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# HEALTH

Part of the **\*Public Services\***

Section of ONLAG Citizen Report Card on Good Governance,  
Gender and Livelihoods in the Niger Delta

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## OVERVIEW

Poor health impacts an individual's ability to engage in livelihood activities, limiting income, savings and creates endemic poverty. Health is a basic service and a basic right that citizens are entitled to. Health can impact on livelihoods positively or negatively; and an individual's livelihood assets (cash/credit, transportation, infrastructure, knowledge and social networks) determine whether or not they are able to access healthcare, particularly where health facilities do not exist in communities.

The surveys revealed that in all 20 communities only 10 have functional health facilities; the following communities do not have health facilities: Isoko South LGA Enhwe community; Warri North LGA Ogbudugubudu, Gbokoda and Jakpa communities; Southern Ijaw LGA Ekeni Community and Yenagoa LGA Ayama, Akaibiri and Okutukutu communities. The following communities have health facilities that are not functional: Warri North LGA Opuama community and Southern Ijaw LGA Angiama community.

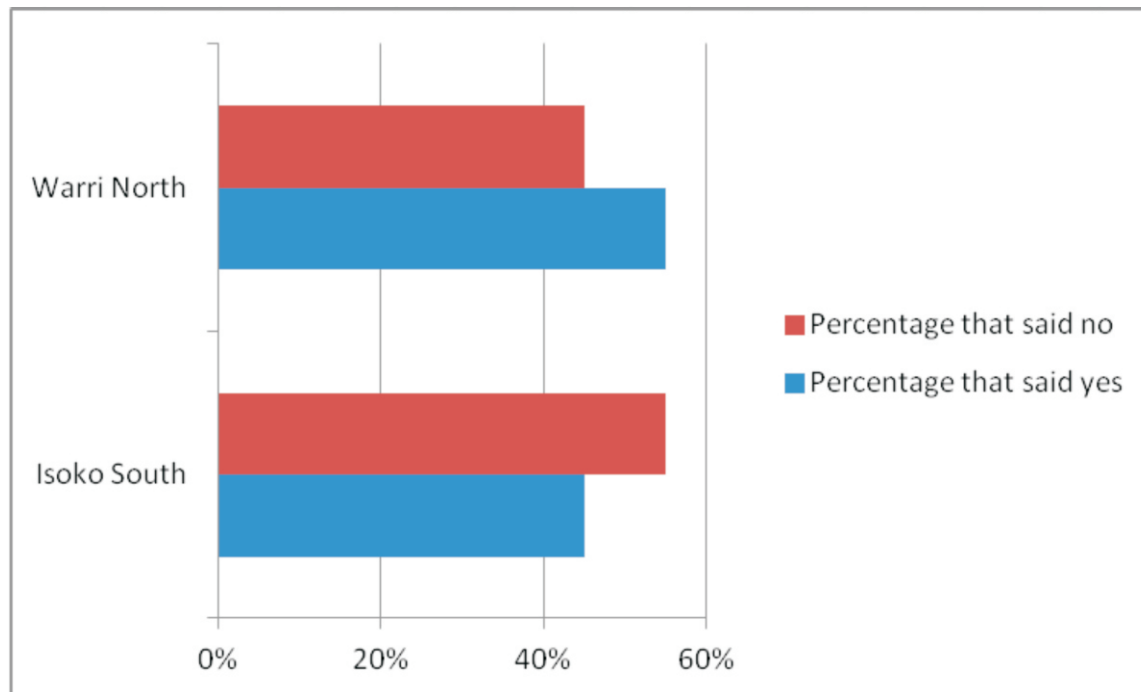
Only 5% of health facilities in Southern Ijaw LGA have equipment, 38% in Yenagoa LGA, 70% in Isoko South and 40% in Warri North LGA. All the LGAs reported visitation by medical personnel at least once a week, with the exception of Warri North LGA. Only one community in Warri North LGA reported having a health facility however respondents noted that a neither a doctor nor nurse works in the facility at least one day a week.

It is also interesting to note that focus groups within each community had divergent responses on the question “who built the health facility” this underscores that community residents are not being integrated or consulted on development issues.

