

A photograph showing a person in a red shirt standing in a muddy, polluted stream. The water is dark and reflects the surrounding environment, including a large green tree on the left and a thatched hut on the right. The sky is dark and overcast, suggesting a storm or heavy rain. The overall scene depicts environmental degradation and pollution.

**NEXT STEPS FOR IMPROVING THE JIV FORMS
AND RELATED ASPECTS OF THE JIV PROCESS**

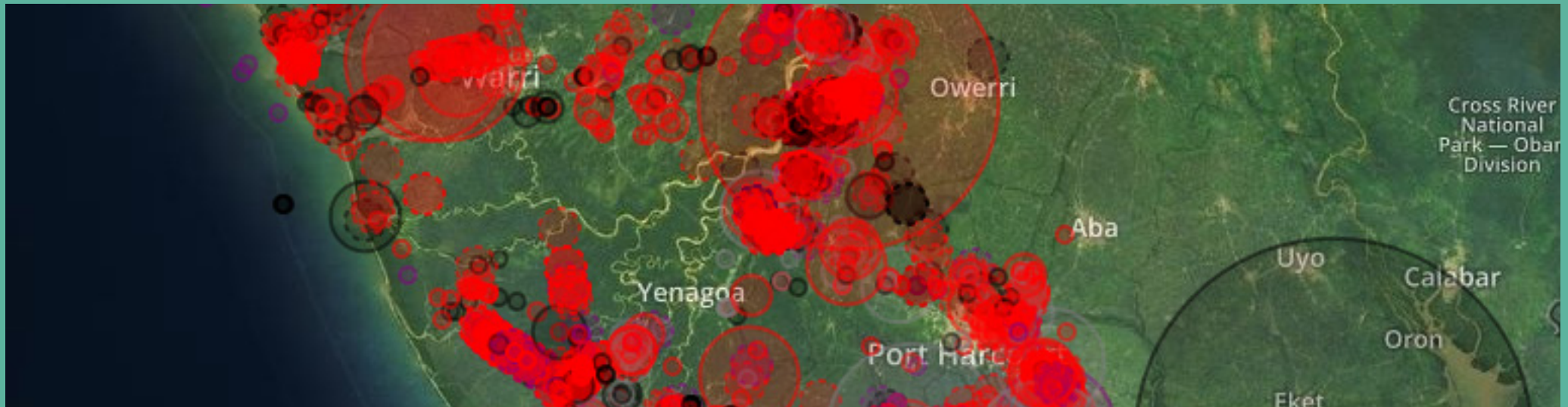
1. BRING OIL SPILL RESPONSE TEAMS AND THEIR MANAGEMENT TOGETHER WITH NOSDRA AND CIVIL SOCIETY TO REVISE, STANDARDISE, REFINE AND IMPROVE THE JOINT INVESTIGATIVE VISITS AND ITS ASSOCIATED FORMS THROUGH AN INCLUSIVE AND PARTICIPATORY PROCESS.

2. COLLECTIVELY AGREE ON A NEW UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH PARTY AT THE JIV AND FOR OIL SPILL RESPONSE GENERALLY.

- Agree to work towards the formation of neutral, regional community environmental committees (lawyers, environmentalists, CSOs) who operate over large areas and can liaise with communities and act on their behalf, lessening the burden of sometimes difficult community liaison and communication around the JIV, and therefore making the JIV process smoother with more professional community representation and engagement.
- Ensure that oil companies are aware of their obligations to properly document and deal with oil spills and to act upon any requests NOSDRA makes regarding environmental protection.

3. WORK TOWARDS CREATING A SINGLE ‘CASE-FILES’ FOR EACH SPILL THAT WILL DOCUMENT THE ENTIRE LIFE-CYCLE OF ALL OIL SPILLS AND MAKE ALL DOCUMENTATION EASIER TO HANDLE.

- This file should be made publicly available. Also agree to assign specific and dedicated case-workers to spills over a certain size and impact who will ensure a spill’s case-file is kept complete and up to date. (This could be done with minor improvements and revisions to NOSDRA’s Oil Spill Monitor.)



4. WORK TOWARDS MERGING, COMBINING, STANDARDISING AND EXPANDING ALL FORMS(NOSDRA, NAOC AND SPDC JIV FORM, AND ALSO NOSDRA FORMS A, B) USED TO GATHER DATA ON OIL SPILLS LEADING UP TO AND DURING THE JOINT INVESTIGATION VISIT IN ORDER TO ENABLE A SINGLE COMPREHENSIVE RECORD FOR EACH OIL SPILL TO BE HELD IN ONE LOCATION.

(In the interim this could simply contain all documentation available from various parties or enable this to be easily cross-referenced from ENI/Shell/NOSDRA websites with links and reference numbers)

This combined JIV form could:

- Act as single point of reference for all oil spills and their progress
- Be filled in and added to continuously in stages: initial report > JIV and impact assessment > damage assessment > cleanup plan > remediation > test results > certification etc.
- Include digital maps, cleanup plans and reports, test results and remediation actions, verified by all parties at various stages
- Include certification of cleanup where appropriate and necessary

5. WORK TOWARDS A MORE DETAILED RECORD OF IMPACT AND DAMAGE AT THE TIME OF THE JIV OR SOON AFTERWARDS THAT IS RATIFIED BY ALL PARTIES AND CAN ACT AS A SINGLE PERMANENT AND DETAILED POINT OF REFERENCE AS TO THE IMPACT OF A SPILL.

- To contain a detailed impact assessment of the oil spill as necessary
- To be made into a digital map in the case of all spills over a certain size and impact
- To contain clearer and more comprehensive notes of nearby human activity in terms of farming and fishing grounds, proximity to human settlements and the likelihood of damage. (To potentially contain a detailed damage assessment also)
- Public disclosure of all community representatives at the JIV should be made so that their legitimacy amongst the community can be cross-checked

6. WORK TOWARDS INCLUDING A SITE REMEDIATION PLAN AS AN INTRINSIC PART OF THE JIV.

Ensure that such a plan is followed up by the regulators and later checked and measured in terms of its completeness and effectiveness. Make this publicly available in the single case-file for that spill.

7. PRIORITISE AND FOCUS MOST RESOURCES ON THE 10% OF OIL SPILLS THAT DO THE MOST ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE IN THE NIGER DELTA, THUS REDUCING THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL BURDEN ON REGULATORY AGENCIES AND OIL COMPANIES.

