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night, a bad time in Esaba. "My wife went into labour in the night and because we could not get her to the hospital, we had to settle for an herbalist to take the delivery," Clark told *The Nation*.

That decision proved to be fatal. A baby girl was born and complications occurred; mother and child were put in a canoe on the way to the hospital in Warri, again the baby died in the canoe; she never even got a name, nor the chance to live.

For the people of Esaba, in Ugheli South Local Government Area of Delta State, life could not have been more cruel. Esaba, with a population of about 6,000 people with half of them resident outside the

The situation forced the people to reorder their lives are afraid of going to work for fear of enslave their lives if they become slaves to the community and may prove fatal. "So far, we have made