Concerning knowledge on HIV/AIDS responses ranged however, 25-40% of participants in each LGA have some misconceptions about the causes of HIV AIDS. All the FGs noted that their children had received immunizations over the past year, demonstrating that the delivery of immunizations is one of the few efficient aspects of the health care system.

It is important to highlight some noteworthy comments raised by community residents during the FGD. Interestingly, the Young Women's focus group noted that they need government to send trained health workers to sensitize them on best practices of family planning. In Idheze both the OM and OW FG noted that drugs are not available at the health centre and that that nurses buy and sell drugs to patients.

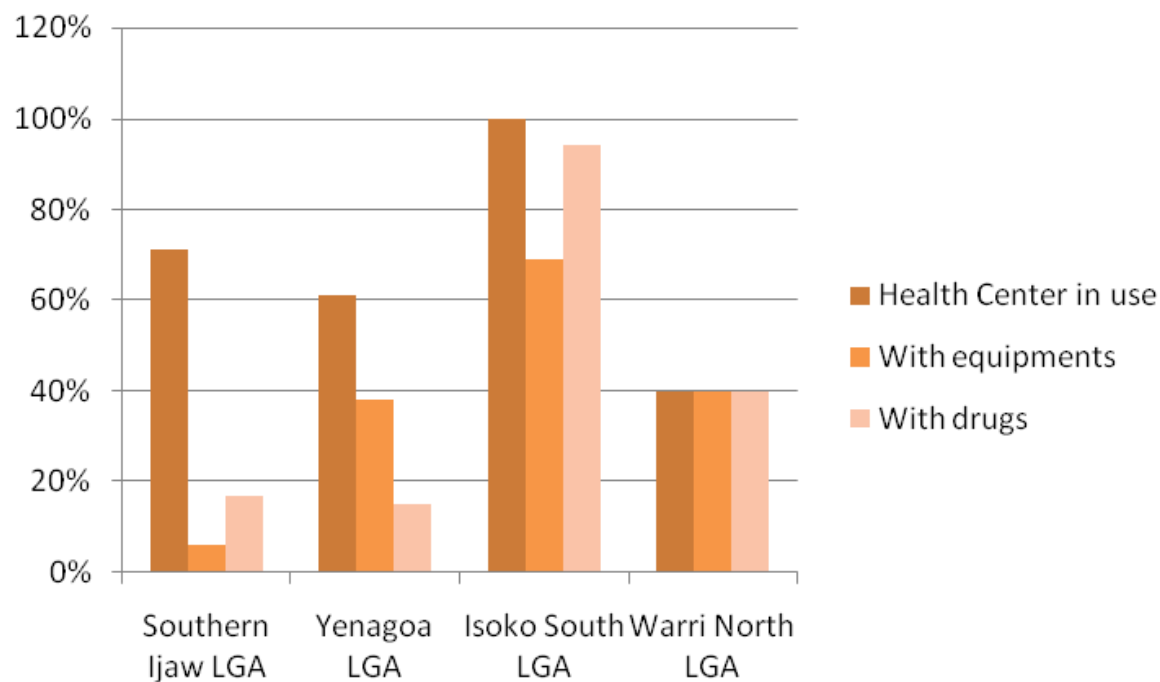
COMMUNITIES WITH SOME FORM OF HEALTH FACILITY  
(LGA-to-LGA Comparison)



