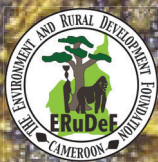


2020

Impact Report



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A photograph of two chimpanzees in a lush green forest. One chimpanzee is sitting on the back of the other, both looking towards the camera. The background is filled with dense foliage and trees.

Our mission

ERuDeF is a Cameroonian leading conservation non-profit organization dedicated to saving rainforests, conserving species and impacting lives.

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welcome On-board

Chairman, Eric Akemnda

Last year, while writing this section for one of our publications, I was reflecting on how devastating the Anglophone crisis has been on our work across Anglophone Cameroon. Little did I know that I will be writing again this year amidst another crisis: the Covid-19 pandemic that took the world aback in 2019. To say the least, these crises continue to affect our work across Cameroon in an unprecedented dimension.

The coronavirus pandemic has brought the world's economy to its knees. Apart from this, millions have lost their lives as a result of the pandemic

We are launching in 2021 a series of ambitious projects aimed at addressing the problems of extinction, degradation and ameliorating the conditions of small holder farmers for the next 15 years. We intend to plant over 300 million trees in degraded landscapes in Cameroon and the Central African Sub Region, run a 100 million Tree Planting campaign to support 20,000 small holder Forest Gardens in Cameroon and Central African Sub Region, create at least 1 million hectares of protected areas in Cameroon.

We also intend to run a series of humanitarian programs aimed at helping Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Anglophone Cameroon. These programmes include, IDP 2035 Education Initiative, IDP 2035 Economic Recovery Initiative, IDP 2035 Anglophone Reparation Fund, IDP 2035 Anglophone Cultural Heritage Reparation, 2035 Rehabilitation Initiative, and Humanitarian Research Initiative.

We are immensely grateful for the support we received from our partners for the year 2020. The coronavirus and a litany of crisis in Cameroon have taught us a lesson. These crises have also given us the opportunity to put to the test the sustainable and resilient system we have put in place for the last 2 decades.

I would like to end this piece by inviting you to observe a minute of silence for our brothers and sisters who have lost their lives as a result of the coronavirus pandemic and the unabating Anglophone Crisis

Happy Reading!!!

“Despite the challenges we faced in 2020, we continued to implement our projects and developing new ones in the context of the the current political and health crises in Cameroon



Welcome to ERuDeF Impact Report

President/CEO, Louis Nkembi

The year 2020 opened on a sad note as the government of Cameroon introduced lockdown measures to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. Schools were closed and socio-economic activities were brought to a near halt.

The civil society industry was almost halted. Only the vibrant ones that were fast enough to use digitized technology were able to survive this sad state of the COVID-19 emergency. Thousands of employees were laid off. Parallel to the Covid-19 pandemic was the raging Anglophone Crisis that kept our workers and government security and defense forces at bay. It is within this context that ERuDeF situated itself throughout the year 2020.

The Impact of these two ongoing crises on ERuDeF has been profound. We lost significant amount of funding from our partners who could no longer have access to our field sites. Other partners hit hard by the Covid-19 pandemic ceased funding. Our funding drastically reduced, impairing and/or significantly scaling down our scope of intervention

Our conservation programmes continued to suffer a major set back as our key sites in the Southwest and Norwest west (Anglophone crisis affected regions) continued to be blocked by the Anglophone crisis. With support from the World Land Trust, we launched a new project, the Deng Deng -Belabo Council Forest Corridor Project in Eastern Cameroon. We began building the conservation infrastructure for the Eastern Cameroon Biodiversity Initiative. Our Agroforestry and Forest Gardens Programme was brought to a halt due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Our Forestry Programme suffered a similar fate as partners for the Mount Bamboutos Initiative continued to lose interest because of the Anglophone Crisis. The ERuDeF University Institute Project that was brought to a halt 3 years earlier (2017) was however rebranded to take a new specialized model focused on science, research and grants. The ERuDeF Center for the Advancement of Women's Initiatives (CAWI) re-organized its Humanitarian Programme to refocus on six core thematic areas namely: IDP 2035 Education Initiative, IDP 2035 Economic Recovery Initiative, IDP 2035 Anglophone Reparation Fund, IDP 2035 Anglophone Cultural Heritage Reparation, 2035 Rehabilitation Initiative, and Humanitarian Research Initiative.

The re-organization of ERuDeF was completed with its new governance structures notably, the Founding Board of Trustees, the Global Advisory Board, Country Board of Trustees, the Executive office and the different countries Programme Management offices. Of particular significance was the creation of the Office of Science and Research and Technical Services to oversee research and research initiatives across the whole organization.

As the year 2020 has come to a close, we have begun to set the stage for the development, launching and implementation of ERuDeF 2035 vision across all its programme and landscapes. We had also set the stage for the expanding of ERuDeF into North America, Europe and Asia.

On our communication platform, we are set to launch two new products in 2021 namely: the Protected Areas Magazine and the Green Media online TV and expand the readership of our pioneering Green Vision Newspaper globally.

I wish you all a happy 2021.



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The 15-year Initiative

1. Tofala Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Lebialem Highlands,

Cameroon: It was Created in 2014 as the first protected area in Lebialem Highlands with the facilitation of ERuDeF. With the support of Rainforest Trust, its management plan that was launched in 2016 was completed in 2019. Rainforest Trust is also supporting the community and government rangers to maintain law enforcement. The management plan has been approved by the government Of Cameroon. ERuDeF will continue to support the sanctuary even in the crisis.

2. Njoagwi Fotabong III-Essoh Attah Wildlife Sanctuary Project, Lebialem Highlands, Cameroon.

This project commenced in 2013 with support from Tusk Trust and continued in 2016 with support from Rainforest Trust to create a wildlife Sanctuary to support the conservation of chimpanzees, elephants and gorillas. This proposed sanctuary has a population of over 300 Nigeria-Cameroon chimpanzees, over 100 Africa Forest elephants and an unknown population of cross river gorilla. ERuDeF intends to facilitate the creation of a sanctuary, which will host the highest density of chimpanzees per unit area in Western Cameroon.

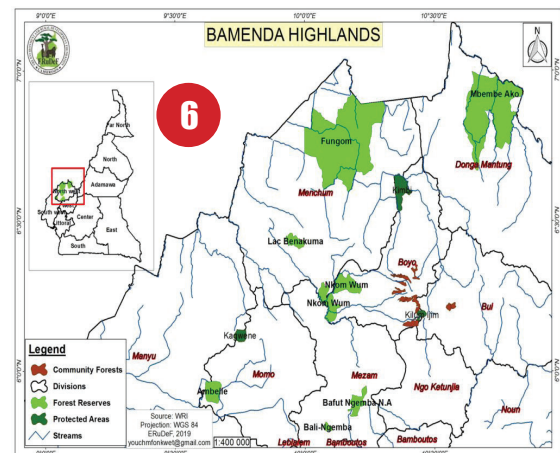
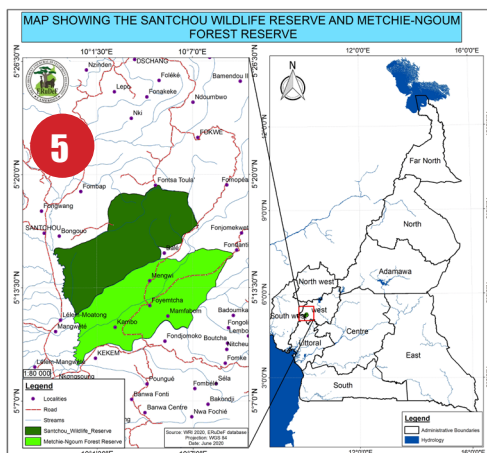
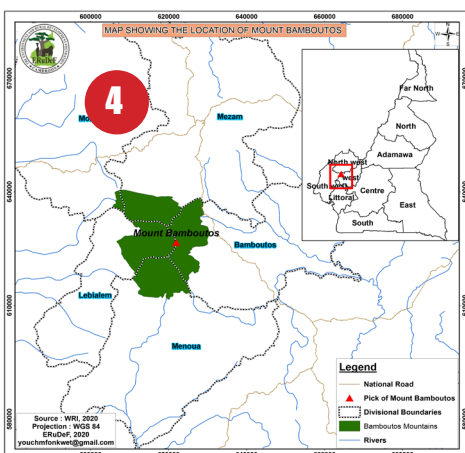
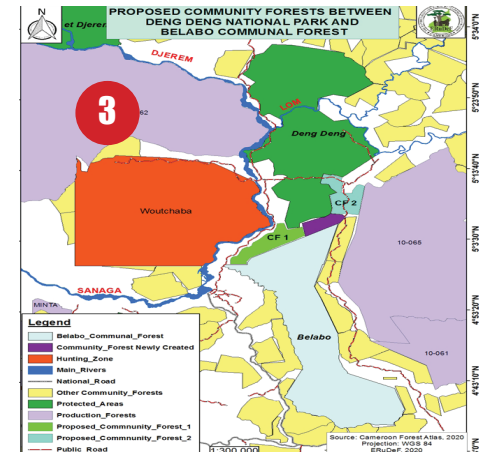
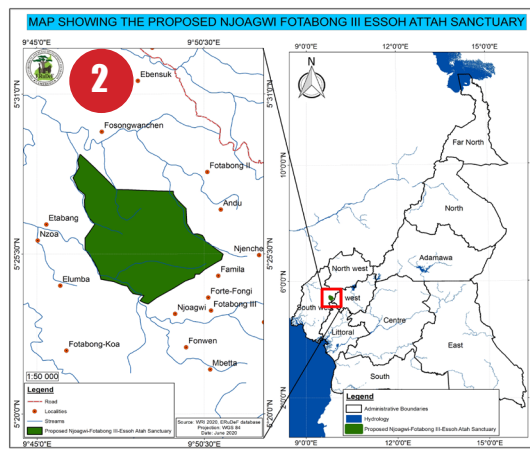
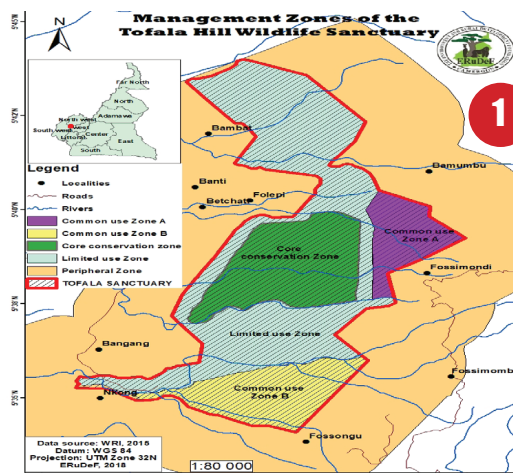
3. The Deng-Deng-Dja Conservation Corridor. This conservation corridor is part of the cross-country ecological corridors. It seeks to facilitate wildlife migration from Deng Deng National Park to Dja Biosphere Reserve in Eastern Cameroon. A component of this project, the Deng-Deng National Park-Belabo Council Forest corridor Project was launched in June 2020 with support from World Land Trust. This project seeks to preserve quality habitat between the Deng-Deng National Park and Belabo Council Forest to ease migration of the western lowland gorillas and other threatened species through the establishment of a 10,000ha conservation corridor.

