

PROJECT " SUPPORT TO 100 DISPLACED AND POOR CAMEROONIAN WOMEN

Summary

This project aims to help 100 vulnerable girls and women in the village Njimom in the Noun Division of Cameroon. Due to the political crisis in the North-west and South-west parts of the country, many women and girls were obliged to leave their houses and villages to escape from war and joined Njimom town.

The project intends to facilitate access to school for displaced and vulnerable girls, to initiate vocational training for those girls and women; to create income-generating activities for them and to provide psychological assistance for displaced women and girls affected by that conflict and to sensitize the hosting community in order to build a sustainable recovery of victims and a social cohesion within the whole community.

Requested Funding Amount

19,935 USD

Donation Options

\$26 will help to enroll a poor internally displaced girl or woman in training on hairdressing and esthetics

\$96 buys the annual school fees and furnitures for primary school for a vulnerable girl

\$171 will provide money to rent a land to start an agricultural business.

What is the issue, problem, or challenge?

The actual socio-political crisis in North-west and South-west regions of Cameroon has led to many internally displaced persons. The Noun Division due to its neighborhood with the North-west region, has hosted at least 32,155 internally displaced persons (data collected from the Cameroonian Red Cross). The village Njimom has hosted 3,267. While collecting information on that vulnerable people, we have noticed that many public and private actors insist on food, cloth and medical assistance. Our association WEFN decided to focus on durable actions which will empower those victims of war, keep them delinquency such as prostitution, robbery and also help them to have a peaceful cohabitation with the hosting community. Furthermore,

WEFN whose mandate is dedicated to women and girls, focuses on that category which is the most vulnerable one, especially in case of conflict.

How will this solve the problem?

This project will substantially improve the living conditions of displaced persons by enabling girls to continue their education and other women to have marketing and business skills and activities such as sewing, agriculture, hairdressing. Those activities will allow them to generate income so that they can take care of themselves and their families. In addition, it also reduces their vulnerability to engage in delinquent acts (prostitution, robbery).

Moreover, by integrating a quota of poor girls and women in the locality, this helps to build the process of sustainable social cohesion within the whole community.

Finally, we have chosen to add medical and psychosocial assistance because it is a fundamental part of the reconstruction of the person affected by the conflict, a way to overcome the trauma experienced and continue to live with dignity.

Potential Long-Term Impact

This project will help 100 women and girls to still have their chance to have education and to empower themselves. By supporting this socio-economic initiative, we help them to move from assisted person to autonomous one. The multisectorial approach of the project will also permit to reduce the negative impact of internal displacement on health through medical assistance by fighting against the spreading of Sexual Transmissible Diseases and/or early pregnancy, on security by reducing the increase of the rate of delinquency, on economy by giving professional skills and creating jobs opportunities and on cultural identity by engaging a fraternal dialogue in the whole community.

These groups of women and girls could be taken as an example, a model of resilience for us and other groups of women and girls. Despite the trauma and the vulnerability, they have chosen to move on in order to ameliorate their living conditions.

This project is a pilot one and we wish to implement it gradually in all the 09 sub-division of Noun which continue to experience internal displacements.

Web Resources

- https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/cmr_hno_2019_vf_light.pdf
- <https://www.globaldtm.info/fr/cameroon/>

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