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# **2007 REPORT OF ACTIVITIES**



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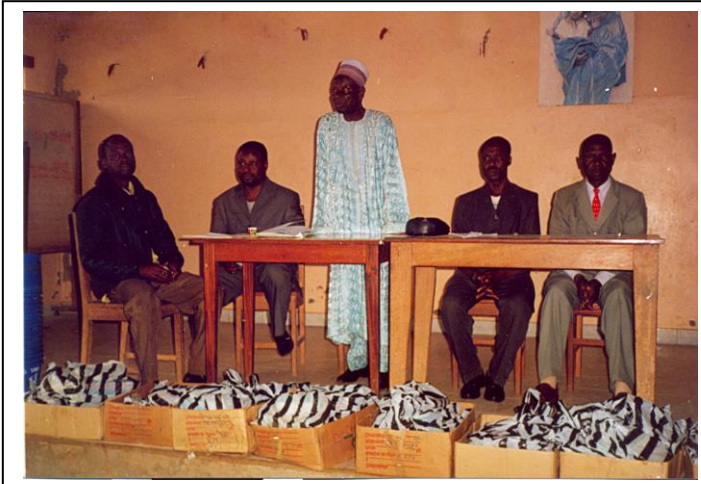


.... I did not have more than enough, yet I gave in contribution to the development of my community.... I was still youth, when I became committed in seeking solutions to the problems in my community... It is good to share....There is a greater joy in giving than in receiving....

Pa. David YUNIWO NFOR  
(FOUNDER, FORCE-CAM)  
1933 – 5 December, 2007

*.....These orphans are our children. They are orphans of our communities, their success in life is our success and their failure is our failure. So we have a part to play in praying, advising, supporting and ensuring their wellbeing and that of their families who are less privileged.....*

(Except of his speech on 8 September, 2007)



*Pa David YUNIWO addressing (for the last time) orphans families (left) and handing educational support for a blind child (right) on 8 September 2007 during handing of school needs to orphans in Ndu. He died three months later on 5 December 2007.*

....no body chooses to be born and live as an orphan in a scare resource family where access to basic human needs of education, decent housing, food and Medicare are a far fetch dream to access.... Yet God blesses members of our communities with enough such that as each should be another's keeper, we can together meet all these needs in our communities...this being true to a community, it is also relevant globally to the world... (This was Pa YUNIWO's believe)

We at FORCE-CAM thank God for Pa DAVID YUNIWO NFOR's birth and celebrate his death.

*Yuniwo Edison Chimi  
For the Force-cam family*

## **I - INTRODUCTION:**

Guided by the philosophy of a decentralized, participatory, holistic and integrated approach to ensure sustainable development, The Foundation for Resources and Community Empowerment (FORCE-CAM) was created to catalyze this orientation. FORCE-CAM now registered under Cameroon Law N° 90/053 of 19 December 1990 is an apolitical, non-profit making service provider organization which has been operating since July 2004. With its liaison office in Bamenda and an operational office in Ndu North West Province, activities of FORCE-CAM cover the National territory of Cameroon.

FORCE-CAM partners with the communities to identify prioritize and resolve development needs. The needs are transformed into projects, which are executed in partnership with the beneficiaries to ensure sustainability.

The Foundation for Resources and Community Empowerment (FORCE-CAM)'s vision is a Just United World Established on Peace, Harmony and Prosperity Felt at Individual Levels as it Mobilizing required resources for the socio-economic development of the population.

The main goals of Foundation for Resources and Community Empowerment of Cameroon hinges on Promoting local developmental initiatives through partnership to ensure sustainability; and Assisting the less privileged, HIV/AIDS Orphans, vulnerable groups and highly disadvantaged communities in society.

FORCE-CAM mobilizes resources for the realization of its activities mainly from members contributions, cost of services rendered to third parties, funding from partners for project implementations and other donations and gifts.

## II - ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT

During this year under review, FORCE-CAM carried out a series of activities as explained below:

### i. Cooperation / Consultancy

#### a) AIDS Orphans International Cooperation

Within the framework of a collaboration agreement signed with AIDS Waisen International in Germany, FORCE-CAM implemented an AIDS Orphans programme which entailed the provision of Educational needs comprising the provision of school fees, school uniforms and books/materials; livelihood care comprising the provision of food, medical care, clothing and general home needs; and activities to distract and educate the children socially. During the year under review, the programme supported 23 AIDS Orphans and their families comprehensively.



Orphans in their various schools uniforms, books and materials collected on 8 September 2007.





*Orphans receiving medication after consultation at the Ndu Distric Health Centre*

**b) MASHAV Cooperation**

During 2007, FORCE Cameroon fostered good relations with the Israeli Embassy in Cameroon on the arrival of a new Ambassador. FORCE-CAM president held a working session with His Excellency Ambassador Avraham NIR in Bamenda on 3 December 2007. During this meeting areas of collaboration were discussed.

**c) TENNET – Mr Sanders**

FORCE Cameroon initiated discussions with Mr Sanders Henks in October 2007. During the course of the year, these discussions were maintained and possibility of fundraising to support FORCE-CAM's community support programme were being looked into.

**d) CAMCCUL LTD Consultancy**

In 2007, FORCE Cameroon provided consultancy to CamCCUL Ltd in the establishment of Restructuring plans for two of its Credit Unions in Yaounde.

## ii. Research / Publication

- a) Identified and collected bio-data of 25 highly vulnerable AIDS orphans and their families in the Ndu sub-division of the North West Province of Cameroon.
- b) Ongoing research on appropriate support strategy for HIV/AIDS affected families.
- c) Ongoing research on available funding opportunities for rural development in Cameroon. This research seeks to publish eventually the various funding institutions and conditions solicited for access to their funds.

## iii. Direct Community Support

- a) Provided educational materials to 30 highly vulnerable HIV/AIDS affected children in Ndu sud-division and Mezam central of the North West Province. Supports were made up of the provision of schooling needs, livelihood, medical care, etc.



13 orphans of the FORCE CAM Community Support Programme receiving shoes, exercise books, etc

- b) Support 4 school dropouts' from highly vulnerable families (3 girls and 1 boy) are undergoing vocational training in Tailoring for the girls and Carpentry for the boy all in Ndu town.



Group photo of Ndu orphans families and Pa David Yuniwo Nfor on 8 September 2007 at the handing over of school needs in preparation for back to school 2007/2008 academic year.

### III - CHALLENGES

During the 2007, FORCE-CAM faced a range of challenges namely;

- The increasing numbers of vulnerable families needing support amidst meager available resources.
- High need for more volunteers and paid staff to ensure regular supervision of field activities.
- No mobility resources to carry out field supervision.

### IV – CONCLUSION / PERSPECTIVE

With the challenges and experiences of 2007 and focusing in line with prevailing community needs; the following are envisaged for the coming year:

- Strengthen the capacity of FORCE-CAM to become effective in its service delivery and management of available resources.
- Intensify cooperation activities with other institutions and encourage contribution of local elites in the Diaspora to FORCE-CAM community activities.



- Increase fundraising and efficient wealth creation strategies within the families in the communities.
- Seek to increase direct community support activities in the area of improving the livelihood of highly vulnerable HIV/AIDS affected children and People Living with HIV/AIDS.