

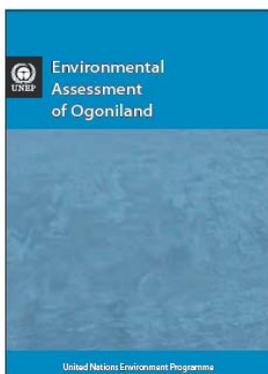
# UNEP In Ogoniland Newsletter

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## Report don come out!

The report carry the things wey the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) see wen dem bin torch light for Ogoniland for the way wey oil don spoil their land and their water.



Report don come out and e dey for [www.unep.org/nigeria](http://www.unep.org/nigeria)

De tori wey come out of dis report torch lighting wey UNEP do na im dey put for de 258 page report an for 67 oda report wey look de mata one by one. All of dem pass 1,000 pages na im make dem do dis one small like this.

This torchlight come see say the oil spill don spoil plenty land for Ogoni. And no be only for the top soil wen the oil don spoil matter, the oil don spoil the land go down well well, sotey if you dig well now for some part of Ogoniland you go see oil inside the well mix with water, because e don tey wen this oil dey pour from pipeline.

The tory inside this report say the small small land wey this oil don spoil so e go take like five(5) years to clean am make e come back to the way e bin dey before. But the small river dem and mangrove wey this oil spoil go take like twenty-five(25)- thirty(30) years before dem go fit return to the way dem bin dey before.

But sha-o- UNEP dey say make government do something quick quick to protect the health of the people wey live for dis places.

The tins to do wey UNEP give government e plenty and if government put this recommendation for ground, e go bring employment for the many youths wey live there and other better things.



UNEP hope say dis report go make tins beta for dis ogoniland and say government go do sometin quick quick



*At the request of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is conducting a comprehensive, independent assessment of the environmental and public health impacts of oil contamination in Ogoniland, Rivers State, Nigeria, and options for remediation. The fieldwork and laboratory analysis are now completed. The report is being finalised.*

## How dem take do dis assessment

Di way wen dis UNEP take do dia work be say them torchlight 122kms of pipeline right of way, dat na the pipe wey Shell and NNPC dig put for ground.

This UNEP people dem also visit all the oil spill site and the location wey Shell get facility for ground including the ones wey dey don abandon.

Site Classification	Number
SPDC pipeline rights of way	34
SPDC legacy sites	6
Suspended SPDC facilities	22
NNPC crude oil pipelines	2
NNPC product line	3

### Key terms:

**Hydrocarbons** – naturally occurring organic compound comprising hydrogen and carbon (most common are natural gas and oil)

**µg/l** – microgram per litre

**mg/kg** – milligram per kilogram



De report talk say oil pollution don spoil de ground

## Wetin the torchlighting find

People wey know Ogoniland well know say oil don spoil their land well well.

The good thing wey this report do and de reason wen make our federal government bring UNEP to come torch light problem na to show government and all Nigerians wetin oyinbo dey call “ SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE” for the kain tins wey oil spill do for Ogoni land.

1. The number one thing wey dis torchlight see be say de top soil wey dis oyinbo dey call clay layer no dey again for Ogoniland. Dis one come make the ground water dey expose to contamination wey follow oil spill.
2. Two out of every three land site wey dey near the oil facility show say the oil don spoil the ground pass the mark wen Nigerian government set for EGASPIN. Dat na d law book wey Nigerian government bring out to dey checkmate the oil companies wey dey do business for Nigeria.
3. Out of all the sites wen UNEP torchlight, 49 show say de oil don enter ground pass 5m.
4. For 41 sites the pollution don reach ground water. Dis area wey be Ogoniland, rain dey fall well well for there and wen dis rain fall, e go carry the oil wey don spill dey go inside creek and river go pursue the fish and periwinkle wey dey for inside.
5. The case wey serious pass of all the cases wey dem torchlight, dem see for NSISIOKEN OGALE dat one dey for Eleme LGA, the water for dis community e dey contaminated with benzene. Dis benzene dey cause cancer for person body and d people for this community dey drink dis water, dey baf am and dem dey use cook. The level wey dis benzene don reach for inside their well, na 900 times e take pass the level wen WHO (World Health Organisation) give.

Dis case, dem say na emergency so UNEP don tell government make dem make alternative arrangement for dis people before katakata go happen.

