

#### **ABOUT US**

Development (NDWPD), formerly known as Niger a "Women's Association" into a full Delta Women's movement for Peace LEGAL and Development is а governmental. non-Profit organization, duly registered under The Niger Delta Women's movement part C of the Companies and Allied for Matters Acts 1990, and in special (NDWPD) is now known and called consultative Status with the United THE NOBLE DELTA WOMEN FOR Nations ECOSOC, accredited to the PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT INT'L. Environmental (NDWPD). United **Nations** Program (UNEP), United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Our Work (UNFCCCC) Change United Nations Convention on Biodiversity (UNCBD), and the Green Climate NDWPD works at selected rural Fund (GCF) based in Delta state with a vision to empower the Niger Delta Women and the most vulnerable people in the region and for the promotion and realization of their rights.

#### When was our formed?

NDWPD was formed in 2005

#### NDWPD TRANSITIONS...

After 15 Years of our existence as Noble Delta Women for Peace and PART OF THE women's movement. International on April 1, 2019 we transitioned from Institution and non- Governmental Organization (NGO).

> Peace and Development

which region(s) does our organization work?

areas in the Niger

Delta Region (nine states), and in Nigeria and in Collaboration with Partner organizations in Africa Region and the International Space, Working towards women's Rights, Gender Equality, **Economic** organization Empowerment, Capacity building and Sustainable Development.

#### **OUR STORY!**

NDWPD was founded by Amb. them to reach their full potentials and Caroline Usikpedo and a group of growth. women in Lagos.

#### WHAT HAPPENED?

#### **HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS!!**

She got justice through the office of employer whom she saw violated workers' rights in the company.

# VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS!!!

name of A mother in-law, brother inlaws, and sister in-laws but also got justice through the office of then Superior Officer Administration of the Nigerian Army (SO 1A) and the Officer in-charge –Nigerian Military Police (OC-MP) Depot, NA Zaria, Kaduna State, Nigeria.

### SHE HAD A VISION!!!!

Her vision for the Niger Delta region was to work with women in the region to empower and catalyze it".

### THE JOURNEY!!!!!

Touched by the high rate of poverty level of women in the Niger Delta and her vision for Women's Rights and Empowerment, Peacemaking, and Women Gender Equality Inclusion in Decision making using WHAT the public defender with support of training and capacity building as US!!!!!!! the Lagos state Governor; Sen. development tools, she called on We stood by the Words of John C. Ahmed Bola Tinubu in 2005, with her women from all states of the Niger Maxwell which says .... Delta to join hands in the pursuit of The best option in Life is when you Emancipation of the rural women.

#### A NEW CHILD WAS BORN!!!!!!

The Niger Delta Women's movement This was our word of encouragement She suffered maltreatment in the for Peace and Hope (NDWPH) that has made us to see this day to started at the slums at a friend's the Glory of God. backyard in Ajegunle in Lagos, Nigeria.

> REMEMBERING **KEEPS** memory **ALIVE OF** the day we held the first meeting and the rain fell, Ajegunle, Lagos Nigeria flooded and how we held our shoes **IN** our hands and **SWAM** out of the black dirty water.

IT WAS Then we said, "We will do

We looked at moving beyond and moving from Hope to Development, Women's and the movement changed its name to the Niger Delta Women's movement for Peace and Development (NDWPD) in 2007.

# HAS **ENCOURAGED**

chose to SUFFER NOW AND **ENJOY LATER...** 

### NOW IS THE TIME!!!!!!!

Our Noble Delta Women for Peace and Development (NDWPD) is the new face of the organization for Women Empowerment and Sustainable Development in Niger Delta, Nigeria.

> We have repositioned with major changes below...

