

areas as well as areas of square bushes adjacent to or within villages that have never been cleared harbour similar parasites.<sup>41</sup>

3.11 Transport is accessible only irregularly. No public transport exists in the villages. Car hiring for transport to and from meetings fails for lack of money.<sup>42</sup> There are tarred roads with many pot holes which force vehicles to slow down and accelerate again and unpaved roads where travelling is possible only at low speed. Access to markets is severely restricted by the bad roads.<sup>43</sup> The few good tarred roads interconnect Shell sites. As there is no drainage



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Tarred road in Babbe kingdom connecting two sites of Shell. Dirt road in Eleme kingdom.

system, in the rain season many roads are flooded and cannot be used by cars for months.<sup>44</sup>

3.12 There is an electricity supply infrastructure in some other villages besides Bori that are located at main roads. However, due to equipment flaws the supply system for non-industrial use operates only a few hours a day as is common throughout Nigeria. (The Nigerians who can afford a gasoline generator use this when the public system fails.) In Ogoni, the electricity system has been established in only a few privileged private houses. Most Ogoni households use tin cans with a wick filled with kerosene. Indoor electric light is unavailable. Street lighting has not been established in Ogoni land.

3.13 Information services are unavailable in the villages. No public phone cells or postal services exist. Internet cafés charging 200 Naira for half an hour are located in Port Harcourt.

3.14 The education facilities in Ogoni share the Nigerian experience of absenteeism of



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Mains near Port Harcourt, in Nonwa, Tai kingdom, and in Babbe kingdom.