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ACTIVITY REPORT



Rehabilitated home and a constructed latrine and washroom for an orphan, Sandrine Ngong, staying in Ndu Community of North West Region

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1 – INTRODUCTION:

The Foundation for Resources and Community Empowerment (FORCE-CAM) which was registered in 2006, has as its main goals the promotion of local developmental initiatives through partnerships to ensure sustainability; assisting the less privileged, HIV/AIDS affected and infected Orphans, vulnerable groups and highly disadvantaged communities in the society.

These goals are being realized everyday through activities that are being carried out in the community by the organization. When we talk of promoting local developmental initiatives, it has to do with the implementation of developmental projects like the portable water supply projects that have been going on in the community, the rehabilitation and construction of dilapidating homes and toilets. The assistance given to the less privileged through the various livelihood and educational needs that is being provided on regular bases to beneficiaries.

FORCE-CAM is able to carry out these activities by mobilizing resources from members contributions, cost of rendering services to third parties (consultancies and trainings), funding from partners for project implementations and other donations of gifts.

FORCE-CAM also have as partner, the community who identifies pertinent developmental needs which are now transformed to projects and are executed in partnership with the beneficiaries to ensure sustainability. So far, the communities have been cooperating with the organization

With the help of steering committees in the communities, needy beneficiaries are identified and placed under the care of the organization and since FORCE-CAM is not a profit making organization, and can not reach out to all of these children at the same time, they are being kept in the data bank and are absorbed when resources are available. During the period under review FORCE-CAM have been able to reach out and support over 150 orphans and their families all over the country.

Nevertheless, the developmental projects such as the pipe born water projects have been beneficial to the community as a whole.

2- ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT

From January to December 2012, FORCE-CAMEROON carried out a series of activities as elaborated below.

2.1) COOPERATION/CONSULTANCY

2.1.1) COOPERATIONS

2.1.1.1) DIAGIO GROUP of GUINNESS Cameroon SA: FORCE-CAM started cooperation discussions with Diageo Group of Guinness Cameroon with its Water of Life activities. After an initial letter with project proposal was submitted early in the year, the Diageo Group team visited FORCE-CAM and some of its field activities as well as proposed project sites in Ndu town. The Community of Njipntoh was visited also.



After a series of meetings and discussions, the collaboration initiative resulted on 21 December 2012 in the signing of two water project fundraising agreements between Guinness Cameroon S.A. and FORCE-CAM for the extension and catchment protection of the Njipntoh Water system, and the Construction of the Mba'a water system both in Donga-Mantung Division of the North West Region of Cameroon.





L-R: Yungsi (FC Engineer), Shey (Water Caretaker), Edward (President Njiptoh water committee), Edison (President FC), Liz (Coordinator at Guinness SA), Jacgues (Water Engineer at Guinness SA) discussing during their field visit to Ndu.



2.1.1.2)Aids Waisen International (AWI): Within the framework of FORCE-CAM’s activities and the collaboration agreement signed with the AIDS Waisen International in Germany, the organization during the period under review has implemented an AIDS Orphan programme which involves the provision of Educational needs comprising of school fees, school uniforms, books/writing materials and school bags.

In 2012, they have equally supported over 70 orphans in livelihood amenities involving food items, toiletries, medical care, clothing and household equipments such as beds, mattresses and reading tables. This has been in a bid to improve on the orphan's sanitary and health conditions, and consequently, keep them psychologically, socially and academically active.

AWI also supported the construction/rehabilitation of 8 orphans homes and construction of 8 latrines/washrooms for orphans' families in Ndu sub-division during 2012.

2.1.1.3) The Council of TENNET Workers, since four years have donated funds for the support of 14 orphans under the orphans program and rehabilitation of infrastructures. During the period under review, TENNET has continued to support these 14 orphans with educational and livelihood needs. Their support has also enabled the completion of works on some home rehabilitation for orphans carried out in the Ndu community.

2.2) TRAINING/SENSITISATION

In conformity with one of FORCE-CAM's policies to improve on the skills and abilities of its workers and volunteers through workshops, trainings and seminars, FORCE-CAM organizes in-house trainings depending on the need of the organization. It also carried out sensitization on prevailing needs.