☐ % of Communities Surveyed that have a Health Facility

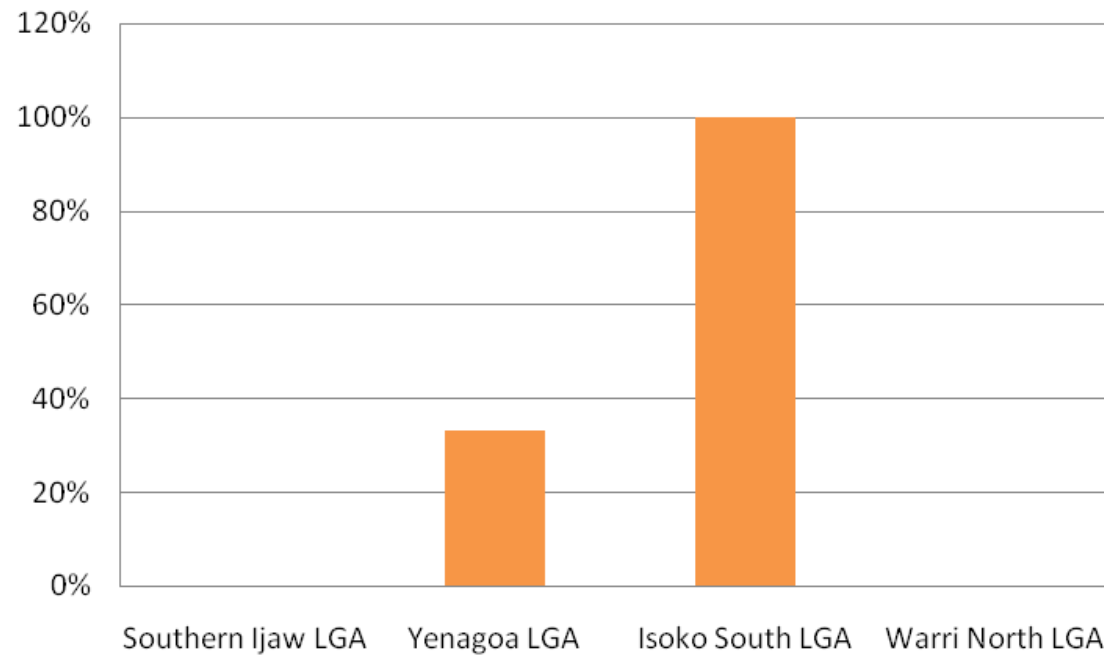
## FUNCTIONALITY OF COMMUNITY HEALTH FACILITIES BASED ON

- Health centre in use
- Health facilities with drugs
- Health facilities with equipments



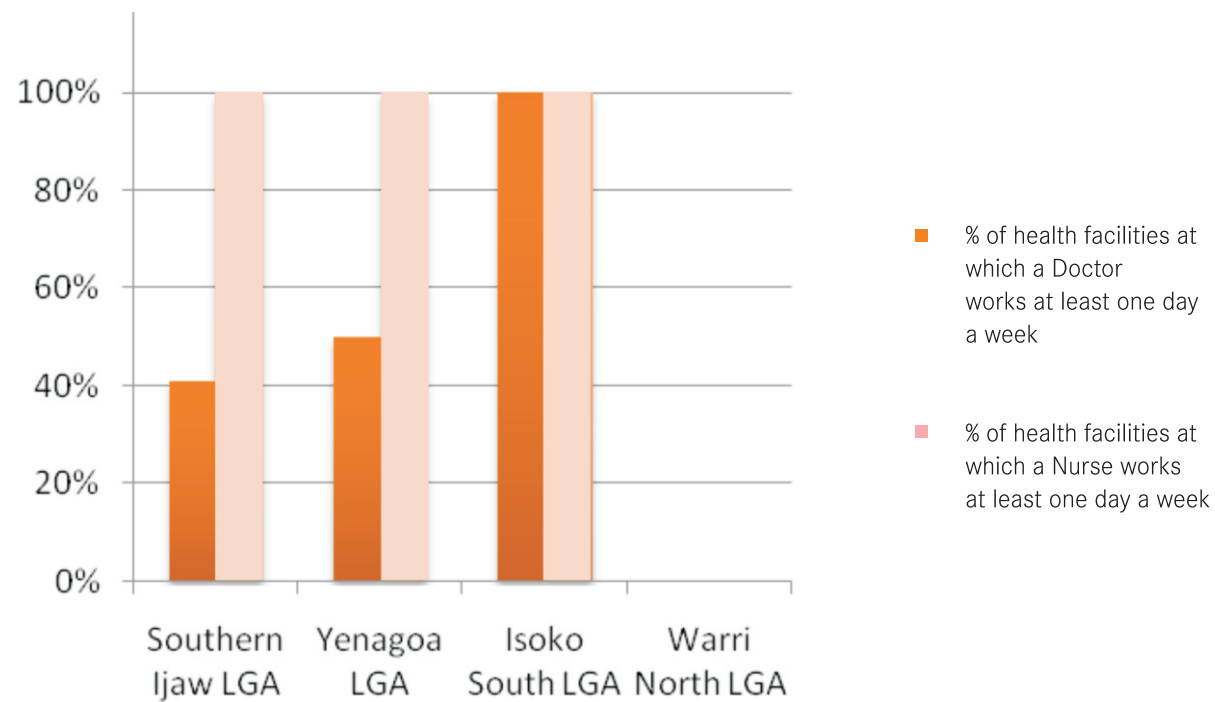
- Note: These communities do not have functional health centers- Enhwe in Isoko South LGA and Ogbudugbudu, Opuama, Gbokoda and Japka in Warri North LGA all in Delta State. Southern Ijaw Ekeni and Ezetu 1. These communities in Yenagoa LGA of Bayelsa State ; Ayama, Akaibiri and Okutukutu do not have functional health centers.

