

# We Love Odi! - 2008 Campaign

## Earth Rights Institute



### What is an ecovillage?

An ecovillage is an urban or rural community of people committed to reverse the gradual disintegration of social/cultural structures and the upsurge of destructive environmental practices on our planet. To achieve this, they integrate various aspects of ecological design, permaculture, ecological building, alternative energy, community building practices, and much more.

### Who benefits?

The whole community will benefit from the ecovillage: the Living and Learning Center will be able to accommodate various trainings and workshops, ecotourism programs and housing, aquaculture, building services and micro-credit loans.

These activities will ensure Odi's financial security.

### What has been done so far?

People in Odi already assembled 100 % of the needed roofing tiles and compressed earth bricks. They have built up the foundation up to DPC (damp-proof course) level of the administrative block.

### What needs to be done now?

We still need to build up the administrative block. then we will build other structures like the girls and boys hostel, chalets and the restaurant. Today, we need \$15,000 to do that.

### What can I do?

You can get informed about Odi and the concept of ecovillage on our website at [www.earthrights.net/odi](http://www.earthrights.net/odi). You can help Earth Rights Institute continue its good work and donate.

Odi is located in Bayelsa State, in the Niger river delta region in Nigeria. About 25,000 people are living there today.



Tragically, in 1999, a massive brigade of Nigerian army invaded this historic town looking for bandits and completely wiped it out. Since then, Odi remains underdeveloped, impoverish, highly and grossly unplanned. It is a region that is in desperate need of recovery.