- Duly Registered With Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) as Noble Delta Women for Peace and Development.
  - National President is now Executive Director
  - Vibrant Board of Trustees with a complete gender balance and inclusive of all
  - We have relocated our Head Office and the Women Resource Centre to the Capital City of Asaba in Delta State, Nigeria
  - Refined and Innovative Skills Development Center for women and youth

# **VISION**

The vision of NDWPD is to see A Society that respects Women Human rights, Gender Equality, Women Empowerment, Peace and Free of Gender Based Violence.

We envision a world for women to live in where there is Social and

Environmental Justice, Gender Equality and respect for women's human rights.

#### **MISSION**

mission is to promote Our enduring peace and Women's rights mobilization in the Niger Delta, focusing on women empowerment, conflict mediation, buildina. gender peace climate change issues, girl-child education, ecological imperatives, HIV/AIDS prevention, caring for orphans and vulnerable children.

To promote economic and social advancement of the women, to support women's rights and gender equality for women and People in the rural areas of the Niger Delta region.

It is our belief that by investing in women and girls we invest in the future and If women are empowered with skills, information, sustainable livelihoods, opportunities to fulfill their potential, plus the capacity and space to make transformatory

choices, then we will have vibrant, healthy and inclusive communities free of Gender Based Violence in the Niger Delta, Nigeria.

#### **GOAL**

To initiate action for promoting peace in the Niger Delta, to harness the wisdom of women and to eliminate any form of violence to create justice among all.

#### **CORE VALUES**

**Integrity** – Is the bedrock for everything we do

**Diversity and Inclusion** – We run a diverse and all-inclusive organization irrespective of the social status

**Accountability** - We are open and responsible for our words , actions and Results

**Confidence** – We are confident and trust our work and actions delivers it mandate

**Collaboration** – We achieve more when we collaborate and all work together as a team

#### **Thematic Focus**

- Women's Rights, Education, Gender Equality and Decision making
- Women Economic Empowerment and Livelihoods
- Governance, Conflict mediation, Peace and Security
- Health, HIV/AIDS, Sexual and Reproductive Rights
- Climate / Environmental
   Justice, Renewable Energy and
   Disaster Risk Reduction
- Human Trafficking and Migration
- Caring for Orphans / Vulnerable Children
   (OVCs)

#### **ORGANIZATION OBJECTIVES:**

1. To promote enduring peace and cooperation in the Niger Delta and to alleviate the hardship of children, their families, rural communities & schools.

- 2. To harness the wisdom of women to eliminate any form of violence to create justice among all by providing communities with skills and vocations.
- 3. To promote women empowerment that encouraged women to get actively involved in decision making process at all level.
- 4. To support human rights, ecological imperatives and sustainable development and cooperate with organizations (Local & International) to support technical knowledge and skills.
- 5. To foster educational, economic and social advancement of the Niger Delta women and improving the capacity of vulnerable girls and women in rural communities by creating jobs for them.
- 6. To identify with the problems and progress of the most vulnerable women and people in the Niger Delta
- 7. To provide the children in orphanages and destitute homes with food, clothes, vaccinations/

medical care, books and uniforms, education scholarships and household equipment's.

# WHAT HAVE WE DONE / ACCOMPLISHED

#### **Thematic Focus 1**

Women's Rights, Education, Gender Equality and Decision making

 Advocacy for Women in Decision-Making Process.







• Women's Rights Training





 Women Leadership Institutes on Building blocks of Leadership





 Ending Violence against Women and Girls
 Campaigns





Thematic Focus 2
Women Economic Empowerment
and Livelihoods

 Women and Girls Education through Skills and Vocations Training





• Entrepreneurial Skills for Women and Girls in the Niger Delta





• Micro Credit for women





 Women Entrepreneur and mobile money Value Added Training – YTF MasterCard Foundation





 Enhancing Employability Through Skills & vocations training – VGIF Funding 2014.





# **Thematic Focus 3**

Governance, Conflict mediation, Peace and Security

 Capacity Building for Women in Governance, Peace and Security



 Stakeholders Engagement Forum and Capacity Building Workshop on Illegal Drivers License and National Passport Holders in Ughelli, Delta State





 Stakeholders Dialogue on Building Citizens Engagement and Participation in the Niger Delta, Nigeria.