## PERCENTAGE OF COMMUNITIES SURVEYED WITH EMERGENCY SERVICES



## FUNCTIONALITY OF COMMUNITY HEALTH FACILITIES

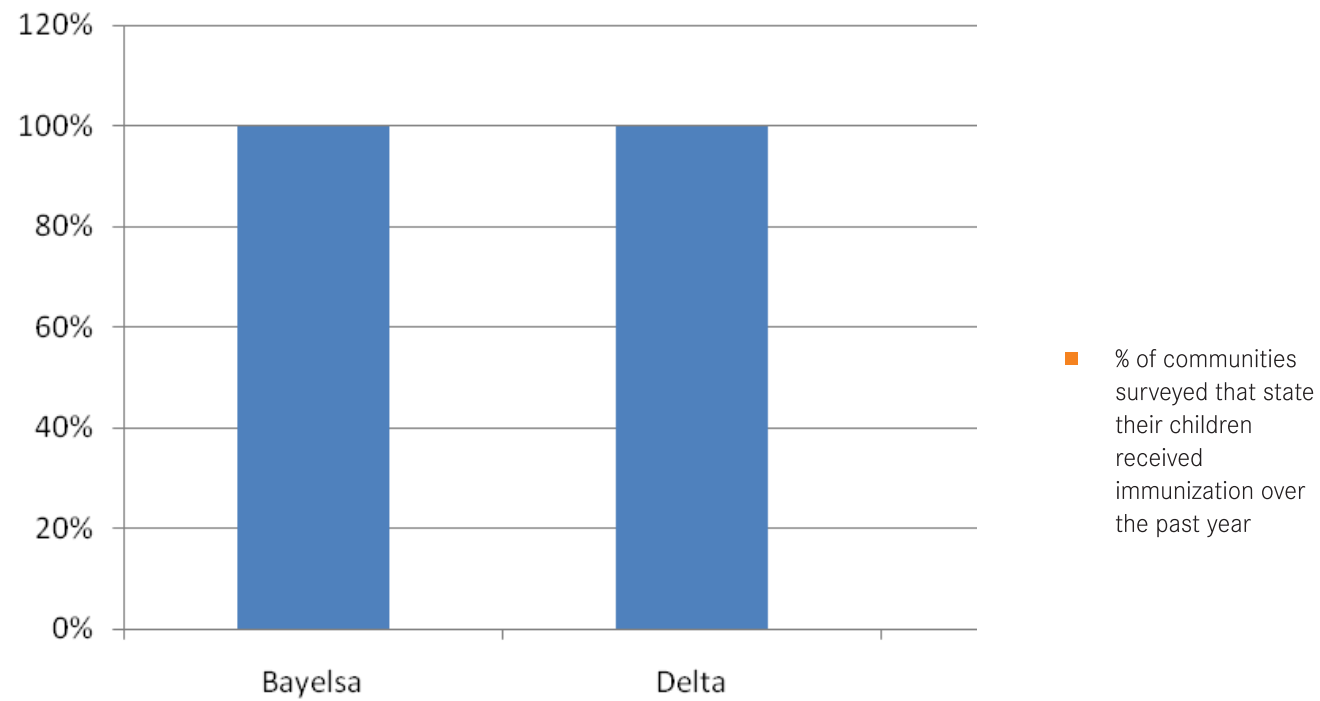
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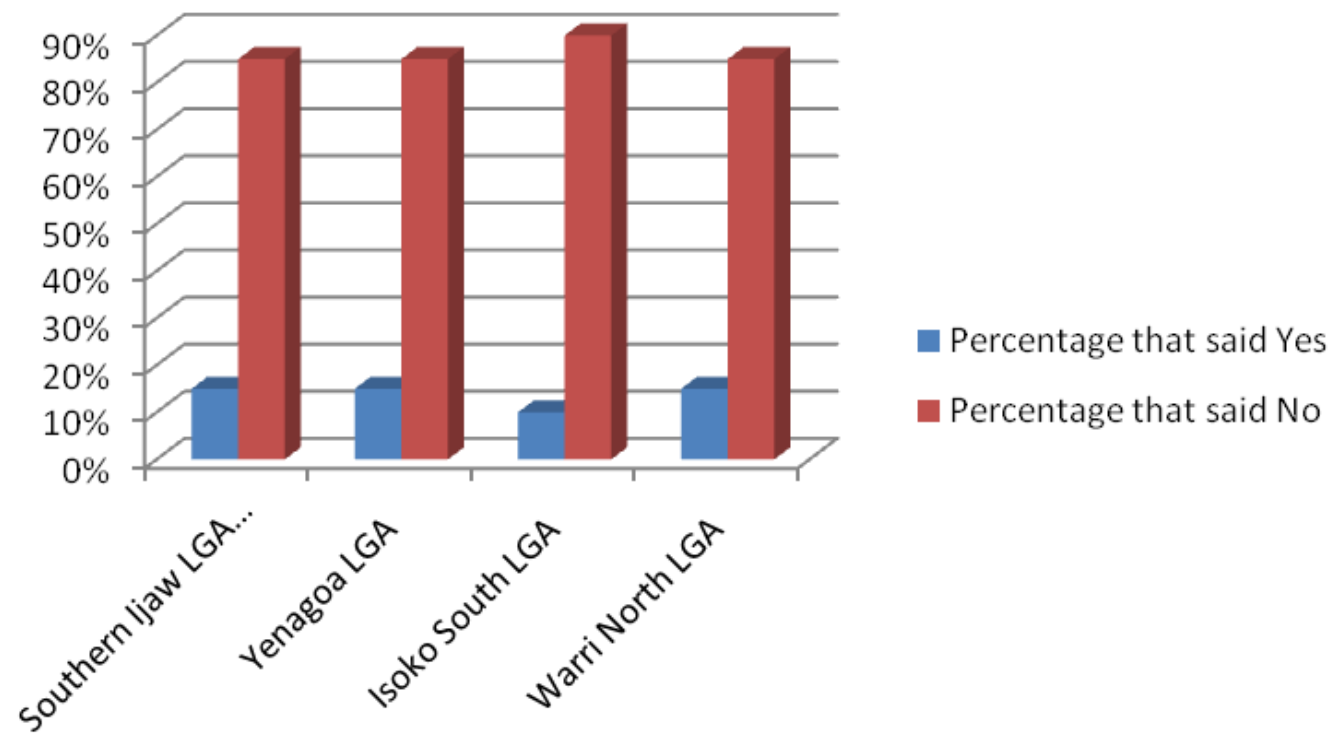
The following communities have never been visited by medical doctors (Ezetu , Ekeni and Ekowe in Southern Ijaw LGA; Ogbudugbudu, Ogbinbiri, Jakpa, Gbokoda and Opuama in Warri North LGA; Enhwe in Isoko South LGA)

## SUMMARY OF IMMUNIZATION OF CHILDREN

(State to-State Comparison)