### Nisisioken Ogale, Eleme LGA

*The most serious case of groundwater contamination is at Nisisioken Ogale, in Eleme LGA, close to an NNPC product pipeline where an 8 cm layer of refined oil was observed floating on the groundwater which serves the community wells.*

*The drinking water from nearby wells is contaminated with benzene, a known carcinogen, at levels over 900 times above the World Health Organization (WHO) guideline.*

Location of sampling sites and health centres investigated



Note: Not all symbols can be viewed in cases where a high number of different samples were taken at sites situated close together

### *Bush*

The kind tin wey oil don do for the creeks, river, and mangroves for Ogoni land na disaster. The mangrove wey be d small tree and ingala wey dey grow for our river no get leaf again and the fish dem don run finish.

All de tins wey dem plant for dis area like cassava, yam and oda tins dem dey die finish and the one wey try survive no dey yield better fruits.

The river dem wey companies dem dey dredge too dey add e own wahala too.

Dis local refinery wey our brodas dem dey do dey also help dey kill the mangrove and spoil the river dem.

### *De river water*

All the water wey dey for d rivers and the creeks inside Ogoni land, all of dem dey polluted by dis hydrocarbon wey dey for inside oil. The highest pollution of river water naim dem see for near Ataba-Otokroma. Dat river naim join border for Khana and Andoni LGA.

Even dough say de people for Ogoni dem be dey worry for the kain fish wey dem dey eat, the test wey UNEP do show say the fish no get contamination because dey don swim commot for the water wey oil spill dey, go for Bonny and other areas.

But sha-o- the fish dem no dey for dis water dem again and dat one don spoil work for many people wey be fishermen for dis area.

The wetlands dem don spoil bad bad and e go still worse.

The part wey go take time for the cleanup na the part wey oyinbo dey call top soil for inside the swamp area.

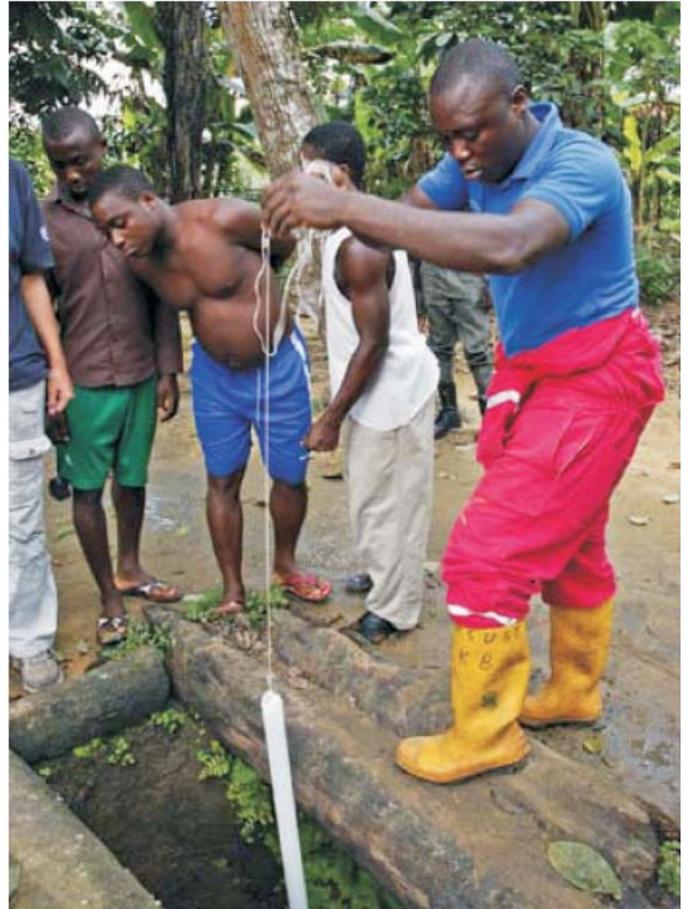
### *Dem health*

The people of Ogoniland dey for serious gbege because of the contamination wey dem dey get tru the air wen dem dey breathe, the water wen dem dey drink, the water wen dem dey baf, the one wey dem dey match for ground and even the one wey dey for inside their water and stream.

Because WHO don talk say the average age wen Nigeria people dey live na 50years, dis one come mean say the people wey dey for Ogoni land don dey live with dis contamination since wen dem born dem and most of dem no go reach this 50years wen WHO talk.

Out of the 28 wells for 10 communities wey UNEP do dia test 7 of dem get hydrocarbon wen reach 1000 times the normal standard. Dat one mean say the kind chemical wey dey for their water, e heavy well well.

