

# NDDC Promises to Provide Water, Roads in Ondo Community

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The Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) has said provision of potable water and good roads will top its priority for the oil producing communities of Ondo State, in 2012.

The Commissioner, representing Ondo State on the board of the commission, Dele Omogbehin, who said this in Akure, said the commission had already started working on how to get drinkable water for the people of Ilaje and Ese-Odo local government areas of the state.

He said the organisation had planned to construct a mini water works in Igbokoda to purify the existing water in some part of the local government.

Apart from this, he said NDDC also wanted to make use of the existing boreholes in some parts of the communities and reticulate same to homes of the people living in the riverine communities. According to him, the last option for the commission was the use of the reverse osmosis technology to purify the different types of water available in the communities for people's consumption.

He said, "We are looking at the area of provision of water for our people, we have already started research into it, we want to see how we can get good water and reticulate this water to every community in the riverine, the process is already on.

Omogbemi also said the commission had mapped out strategy to confront the problem of good road and transportation being faced by the people of the Niger Delta region of the state. He said, "One of the major problems again there is that of transportation, it cost our people a lot to move from one community to the other because these communities are not linked with each other, there is no alternative mean of transportation, the only mean of transportation is through speed boat and the cost is very high.

"We are thinking of linking these communities through concrete walk-way so that when you are moving from one community to the other it will be easy and for somebody that cannot go through the speed boat he can go by trekking, we are thinking of having that in place this year. "The 2012 will be a very busy year for us as we try to further develop the various communities in the riverine area of the state, one thing is that I was born there; I grew up there so I know the problems being faced by our people and we are hoping that we will be able to solve them."