and achieved significant progress, thanks to the unwavering support of our donors, the dedicated efforts of our staff and volunteers, and the collaborative spirit of our communities.

### **Key Achievements:**

1. **Empowering Communities:** We continued our work on inclusive, effective, transparent and accountable governance, ensuring over 1,000 citizens of petroleum industry host communities in Akwa Ibom State are sensitized on the provision of Petroleum Industry Acts 2021 sign into law by former Nigeria President – Muhammadu Buhari. The citizens were equally empowered to hold management of the Host Communities Development Trust Fund accountable of the money in their trust.
2. **Advocacy and Transparency:** We actively advocated for the accountable and transparent implementation of the Petroleum Industry Act in host communities, impacting the lives of countless individuals.

**Expanding Impact:** We successfully reached over 1,200 new beneficiaries with our programs, addressing poverty, disaster risk reduction, and environmental protection.

**Looking Ahead with Optimism:** We are encouraged by our progress in 2023 and remain committed to making a positive impact in the communities we serve.

Our ambitious plans for 2024 include:

1. **Scaling Up:** Expanding our geographic reach and program offerings to empower more communities.
2. **Deepening Impact:** Building upon our successes to achieve lasting and sustainable change.
3. **Strengthening Partnerships:** Collaborating with stakeholders to maximize our collective impact.

We cannot achieve these goals alone. We continue to rely on the invaluable support of our donors, partners, and volunteers. Your contributions are essential in fueling our mission and creating a brighter future for the communities we serve.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

**Mr. Emem Edoho**

Executive Director - NAPPPDRR

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to our annual report for 2023! We're excited to share the impact of our programs in promoting environmental justice, host community engagement, awareness, sensitization, and accountability in Petroleum Industry Act 2021 implementation, following Host Communities Development Trust Funds campaigns and advocacies, disaster and poverty risk reduction through community-led actions.

NAPPDRR significantly expanded its geographic coverage and networked with several prominent CSOs in the country, including Oil Watch Africa, Spaces for Change, Natural Resources Governance Institute (NRGI), Civil Societies Legislative Advocacy Center (CISLAC), and Policy Alert.

By collaborating with grassroots communities, we tackled issues of poverty, environmental injustice, and lack of accountability and transparency in local governance, strengthening citizens' resilience.

In 2022, we actively participated in the USAID States2State – Akwa Ibom State (AKIS) Frontline Transparency, Effectiveness, and Accountability (TEA) Program. This program advocated for improved public finance management at local government levels in Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria, with a strong focus on citizen engagement in budget preparation.

NAPPDRR provided valuable insights and feedback about the budgeting process and challenges faced at the local government level in Akwa Ibom State. Our team synthesized and amplified critical stakeholder feedback, contributing to tailored budgets that reflect the priority needs of the people in most local governments for 2023.

We firmly believe in the power and effectiveness of local voices to drive meaningful change.

## **OUR VISION:**

To create a dependable platform for disaster and poverty reduction and environmental & climate Justice, WASH and Public accountability.

## **OUR MISSION:**

To build resilience in communities and people against environmental and climate hazards, poverty and disaster risks, WASH in Nigeria.

## **KEY PROGRAM AREAS**

### **1. NAPPDRR Family Support Program**

Our family support builds economic livelihoods and inclusive poverty reduction in the local communities. In the year 2023, 120 women in Esit-Eket were empowered with micro-grant for economic livelihood.. Beneficiaries were initially introduced to the foundation of gender-transformative leadership, entrepreneurship and how they can be self-sufficient and reliant.





## **2. Environmental Justice & Advocacy Program**

1. We mobilized and supported Ntak-Inyang community in Esit-Eket L.G.A, Akwa Ibom State to seek environmental justice against environmental pollution from oil spills by mobil producing Nigeria Ultd and Universal Energy Resources Ltd, following negative environmental impacts of oil and gas exploration on the poor rural host community over the years. Currently, the community have dragged the two oil polluters, Mobil producing Nigeria Ultd and Universal Energy Resources Ltd to the Federal High Court, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State in suit no: FHC/UY/CS/156/2017 between Idua Ntak-Inyang farmers MPCS and Ors vs Mobil Producing Nigeria Ultd, and Ntak-Inyang People's Congress and Ors vs Universal Energy Resources Ltd for remediation, compensation and stoppage of gas flare and oil spill damage on the indigenous people of Ntak-Inyang, Esit-Eket LGA of Akwa IbomnState.
2. We equally mobilized and supported Edo Community in Esit Eket LGA, Akwa Ibom State to seek environmental justice against improper dumping of toxic drilling waste by Frontier Oil Limited on the community farm, and to demand



compensation for the company.