Even dough say the people know say their water dey polluted. Dem still dey use am because dem no get another alternative water to drink.



*One of de student for Rivers State University of Science and technology wey join body wit UNEP to do dis torch lighting*

### *Government matter*

One thing wey dis torch lighting find be say plenty Federal Government Ministry and Agencies dem do the same work. The agencies like NOSDRA dem no even get the tins wey dem need to do their work.

The oil industry law wen government bring out wen dem call EGASPIN sef e no help matter, because dem talk one tin for chapter one and dem go talk different tin for chapter two, especially for the matter wen concern wen oil companies dem go clean up oil spill wey oyinbo dey call "INTERVENTION VALUE" and how much cleaning wen dem go do, dat one naim oyinbo dey call "TARGET VALUE".

The department of petroleum resources wen be DPR and the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA) dem dey interpret the EGASPIN for dia own different ways. And dis one comes make the oil companies dem dey stop cleanup wen dem never even clean the oil commot for ground.



De oil wey dey comot for ground don dey give Nigeria money for de pass 50years but many people de suffer because of am

### *De way de oil compnay dey do dia work*

The torch lighting come discover say d control over maintenance of all oil facility for Ogoniland e no reach the one wey dem dey do for international practice, even self e no reach the one wey shell put for their own procedure.

The type of cleanup wey Shell dey do for Ogoniland no be am at all. Dem just dey clean the land for up up, meanwhile the oil don soak the ground go down well well, and e don go down reach 5m under.

10 out of the 15 sites wey shell talk say dem go clean UNEP find out say e still dey brekete for ground.

### *The tin wey UNEP say make Government do*

The tin wey UNEP say make government do, some of dem na immediate immediate, odas na after.

Because of the plenty places wey this contamination reach, dem go use different different ways take do the cleanup. The UNEP also tell government 10 things wey dem go do wey be emergencies.

Dem also talk say the cleanup go start for land before dem go reach creeks and rivers because to say if dem start to clean up the creeks and rivers first, the oil go still waka enta the water.

### **Emergency measures**

1. De number one tin wey UNEP want government to do be say make dem put sign for all the well and stream dem wey get contamination so dat de people go know say na danger to use dat water.
2. De second tin be say make government provide clean drinking water for all the people wey dis tin affect.
3. Number 3 be say all the people from Nsisioken wen na dia water get the highest contamination of benzene, make dem go put their name for medical register and make dem begin do dem medical checkup because of dis water wey dem don dey drink for long.
4. De number 4 tin be say make government go check the wells wey dey around dis places wey contamination dey high and follow the number 1 to 3 tins wey just talk.
5. Number 5 be say make dem put sign around all the places wey dis contamination dey to warn people make dem no waka inside or do any tin for those places.
6. Make dem put sign also for those stream and rivers wey contamination dey to warn people make dem no swim, baf or catch fish inside dose water.
7. De seventh one be say make dem tell all the family people wey dem take rain water sample from dia house say make dem no dey use the rain water again.
8. De las one be say make the government do public awareness campaign to warn people say the bunkering wey dem dey do dey damage the health of their people so make dem stop.

To begin prioritizing specific locations to be cleaned up, restored or rehabilitated, the study suggests the following framework:

- Priority 1. All instances where the Ogoni community is known to be at risk
- Priority 2. Instances where contamination could potentially affect the community (e.g. where groundwater, fishing grounds or agricultural land are impacted)
- Priority 3. Instances where a community's livelihood support base is impacted, and
- Priority 4. Instances where there is no immediate risk to people but where there is non-compliance with the law.

Here are other examples of the report's recommendations.

### *Government*

The oda tins wey UNEP say make government do be say, make dem setup one agency wey dem go call Ogoniland Environmental Restoration Authority, na dis agency na e go sedon on top the cleanup.



Wen dem wan do de cleanup for Ogoniland e go better make government arrange de people wey go dey check how de oil company dem dey do der business for dia

Dem also say make the money wey dem go need for cleanup no make government say dey no go fit do am.

Na im make UNEP talk say make government set up anoda agency wey dem go call Environmental Restoration Fund for Ogoniland with \$1 billion to start the cleanup and dis money go come from both the government and the oil companies.

Another tin wey dem say make government do be say make dem open school for Ogoni land wey dem go call centre of Excellence For Environmental Restoration. Dis school go dey train person to dey do oil spill remediation, & to manage de environment. De kin wey be say international agencies go wan come partner with dem.