 Advocacy through Film Screening in Communities (Daughters of the Niger Delta Film)





 Isoko Women Dialogue and Peace Tour





 Campaigns to Stop Killer Robots

Stakeholders Roundtable / Sensitization and Awareness Raising on to call for Ban on Fully Autonomous Weapons





 Regional Press Conference to call for a Ban on killer Robots





**Thematic Focus 4** 

Health, HIV/AIDS, Sexual and Reproductive Rights

 Advocacy and social mobilization campaign at rural communities in Isoko North LGA on rule malaria project in Delta State





- Advocacy, Sensitization and Awareness on Nigeria HIV/AIDS Indicator and Impact Survey in Ughelli North
- Providing mobile community HIV Testing and Counseling services in Warri North, Warri South West and Bomadi Local Government Areas of Delta State CARITAS Nigeria 4Gates program

#### **Thematic Focus 5**

Climate / Environmental Justice, Renewable Energy and Disaster Risk Reduction  Facilitation of the Niger Delta Women's Climate JusticeTribunals in Delta and Bayelsa states (2009 -2011)





 Social Accountability & Monitoring of Road maintenance and Waste mgt. project – Delta SEEFOR World Bank 2014- 2019





 Empowerment and Development of women for Environmental sustainability





 Isoko Women Study Tour /Training for Improved Cookstoves for Garri processing in Ghana





 Grassroots women Dialogue for Climate Action –RISE Event





 Grassroots Women Sports for Climate Justice –Afrika Vuka Day





 Views from the frontlines Capacity Building, Sensitization and Advocacy for communities at risks





Complimentary monitoring, baseline and data surveys





 Reducing impact of Climate Change on women/girls through income generating activities and empowerment - 2019





# **Thematic Focus 6**

**Human Trafficking and Migration** 

 Psycho-social and material support for victims of trafficking and Natural Disasters



 Advocacy and Materials support to Victims of Flood in Delta and Bayelsa States





 Reintegration through trainings@ Noble Delta Women Resource Centre





 Capacity and Entrepreneurial Development



- Human rights support for victims
- Intercepted and prosecuted perpetrators in Edo and Lagos states

# **Thematic Focus 7**

Caring for Orphans / Vulnerable Children (OVCs)

 Food and materials support to Orphans and Vulnerable Children





 Provision of 100 Classroom Desks and Library Books and Furniture – US Embassy Ambassador Self Help Project 2014





Global Level Intervention at the United Nations and International Meetings on MDG/Poverty Eradication, Climate Change, Campaigns and Post 2015 Development Framework and the SDGs.

 United nations MDG / Poverty Eradication and Climate Change Campaigns





United Nations CSW 2009





 United Nations Conference of Parties (COPS 15 & 17)





 United Nations MDG Review 2010





 Africa Renewable Energy Conference, Accra 2010





 RIO +20 Conference, Brazil 2012





 CIVICUS World Assembly, Montreal 2012





- Post 2015 Development Framework
- (Monrovia, London, Indonesia) 2012/2013









 First UNEP Universal Governing Council meeting, Nairobi 2013





 United Nations High Level Political Forum 2014 and 2017, NY, USA





 United Nations Environment Assembly 2014-2016





CCDA –Nairobi 2018





 Legal Innovation Lab – Entebbe





ARFSD – 2016 and 2018





 United Nations SE4ALL 2019, NY, USA





SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- Women CSOs networking to realize the Sustainable Development Goals (Post-2015)
- Training on Gender and the SDGs





 Promoting sustainable Economic Empowerment and Development of women



 Citizens Hearings on the Sustainable Development Goals





 Advocacy, Raising awareness and Sensitization of the SDGs





• #ACTS4SDGS Campaigns



 Social Accountability and Monitoring of SDGs

Surveys: Online KoboCollect Interviews Face to Face meetings Focal Group Discussions

