



Residents of Bodo
Nigeria

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THE BODO COMMUNITY'S STORY

For several hundred years, the people of Bodo in the Niger Delta have made a living from fishing and farming. This serene way of life suddenly changed on 28 August 2008, when a breach in a Shell oil pipeline caused thousands of barrels of oil to spill into the local creek. The land and water around Bodo was soon polluted with oil. The spill continued until 7 November.

In December 2008, a second spill began, lasting for 10 weeks. Both spills were caused by equipment failure. The oil destroyed people's livelihoods and devastated the environment. Fish in the creek died or moved away from the pollution. No proper clean up has taken

place; four years on the land and water remain polluted and unproductive. The damage done to fisheries and farming has resulted in food shortages and rising food prices in Bodo. A third spill in June 2012 has deepened concerns that Shell's pipeline is old and prone to leaks.

Many people in Bodo have been pushed deeper into poverty as a consequence of the oil spills. Meanwhile, the contaminated soil, water and air are putting their health at risk.

Show solidarity with the Bodo community

Take a photo of yourself holding a sign saying either: "We support the Bodo community" or "Clean up the Bodo oil spills". Write your message in English.

If you can, take your photo outside a Shell garage or a Shell office.

Post your photo at:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/medianaija/>

Write to President Goodluck Jonathan

- Ask him to monitor the pollution in Bodo and its effects on the local community, and ensure that a clean-up operation takes place.
- Urge him to publicly commit to transparency and access to information for all aspects of the clean-up operation.
- Ask him to ensure that the affected communities are fully compensated for their losses.
- Ask him to set up a Commission of Inquiry to investigate and publicly report on Shell's compliance with environmental legislation and regulations in the Niger Delta.

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Start your letter: Your Excellency



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