2.2.1 TRAINING

2.2.1.1 Training in Financial Record Keeping

During the period under review, FORCE-CAM organized a training workshop on financial record keeping which took place on the 15th of July 2012 from 9 to 2.pm at the Bamenda Head office. The participants of this workshop were from the Ndu, Bamenda and Yaoundé units.

2.2.2 SENSITISATION

2.2.2.1 International World AIDS Day.

FORCE-CAM was at the forefront sensitizing the population of Ndu during the International World AIDS Day last December 1st. Pupils and Parents of the King David Nursery and Primary School took active part in the sensitization exercise.

2.2.2.2) Participation at the 11th February and 20th May Celebrations. FORCE-CAM through The King David Nursery and Primary School actively participated at the 11th

February and 20th May celebrations in Ndu sub-division where they again won the 1st prizes in amongst others, March Pass and Bilingualism.

2.3) RESEARCH/PUBLICATION

2.3.1) RESEARCH

2.3.1.1 *Habitat status of orphans*

While conducting our regular visits to homes, we were able to establish the status of orphans' habitat and sanitary conditions to enable us plan for rehabilitation and construction works. This was done with the aid of questionnaires, interviews with the occupants of the homes and observations. With these, we were able to come up with the status of the homes of these orphans, toilets and washrooms. 8 homes were identified needing urgent rehabilitations while 15 families needed toilets and washrooms to be constructed.

2.3.1.2 *Community needs*

With the help of the steering committee and the community as a whole, the needs of the community are identified and through Focus Group Discussions, these needs are streamlined in to projects according to importance.

2.3.2) PUBLICATION

2.3.2.1 *Website:* FORCE-CAM is running a website where its activities are published. This website though has not been updated gives some information for the public to know what the organization activities and what it is all about. The website is www.forcecam.org Efforts are being made to redo the site and update comprehensively. Funding are being solicited during 2013 for this purpose.

2.3.2.2 *Documentaries:* FORCE-CAM from the water project it constructed for the Njipkfu community in Ndu, developed one documentary in 2012 called **The Precious Water of Njipkfu** which was highly appreciated by Cameroon Radio Television. They are currently airing it on the national broadcasting network.

FORCE-CAM is currently developing a documentary on the home rehabilitation and toilet/washroom constructions carried out for the past three years. This shall give a highlight of the impact of the 24 homes rehabilitated and latrines/washrooms constructed.

2.4) COMMUNITY SUPPORT

2.4.1) ORPHANS SUPPORT

During the period under review, FORCE-CAM supported over 200 orphans from different parts of the country, both in educational, livelihood and medical care. They have equally been given household furniture like beds and mattresses. The supported orphans are located in Yaounde in Centre Region, Fouban in the Western Region, Bafut, Nkambe, Ndu and Ntumbaw all located in the North West Region of Cameroon.



On 25 December 2012, a happy AIDS orphan Nfor Noel, with junior sister, holding a Christmas gift of a bicycle given by his foster parent in Germany.

2.4.2) HOME REHABILITATIONS

FORCE-CAM has been supporting the community through its developmental projects like providing the community with portable water which has been beneficial to the community at large. However, in 2012, FORCE-CAM rehabilitated 8 orphans homes and constructed 8 latrines/washrooms for proper habitat and waste disposal of the families.



The newly constructed house for an orphan-Courage Mbuli (in the middle) standing with junior brother and grandmother who is their caretaker.

2.4.3) KING DAVID NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL NDU (KDNPS)

The KDNPS currently has an enrolment of 150 children. The school is still in a temporal and rented structure. Within the plan to finally build an Educational Complex/Centre for the training of orphans, blind, deaf, physically disabled, etc children, FORCE-CAM is currently mobilizing funds for its construction which is hoped to commence 2013.

3) CHALLENGES

During this period, FORCE-CAM faced a range of challenges

- The need for more volunteers and paid staff to ensure regular supervision and follow-up of field activities.
- Limited recourses to reach out to the increasing numbers of vulnerable orphans and families in need.
- A need for more contacts and sponsors for these children even after they leave the high school is a challenging aspect for the organization.

- Insufficient mobility resources to carry out field supervision.

4) CONCLUSION

Finally, despite the challenges FORCE-CAM faced, it was able to carry out its activities successfully especially with the material and financial support donated by its partners and individuals.

We greatly appreciate the confidence and support of all our Partners whom without them, FORCE-CAM would not have been able to carry out all these activities.