#### **STRATEGIES**

- Human and Organizational Capacity Building
- Training of women and girls in vocations and skills.
- Violence against women and Girls Campaign.
- Micro Financing and Economic 3. Development
- girls in Delta State.
- United Nations SDG / Poverty households Eradication, and Climate Change Campaigns.
- Legislative and Advocacy
- · Access to Health Care
- Access to Education
- Networking/ Information Sharing

# WHAT ARE WE PROJECTING TO DO IN THE FUTURE?

NDWPD plans for the future is to a Niger Delta Women Create **Empowerment Trust** Fund to:

1. Train and empower as many women as possible for them to

contribute development of the associations and make lasting peace in the region

Mobilizina and supporting Community Based responses to future. · Capacity building for female provide both immediate and long Financial /material from Donors, prisoners/Vulnerable women and term therapeutic and socio-economic individuals and Agencies to enable assistance to vulnerable women and

#### **FOR VISION** THE **OVERALL** Social REGION / NIGERIAN NATION

We envision a world of Peace, ACTIVITIES Equality and an improved and Developed economy where:

- Our women and children will be educated and have right to protection and Peace in the entire region and the Nigerian Nation.
- Government protects the most vulnerable women and their children through improved policy Legislation by channeling resources to communities. 3. Awareness will be raised through Advocacy and mobilization Social to create supportive environment for women,

be self reliant and to continue girls and children affected by Malaria the and other related diseases and rural reduce stigma and discrimination for 2. Assist women those affected by HIV/AIDS.

#### **NEED OF THE MOVEMENT**

It is our belief that by investing in women and girls we invest in the NDWPD needs support us reach out to as many women and girls in the Niger Delta Region as possible.

# **BACKGROUND** INFORMATION

Facilitation Hall Me of Town mainstreaming rural women into political Women into political process and decision making at all levels

Towards 2007 Elections: December. 18. 2006 Delta State.

September 2007. NDWPD organized a training workshop for its members on rural women

Entrepreneurship Development.

In November 2, 2007, NDWPD implemented its first project at the Leper colony in Delta and Bayelsa

States. Theme: Support Lepers and their Children, Theme: The Children Crvina. theLepers are are Handicapped, Lend them a Hand. Mbiama, Bayelsa State, Nigeria.

In December 2007, the NDWPD rounded up the years program with the provision of food stuffs to the most vulnerable women across the rural areas of Delta State.

Delta State.

credit loan to women and less ending privileges. A total number of 80 promoting good governance means in New York, USA, the president women received micro credit loan in engaging women voters, June and December, 2008.

NDWPD had an advocacy and social ensuring that appropriate authorities discussion of the UN women mobilization communities in Isoko North LGA on while meeting the MDG's require that position of the first Nigerian woman rule malaria project to eradicate health mosquitoes and malaria in Delta education, and the capacities of FWP website. Also, at the UN church State. July 2008 to March, 2009.

Capacity Building Project for 2008. Global Call to Action Against Poverty and Stigmatization in the Niger Delta,

the NDWPD sponsored her National (GCAP) and the United Nations president and some members to the Millennium Campaign participated in 3RD

High Level Forum ON Effectiveness and the CSO parallel events, 17th -19th October, 2008 event on AID Effectiveness in Accra 2012 to mobilize Ghana respectively. August 31st - awareness 2nd September, 2008, and also to development goals and the end the 63rd session of the United poverty 2015 deadline. This event Nations General Assembly in New marked the wrap up of NDWPD 2008 NDWPD opened her year 2008 York, USA SEPTEMBER 22ND yearly programs with a certificate of programs in April with the launch of 26TH, 2008 where the National special recognition award for Active support for orphans and President made a presentation on Support and participation received vulnerable children around you. It is the Case of the Niger Delta in from the UN Millennium Campaigns her slef help project implemented at Southern Nigeria, Understanding the and a certificate of micro credit from the rural areas of Isoko and Ijaw, Crisis, issues, challenges and the Delta State Government. In 2009, way forward.