### 3. Petroleum Industry Acts Implementation Awareness and Sensitization Program

To sensitize host community on PIA implementation in Esit-Eket, Eket, Onna, Ibeno and Mbo LGAs Stakeholders of LGAs were informed, sensitized and engaged in a Townhall Meeting on PIA Implementation in the Petroleum Industry Host Communities of Akwa Ibom State .



#### 4. Follow Host Communities Development Trust Fund (#FollowHCDT Fund)

This program enabled empowerment of citizens in the Petroleum Industry Host Communities with information, knowledge and skills to follow and track HCDT fund for accountable, effective and transparent utilization for the equitable benefit to all citizens in the host communities.



## **SUCCESS STORIES**

### **Success Story 1 - Family Support Program: Esit-Eket Women Rise Up: A Story of Empowerment**

Imagine: 120 women in Esit-Eket, Nigeria, armed with newfound skills and the power of micro-grants, transformed from recipients to leaders. The NAPDDR Family Support Program isn't just a handout; it's a springboard to economic independence.

In 2023, the program wasn't just about money; it was about empowerment. Women were equipped with financial literacy, entrepreneurial know-how, and the confidence to be self-sufficient. This foundation, coupled with micro-grants, ignited a ripple effect of opportunity.

These women, once dependent, are now building businesses, supporting families, and actively contributing to their community's economic landscape. They are no longer waiting for aid; they are creating it. The NAPDDR Family Support Program is more than a success story; it's a testament to the power of investing in women. By nurturing their potential, we unlock not just individual growth, but the collective prosperity of entire communities.

### **Success Story 2 - Environmental Justice Program: Taking Back Their Power: Ntak-Inyang and Edo Communities Fight for Environmental Justice**

Driven by environmental degradation and injustice, two communities in Esit-Eket, Akwa Ibom, rose up against powerful oil companies. The NAPDDR provided crucial support, mobilizing and empowering residents to seek legal action.

**Ntak-Inyang**, ravaged by oil spills from Mobil Producing Nigeria Ultd and Universal Energy Resources Ltd, united as "Idua Ntak-Inyang Farmers MPCS" and "Ntak-Inyang People's Congress." Together, they filed a lawsuit (FHC/UY/CS/156/2017) demanding remediation,

compensation, and an end to the harmful practices. This bold step challenged polluters and ignited hope for a healthier future.

**Edo Community** faced a different threat: toxic drilling waste dumped on their farmland by Frontier Oil Limited. With NAPDDR's guidance, they mobilized and demanded compensation for the damage. Their collective voice held the company accountable, sending a strong message against environmental exploitation.

These victories showcase the power of community action. With NAPDDR's support, Ntak-Inyang and Edo residents transformed from victims to empowered advocates, securing environmental justice and paving the way for a sustainable future. Their stories serve as an inspiration for others fighting similar battles, demonstrating that even the most marginalized communities can achieve remarkable results when they stand together

### **Success Story 3 - Petroleum Industry Act Awareness and Sensitization Program: Akwa Ibom Communities Empowered on PIA**

Ensuring the voices of host communities are heard in the implementation of the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA) was the mission. NAPDDR took action, convening Townhall Meetings across five Akwa Ibom LGAs: Esit-Eket, Eket, Onna, Ibeno, and Mbo.

These weren't just lectures; they were dialogues. Stakeholders – community leaders, youth, women – actively engaged, learning about their rights and responsibilities under the PIA. The air crackled with questions, concerns, and hopes for a more equitable future.

NAPDDR facilitated informed participation. By the end, communities weren't just aware; they were empowered. Armed with knowledge and a collaborative spirit, they were ready to hold stakeholders accountable and ensure the PIA truly benefits their communities.

This wasn't just a one-time event; it marked the beginning of a sustained engagement. NAPPDRR continues to bridge the gap between communities and decision-makers, ensuring a brighter future for all.

