



CHILD / WOMEN WELFARE FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT 2021

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Executive Summary

The ongoing crisis / conflict has been responsible for thousands of lives lost, livelihoods disrupted and communities in Anglophone Regions of Cameroon in disarray. These unpleasant events have led to the establishment of this Community Based Organization known as Child / Women Welfare Foundation (CWWF).

After some delay, this organization was green - lighted by the Government Authority early in September 2021 to commence its operation. With limited resources, generated by members and a few patrons, it was able to provide some relief to children and women in situations of dire need. Some of its members volunteered with International Agencies that were addressing critical needs among women in Cameroon.

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Background

Since October 2016, Cameroon has experienced an ongoing crisis / conflict which has had severe impact on the Anglophone Region. Many lives and livelihoods have been lost, homes destroyed and over 2 000 000 persons have been internally displaced. This triggered a socio-economic crisis which was compounded by COVID 19 pandemic and other diseases eg. malaria.

How can locals within the affected Region work to bring about peace and alleviate the suffering of the Anglophone people ? In seeking answer to this question, the idea for the establishment of a Community Based Organization (CBO) in the Meme Division of the South West Region of Cameroon was conceived during the last quarter of 2020. Even as the rules were being formulated persons who became members started volunteering their services with United Nations Population Funds (UNFPA) and United Nations International Children's Emergency Funds (UNICEF).

An application to be registered as a CBO was made in April last year after a constitution was put together by its membership. The process to registration took five months. On 2nd September 2021 Child / Women Welfare Foundation became a registered Non – Profit Organization: Registration No: G.39/SAAJ/P/D14/5/1257. Almost immediately after receiving the certificate of registration, members began pooling their resources together to respond to situations of dire need.

Statement from CWWF President

As I reflect on the work carried out by Child / Women Welfare Foundation (CWWF) in 2021, my fellow members, patrons and friends I am overcome as much by the gravity of the problems we have set out to address. We know all about the crisis / conflict that it has impacted lives and livelihoods. We were aware of casualties and persons being displaced, but the magnitude of the situation was not known until CWWF hit the ground and started reaching out as its resources would allow. My brothers and sisters the suffering is great and the needs are urgent.

We are a young and small organization but all of us who are involved have demonstrated that each one of us possess a humanitarian's heart. I salute each one of you for giving of your time and resources to the cause of helping our brothers and sisters in their dire need. As a local entity made up of local people who also have been negatively impacted by this ongoing conflict, we are best positioned to respond to situations unfolding in communities. We cannot address the myriad of needs as they present themselves. However, as an organization we need to restructure; be pro-active by networking with other entities and be aggressive in fundraising efforts to be able to deliver in areas of critical needs among our children and women as we toil to help restore our communities.

I count it a great privilege to be at the helm of this young and dynamic organization. My gratitude to all for the cooperation and other forms of support given that allowed us to

touch lives in meaningful ways. I pray and trust Almighty God that in 2022 we all will come with renewed strength and purpose to serve the underprivileged, less fortunate and those suffering in our communities here in Anglophone Cameroon.

May God continue to bless you all.

President.
CWWF.

A photograph showing a group of approximately 15-20 women seated in white plastic chairs, facing a man who is standing at the front of the room. The man is wearing a white shirt and dark shorts. The room has light-colored walls and a blue curtain in the background. The women are dressed in colorful, patterned clothing. The scene appears to be a community meeting or a training session.

Mission Statement

To promote and enforce the protection of women and children, address the needs of the less fortunate and underprivileged, improve the health status of women and adolescent girls and empower women and their families economically through promotion of sustainable farming.

Vision

We envision communities / societies where women and children are valued and treated with respect and dignity, poverty eradicated as families are economically empowered and transformation of the poor health status among rural women and adolescent girls'

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Objectives

1. To support the economic empowerment of women and girls through the promotion of sustainable farming and making micro - credits accessible.
2. To promote the protection of the rights of women and children and provide for the well - being of needy children, women, elderly and the disabled.
3. To improve health among women and girls through Community Health Education programmes.
4. To foster community development through the establishment of facilities for vocational and health - related training for women and youths and provision of safe water, sanitation and hygiene facilities.



ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS - 2021

The following are highlights of Child / Women Welfare Foundation (CWWF) work in response to critical needs among children and women in communities within Meme Division of the Anglophone South West Region of Cameroon. These activities were undertaken between September 3rd and December 31st.

1.1 Menstrual Hygiene Management:

The ongoing conflict in the Anglophone Regions of Cameroon have led to over 2 000 000 internally displaced persons. Houses have been burnt and families have fled in large numbers to forested areas to escape with their lives. Thers have taken refuge at homes of relatives, friends and kind persons who willingly open their homes. This emergency situation has led to serious menstrual hygiene management challenges among women and adolescent girls. They have been significantly challenged in managing their menstruation safely, comfortably and with dignity.

CWWF used a part of its resources to purchase an amount of reusable sanitary pads and also received a donation of a small amount from an agency. These were distributed to IDPs - women and adolescent girls.



Photos 1. Reusable Sanitary Pads

1.2. Health Education:

Volunteer members of CWWF conducted a few Health Education and Sensitization Activities - HIV / AIDS “Know Your Status.” The Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) temporarily living in Cameroon South West Region communities and youths were targeted.



Photo 2. Health Education & Sensitization Session

CWWF volunteers mobilized adults and children from Cameroon South West Region communities for health education / sensitization on malaria and its prevention. On that day children were inspected for skin infection and oral hygiene.



Photo 3. Health Education / Sensitization session

Like all countries globally, the COVID 19 pandemic was a challenge for Cameroon and its people. Lives were lost, persons were overwhelmed with fear and adjustments were made to lifestyles in keeping with proposed safety measures. CWWF volunteers worked on the National Vaccination Programme for COVID 19. Women from communities in the South West Region of Cameroon were sensitized about COVID 19 and the importance of vaccination.



Photo 4. COVID 19 Sensitization Session

1.3. Health Aid:



Photo 5. Women receiving Wash Kits

CWWF volunteers mobilized women from communities in South West Region, Cameroon to benefit from wash kits through the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Programme.

1.4. Relief For The Disabled:

In times of emergency the disabled are often left behind and sometimes forgotten. There are many people who are disabled in the communities here in South West Region of Cameroon. It has been difficult for them prior to the crisis / conflict. With the crisis on it has become rather challenging for this category of people. This is a category CWWF intend to focus on greatly in the future.



Photo 6. Relief for a Disabled Sister



Photo 7. Disabled & Abandoned Man with Kids.

This ongoing crisis / conflict has severely impacted children in the Anglophone Regions of Cameroon. Whatever political merits and demerits can be identified for this conflict such does not matter to a group called **CHILDREN**. They are victims to the core. This crisis have robbed many children of their mothers, their fathers, and in many cases both parents. Children themselves have been killed while others have been maimed; loss of arm, loss of leg. Many schools have not been operating; forced to close owing to the crisis. Girls have been raped and many taken away as sex slaves. This helpless category, children, CWWF would not overlook in its work.



Photo 8. Victims of the crisis - Infants

1.5. Medical Aid Provision:

Since the start of the conflict in October 2016, there has been emerging and re-emerging infections. CWWF used from its limited resources to take two abandoned children to hospital for urgent medical care. While some aspect of medical care is free some have to be paid for.



Photo 9. Infants taken for Medical Care

1.6. Capacity Building:

As part of its Capacity Building process, Child / Women Welfare Foundation (CWWF) members are encouraged do free online training programmes aimed at equipping each individual with knowledge and skills. The hope is that the acquired organizational and technical knowledge will be applied to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the organization so it can work towards achieving its purpose and provide quality services.

The CWWF President has completed an online course in Human Rights in November 2021. The course is offered by United Human Rights International. Mr Tebugeh is upbeat that he has completed this Programme and is now equipped with knowledge on the topic.



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