De next tin for govt to do na to go back go torchlight de oil industry law wey dem call EGASPIN. Make dem torch light am well becos de law dey get two mouth for de part wen concern oil spill.

An make dem transfer de power of who go dey checkmate de EGASPIN to de Fed min of Environment.

De last one be say make govt start beta awareness campaign for Ogoni land to tell the people de kin danger wend is oil spill fit cause dem for body.

### *De people health*

Dis report dey also say any body wen don drink water for is contaminated places, e go better make dem go do medical check up to check for dis chemical wey dem find for de water wen dey dia.

Make govt open one book to register all de names of people wen live for Ogoniland all dis years make dem monitor dem to know how de contamination dey affect dem and which kin sickness wen de tin dey cause.

Plus all de people wen live for houses wen dem build on top oil pipeline or near dem, make dem move dem go oda places. Becos of the danger wen follow oil pipeline like explosion.

### *De technical side*

Dem de tell govt say make dem build one office wen dem go call integrated contamination soil management centre wen go be like clinic for take dey treat the soil and water wen oil don pollute.

Dis clinic go also dey grow plant wen oyinbo dey call nurseries so dat wen dem go begin clean de mangrove dem go plant dis nurseries for de mangrove after dem remove de ones wen dey contaminated.

### *Environmental monitoring*

Make govt set up one programme wen be say de people for de agency wey dey checkmate oil spill and de people for environmental agency dem go come together come dey oversee de cleanup operation.

Dem want govt to also form one committee wey go bring de people for the oil industries, environmental agencies an de Ogoni people together to dey checkmate de oil company din operation regularly so dat dem go fit see oil spill before e go become big problem.

Make de govt also bring out plan for how dis team dem go dey monitor de creeks and rivers around Ogoniland especially dos places wen dem no dey fish again becos of heavy pollution.

### *De tin wen dey happen now*

Dem dey advice govt say before clean up go start, all kin of oil spill go stop. Wether na de one from de oil company or the one from awa bros dem dey do.

Make government, de oil company dem, and de Ogoni people start de campaign to tell awa people say dis oil bunkering e no good for awa people body and the land.

### *De oil company dem*

Dem say make shell torchlight dey way wen dem dey take do dia cleanup anytime wen oil spill happen, make Shell dey clean up oil spill immediately wen e happen an make dem clean de land so tey e be as e day before.

An too-o make Shell go checkmate all dia facility wen dey for Ogoniland and maintain de ones wen dem dey use and close down de ones wen dem no dey use again. But sha-O before dem do so, make dem tell the people of Ogoniland, so dat dem go no wetin dey happen.

Dem say make all de oil company dem go join head with de govt agencies dem wey look after dia work make dem for agree for de time wen oil company dem suppose do cleanup and how far dem go do de cleanup.

### *Detin wen dem want de Ogoni people to do*

De number one tin be say make de Ogoni people take dis opportunity wen de cleanup go bring take learn work tru de different kain of professional people wen go lead dis cleanup exercise.

Number two be say for future wen oil spill happen an de oil company dem send people to come do cleanup, make de community people no dey stop dem come dey ask for money before dem go cleanup de oil, becos dat one dey cos delay and as dem dey delay, na so de oil dey spoil more tins.

Make every village for Ogoniland stand up against dos people wen dey go cut oil pipeline dey tif oil and dey burn fire dey cook de oil becos dem sef dey cos dis pollution wen dey spoil dia land.

### *Nex leg*

De nes leg for dis waka na make de land for all Ogoni to go back to de way dem bin dey before dis oil spill don come spoil am. UNEP dey hope say all de tins wen dem don tell govt to do , say dem go do am quick quick an say de oil company dem an de Ogoni people dem go accept dis tin too.

UNEP also talk say make govt allow wetin dem dey call transition phase , dat na de period wey start from de time wen dem finish dia torch lighting to de time wen govt won start de cleanup. Dis period n aim govt go take plan all dis tins wen UNEP tell dem to do.

UNEP say dem don finish de tin wen federal govt bring dem to come do an dem don drop many of de workers wey dey for dia PH office. But sha-o- dem still stand gidigba if govt want make dem follow do dis cleanup dem ready.

### *UNEP dey thank una*

Dis torch lighting wen UNEP do for Ogoniland, for no possible if no be de co-operation of Ogoni people. UNEP tank all de people wen dem visit dia community all de people wen come out come help dey do dis work. dem dey also tank dia staff dem both de Nigerians and Oyinbo ones. Una do well o. De full list of people wen help for dis work dey for the report.

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