PERCENTAGE OF COMMUNITIES WHERE MOBILE CLINIC VISITS AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH



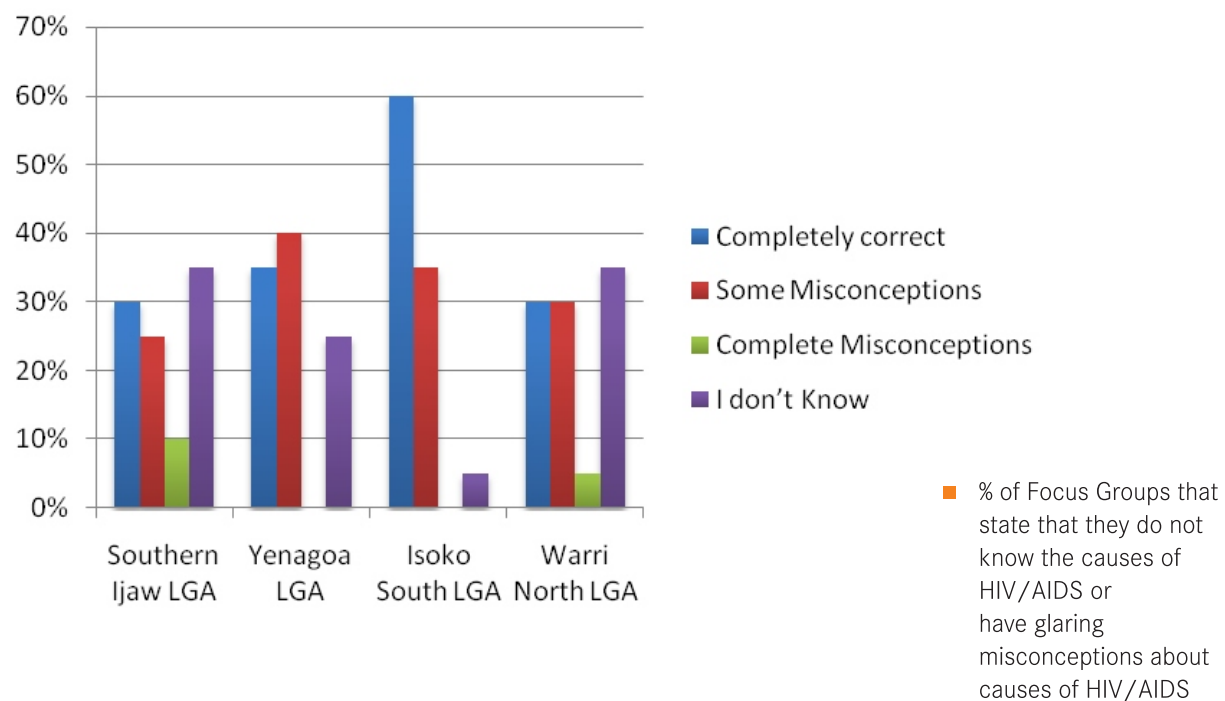
## SUMMARY OF FREE MOSQUITO NET DISTRIBUTION

(LGA - to - LGA comparison)



## SUMMARY OF HIV/AIDS AWARENESS

### Medical Personnel (A LGA - TO - LGA COMPARISON)



\*Note: From the responses gathered communities in Southern Ijaw, Yenagoa and Warri North LGAs lack in-depth knowledge about the causes of HIV/AIDS and was true among both male and female respondents.

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# **COMMUNITY HEALTH INFORMATION**

BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA AND COMMUNITY

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# **BAYELSA STATE**

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**Southern Ijaw:**  
(5 Communities)

**Yenagoa LGA:**  
(5 Communities)

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Focus group questions about health facilities, medical staff, medical equipments and drugs

LGA	COMMUNITY	TYPE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER	DOES COMMUNITY USE THE HEALTH CENTER	WHO BUILT THE HEALTH CENTER	DOES DOCTOR WORK AT LEAST ONCE PER WEEK	DOES DOCTOR WORK AT LEAST ONCE PER WEEK	DOES HEALTH CENTER HAVE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	DOES HEALTH FACILITY HAVE DRUGS?
Southern Ijaw	Angiama	Health Centre	Yes	Community, State Government or Local Government	Yes	Yes	No	no
	Ekeni	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Ekowe	Health Centre	Yes	Community, State Government or Local Government	No	Yes	No	no
	Ezetu 1	Health Centre, Hospital	No	Chevron, World Bank, SPDC/Texaco	No	No	No	no
	Oporoma	Health Centre/Clinic	Yes	State Government or Local Government	Yes	Yes	No	no
Yenagoa	Akaibiri	Health Centre	No	NDDC	No	No	No	no
	Ayama	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Okolobiri	Hospital	Yes	Local Government or State Government	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Okutukutu	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Zarama	Health Centre	Yes	Local gov't, state gov't or community	No	Yes	No	no