4. Mt. Bamboutos Initiative, Western Cameroon. The Mount Bamboutos Initiative was launched in 2018, with support from TreeSisters,

UK and Darwin Initiative. The MBI is the leading tree planting initiative in Cameroon jointly developed by ERuDeF and the International Tree Foundation. The project seeks to restore the biodiversity of the Mount Bamboutos landscape through the planting of 15 million trees in 15 years while impacting the lives of about 30,000 local people and benefitting around 5 million Cameroonians. Mt. Bamboutos hydrological system contributes about 20% towards the energy and water industries in Cameroon. It is second only to the Adamawa Plateau.

5. The Santchou Wildlife Reserve, Western Cameroon. The Santchou Wildlife Reserve was Created in 1947. It is the most mid-western location of the African forest elephants and the black buffaloes in Cameroon. The 7000ha game reserve together with the 12000ha forest reserve of Metchie will form the proposed National Park for elephant conservation. Within this reserve is the elephants' lake which is a fertile ground for ecotourism and the study of elephant behaviour. Due to increase human pressure resulting from population growth, wildlife in this reserve continue to face serious threats reason why ERuDeF is working to upgrade this reserve into a National Park.

6. The Bamenda Highlands Chimpanzees Project. This region is partly affected by the ongoing Anglophone Crisis in Cameroon which has also negatively affected conservation. ERuDeF is currently focused on serving the last Chimpanzee ranges and frogs in the Bamenda Highlands. Its interest is in providing a management plan for the Kimbi-Fongum National Park, create the Bafang-Benakuma Wildlife Sanctuary, create the NW Chimpanzee Corridor and develop the management plan for the Plantlife Santuary on Mt Oku.



7. Tchabal-Mabo Mountains-Ghasaka – Ngumti Transfrontier Conservation Project.

The focus of this project is the creation of the proposed Tchabal-Mabo Mountains National Park and a series of community forests. The project will also collaborate with the neighboring Ghasaka- Ngumti National Park in Nigeria to create a Trans-frontier Conservation Program to support the conservation of elephant, Baboons, Chimpanzees and large cats across the conservation area.

8. Nlonako-Muanenguba Mountains Frog Project. The world's largest frog, the Goliath Frog, weighing about 13kg is found in this landscape. ERuDeF is working in this landscape to create 5000ha Herpetological Sanctuary in Mount Muanenguba with support from UNEP/GEF. The Ekom Ekang Water Falls Amphibian Sanctuary is under development. The Biodiversity of this landscape was conducted thanks to the support of Helsinki Zoo and Rainforest Trust.

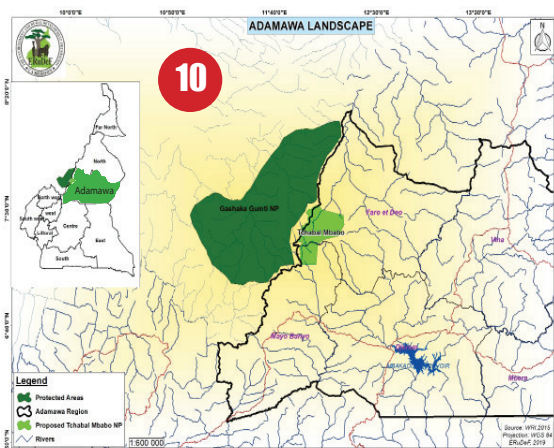
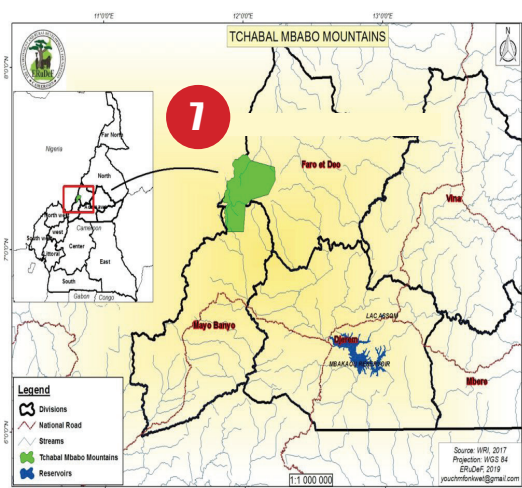
9. The Dryad Project. The Dryad Project or Community Forest Enterprise Project was launched in 2016 to support communities with existing community forests having already approved management plans to develop profitable investments. This project funded by ICRAF is located in communities around Mt. Cameroon, Nguti and Manyu Divisions. This project ended in 2020 with communities involved making profits for the first time since community forestry was legalized in Cameroon since 1998. We seek to replicate this model to other landscapes

10. The Adamawa Plateau Initiative (API). The API is a project to restore and protect the degraded ecosystem of the Adamawa Plateau. The Adamawa Plateau is the principal watershed and water tower of Cameroon covering the water needs of over 15 million Cameroonians and 60% of water needs of Cameroon. Key river systems take their rise from here, notably Rivers Sanaga, Djerem, Mbam and Benoue. The Adamawa Pla-

teau also holds about 100 lakes. With this hydro potential, the plateau is undergoing an unprecedented degradation and may lose this ecological potential if very urgent measures are not put into place to redress the issue. ERuDeF in the next 15 years will be working with the government of Cameroon and partners to restore this degraded ecosystem through the planting of over 10 million trees and other landscape-based actions. Sustainable agricultural systems such as agroforestry will be introduced on this landscape so as to improve the food security and nutrition of locals

11. The Mandara Mountains Initiative (MMI). The Mandara Mountains constitute the third most important hydrological basin in Cameroon after the Adamawa Plateau and the Mt. Bamboutos respectively. The Mandara Mountains hydrological system supplies nearly 80% of the water entering Lake Tchad. Together with the rivers from the Central African Republic, they supply 95% of the Lake Tchad water needs. This hydrological system alongside Lake Tchad feeds nearly 30 million people from five countries (Cameroon, Nigeria, Tchad and CAR.). Meanwhile Lake Tchad is at its highest peak of drying off in the last 25 years. The hydrological system that feeds lake Tchad is at its highest rate of degradation. The launching of the MMI will certainly provide the most urgent and timely solutions to this perennial problem of the drying off of Lake Tchad. The MMI project would in the next 15 years plant over 15 million trees to restore the degraded hydrological system of Lake Chad

12. The Bakassi Project. This project seeks to develop and support the integral management of the Bakassi area in Southwest Cameroon to conserve the Mangrove and the marine ecosystem. This project funded by UNEP/GEF seeks to create a marine national park and conserve parts of the island biodiversity



picture: pinesma

13. Tofala-Mone Corridor Project, Libialem Highlands, Cameroon: Conceived in 2016 with support from Waterloo Foundation, Global Forest Watch and African Conservation Foundation, this project finally came into fruition in 2019 with the creation of four community forests totaling a surface area of 20,000ha. The project succeeded to create a genetic corridor linking the great apes of the Tofala Hill Wildlife Sanctuary and the Takamanda-Mone landscape.

