## **CSSF PROGRAMME SUMMARY**

PROGRAMME TITLE: Niger Delta Stability Programme			
HMG Partners	Foreign & Commonwealth Office		
(Lead in bold)			
COUNTRY/REGION:	Nigeria		
PROGRAMME DURATION: April 2017- March 2019			
FY17-18 BUDGET:		ODA: £0.8m	Non-ODA: £0
PROJECT/COMPONENT	LEAD	IMPLEMENTING ORGANISATION	FY17-18 BUDGET
	DEPT		
Niger Delta Stability	FCO	Stakeholders Democracy Network	£800,000
Programme			

## WHAT SUPPORT IS THE UK PROVIDING?

This is a flexible research and piloting programme aiming to deepen understanding of key issues in the Niger Delta, namely security and governance, economic diversification, oil theft and illegal refining, and environmental clean-up. Stakeholders Democracy Network (SDN) will undertake research and community consultations to enhance understanding of needs and to produce reports with actionable recommendations. Through advocacy and technical advisory support, SDN will push for these recommendations to be incorporated into government plans while piloting small scale initiatives in governance, development and environment clean-up to demonstrate the relevance of policy recommendations and to serve as model for scaled up programmes.

The UK has worked regularly with SDN in the past 10 years. This programme builds upon a pilot implemented in 2015/16. SDN has been facilitating dialogue between civil society, government, and the oil industry since 2004. It has demonstrated its comparative advantage in working with stakeholders in the region.

## WHY IS UK SUPPORT NEEDED?

Conflict and violence in the Niger Delta have national and international repercussions, with an impact on the oil market and on Nigeria's fiscal deficit and economic development. The major strategic focus for the UK is to contribute to stability in the Niger Delta through political dialogue, economic regeneration including for the poorest and environmental clean-up.

The UK is a strong partner of Nigeria and is one of the most involved international actor in the Niger Delta. The UK's support is valued and the UK has a constructive dialogue with the Nigerian government.

This Conflict Security and Stability Fund programme will address some of the drivers of conflict in the Niger Delta and will complement work implemented by DFID on agricultural development and oil and gas policy reform as well as an MOD programme on maritime security.

## WHAT RESULTS DOES THE UK EXPECT TO ACHIEVE?

Over the next two years we aim to contribute to the following outcomes:

- Through research and consultation the views of Niger Delta communities, on the key issues of security and governance, economic diversification, oil theft and illegal refining, and environmental clean-up are incorporated into Federal Government plans for the region
- Pilot activities demonstrate alternative security models and livelihood mechanisms that are adopted by state and federal actors

This will be achieved by:

- Supporting the development of ministerial plans to form the foundation of the Federal Government's peace and development plan for the Niger Delta region
- Improving the Niger Delta Development Commission's Transparency and Accountability systems feedback
- Piloting community policing models, including community pipeline surveillance model
- Developing alternative livelihoods frameworks that can be reproduced at larger scale