



CITIZENS ASSOCIATION FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION



CAFEDEC ACTIVITY REPORT 2021 TO 2023

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HUMANIZING BUEA CENTRAL PRISON

CAFEDEC donated mosquitos' tents and 50 text books of English Language, Mathematics and French language from ANUCAM foundations Cameroon to the Buea central prison library in February 2021.



Jurgen (International volunteers) arranging books for donations

Impact:

- 100 inmates, juveniles and warders are presently trained on how to use the books in the Buea central prison library.
- More than 100 inmates, warders and juveniles are aware on the various environmental resources and problems in Buea central prison.

Lesson learned:

- CAFEGEC had to educate and sensitize the warders, inmates and juveniles on the book donations in order to create access to the books in the library.
- Proper checks and security measures to protect the books by introducing a record book, librarian, and library card borrowing cards, as some of the inmates and juveniles are careless with the books and some inmates/juveniles sell the books in their cells. Some warders take the text books to be used at home by the children.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND BOOK DONATIONS

Environmental Education in Schools. CAFEGEC is currently implementing environmental education projects in local communities and schools through it established environmental clubs and environmental education school network building the capacity of the teachers and school, donating environmental publications, tools such as cutlasses, hoes, gloves and boots to be used in the school gardens.

CAFEGEC is looking forward to celebrate the world water day on the 22nd March 2021.



Jurgen (volunteers from Livebuild Foundation Netherland)

Impact: Building the capacity of 200 teachers' pupils and students Cameroon Baptist convention Primary school Great Soppo, Presbyterian Primary school Great Soppo, Saint Theresa International Comprehensive Bilingual College Molyko.

Raise awareness on environmental issues (land pollution, deforestation and climate change) affecting the school environment among 100 pupils and students.

Lesson learned: Students and pupils better participate and learn through outdoor activities and the environmental education activities are interesting and inspire the students on the field more than in the classroom.



CELEBRATION OF WORLD WETLANDS DAY 2021

CAFEGEC celebrated the world wetlands day 2021 in collaboration with students of the Saint Theresa International Comprehensive Bilingual Secondary School, Molyko Buea on the 2nd February 2021.

The activities that marked the celebration in the schools are:

- A march pass practice for the protection of wetlands for agriculture during the youth week
- A presentation by **Mokangai Augustine**, General Coordinator of CAFEGEC to illustrate the importance of Wetlands and Agriculture, with the support material of posters and stickers provided by the Ramsar convention secretariat.
- Environmental club students in Saint Theresa College sponsored by CAFEGEC actively participated in the world wetland day celebration, by presenting a drama on agriculture and wetlands.

The celebration ended with a sensitization campaign with posting of posters in schools and offices to sensitize and raise awareness of the campaign among the local population in the Buea sub-division in the South West region in Cameroon.



Students marching with poster



Students reading the wetlands poster

Impact:

- More than 643, pupils, students and local inhabitants have been educated and sensitized on the importance of the world wetlands day 2021 in the Buea Sub-division.
- Create a public awareness on world wetlands celebration every 2nd February in Cameroon.



Lesson Learned:

- The pupils, students and local population were interested to understand more on the importance of world wetlands day in their schools and communities with practical projects.
- It will take a lot of time and effort for the impact of the world wetlands celebration to reach the entire nation (Cameroon) due to limited material and financial resources.

Recommendation:

- More posters and stickers should be produced in hard copies for CAFEGEC
- CAFEGEC is requesting for international partners to support world wetlands day celebration in Cameroon to create greater impact.
- CAFEGEC should be referred to companies, banks, or organization that can provide support for the celebration of world wetlands day 2021 in Cameroon to create greater impact.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY PROGRAM

The rate of literacy lately, among the youths in the local communities in Buea has increased. CAFEGEC has visited more 13 schools and 5 local communities informing them on our plans to build the capacity of teachers, Pupils and students on the importance of literacy and ways to promote literacy.

CAFEGEC also assisted common initiative groups, local associations, local farmers and schools with books and journal to build the capacities on project management and development. The library also opened to researchers, teachers and university students who carried out research and implement projects.



CAFEGEC Community Library/ Student and local inhabitants using the library

Impact: CAFEGEC has received book donations from Books and Things Library. ANUCAM foundation Cameroon, and Rotary Club Parole (International Book Project), ICENECDEV, Practical Action USA.

- CAFEGEC has trained more than 10 community groups using these publications in the community library.

Lesson Learned: collaborating with the local communities as a team, informing the potential donors and stakeholders about CAFEGEC and its projects, we can present a colorful, clear image of the organization. This makes it easier for stakeholders to take the step to donating and supporting the cause of CAFEGEC.

BORSTAL FOOD ASSISTANCE PROJECT

CAFEGEC has donated harvested food crops such as beans, and maize from the Juvenile correction centre farm project in January-February 2022, increasing the food supply for the juveniles. CAFEGEC is currently working the tree nursery of Leuceana and Acacia at the campus of the Borstal Institute.



Juveniles working in groups



Juveniles harvesting food crops



Impact:

- Food crops worth more than \$315 was donated to the juvenile correction centre in order to increase food supply for the juveniles.

EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE (EITI)

CAFEGEC participated in 2-day training workshops 20-22 February 2022 on the Extractive Transparency initiative communication and dissemination for civil society youth organizations supported by the world bank Cameroon in Azam Hotel Bamenda North west region.

Impact: CAFEGEC communicated and disseminated Extractive Transparency initiative report to more than 215 youths in schools and local communities in the Buea Sub-Division, in the South West Region, Cameroon.