14. The Forest Gardens Program. From the Southwest, Littoral, West and Northwest Regions of Cameroon, within the Western Cameroon Biodiversity Initiative, ERuDeF with support from Trees for the Future is assisting small holder farmers to establish Forest Gardens. The Forest Gardens project seeks to increase food security and nutrition, raise incomes and profits and increase environmental protection. This project succeeded to reach out to about 3000 farmers, planting over 1.5 million trees. The program will be extended to the Adamawa and Northern regions of Cameroon in the 2021.

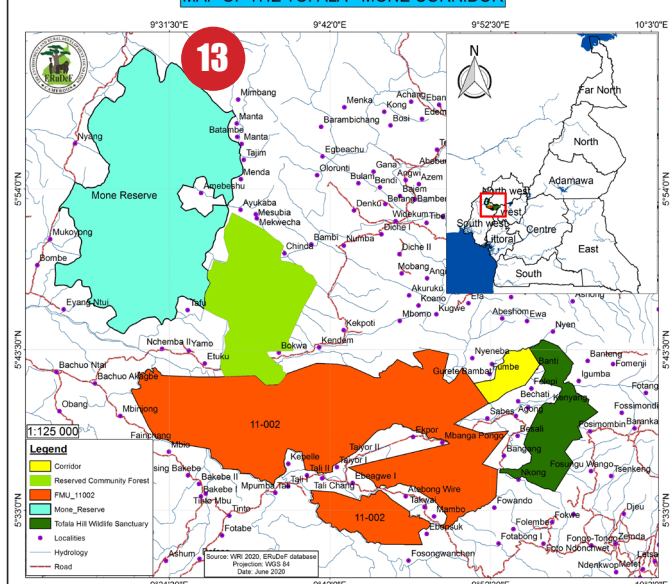
15. Cameroon Environmental Education Initiative (CEEI). ERuDeF will be implementing an environmental education project in GBHS Belabo, Eastern Cameroon in 2021. The CEEI was originally

developed and tested in the Libialem Highlands from 2004 through 2016. The experience and model developed in Libialem Highlands is helping us to develop a Cameroon Environmental Education Initiative (CEEI). Together with Transformative Earth and Cross River Gorilla Project UK, ERuDeF will be implementing an innovative CEEI based on tested models in Cameroon and other African countries.

16. The Access and Benefit Sharing Initiatives (ABS). The ABS Initiative was launched in 2012 in the Libialem Highlands of Cameroon. This project helps to facilitate the equitable distribution of benefits resulting from the exploitation of natural resources. The Libialem Highlands ABS project has been focusing on the management of the *Echinops giganteus* and the *Mondia whitei* plant species with the support of the French company, V Mane Fils.

17. Ecotourism Support Project for Protected Area Management. This project seeks to support the management of protected areas through the promotion of ecotourism. ERuDeF would be piloting an ecotourism project in Eastern Cameroon in 2021 to support the effective management of the Deng Deng National Park and the Dja Biosphere Reserve

MAP OF THE TOFALA - MONE CORRIDOR



Forest Gardens beneficiary

Picture: ERuDeF



Echinops roots

Picture: ERuDeF



GBHS Belabo students with Environmental messages

Picture: ERuDeF



Ekou Nkam Waterfalls

Picture: ERuDeF



18. The Cameroon Biodiversity in Crisis Fund: This fund seeks to support conservation activities that have almost come to a halt in some parts of Cameroon as a result of crises ranging from the Anglophone Crisis in Western Cameroon, The Boko Haram Crisis in Northern Cameroon and the Seleka Rebel incursion in Eastern Cameroon. This fund will also support the resettling of internally displaced persons that are currently seeking refuge in protected in these crises affected regions.

19. The Cameroon water Initiative: This initiative seeks to create the Cameroon Water Alliance that will include all the stakeholders involved in the consumption, distribution and management of water resources in Cameroon. This Initiative will also support tree planting around water catchments so as to maintain the water table and the green infrastructure of water catchments. The Cameroon water Initiative will also support water projects in communities suffering from water crisis.

20 Freshwater and marine Initiative

This is a Cameroon wide initiative which cuts across different landscapes. The goal is to ensure the conservation of threatened fresh-

water and marine biodiversity, promote socioeconomic development and ensure wise use of freshwater and marine resources.

21. ERuDeF University Institute: Created in 2012, the ERuDeF university Institute of Applied Biodiversity Sciences (EUIABS) seeks to train the next generation of conservation leaders in Cameroon in particular and Africa in general. This university offers professional training in leadership, biodiversity management, fundraising development, philanthropy and non-profit management. This institution has trained over 300 students who are now making a difference in and out of Cameroon in their various fields of specialization. To meet up with the ever-changing demands of the professional world, the ERuDeF University Institute will be undergoing restructuring in 2021.

22. Alliance for Great Apes Conservation in Central Africa: Created in 2016, the Alliance regroupes national organizations involved in great apes conservation in Central Africa. ERuDeF in collaboration with the African Conservation Foundation will train and build capacities of the members involved in the Alliance as well as support their conservation actions.

Internally displaced Anglophones in the wild

Picture: Journal du Cameroun

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Kid carries water from the yet to be harnessed Wotolo water catchment

Picture: Journal du Cameroun

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Polluted Limbe beach

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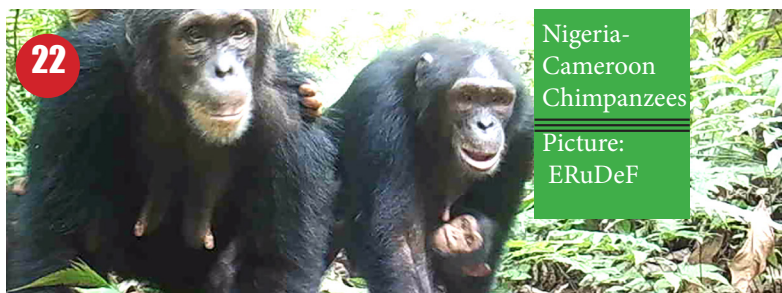
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Nigeria-Cameroon Chimpanzees

Picture: ERuDeF



The Year of the coronavirus and the Anglophone crises: how we survived it

At a time when all was set to commence our 2020 community-led tree planting season (March-September) for one of our landmark projects, the Mount Bamboutos Initiative in Western Cameroon, the coronavirus pandemic was at its very peak in Cameroon and around the world. The intensity of this virus in March 2020 prompted lockdown measures put in place by governments around the world, not leaving out Cameroon to curb the spread of the deadly virus. We were, to say the least, confused given that the gathering of more than 50 people was forbidden and inter-urban travels were restricted. How were we going to overcome this? We will tell you.

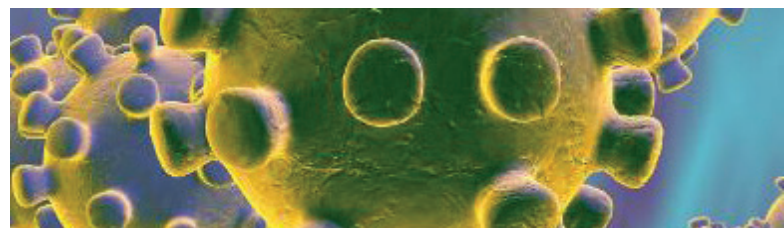
Before the coming of the coronavirus pandemic we were already battling with the Anglophone crisis in the two Anglophone regions of Cameroon, one of which lodges our head office (Buea). With the coming of the coronavirus, we had to shuttle between Anglophone separatists imposed lockdown and coronavirus lockdown. All these affected our work drastically. As a result of the intensity of the coronavirus in Cameroon, we had to shut down our offices all over Cameroon from April to May to save the lives of our wonderful staff. We adapted to the new order-working from home.

The worsening of the Anglophone crisis means thousands of internally displaced persons who are living in hard conditions. Through our humanitarian Program steered by the ERuDeF Center for the Advancement of Women's Initiatives, we were able to reach out to 500 IDPS. We intend to reach out to at least 2000 IDPs in 2021 with your support.

We mentioned above how we had to tackle the coronavirus pandemic to fulfill part of our 15-year commitment to restore the Mount Bamboutos ecosystem through the planting of 15 million trees in 15 years. "We are proud to mobilize communities of the Mount Bamboutos area under strict COVID-19 rules to plant trees to save this mountain from degradation. They have shown their resilience and determination to restore this landscape even in the midst of a pandemic", the coordinator of the Mount Bamboutos Initiative, Deh Nji Hermann is quoted as saying. This virus even made us more determined in restoring this mountain like never before. The results on the ground today are remarkable.

Coronavirus is bad but also good

With the thousands of lives coronavirus has taken, no sane human being would ever imagine anything good about the pandemic. In as much as we regret the lives lost as a result of the coronavirus, we see some good in the virus. As an environmental and conservation organization, we at ERuDeF consider this virus to be good, if we are to view it from the environment and conservation aspects. The virus is a silent call for humankind to take a pause and rethink again how he is using Nature's capital. Imagine the clean air we were privileged to breathe once again especially during the coronavirus lockdown periods. We have to end the deforestation which has exacerbated habitat loss bringing wild animals closer to us. This has exposed us to zoonotic diseases such as coronavirus as a result of man's increasing contact with the animals of the wild. We have to continue exploring more efficient ways of managing the environment. As we struggle to end coronavirus, we also hope that we can end our bad relationship with nature's capital.



Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) find new home in the wild as Anglophone Crisis deepens.



