

NEWSLETTER

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Wimum
Community Foundation

Wimum Community Foundation (WCF) through this Newsletter wishes to update its donors and well-wishers on accomplishments so far and what is planned for the next 12 months effective October 2017.

In 2016, WCF came knocking on your door for financial assistance to fund development projects in Cameroon, more specifically in Njipnkang village. Your response by the money you donated was swift and impressive. Thank you for your generous action in helping to improve the quality of life of underprivileged people.



NJIPNKANG COMMUNITY-INITIATED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Njimnkang village is 5kilometers to the north east of Ndu the capital of the Sub Division and has a population 3,500. WCF in one of its general assembly meetings randomly selected Njimnkang village to partner with it for the purpose of development. The goal is to empower the community by supporting community-initiated sustainable development projects. Therefore, the foundation engaged a US-based expert in sustainable community development projects and sent him to Njimnkang village to conduct development needs and empowerment assessments. Based on findings from the assessments and the community's empowerment index, the community identified sustainable development projects to undertake.

These projects included:

1. Extending supply of clean drinking water to four water-deprived quarters in Njipnkang: Mbashup, Nkfusuh, Nyeshup, and Market Square.
2. Upgrading primary healthcare services in the village
3. Providing scholarships to the poorest of the poor in the community.
4. Improving crop seeds production

Based on available funding raised in 2016 and support by a water supply technical partner, OK Clean Water, WCF facilitated extension of water supply to Nyeshup quarter, one of the four targeted water-deprived quarters in Njipnkang village. As of April 2017, the people of Nyeshup quarter have a good sustainable source of safe drinking water thanks to your generous donation.



Spring in one
quarter in
Njipnkang village

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Technicians test newly constructed water supply in Nyeshu quarter, Njipnkang village, photo by Abanda Marcel, 2016.

Most importantly, members of the community have been trained and equipped to manage and preserve the water supply. Water management committee and water tap managers have been trained and commissioned to ensure effective management of the water supply. These managers will use manuals that have been developed by WCF staff working in collaboration with OK Clean Water. The water management committee will be overseen by a Leadership Council. Additionally, members of the community have agreed to make financial contributions for the management of the water supply project. These measures will ensure the water project is sustained long into the future.

The people of Njipnkang village have requested that we convey their gratitude to all donors who generously gave them this safe drinking water – THANK YOU!

Members of
Njipnkang
Leadership
Council



WCF CAMEROON STAFFING UPDATE

Eight new volunteers joined WCF to support ongoing community projects. They will work alongside the Coordinator, Abanda Marcel, to ensure effective implementation of community development projects.

Also, WCF Community Coordinator, Abanda Marcel, was recently trained and certified as Skills Grassroots Soccer Coach through a program supported by American Peace Corps. The training took place 5-10 June 2017.

TIME MANAGEMENT PROJECT

WCF Coordinator and Volunteers have launched Wimbum community-wide sensitization and education activities on time management highlighting the negative effects of too many traditional holidays in the work week. Target audiences for these activities include traditional rulers and major socioeconomic groups in the community.

WHAT NEXT?

WCF will continue to partner with Njipnkang community in the next one year by providing support for the other pending community-initiated development projects: water extension to remaining three quarters, upgrade the existing health post and support food crop seed improvement. Presently, community members are contributing money to raise their 30% share of the total cost of these projects. Likewise, WCF is organizing a fundraiser to raise at least 70% of the total cost of the projects. Total cost of the planned development projects is \$55,000.

Your generous donation will help provide safe drinking water, good healthcare services and better crop seeds to the people of Njipnkang village.

Three Ways to Donate

Please make check payable to: Wimbum Community Foundation, and mailed to:
6191 Central City Boulevard, Galveston, TX 77551

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Direct deposit into Capital One bank account number: 3820681850

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Make a donation at WCF website: www.wimbumcommunityfoundation.org

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