

A REPORT ON A ONE DAY SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME ON FISH FARMING/AQUACULTURE. CONDUCTED BY PIND'S CONSULTANT, DR. FISH AGRIC CONSULT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ARRDEC, HELD AT ANTOFITEL HOTEL CONFERENCE HALL, ORON, ON NOVEMBER, 12th, 2018.

Dr. Fish a consultant/trainer with Partnership Initiatives in the Niger Delta (PIND) visited Oron/ARRDEC's Headquarter for a one – day sensitization/awareness targeted on out – of – school youths (OSYs) and unemployed graduates still within the age range of 15 – 28 years. The sensitization started about 11:30am. Opening formalities was observed with a brief introduction of ARRDEC, her focus, aim and specific objectives for partnering with PIND in hosting the sensitization to the participant.

DR fish gave a general overview on poultry/fish business with current research facts/statistics as related to Akwa Ibom in particular. The participants were made to know the fish farming value chain with emphasis were on the opportunities fish farming has. Captivating videos on fish farming/success stories were presented.

Team members with Dr Fish consult, Dr. Cereal spoke briefly on the aspect of the fish feed, using his fish farming stories/success he motivated the participants to get ready to engage in this training in order to reposition their lives and live the future of their dreams.

Outcome

Participants were excited as numerous questions were asked after the sensitization. Dr. Fish was encouraged as he repeatedly said that our sensitization had the highest number of participant since the inception of the training tour around the state. A total of 83 young people attended the sensitization, see table 1 below, also see picture. Also in attendance was the Executive Director, Very Revd Ekerendu and a member of the BOT, Mrs. Itighise.



Opening Prayers/ welcome note from ARRDEC ED



Cross section of the participants during the sensitization



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Presentations by Dr. Fish

Table 1.

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
TOTAL	56	27	83

The training session was tentatively fixed to commence from Tuesday – Wednesday, 20 – 23, of the month of November, 2018.

Visitation to the training site (ARRDEC Centre at Mary Hanney).

Dr. Fish and his team visited the site and accessed the constructed ponds. They were not satisfied with circular ponds the saw saying that fish swims in horizontal/vertical direction. Sequel to this, he promised to donate a mobile fish pond to ARRDEC and said that the constructed ponds would still be manage.

The stocking of the ponds will be done during the training of 20th -21st so the participants will be a part of it.

Report by Joshua Inim, Program Officer