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The only thing I do when I think about ERuDeF is to smile. The impact this organization has created in my village and in my life is unmeasurable.

Weuazang Gauline, 47. Balepo village, West Region of Cameroon

Picture: Shuimo Trust

Why ERuDeF Stands out

**Global revenue
1999-2020
\$4,667,089**

**600,000ha
secured for
wildlife**

**90 projects im-
plemented**

**86.4% of global
revenue direct-
ed into field
programmes.**

**7 million People
benefit indirectly
from ERuDeF's work
and thousands of
Baka pygmies**

**2000+ women
benefiting
from ERuDeF's
projects**

**615000 youths
benefiting from
ERuDeF's proj-
ects**

**40,000 internally
displaced people
benefiting from
ERuDeF's Human-
itarian Assistance**

**12 million trees
planted, benefiting
five hundred thou-
sand hectares of de-
graded landscapes**

**210 schools
supported
reaching Out to
17000 students**

**Scholarships given
to 216 needy stu-
dents in primary
and secondary
schools**

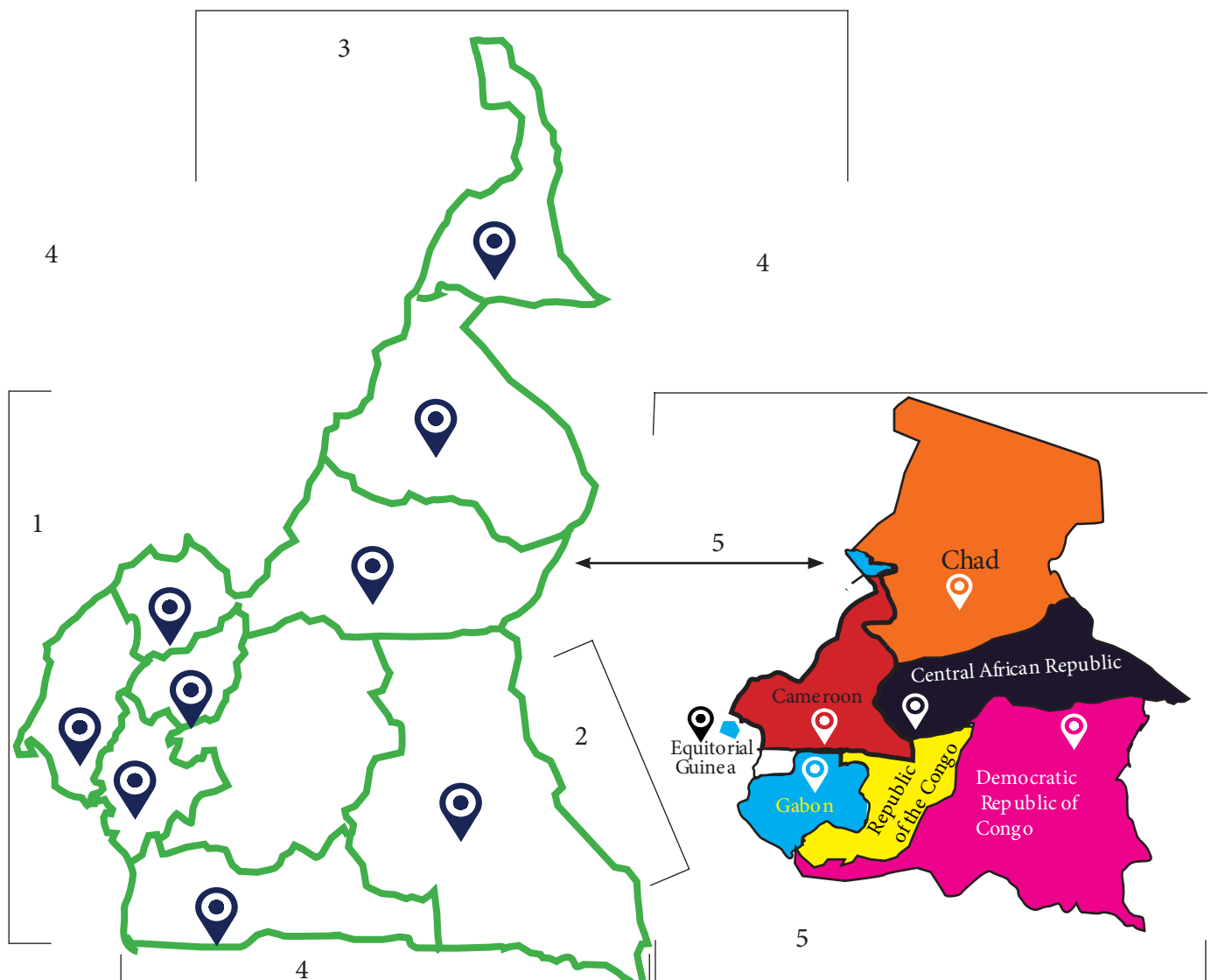
**400+ students
trained at the ER-
uDeF University
Institute**

Species benefiting from our projects

- 45+ critically endangered Cross River gorillas
- 1000+ Nigeria-Cameroon chimpanzees
- 100+ vulnerable African Elephants
- 100+ species of Amphibians
- 600+ Western lowland Gorillas
- 1000+ Central Chimpanzees
- 13000+ Microbellinia bisulcata
- Hundreds of threatened birds species, flora, fauna species in eco-
system being protected.

Thank You

Our Geographical scope



2020 Projects

1 Western Cameroon

- Restoration Initiative
- The Dryad Project
- Nlonako-Muanenguba Mountains Amphibians Initiative
- Bamenda Highlands Chimpanzee Initiative
- The Bakassi project
- Lebialem Highlands Great Apes
- Forest Gardens Program
- SUFACHAC project

2 Eastern Cameroon

- Deng Deng-Nja Corridor

3 Northern Cameroon

- Adamawa Plateau Ecosystem Restoration Initiative
- Tchabal Mabo –Ghasaka-Ngumti Trans-frontier Conservation Project
- Indigenous People and Conservation

- Mandara Mountains Initiative.

4 Cameroon-Wide:

- Ecological corridors and wildlife migrations
- Access and Benefit Sharing Initiative
- Cameroon Environmental Education Initiative
- Eco-tourism Support Project for Protected Area Management
- Freshwater and Marine Initiative
- The Cameroon water Initiative
- The Cameroon Biodiversity in Crisis Fund

5 Cameroon and Central Africa:

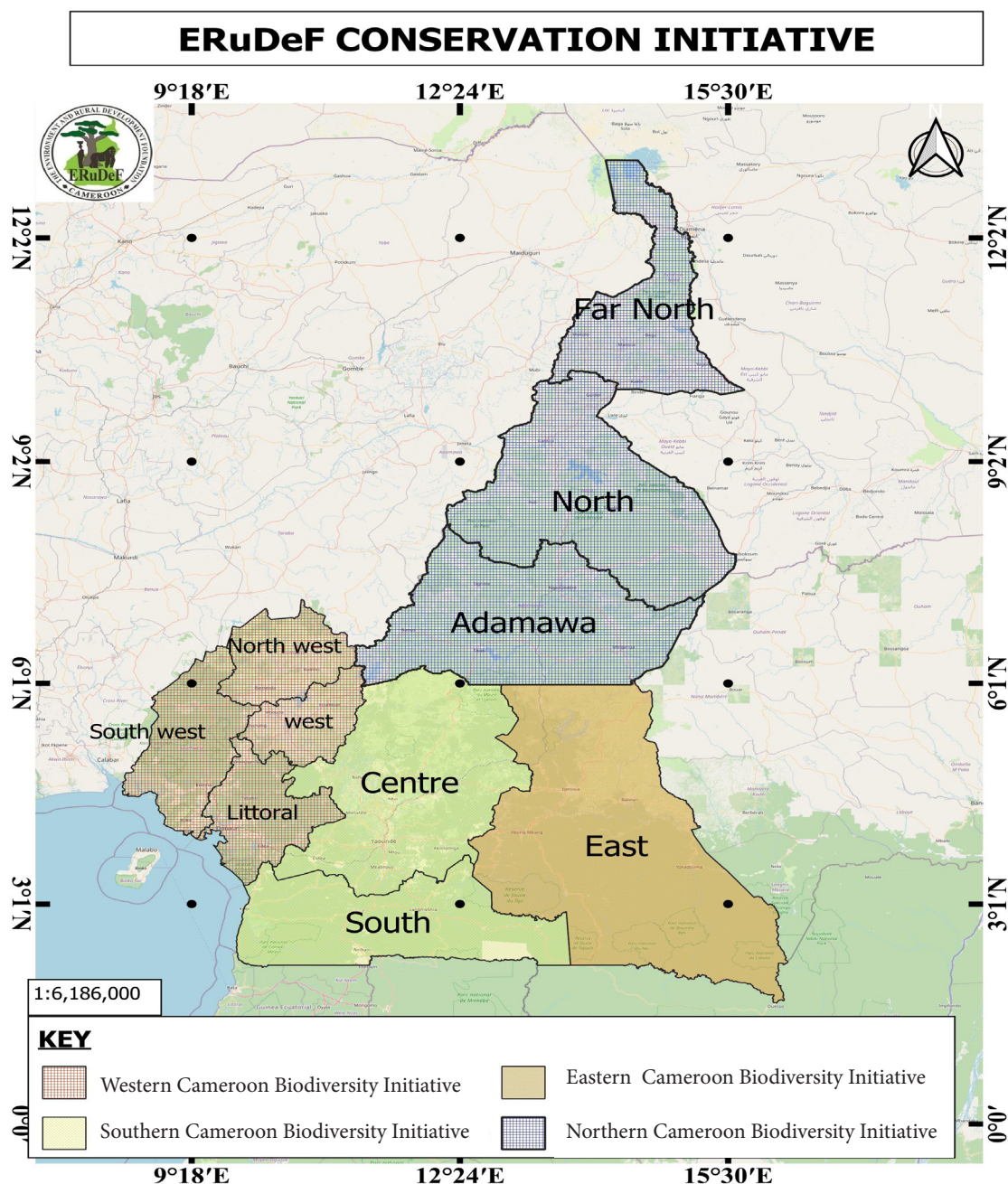
- ERuDeF University Institute of Applied Biodiversity Sciences in Buea.
- Alliance for Great Apes Conservation in Central Africa
- Island Biodiversity Programme

