

SUMMARY REPORT ON CEPLECEN ACTIVITIES (2012-2018)

In order to sustain the organisation and supplement the incomes raised from member contributions, we carried out short-term income generating activities amongst which were the rearing of pigs and poultry farming. Pictures of these activities are shown below.

A- Income Generating Projects

1- Piggery Projects



Pictures of Nyasoso Pig Farm (2013)

██████ The initial pig farm was made up of two female piglets and one male. The pigs reproduced after about a year making the new farm to be made up of 20 pigs, with 17 piglets and 3 mature pigs.

The person in the pig farm is Diobe Valdez on delegated for an inspection visit to Nyasoso.

Each of the piglets was sold at a cost of 25,000FRS giving a total of 425,000FRS. Other incomes were raised from the farm through crossing.

Unfortunately, the project could not last because the pig farm was attacked by the African swine fever causing us to auction the mature pigs.

2- Poultry Projects

Two consignments or rounds of rearing were done all in 2015. In the first round of production, a total of 100 initial chicks were bought and raised in rented apartment under the supervision of Mr. Diobe Valdez and Mr. Ewane Peter. Out of the 100 chicken, 85 survived to maturity. This was followed by a second consignment of 150 chicks with a survival rate of 145 chicks.



Pictures of Poultry Farm in Hausa Quarters-Bangem (2015)-Mr. Akame in the Farm

It is funds raised from these projects and other contributions that the group has been able to meet up with some of its charitable programs and projects especially those concerned with education and sensitization.

B- Capacity Building Programs

A series of capacity building programs were organized by the group.

1. Capacity Building Program on the theme “Local Transformation of Plantain into Plantain Powder “Mpup” and Its Commercialization” organized in Bangem in April, 2013.

In this project members were trained on how to transform plantain into “Mpup” (which is a popular delicacy in the Bakossiland which is fast spreading to other cultures in urban centres) rather than to abandon them in the farms (as was becoming the case). This was in a bit to counter the low prices of plantain noticed during that period (20012-2015) caused by bad roads.



Pictures on the expose on transformation of dry plantain into “Mpup” (Plantain Powder)

Participants we trained on the types and quantity of spices to include in the powder for it to be semi-ready for consumption. They were also taught methods of preserving the product through less costly means such as plastic bottles and also how to write up simple business plans for such projects. Resource Persons included some three women from Bangem versed with the transformation process.

Today, some of the members have taken this as a permanent business and they help introduce other persons into the business.

2. Capacity Building Program on Writing Business Plans and Sourcing of Funding by Youth Organisations. Organised in Buea, May 2016.

In this program, participants (most of who were higher institution students most of who were from Kupe Munanenguba) we taught the steps in drawing business plans that could be funded by the state and other foreign donors in the fields of education, agriculture climate change etc.

C- Educational/School Programs

Amongst the school programs organized by KUMYENET have been holiday classes, prize award and Educational Support. These have often taken place in Tombel Sub-division and Bangem Sub-division.

- i) **Holiday Classes:** Traditionally, the group jointly organized a 4week holiday class.
 - ✘ In Tombel Sub-division, the classes for July-August 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2016 were often jointly organized with the Nyasoso Union of Students Association (NUSA) and were often organized in Nyasoso and Ngusi. Coordinators included Hinjome Ferdinand, Ngome Elvis and Ngome Paul Nkome.
 - ✘ In Bangem Sub-division, the classes for July-August 2012, 2013 were often jointly organized with the Bakossi All Students Union (BASU) and were often organized in uniquely in Bangem Town. Coordinators included Afuge Akame and Nkwelle Jerome.

Attestations of participation are often awarded to participants in these programs.

- ii) **Prize Award:** The group has been able to award privately sponsored prizes to best students in certain subjects such as Economics and History and group sponsored prizes for overall best student in some schools as was the case of GHS Nyasoso.
- iii) **Educational Support:** KUMYENET has provided support to some underprivileged children (orphans) at secondary and primary level in the form of school uniforms, books, pens, rulers and pencils with the most recent being in August 2016 to some kids in Ngombo village, Kupe village, Bangem Town. Also, we have bought tools for some persons in technical schools. One of the beneficiaries of this in 2012 was Ekoti Ricky an orphan and was then a student of CETIC Bangem.

D- Sensitization and Orientation

Members of KUMYENET have been very effective in sensitization of the population on several issues that affect communities. Amongst the sensitization programs which KUMYENET has independently or jointly carried out include;

Dialogue on “The Role of Youth in Building Tolerant Communities and Promoting Religious Tolerance in Cameroon” a multi-donor program organized in Buea on the 12th of August, 2016.

Sensitization on the acquisition, transmission and ways to accommodate HIV/AIDS and avoid stigmatization (independent program) in schools in Bangem, Tombel, Nyasoso and Buea. The most recent of such sensitization was in December, 2015 with the Cameroon National Association For Family Welfare (CAMNAFAW)-Buea Branch.

Sensitization on good governance in secondary schools (program principally organized by the Centre for Community Regeneration and Development)-GBHS Tombel, 2014;

Sensitization on the prevalence and signs of climate change, its effects on the agricultural sector and ways of adapting to the changes in Bangem;

Sensitization on biodiversity conservation especially around the Mount Kupe area where the biodiversity conservators have left. This had been possible because some of the members of the group (KUMYENET) have worked for some of the conservation societies like WWF and CRESS.

Orientation on making career choices and choice of series in secondary schools. This is an annual program organized by the group since August, 2011. This was prompted by the fact some members of the group are witnesses to themselves for having made wrong choices which are affecting them till date especially in terms of having job opportunities and furthering studies. This has taken place in Awing (North West and on request of one of our new members), Bangem, Buea, Tombel, Ngusi, Nyasoso and Ekona.

Provision of didactic and exam writing material to underprivileged students of Community Christian College (CCC) Muea Buea. About 150 underprivileged form five and upper sixth Students were provided with pens, pencils, rulers, erasers and some exercise books to enable the write the end of year certificate exams (May, 2018).