The organization facilitated micro Knowing that ending poverty means session of the United Nations In partnership with the ICWECD, the of non discriminating laws and paper presented during the panel campaign at rural like judiciary uphold women's rights, Federation of Peace and won the As part of the NDWPD (CBP) NDWPD in collaboration with the paper on HIV/AIDS, Discrimination

the year 2008 Stand Up and Take aid Action (SUTA) against poverty the on millennium NDWPD participated at the 53rd feminine poverty while Commission on the Status of Women presentations on women putting made women in offices and implementation waging peace in the Niger Delta, a opportunities, girl child whose presentation appears the UNwomen must drastically improve, the centre, the president presented a

Sisters to Sisters International. Part fashion designs and Information and Task Force GCAP team where we of the event was the Artisan Fair, Communication Technology while presented at the civil society where NDWPD displayed locally having full knowledge on computer partnership events, Day of Dialogue made beads made by rural women in applications and internet usage. the Niger Delta.

June NDWPD 2009. appointed the African Coordinators of tribunals and poverty hearings ahead Health in the Niger Delta Nigeria and Sophia 2010 World Conference to be of the Copenhagen Climate summit. the impact of Climate Change on held in Bulgaria, now Ways Women Niger Delta Women and Climate local rural women of the Niger Delta. Lead. The year 2009 Stand Up and Justice Tribunals: The Effect of Also, we were part of the Civil G20 Take Action Campaign received Climate Change on women in Jesse, Summit in Seoul, South Korea 2010 special participation as the Executive Delta State. Case of the Jesse Fire and most recently at the Africa Chairman of the DESOPDEC, Chief Inferno 1998 and the Water Regional Preparatory Conference Dr. Wellington Okrika and his management in Odi Bayelsa State. for Rio+20, 20 - 25, October 2011, Cabinet stand up and take action In December 2009, the NDWPD join Addis Ababa as major group and the against poverty to Guinness World record which gave a world to present the outcomes of the Biofuel for Africa in Ouagadougou, boost not only to the NDWPD but to Climates Justices Hearing as a Burkina Faso. Nigeria as a whole.

In October 2009, NDWPD marked Nigeria. the Sophia Day in conjunction with And finally NDWPD was at the United Nations Day, the International Day of Climate Action, Review and the 54th Session of the the Earth Charter and the Formal Commission on the status of women opening of the Niger Delta Women in New York, where we presented Resource Center, which is expected the Climate Justice tribunals the 3rd to be equipped to teach women and of March, 2010. girls in various vocations and skills of Due to our commitment to women's' choice like catering and home rights and poverty, NDWPD was at management, production unit for the 2010 UN MDG Review Summit

followed by award ceremony by the soaps and detergents, tie and dye, in New York as part of the Feminist

November 12 -13, 2009, NDWPD Women and the MDGs" including 2 was facilitated climate two break the her partners from other part of the 3rd International Conference on Climate witness from the Niger Delta, NDWPD led a women's delegation of

the Beijing + 15 Platform for Action

justice panels: on Maternal and Child

the Niger Delta, a grassroots and rural community, to the 63rd session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, September 2008 as well as to the 53rd, 54th, and 55th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York, USA February 2009, 2010 and 2011 where we made presentations on women waging peace in the Niger Delta, as well as on HIV/AIDS

discrimination and stigmatization, respectively. NDWPD facilitated NIGER **DELTA WOMEN TRIBUNAL WOMEN AND** CLIMATE JUSTICE HEARING TO STRENGHTEN VOICES, SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS IN THE NIGER DELTA. NIGERIA 5<sup>th</sup>

October, 2011 in Ughelli, Delta State. And Board of Trustees also participated as a Climate Witnesses from the Niger Delta at the UNFCCC Copenhagen Summit on Climate Change in December 2009, Durban South Africa 2011 and to RIO+20 Conference in Brazil 2012.