Cameroon Country Programme

The Cameroon Country Programme for the Environment and Rural Development Foundation (ERuDeF) is geographically located in the four areas, namely

- 1) Western Cameroon
- 2) Eastern Cameroon
- 3) Northern Cameroon
- 4) Eastern Cameroon

The Western Cameroon Programme with its head office in Dschang includes all projects in the West, Northwest, Southwest (Lebialem and Kupe Muanenguba Divisions) and Littoral Region (Nkam Division). **The Northern Cameroon Programme** includes all the projects in the Adamawa, North and Far North Regions of Cameroon with its base in Ngaoundere. **The Eastern Cameroon Programme** regroups all the projects in the Eastern Region of Cameroon with its base in Bertoua. **The Southern Cameroon Programme** includes all the projects in the Center and South Regions



Looking at the big picture

Conservation Programme



The Department of Conservation seeks to safeguard globally threatened species through protected areas and corridor management. The Department has a 15-year vision to create and manage one million hectares of protected areas and 3 million hectares of conservation corridors to save 1000+ red list species and impact over 10 million lives in Western, Northern, Eastern and Southern Cameroon

During the year 2020, several projects were implemented in different landscapes. Some of the immediate and projected impacts include:

1. The Deng-Deng National Park-Belabo Council Forest corridor Project in Eastern Cameroon

It was launched in 2020 with objective to preserve quality habitat between the Deng-Deng National Park and Belabo Council Forest to ease migration of the western lowland gorillas and other threatened species through the establishment of a 10,000ha conservation corridor. Some 2020 impact of the project include:

A list of IUCN red list species identified for conservation through camera trap monitoring system put in place

About 10,000 ha set aside for conservation through community awareness

About 5000 local people have gained knowledge and are aware on the importance of community forests and conservation corridors.



Stakeholders pose for a picture after the launch of the project

Picture, Atembeh lordfred



Pih Clarise, (far left), with inhabitants of Deng Deng during an economic survey tour

Picture: Angwa Gwendolin

2. SUFACHAC project for biodiversity mainstreaming and protected areas management effectiveness in Western Cameroon.

The project will continue to strengthen the effectiveness of protected area management with support from UNEP/GEF



3. Tofala Hill Wildlife Sanctuary

The management plan of Tofala Hill Wildlife Sanctuary was approved and signed by the Prime Minister Head of Government in 2020. The signing of the management plan is a major step towards the effective management and protection of over 30 critically endangered Cross River Gorillas, 150 endangered Nigerian-Cameroon Chimpanzee and other globally threatened species in the Tofala Hill Wildlife Sanctuary. This is the first wildlife sanctuary in Cameroon to have a management plan



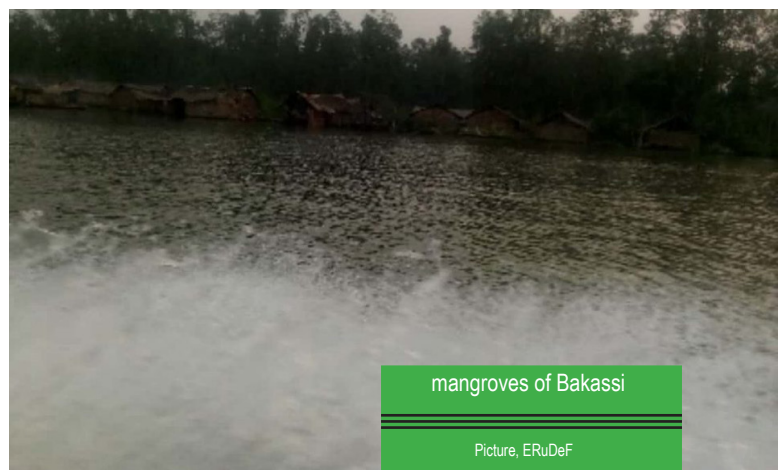
4. Njoagwi-Fotabong III Essoh Attah Wildlife Sanctuary

The process for the creation of the Proposed Njoagwi-Fotabong III Essoh Attah Wildlife Sanctuary that was launched in 2016 continued in 2020 with a boundary verification meeting that was organized in Dschang to ascertain the veracity of the boundary between three communities (Leban, Njoagwi and Essoh Attah). In 2021, the process will then continue with the gazettelement of the proposed Njoagwi-Fotabong III-Essoh Attah Wildlife Sanctuary, securing over 4200 ha of forest to protect over 300 Nigerian-Cameroon Chimpanzees, 100 African forest elephants and a host of other globally threatened species.



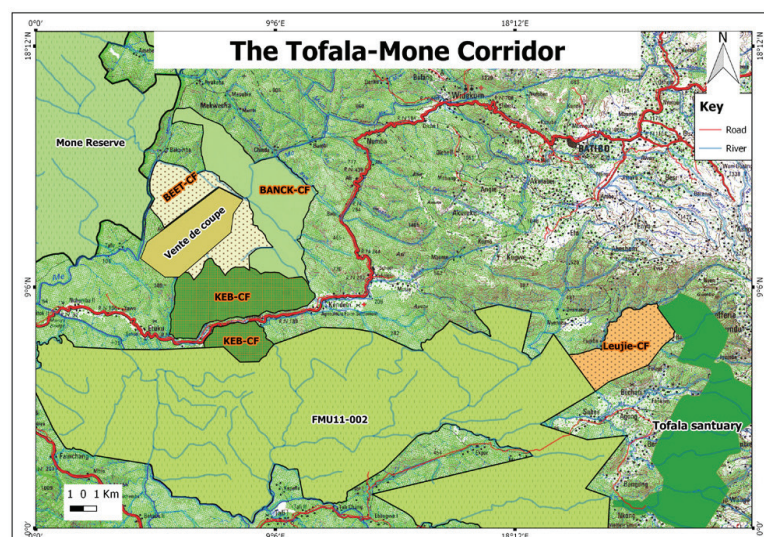
5. The Bakassi Peninsular Island Biodiversity project

In the Bakassi project area, over 20 Integrated Ecosystem Services Management Plan practitioners and 15 key staff of different government ministries gained knowledge on ecosystem management and land use laws.



6. The Lebiam Highlands

The Lebiam Highlands landscape was initiated in 2014 to conserve the Cross-River Gorillas, the Nigeria-Cameroon Chimpanzees and other IUCN Red List Species. The landscape has three conservation units, namely the Tofala Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, proposed Njoagwi Fotabong III Essoh Attah Wildlife Sanctuary and the Santchou Wildlife Reserve. There are also two biological corridors, namely, Tofal-Mone Corridor and the Bayang-Mbo Wildlife Sanctuary- Njoagwi Fotabong III Essoh Attah Wildlife Sanctuary, Santchou Wildlife Reserve and a series of community forests.



Looking Forward

We are launching a 15-year Western Cameroon Biodiversity Initiative that will ensure

The consolidation the management of the Lebialem Highlands Great Apes Conservation

The creation of the proposed Santchou-Metchie National Park that will include the Santchou Game Reserve of 7000 ha and the Metchie Forest Reserve of 12000 ha is secure for the protection of Elephants and other threatened species.

The creation of the Ekom Nkam Water Fall Sanctuary of 15000 ha for the conservation and protection of the world largest living frog known as the Goliath Frog.

The effective management of the Kimbi-Fongum National Park and Mt Oku Plant life Sanctuary as well as the creation of the NW Chimpanzee corridor.

Promotion of ecotourism for the management of 64000ha Deng Deng National Park for the conservation and protection of elephants, gorilla chimpanzees and drills and over 330 bird species.

The creation and management of the proposed Mt Bambou- tos Plant Life Sanctuary of 15000 ha for the protection of threatened plant species and the watershed.

The creation and management of the proposed Ndongere marine National Park of 234400 ha to protect the largest mangrove stand in Cameroon and Central African and to protect threatened marine species.

