Shell in Nigeria

IMPROVING LIVES IN THE NIGER DELTA

Social investment

Shell Companies in Nigeria (SCiN) are committed to addressing social and developmental challenges affecting the communities in which they operate. As a statutory obligation, SCiN contributed around $180 million to the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) in 2013, in addition to taxes and royalties paid to the Federal Government. Separately, more than $100 million was spent by the Shell Petroleum Development Company joint venture (SPDC JV) and Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company (SNEPCo) on voluntary social investment activities, of which the Shell share was $32.3 million. This makes Nigeria the largest recipient of social investment by the Shell group globally.

SCiN work proactively with government, communities, NGOs and civil society to promote sustainable, multi-stakeholder initiatives that have a real impact on lives in the Niger Delta. Our social investments are focused on four areas: enterprise development for youths and women; education; community health; and other community-driven development initiatives implemented via the Global Memorandum of Understanding (GMoU) model.

Beneficiaries

$7 million invested in scholarships in 2013

14,000 beneficiaries of Shell school and university scholarships over 50 years

27 health facilities supported by SPDC in the Niger Delta

5,575 Niger Delta youths trained in business management and enterprise development through Shell LiveWIRE programme since 2003
Enterprise development
LiveWIRE Nigeria is our flagship youth enterprise development programme. Launched in 2003 it provides access to training, business development services and start-up capital to establish and expand youth-owned businesses. To date, the programme has trained 5,575 Niger Delta youths in enterprise development and management.

In 2012, SPDC commenced the implementation of a partnership with NDDC to expand the LiveWIRE programme to cover the entire Niger Delta region. A focus of the partnership is the economic empowerment of young women. Through this partnership, the LiveWIRE model has been used to create employment opportunities for over 1,600 women between the ages of 18 and 35.

Education
SCiN have a long history of supporting education through scholarships and other initiatives. In 2013, in continuation of our annual support, the sum of over $7 million was invested in scholarship programmes.

1,795 scholarship grants were awarded to secondary school students and 850 to university undergraduates in 2013. This added to over 14,000 beneficiaries over the 50 years of these awards.

Besides scholarships SCiN invest in the wider development of scientific disciplines and academia in Nigeria. SCiN have endowed eight university professorial chairs for teaching and research and sponsored the establishment of centres of excellence in geosciences, petroleum engineering and environmental management.

Health
Partnerships with the Federal and State Ministries of Health and NGOs have been instrumental to the success of our community health programmes. Our Health-in-Motion programme is a mobile health outreach initiative that takes free health care services to the doorsteps of remote communities in the Niger Delta. SPDC supports 27 health centres in the Niger Delta.

A Community Health Insurance Scheme, currently championed by SPDC in Obio Cottage Hospital, is a shining example of how a community can come together, pool resources and ensure collective access to affordable, quality medical care. This scheme has gained national and international prominence and has been replicated in many communities elsewhere in the Delta, including Nembe city, Mboro-Aluu and Rumuokwurusi.

Community-driven development
In recent years SPDC has sought to improve the ways in which it engages with local communities to deliver social investment projects. A key development was the Global Memorandum of Understanding (GMoU) model, introduced in 2006, which seeks to increase transparency and accountability around project delivery and give local communities greater ownership of projects from their inception.

A GMoU is a written statement between SPDC, as operator of the SPDC JV, and a group (or cluster) of several communities. Clusters are based on local government or clan/historical affinity lines as advised by the relevant state government. Under the terms of the GMoUs, the communities decide the developments they want while SPDC provides secure funding for five years.

This system replaced the previous approach whereby the SPDC JV agreed to hundreds of separate development projects with individual communities and managed them directly and separately. By the end of 2013, SPDC on behalf of its JV partners had signed agreements with a total of 37 GMoU clusters, covering 387 communities.