In October, 2009, the NDWPD formally opened the Niger Delta Women resource centre at Ughelli, Delta State which is leased for 9 years and fully equipped for the training of women / Youth in skills vocations and Like **ICT** /Computer, Tailoring, Catering and Home Mgt., Hair and Beauty, and Production of Soaps and Detergents, as a self help project of the organization.

NDWPD is actively involved in the Post 2015 Development Framework and the United Nations MDGs review process, UNEP Women Major Group Facilitation and the SDG's processes

# ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

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# **MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NDWPD**

With gratitude to God almighty who have in all ages past, I am delighted to professionals who will be directly share the news of the Noble Delta managing the affairs of the NDWPD. Women for Peace and Development NDWPD needs major stakeholders International (NDWPD).

I believe that by reading our profile multinational cooperation's in the oil you will be encouraged to join our sectors, banking industries e.tc. As network and contribute to the partners, especially those who are principal aim of the NDWPD to foster direct beneficiaries of the subject economic and social benefit for matter of Peace for Development in Women Empowerment.

#### KEY **OBJECTIVES** OF **NDWPD**

The key objectives of the NDWPD are to promote the cause of Peace and Campaign for improved Women and Girl child education, awareness against all forms of Gender Based violence and

Discrimination / HIV AIDS prevention and women's Increasing impact in Peace general development of the society, among others.

#### SUSTAINABILITY IS OUR **GREATEST CHALLENGE**

In order to foster sustainability which has been our greatest challenge, we

put in place women: (public and private sector) and the Niger Delta Region, National and International to work towards a joint THE bid and welcome expression of interests.

> Should you find that there is a possibility of working in partnership, please do contact us

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#### **OUR GRATITUDE**

Our deep and profound Gratitude to all NDWPD members and Partners who have supported a charity that was still growing.

we warmly praise the women of the NDWPD. our Local and Global members, for their staunch support, untiring labour through rain sunshine in rallying funds and institutional the support for organizations charity projects and the 7 point objectives of our Grassroots women movement.

Women Our heartfelt gratitude to all the women of the Niger Delta, Rosa Lizarde of the GCAP-FTF New York. Caroline the entire GCAP team both Local Ozarighe and international, Ann Smith, Ways Lead. Florida. Sascha Gabizon WECF/WICF all our local and International partners in projects, individual supporters who also work tirelessly for the Emancipation of Women in the Niger Delta Region, Nigeria.

# BE A MEMBER OR PARTNER OF Member, GCAP-FTF, Nigeria THE NDWPD

support and empowerment possible. Be a member / partner of NDWPD today and join the crusade Our Partners for Peace and Development in the Niger Delta, Nigeria.

We remain Sincerely yours,



# Amb. Caroline Usikpedo-Oliseowe, FCIA.

**Executive Director, NDWPD** IHRC Ambassador of Goodwill for Nigeria/ Dep. Secretary for Africa

Member UN-CSO network It is important that we gain as much African Coordinator, Ways women as Lead

- \* GCAP- Feminist Task Force
- \* Global Call To Action Against Poverty \* Ways Women Lead
- \* Nigeria Network of NGO's
- \* Global Climate Change Alliance
- \* NGO's CSW
- \* Amnesty International
- \* World Future Council
- \* African Renewable Energy Alliance
- \* Climate Change Network Nigeria
- \* Gender & Climate Change Alliance
- \* 1010 Global
- \*Women's **Environment& Development Organization**
- \* CIVICUS
- \* Anti-Corruption internet Database (ACID)
- \*Gender and Water Alliance
- \* Urgent Action Fund –UAF Africa
- \* Global rights for Justice
- \* Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC)

- \* Media Information **Narrative** Development
- \*FACE Initiative
- \* Virginia Gildersleeve Int'l Fund(VGIF) USA
- \* Delta SEEFOR /WORLD BANK
- \* Industrial Training Fund