We will also be extending the Eastern Cameroon Biodiversity Initiative with Focus on the promotion of ecotourism for the management of the Deng Deng National Park and closing the corridor gaps between the Deng Deng National park and Dja Biosphere Reserve. Over 600,000 ha forest corridor for the migration of threatened species will be created

In Northern Cameroon, a 15-year Northern Cameroon Biodiversity Initiative that will ensure the creation of the proposed Tchabal Mabo-Ghasaka Ngumti Trans-frontier Conservation Programme to support the conservation of elephant, Baboons, Chimpanzees and large cats is underway. The Initiative will also focus on the Mbere Valley National Park where ecotourism will be promoted to support the conservation of hippo, African buffalo and mountain reedbeek.

Save the Goliath Frog

Picture: Stanley Acham

Forestry Programme



The Forestry Department seeks to restore 3 million hectares of degraded lands including areas in and around protected areas and riparian forests

The following projects were implemented during the year

1. The Mount Bamboutos Initiative

The Mount Bamboutos Initiative (MBI) is the leading Cameroon landscape base community ecosystem restoration initiative that seeks to restore 35000ha of the degraded Mount Bamboutos ecosystem by planting over 15 million trees launched in 2018 with its pilot phase ending in 2021. This 15-year project seeks to use a business like model to support its long term development.

The West and Northwest project funded by Darwin

Initiative planted over 6030000 trees in key landscapes in the west and Northwest Region of Cameroon that Mount Bamboutos extends across. 2200 ha of degraded lands were earmarked involving some 200 farmers. The key communities involved were Bafou, Bangang Babadjou (in the West region) and Pinyin Menka and Buchi (in the Northwest Region)

The southwest project is funded by TreeSisters, UK.

The project sought to restore 1200ha of the degraded mountain landscape in the Southwest portion of the project with focus in Bamumbu, Fossimondi and M'mombie fondoms as well as supporting the expansion of the Lebiale Forest Center. Over 509000 trees were planted in areas such as water catchments, riparian Forests, farmlands and landscapes using modern techniques in tree planting and agroforestry technologies .

The project reached out to 3000 people, working with indigenous people (Bororos) and local communities. Also, about 60% of women were engaged, including about 40% youths



” Mount Bamboutos Initiative has taught us how to love the environment. I walk from door to door around my village telling my people how important the Mount Bamboutos Initiative is to restoring the degraded Mount Bamboutos ecosystem

Tchinda Djikang, Chief of Bamelo village, West Region of Cameroon
Picture: Shuimo Trust

” I think we are all responsible for the degradation of Mount Bamboutos. As such, we have the collective responsibility to restore it

Kutomanfo Adeline, Fomenji village, Southwest Region of Cameroon.
Picture: Shuimo Trust





“I save 150 USD annually because I don't cultivate my crops again with chemical fertilizers. I use compost manure now which I started producing with the coming of the MBI. A big thank you to MBI

Charlote Aoryeor, MBI beneficiary, Bamelo village, West Region of Cameroon
Picture: Shuimo Trust

Thanks to the project, hundreds of 230 farmers have established their own small agroforestry nurseries. This enabled them to plant over 83,000 trees to enhance their farms, diversify income and better their soils



“I didn't know how to establish a nursery until the coming of the MBI. I have setup an agroforestry nursery in one of my farms that contains seedlings of different species of trees including avocado Prunus africana etc. Beside this, am now a grafting expert, something I couldn't imagine doing 3 years ago

Kemene Gabriel, Bangang village, West Region of Cameroon.
Picture: Atembeh Lordfred

With regards to tree planting in community lands approximately 2,849.04 hectares of degraded forest land (riparian forests, sacred forests, water catchment and community forest lands) have been reforested by planting a total of 301,469 native forest trees in degraded forest land in W, NW and SW.

With respect to tree planting on farms, approximately 1,514.23 hectares of farmland in West, Southwest & Northwest have been enhanced through the planting of a total of 213,077 agroforestry trees

in 578 farmers' fields (54% women). This is helping to increase soil fertility, and hence eventual increase in crop yield and household income.

Interms of governance the Mount Bamboutos Initiative has facilitated the creation of the Mount Bamboutos Fons' Association (MBFA), with 14 chiefs (traditional rulers and kings of the area) pledging unflinching support. This is helping as an entry point to participatory land management in the landscape. The Fons are advocating for portions of lands in their communities to be set aside for restoration interventions. They are setting up local rules and regulations for sustainable land use management in their respective villages and the landscape as a whole

“We sincerely thank ERuDeF for facilitating the creation of the Mount Bamboutos Fons' Association. It is another milestone in the restoration drive of the Mount Bamboutos

Chief Sanator Fon Lekunze Andreas Nembo, President of the Mount Bamboutos Fons' Association.
Picture: Shuimo Trust



The project has also put in place nine functional village forest management committees (VFMCs) with seventy-two community members (men and women), in nine villages committed to managing the restored community forest lands. They are leading the process of tree planting and participatory monitoring and evaluation of trees planted in their respective communities.

With reagents to Participatory land use planning, the project succeeded to map and analyzed the stakeholders involved in land use planning according to degree of influence and/or impact in the project area. The process for participatory land use planning has also led to significance impacts in the project zone. The project reached a general consensus with a coalition of stakeholder groups (farmers, women, mbororo, pastoralists, agro-industries, government agencies, civil society organizations, research institutions, municipal councils and traditional authorities) on the process for participatory landuse planning for the Mt Bamboutos ecosystem.

The project has led to the start of practical land use zoning of areas suitable for settlement, agroindustries, protection, grazing, agriculture and agroforestry. This is evident in the effective selection of sites for restoration during the 2019 and 2020 planting seasons. In the project area, bill boards have been posted to indicate protection zones such as riverine forests, community forest lands, sacred forests, and water catchments, where cultivation, burning, deforestation and use of chemicals are prohibited. This is a small but very significant step forward in a landscape where, hitherto, land exploitation for individual benefit was widely the norm.



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We have fixed a fine for those who destroy trees planted in our village by the MBI. We are committed to protecting trees planted so far and we are not ready to allow anyone destroy them.

Fakenj Felix, VP. Bangang's Village Forest Manage Committee.
Picture: Shuimo Trust

velopment de L'Elevage en Milieu Rural (PEDER), were strengthen in design and management of mountain ecosystem

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Thanks to the MBI, my organization is well armed in restoration of mountains ecosystems. I want to thank the initiators and funders of this project. Locals of communities my organization is working with are so happy because of the impact this project

Tazo Jean, president, PEDER

Picture: Shuimo Trust



Communities have unanimously agreed to set aside at least 10 m on both sides of the water bed of riverine forests, for protection. Though this is not sufficient compared to what the Cameroon law stipulates that 30m on both sides be kept aside for protection of water resources, however, it is significant impact giving that riparian strips are conflict zones between the state and the farmers. Communities have also unanimously agreed to prohibit agricultural activities in all catchment areas and set them aside as total protection zones

The Capacity of five local civil society organizations namely Operation Green Space (OGS), Green Impact, Community Assistance In Development (COMAID), Dynamic Eco Sustainable and Development Association (DESDA), and Protection de L'Environnement et De-

2. DRYAD PROJECT

Dryad is a funding mechanism that channels public investment into community forestry enterprises (CFEs) in developing countries. It is designed to generate clear data on CFEs' capacity to manage forests in an economically and environmentally sustainable fashion. Although Dryad does not make investments like a bank or private equity firm, the system nevertheless seeks a "return" on its commitment of public capital. This "return" is not measured in money, but rather, by indicators showing the fulfilment of important social, commercial and environmental objectives.

The goal of the project was to enhance viable community forest enterprises (CFEs) with sustainable livelihoods and environmental benefits through performance-based public finance and support mechanisms. It has as objectives: to reduce deforestation & improve environment; improved social welfare of participating communities; and create economic resilience.

Performance is largely tracked by communities themselves using a Field Monitoring System (FMS). It uses questionnaires on handheld smart devices, sensors and satellite communications to collect and deliver data.

The project that was implemented in communities around the Southwest Region recorded the following successes

Restoration of 10 hectares of degraded land through cassava cultivation with other traditional crops as intercropping and mix cropping.

Three out of five women farmers had found that they had greater decision making power in their households and their community, as a result of their participation in the value addition process.

Seventy farmers reported that the project has helped stop their harvests falling as a result of climate change and improved their incomes.

Looking Forward

The Department of Forestry will in 2021 run one of the most ambitious tree planting campaign titled "300 Million Trees for Degraded Landscapes in Cameroon and the Central African sub region. This campaign will run for 15 years. We intend to achieve this dream by involving stakeholders at all levels.

The pilot phase of the Mount Bamboutos Initiative will come to an end in 2021. We have learned a lot from the pilot phase of the Mount Bamboutos Initiative and the next phase of the project which will run till 2035 promises to be much better. This phase of the Mount Bamboutos Initiative is very critical in involving other funding partners to fund this initiative.

Garri enterprise in Bankingili

Picture: ERuDeF

3. The Deng Deng-Belabo Council Community Forest Project

This project with funding from World Land Trust seeks to improve on the ecological connectivity of the Western Low Land Gorilla and the majority of species in the Deng-Deng National Park and the corridor.

A detail description of the boundaries of the two proposed community forests is available following the participative and collaborative mapping of the community forest boundaries.

We now know the boundaries of the two community forests to be created.