DONATION OF EQUIPMENTS BY IDEA WILD USA.

CAFECEC is currently using the equipment donated by Idea Wild USA to train interns and students of the environmental clubs to write reports on conservation education on forest and take pictures to better educate and sensitize the local population on the benefits of tree planting in the mount Cameroon National park for ecotourism services, habitat restoration for wildlife and mitigation of climate change.

LAND GRABBING PROJECT.

CAFECEC is promoting legal literacy on community land ownership among village communities and schools in the South West Region to reverse the situation of land grabbing common among the stakeholders.

CAFECEC has distributed more than 100 press releases and publications to organizations, Cameroon government, community leaders on land grabbing situation in Cameroon supported by XMINUSY Netherlands.

IMPACT:

1. More than 1,000 people have been educated and sensitized on the community land ownership rights.

Combating Plastic Pollution Cameroon

Project Background

- Land-based sources of pollution have a major impact on planetary health and on the oceans, evidenced by the development of a Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities (GPA). Growing populations, increasingly intensive and large-scale agriculture, and booming urbanization mean a growing amount of wastewater discharge into aquatic ecosystems and nutrient runoff to waterways. Together, these lead to eutrophication, toxic algae blooms, greater incidence of water-borne disease, lowered resilience of ecosystems to environmental change, and harm to species, including humans

Global plastic pollution by the Numbers:

- 500 billion plastic bags used each year.
- 13 million tons of plastic leak into the ocean each year.
- 17 million barrels of oil used on plastic production each year.
- 1 million plastic bottles bought every minute.



- 100,000 marine animals killed by plastics each year.
- 100 years for plastic to degrade in the environment
- 90% of bottled water found to contain plastic particles.
- 83% of tap water found to contain plastic particles
- 50% of consumer plastics are single use.
- 10% of all human-generated waste is plastic.

Most of the village communities along the West Coast of Cameroon (Isobe, Idenau, Bakingli, Ettisah, and Batoke and others) with a population of more than 5 million people .The Proper waste management infrastructure is lacking in some areas including Toilets and water ,hygiene facilities and sanitation , while in others the challenge involves the general public's awareness of the impact of plastics and litter has on the environment, human health and marine wildlife

Each year, at 1 million tons of plastic and other waste products end up in the Atlantic oceans. More than 50% of the litter that accumulates on shorelines, the sea surface and the sea floor is made up of plastic, the most common items being cigarette butts, bags, remains of fishing gear, and food and beverage containers.

The consequences are severe: marine litter harms over 600 marine species (15% of which are endangered), it impacts on coastal economies, and can enter the human food chain through fish consumption. In recent times, the proliferation of micro-beads and single-use plastics has made the problem even more serious.

The project aims at increasing the global awareness of the need to reduce of plastic pollution, marine litter. Proper waste management infrastructure is lacking in some areas including Toilets and water, hygiene facilities and sanitation, while in others the challenge involves the general public's awareness of the impact litter has on the environment, human health and marine wildlife.

CAFEGEC Joins ICENECDEV in Partnership with The Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development MINEPDED, Government of Cameroon, United Nations Environment and the Global Environment Facility (GEF), IPEN and the Stockholm Secretariat in implementing PCB of polychlorinated biphenyls Reduction in Cameroon through the use of local expertise and the development of national capacities. The overall objective of the project is to raise awareness among populations exposed to PCBs on the environmentally sound management of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).



Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants is an international environmental treaty, signed in 2001 and effective from May 2004, that aims to eliminate or restrict the production and use of persistent organic pollutants (POPs). As set out in Article 1, the objective of the Stockholm Convention is to protect human health and the environment from persistent organic pollutants.

Overall objective

The overall objective is to raise awareness among populations exposed to PCBs on the environmentally sound management of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in the North West and South West Regions, including the areas around the PCB temporary storage facility at New Bonako.

Specific objectives

More specifically, it is to:

- Develop Terms of Reference (TOR) for the sensitization / communication phase of populations on the management of PCBs;
- Organise 40 awareness-raising events;
- Organize awareness-raising events with communities at risk, in particular those located near facilities containing PCBs and residing near sites contaminated by PCBs;
- Raise awareness among exposed populations of the dangers of PCBs;
- Raise awareness among exposed populations on the measures to be taken in the event of accidents;
- Raise awareness among exposed populations of their roles in the environmentally sound management of PCBs.



Climate Change Adaptation, Agroecology and Sustainable Food System



Training on Organic Manure and Biofertiliser with Women Farmers

CAFEGEC join ICENECDEV in collaboration with Earth Rising Foundation USA is building the capacity of smallholder women farmers on agroecology and natural farming practices to promote climate change adaptation, sustainable food system and improving the sustainable livelihood of the smallholder women farmers(Family Farmers). The women farmers will be trained on Agroforestry techniques(Planting multipurpose trees (Acacia, Leucaena moringa and native trees) alongside food crops to provide soil nutrient(nitrogen and carbon) and adapting to the impact of climate change with the goal of providing healthy food for healthy people. This project promoting Farming for climate Justice and Contribute to the achievement of the United Nations Decade of Family Farming, Sustainable Food System of the One Planet Network, United Nations Decade of Ecosystem Restoration , Paris Climate Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals SDGs 1,2 5, and 13 of Agenda 2030.

The executives of **CAFEGEC** brainstorming on the Sustainable Development Goals





Visitation to our Plantation site at Tole, Buea Sub division

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