## Focus Group Questions on Immunization, mosquito net distribution, Malaria and Diarrhea treatment

LGA	COMMUNITY	OVER PAST, HAVE YOUR COMMUNITY CHILDREN BEEN IMMUNIZED?	OVER PAST YEAR, HAS SOMEONE DISTRIBUTED FREE MOSQUITO NETS?	WHEN A CHILD GETS MALARIA, WHAT DO YOU DO?	WHEN A CHILD GETS DIARRHEA, WHAT DO YOU DO?
<b>Southern Ijaw</b>	Angjama	Yes	Yes	we use herbs, we buy drugs for them, sometime we go to our clinic	Same treatment
	Ekeni	Yes	Yes	we mash bitter leave inside water and give it to them	Herbs
	Ekowe	Yes	Yes	we give them malaria tablet and injection at the clinic	Same treatment
	Ezetu 1	Yes	Yes	at times we squeeze herbs or boil them and give them or buy medicine from chemist	We give them sugar solution
	Oporoma	Yes	Yes	take them to the health centre for treatment	take child to the health centre for check up and treatment
<b>Yenagoa</b>	Akaibiri	Yes	Yes	we go to chemist to get drugs for them, we take them to hospital at Agudamai we also use herbs	we use ORS ,we use herbs, we also take them to hospital
	Ayama	Yes	Yes	Local herbs	Local herbs
	Okolobiri	Yes	Yes	we buy drugs, we take them to health centre	Same Treatment
	Okutukutu	Yes	Yes	take them to the hospital or private clinic	Same Treatment
	Zarama	Yes	Yes	we took them to health centre or used local herbs	Same Treatment

# **FOCUS GROUP QUESTION ABOUT HIV/AIDS:** What do you think that causes HIV/AIDS?

LGA	COMMUNITY	YOUNGER WOMEN	YOUNGER MEN	OLDER WOMEN	OLDER MEN
Southern Ijaw	Angiama	Sexual	We don't know	Unscreened blood transfusion, sex with infected person and exchange of needles during injection.	We don't know
	Ekeni	We don't know	Blood transfusion, sexual intercourse	No idea	sexual intercourse, Use of sharp objects
	Ekowe	Too much sex, razor blade sharing	unprotected sex, unsterilized sharp object	Unprotected sex, use of razor And needle, blood transfusion	We don't know
	Ezetu 1	sharp object, sex without condom	Bad water, injection And sex	we don't know	homosexual, sex with dog, unprotected sex
	Oporoma	we don't know	sex with infected person, exchange of sharp objects	sex, sharp object	blood transfusion, unprotected sex, unsterilized sharp objects
Yenagoa	Akaibiri	we don't know	unprotected sex, sharp object	unprotected sex, blood transfusion or use of sharp object	unprotected sex, unsterilized needle. STD can also lead to HIV
	Ayama	we don't know	we never understand the cause of HIV/AIDS	sex , needles	razor, clipper, needle, sex
	Okolobiri	sex, blood transfusion	sharp object, Unprotected sex	we don't know	virus, unprotected sex
	Okutukutu	sex, blood transfusion	sexual intercourse, Sharp object	unprotected sex, blood transfusion	unprotected sex, needles, blood transfusion
	Zarama	we don't know	unprotected sex, unsterilized blade	sex intercourse, sharp object	blood transmission, sharp object

BAYELSA STATE (40 Focus Groups)

Focus Group Question: Who do you think is responsible for fixing health problems?			
WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	MALE FOCUS GROUP	FEMALE FOCUS GROUPS	TOTAL NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF ALL FOCUS GROUPS
Government Only	15 or 37.5%	18 or 45%	33 or 82.5%
Government and Oil company jointly responsible	4 or 10%	2 or 5%	6 or 15%
Communities and Oil companies	1 or 2.5%	0	1 or 2.5%



# **DELTA STATE**

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**Isoko South LGA**  
(5 Communities)