Mfonkwet Yunchachou,
ERuDeF GIS officer

The gazettement of the two proposed community forests will be completed in 2021 and the two simple management plans will be developed and signed in 2022

Angwa Gwendoline,
Coordinator of the Deng Deng-Belabo Conservation Corridor Project, planting a camera trap in one of the community forests

Picture: ERuDeF

Teach them how to love the environment

Picture: Shuimo Trust

Agriculture and Livelihoods Programme

The Department of Agriculture seeks to improve on food security, nutrition and income of resource-poor farmers through the restoration of degraded agricultural lands and optimization of smallholder farmers in and around protected areas and biodiversity hotspots in order to reduce significantly the human pressure on the fragile habitats and ecosystems for biodiversity conservation

Picture: Shuimo Trust

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The department of agriculture continued to implement its Agroecology and the Forest Gardens Programme in Western Cameroon with funding from the US based Trees for the Future. The Forest Garden program, developed by ERuDeF and funded by the “Trees for the Future” is seeking to increase food security and income of resource poor farmers through the restoration of degraded agricultural lands, as well as the integrated management of natural resources of the Cameroon Mountains ecosystems.

In 2020, the Agroecology and Forest Gardens Programme was implemented in the Mount Bamboutos, Western High Plateau and Nlonako Muanenguba Mountains. The programme reached out to 3000 farmers planting over 2 million trees in small holder farms

1. Western High Plateau Landscape

The project succeeded to reach out to about 1300 smallholder farmers on this landscape who now are able to set up and manage forest gardens on their own. They received training on sustainable agricultural practices including the production of organic fertilizers and pesticides which is helping them to save more money since they don't buy inorganic fertilizers unlike before. With the diversification of their farms, these small holder farmers are now sure of steady flow of income and improved nutrition.

Testimonies

Jeanne Tchueana is a 45-year old farmer with 8 children. She resides in Bakassa village. She joined the Forest Garden Project since 2019.

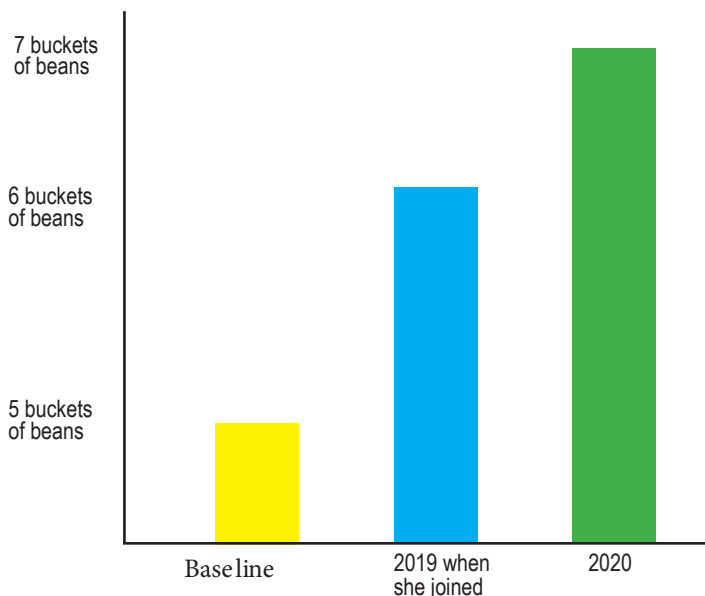
She has been a farmer for over 10 years and has seen yields decreasing year after year. She explained that from her 0.5 hectare plot, she harvested 5 buckets of beans in 2018 and her bean production increased to 6 buckets just in her first year of joining the Forest Gardens project. During the first season of 2020, she harvested 8 buckets (5 liters) of beans and 0.30 ton of corn within the same plot. Part of her yields were sold to help pay school fees for her children.

In her own words Jeanne admitted that, “Just this year, I have already seen the change brought about by the Forest Garden program. I am sure that next year will be better”. She added: “my main products were beans, yam and corn, but the Forest Garden Project has allowed me to diversify my products to pepper, Cabbages, Okra and celery “. She uses branches as stakes for the yams she grows, and climbing bean. “I no longer need to go to the forest to find stakes for my climbing crops, the stems of *A. catechu* provide us with enough”.



Jeanne Tchueana in her farm

Picture: ERuDeF



2. Mount Bamboutos Landscape

The Mount Bamboutos Project reached out to 1200 smallholder farmers. Just like their counterparts of the Western High Plateau, smallholder farmers in this landscape had their capacities built on the setting up and managing of forest gardens. They were also trained on composting, setting up of agroforestry etc

Testimonies

Pepabou Andre, 51, is a native of Bamelo village. Bamelo is a village in Babadjou, West Region of Cameroon. Papa Andre as he is fondly called has been practicing market gardening for about two decades now. He says he has been able to sustain his family through the income he gets from the sale of his market gardening produce. He cultivates garlic, cabbage, green beans, licks, green paper and a

fertilizers and pesticides for my crops. Even though I spend a lot in He has planted varied species of trees ranging from fruits, medicinal and nitrogen fixing trees. These trees are grown alongside his market gardening crops. "Before the coming of the Forest Gardens Programme, didn't know that I could grow these trees alongside market gardening crops. I have mahogany, *Prunus africana*, Plum, Avocado trees and a host of other trees. I have equally planted *Acacia* all round my farm"

Before the coming of the Forest Gardens Programme, the 51-year-old used to spend at least 200 USD in buying chemical fertilizers. Pepabou Andre says he now saves money that he would normally have used to buy chemical fertilizers for this farm.

"I produce my manure myself. We were taught how to produce compost manure during one of the trainings. Since then, I have been producing and using only compost manure on my farms. It is not only cheap but soil friendly."



Pepabou Andre and daughter touching one of the surviving grafted avocado tree on his farm

Picture: Shuimo Trust



Pepabou Andre, uses acacia, planted around his farm as one of the ingredients when producing compost manure

Picture: Shuimo Trust

host of others.

The father of 12 has witnessed a steady fall in his output over the years. "in the past years, I use to make at least 2000 USD but now I barely make 1000 USD" The reason for the fall in his annual income, the father of 12 explains "is because I spend a lot in buying chemical



“ My father and i work on this farm everyday. My father harvest the crops in this farm, sells them and pays our school fee

Andre’s daughter, Ange-Ange smiles as she narrates the benefits of the Forest Gardens programme to her family

Picture: Shuimo Trust

Tsafac Jean Pierre is one of the beneficiaries of the Forest Gardens programme. He joined the programme in 2019. He says the programme has impacted his life so greatly. “I can now setup agroforestry nurseries, something I could not do before the coming of this programme. I have diversified my farm with fruits, medicinal and food trees”. Tsafac Jean Pierre continues, “I don’t spend money



Tsafac Jean pierre touching pear fruit

Picture: ERuDeF

buying chemical fertilizers again, I use compost manure which I produce myself thanks to the Forest gardens programme”. The native of



Tsafac Jean pierre can’t hold his smile

Picture: Shuimo Trust

Bafou village has also trained his children in the act.

3. Nlonako Muanenguba Landscape

Goutsap violet Is the native of Manengole village in the Nlonako Muanenguba landscape. She became part of the Forest Gardens Project in 2019. Before then, she was cultivating seasonal crops like maize, but now she has diversified her farm with medicinal, and fruit tree. She envisages that her income would be more than doubled in three years to come. “The Forest Gardens Programme is a game changer for my family. With the numerous trainings I have received,



Goutsap violet pointing at one of her grafted avocado tree

Picture: Shuimo Trust

I can now graft pear, set up agroforestry nurseries and a lot more. I have never imagined myself doing these things myself. I have planted around 15 grafted avocado trees on my farm which I will be harvesting soon. I am very happy”



Goutsap violet one of her farms

Picture: Shuimo Trust

ERuDeF Center for the Advancement of Women's Initiatives



Picture: Shuimo Trust

The year 2020 was a very successful year for ERuDeF Center for the Advancement of Women's Initiatives (CAWI) as several projects were executed which had far reaching impacts on the beneficiaries especially for women and girls.

1. Women and Gender Programme:

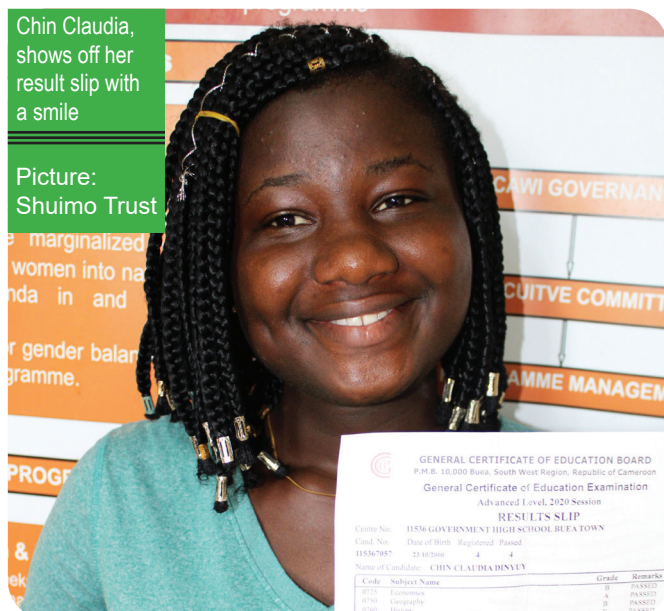
IDP 2035 Education Initiative:

Initiated with support from the SALOME Company, UK and the Cross River Gorilla Project UK, the SALOME Women Empowerment Arts Competition Support Project launched in 2019 was focused on providing scholarships to internally displaced students from the Lebiallem Highlands. With an initial number of 19 students supported, the project had an outstanding success with all the girls being promoted at excellent levels to their respective superior classes. Amongst them was the Advance Level student who gained admission to the university and used the remaining part of the scholarship to pay her university tuition.