#### **Success Story 4 – Follow Host Communities Development Trust Fund (#FollowHCDT Fund): Demystifying the Trust: Citizens Empowered to Track HCDT Funds**

The Host Communities Development Trust Fund (HCDT) held immense potential, but for many citizens, it remained an opaque entity. Enter the NAPPDRR's "FollowHCDT Fund" program, shining a light on transparency and accountability.

Empowering citizens was key. The program equipped them with the knowledge and skills to track HCDT fund utilization. Workshops and trainings broke down complex legal jargon, fostering understanding of their rights and responsibilities.

No longer passive bystanders, citizens transformed into active watchdogs. They learned to access information, analyze budgets, and hold authorities accountable. This newfound power led to real change.

Communities began to see tangible benefits from the HCDT Fund. Schools were renovated, healthcare facilities improved, and local businesses flourished. The program wasn't just about numbers; it was about empowered citizens shaping their own futures.

The "FollowHCDT Fund" program serves as a model for citizen engagement. By bridging the gap between knowledge and power, it ensures the HCDT Fund truly serves the communities it was designed to uplift. The journey continues, but the path is now illuminated, thanks to empowered citizens holding the light

### **TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

NAPPDRR is committed to the highest standards of transparency and ethical governance. Our dedicated board of directors ensures



responsible stewardship of funds, and we maintain open communication with our supporters.

### **Board of Trustees**

1. Emem Edoho – Chairman/Executive Director,  
(MBA) (Member, Steering Committee, Dakadda Global Oil Palm) Akwa Ibom State.
2. Adeniyi Ajibola - Director
3. Ms. Joy E. Udongo - Director
4. Otobong S. Edoho - Director
5. Helen S. Edoho - Director
6. Aniekan Edoho - Director

### **IMPACTS AND OUTCOMES**

1. 400 Citizens of Eket, Esit Eket, Ibeno, and Mbo LGAs engaged, and sensitized on Petroleum Industry Act 2021 Implementation.
2. 200 Citizens of Eket, Esit Eket, Ibeno, and Onna LGAs sensitized and empowered with information and skills to follow and track on Petroleum Industry Act 2021 enabled Host Communities Development Trust Funds utilization by the management.
3. Advocacy Visit Ministry of Environment and Petroleum Resources, Ekit HCDT Board of Directors of Frontier Oil Limited for transparent and inclusive implementation of Host Communities Development Plan.
4. 120 families in Ntak Inyang and Odoronkid in Esit Eket LGA, provided with livelihood resources
5. 3 civil actions initiated against petroleum industries for environmental remediation and community rehabilitation.

### **PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS**

We acknowledge and appreciate the valuable partnerships with organizations such as the Oilwatch Africa, Development Alternative

Incorporation, CISLAC, Natural Resources Governance Institute, Akwa Ibom State Ministry of Environment, whose collaborations have been instrumental in achieving our mission.

## **FUNDRAISING AND RECOGNITIONS**

NAPPDRR greatly appreciate the critical role of its donors. Their support allows us to continue our work. Special thanks to our donors and top contributors: Benest Technical Services and Global Greengrants Fund

## **STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS RECOGNITIONS**

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to our committed staff and Volunteers for their unwavering dedication to our mission.

### **Staff**

1. Aniekan S. Edoho - Senior Program Officer
2. Kufre O. Edet - Finance/Account Officer
3. Otobong Edoho - Information & Communication Officer
4. Mrs. Aniebiet Edet - Senior Admin. Officer
5. Helen Bassey - Monitoring & Evaluation Officer
6. Aniefiok Peter - Safety & Security Officer

### **Top Volunteers**

1. Anietie Ekereanam - Media Outreached Program
2. Mr. Emmanuel Edoho - Community and Youth Mobilization

## **CHALLENGES AND FUTURE PLANS**

While we achieved significant milestones in 2023, we recognize that challenges exist. In 2024, NAPODRR aims to expand and reach more communities in need, empowering and even build more resilience in more lives



## **CONTACT INFORMATION AND SOCIAL MEDIA LinLINKS**

For further information, opportunities to get involved, or to follow our work, please visit our website and connect with us on social media: NAPPDRR.

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