



# **ABULOMA WOMEN AGRO-ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT**

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# ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

**Abuloma Community Women Agro Enterprise Development Programme in Fish/Snail farming funded by the GWIM Small Grant. There are 22 women in it rather than the 20 intended. This was a 6 months project from March - August 2017 but we porting period.**

**Introduction:** Collaborative Living and Development Initiative's (**COLIDEIN**) Integrated Business Support Programme (IBSP) was developed as an intervention platform to the challenges faced by small and emerging businesses (**SMEs**) in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria. Women are the back bone of the society and when empowered have a positive multiplier effect in the community this is in line one of the popular quotes from past secretary general of the United Nation '**There is no tool for development more effective than the empowerment of women**'. For this grant, our focus was to provide economic intervention to selected women in the Abuloma area of River State (noted for being the state where crude oil was first discovered in Nigeria). We empowered the 20 women members of **Port Harcourt Favoured Women Traders C.I.C.S. Limited** from Abuloma community in Rivers State, Nigeria through training, empowerment, introduction to micro- credit scheme, market linkages and mentoring.

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- This project is aimed at engaging these women with livelihood support and sustainability through agricultural skills development (Fish and Snail Farming), business and enterprise development, and mentoring. The Programme will provide them with the technical and business support services necessary to start-up and run a successful and sustainable business thereby increasing their income, ensure food security, reduce poverty and unemployment.
- The programme captures identified aspirations of the women, derived through the needs assessment carried out in the community. It is a structured programme specifically for the women members of the cooperative that pulls together a support system/platform that will provide all the above-mentioned support to ensure the viability of their Agro-Business Enterprise.

# STEP 1: BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TRAINING



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# STEP 2 – FISH/SNAIL FARMING TRAINING



# STEP 3: SET-UP OF THE CONCRETE & EARTHEN FISH POND



# THE FISH PONDS NOW IN FULL OPERATION



# SETTING UP THE SNAIL FARM HOUSE



# THE SNAILS ARE HATCHING NOW!!!!





## ABULOMA WOMEN FARM FISH HARVEST

- There is nothing as exciting as seeing the reward of your labour. The Abuloma women Cooperative harvested their fishes in February 2018 and were able to sell off to ready buyers/market.
- Now there is an increased zeal and self confidence in the women to start up their personal farms. Right now 4 women from the group have set up functional fish farms as a result of the training and experience.