**Warri North LGA**  
(5 Communities)

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Isoko South	Aviara	Hospital, Health centre	Yes	State Government	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	Idheze	Health Centre	Yes	State Government	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Enwhe	No health facility	N/a	N/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Oleh	Hospital, Health centre	Yes	State Government	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Uzere	Hospital, Health centre	Yes	SPDC, State Government, NNPC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yenagoa	Jakpa	No health facility	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
	Gbokoda	No health facility	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
	Ogbudugbudu	No health facility	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
	Ogbinbiri	Health Centre	Yes	NDDC	No	No	Yes	Yes
	Opuama	Health Centre	No	EGCDC DESOPADEC	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a

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Isoko South	Aviara	Yes	No	Buy drugs and use, use herbs medicine	Take the child to the hospital
	Idheze	Yes	Yes	Go to the Chemist	Go to the health centre, local herbs
	Enwhe	Yes	No	use herbs, go to the chemist	visit neighbouring community
	Oleh	Yes	No	We use paracetamol, we drink herbs mixture	Take the child to the hospital/health centre, community members who have money go to the hospital, we treat them with drugs from the chemist, we use herbs
	Uzere	Yes	No	Go to the hospital, use herbs	them to hospital, we use herbs
Yenagoa	Jakpa	Yes	No	we use drugs that we bought from township market	use drugs, use herbs
	Gbokoda	Yes	No	take them to hospital , buy drugs and use	take them to hospital in nearby town
	Ogbudugbudu	Yes	No	We use drugs from chemist	make use of drugs, we prepare herbs
	Ogbinbiri	Yes	Yes	We cure it drugs, we use herb mixture	We cook native leaves for the treatment
	Opuama	Yes	No	make use of drugs, we prepare herbs	We cook local herbs

\* For both Gbokoda and Opuama only YW FG replied no for distribution of mosquito nets.

# **FOCUS GROUP QUESTION ABOUT HIV/AIDS:** What do you think that causes HIV/AIDS?

LGA	COMMUNITY	YOUNGER WOMEN	YOUNGER MEN	OLDER WOMEN	OLDER MEN
Isoko South	Aviara	Unprotected sex, sharing of sharp objects, unscreened blood	Indiscriminate sexual intercourse	Illicit sex	sexual intercourse, blood transfusion, sharing of sharp object
	Idheze	Unscreened blood transfusion, Immoral acts/sex	Sharing of sharp objects like razor, indiscriminate sexual	Illicit sex	Indiscriminate sex, Unscreened blood transfusion, sharing of sharp objects like razor
	Enwhe	Through infected blood transfusion, sexual intercourse with affected partner, sharing of sharp objects	Sharing of sharp objects like razor, indiscriminate sexual	Through contact with contaminated blood	Unscreened blood transfusion, sexual intercourse, mother to
	Oleh	man and woman having sex with each other	sharing razor blade, unscreened blood transfusion	Virus	Indiscriminate sex, razor, unscreened blood transfusion
	Uzere	Unscreened blood transfusion, Indiscriminate sex	Unscreened blood transfusion, Indiscriminate sexual intercourse, sharing of sharp objects	We don't know	Blood transfusion, sharp objects, sex workers
Warri North	Jakpa	no idea	multiple sex, unscreened blood	we don't know	through sharing of sharp objects, indiscriminate
	Gbokoda	sexual transmission, immorality	sleeping with dogs and monkeys, unscreened blood transfusion	no idea	indiscriminate sex, multiple sex
	Ogbudugbudu	no idea	unscreened blood transfusion, illicit sex	Illicit sex	no idea, no HIV/AIDS in this community
	Ogbinbiri	no idea, no HIV/AIDS in this community	sexual intercourse, using sharp objects like razor, blood	Illicit sex	We don't know the causes
	Opuama	sexual immorality	we don't know	Illicit sex	indiscriminate sex, sharing sharp objects

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Government and Oil company jointly responsible	7 or 17.5%	12 or 30%	19 or 47.5%
Communities and Oil companies	0	2 or 5%	2 or 5%
Government and NGO	0	1 or 2.5%	1 or 2.5%
TOTAL	20	20	40 or 100%