"I have already gained admission into the university of Buea to study geography. I will pay my tuition with ease thanks to the scholarship I received from the SALOME Women Empowerment Arts Competition

Chin Claudia, shows off her result slip with a smile

Picture: Shuimo Trust



In March 2020, CAWI organized a free two weeks computer training program in Buea for displaced women and girls in SW Cameroon. Twelve participants enrolled and 7 successfully completed and were awarded certificates. The skills acquired in MS Word, MS Power point, Excel and Publisher gave those jobs as secretaries and operation of their own documentations. Cawi estimates the trickle down effect of this training program impacting more than 200 family members of the trainees

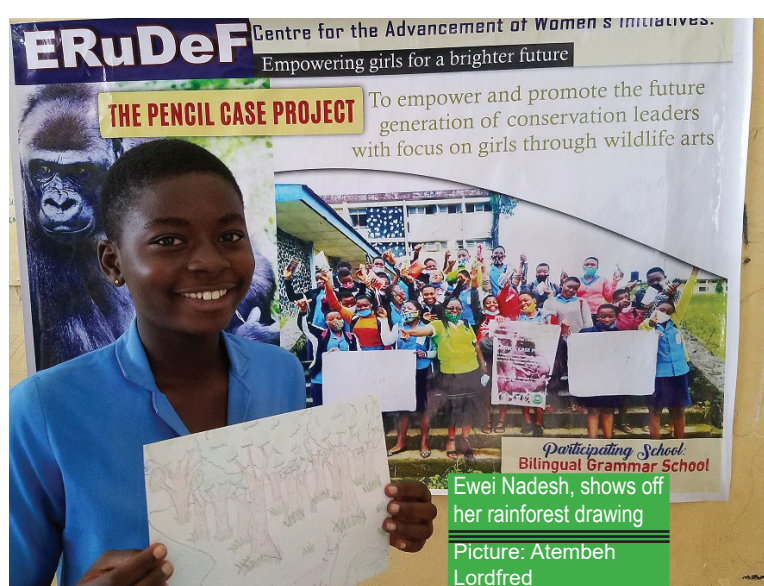
internally displaced women during one of their training sessions

Picture: ShuimoTrust



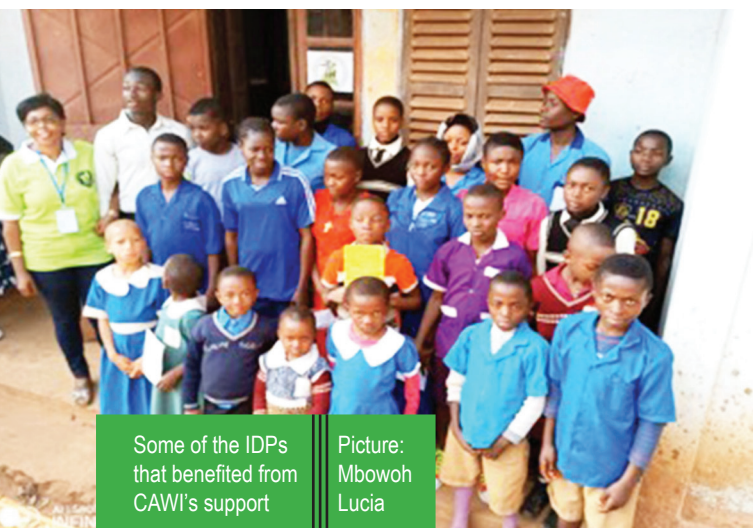
The 2020 edition of the Pencil Case Project that was organized at Bilingual Grammar School Molyko- Buea was a milestone for CAWI. The initiative by ERuDeF, sponsored by The Cross River Gorilla Project UK and supported by the New Castle University UK, witnessed 46 female IDPs empowered as the new generation of leaders through the arts competition. The art kits received by 46 contestants and the motivational talks given spurred more than 2000 students, resulting to hard work and successes for more than 90% of the students in their classroom exams

According to Ewei Nadesh, the winner of the second prize, most of them didn't know the importance of the Pencil Case Project. "I and my friends were reluctant to participate, we felt we would be wasting our time, but when the Director of CAWI came to our class and told us she was here to empower women, and of course with a bag of beautiful Pencil Cases, we became very eager to participate. I also told my friends, I like drawing trees and animals and coloring. I'll have a pencil case which I'll take home and use with my junior ones at home."



“I can't believe it! I wasn't drawing with the intentions of winning anything. I just decided to draw because I just like drawing and believed my art work is not worthy of winning anything. I am shocked! My life has changed from today, I can't even express my joy. I've never heard of the Cross River Gorilla Project before, but today, my friends, family and whole community will hear of them. I want to thank them immensely for this wonderful support, they have touched our hearts. This money will help me so much, especially as we are about writing our GCE exams.” Says Anyim Precious, first prize winner of the Pencil Case Project.

Picture: Atembeh Lordfred



Some of the IDPs that benefited from CAWI's support

Picture: Mbowoh Lucia

Economic Revolving Fund

CAWI through its Economic Revolving Fund supported above 50 women in different economic activities and petit businesses such as food stuff, provisions, firewood, cosmetics, call box amongst others. All of the supported women testified a monthly income of between 50,000 FRS and 120,000 FRS up from 00 monthly income previously. The support enabled them to diversify or increase the scale of business and also meet up with their basic daily needs. The multiplier impact on hundreds of their family members is far reaching.

Tambendeck Louisa, 31 is one of the beneficiaries of the Economic Revolving Fund. She was forced to leave Kumba where she had

been living before the onset of the Anglophone crisis to Buea. As a business Woman, Louisa could not realize her capital talk less of profit from the businesses she had set up in Kumba. CAWI supported her to start a cosmetic business. "When I came into Buea I had nothing doing. I was very hopeless until CAWI came to my aid. Today I own a cosmetic shop which I started with the capital CAWI provided me with. I now have a running capital of XFC 300,000 and I make a profit of at least XFC 60,000 a month. I am very proud of myself right now and want to thank CAWI so much for this support" Tambendeck told the CAWI monitoring team.



Tambendeck Louisa in her shop

Picture: Shuimo Trust



Florence Etumbu makes 120,000 every month. The beneficiary of CAWI Economic Revolving Fund arrived Buea from Konye. She and her family were living at the mercy of people of goodwill. When she received assistance from CAWI she initially started doing egusi business. She later diverted to plantain business that has fetched her a lot of profit. This has enabled her to provide for her family with relative ease. "I buy plantains from 'bush markets' and sell them here in Buea. I make a profit of at least XFC 30,000 a week. Cumulatively, I make a net profit of XFC 120,000 a month from the sales of my plantains". The 22-year-old says she intends to expand her business further and perhaps employ others.

Picture: Shuimo Trust

Looking Forward

CAWI will continue to expand on its Women and Gender programme as it is mainstreamed into conservation of natural resources across the key ERuDeF landscapes and Programmes across the Country.

Similarly, CAWI will continue to focus on its prioritized initiatives in the humanitarian sector namely: IDP 2035 Education Initiative, IDP 2035 Economic Recovery Initiative, IDP 2035 Anglophone Reparation Fund, IDP 2035 Anglophone Cultural Heritage Reparation, 2035 Rehabilitation Initiative, and Humanitarian Research Initiative.

The ERuDeF University Institute of Applied Biodiversity Sciences

The ERuDeF University Institute of Applied Biodiversity Sciences (EUIABS), Buea, Cameroon is the pioneer non-profit institution in Central Africa to train the next generation of conservation scientists and leaders. It was created by ERuDeF in 2012 to close the gap that existed for the training of conservation professionals and fundraising leaders in Cameroon.

Picture: Atembeh Lordfred



EUIABS Cameroon offers a unique mix of leadership training in biodiversity management, philanthropy and non-profit management not found in any post graduate institutions in Africa South of the Sahara.

Furthermore, the institute offers tailor-made programmes leading to certification in many fields including but not limited to fundraising and NGO management in partnership with western and African institutions.

The EUIABS Cameroon also operates the following specialized Postgraduate research centers

EUIABS Center for Continuing Education

It seeks to provide short term refresher training to existing professionals in agronomy, forestry, conservation etc.

EUIABS Center for GIS and Remote Sensing

It offers short courses in cartography, geomatic information system, remote sensing, photography, topography and surveying.

EUIABS Center for Environmental Filmmaking and Photography

It seeks to train a new generation of environmental filmmakers and photographers and journalists.

Water Science Center

EUI Water Center aims to be the leading institution in producing core technicians and lead scientists in water and related resources management in Cameroon and Africa as a whole

EUIABS Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society

It seeks to train a new generation of non-profit leaders with exceptional expertise in fundraising and NGO management

Center for Bio-business and Bio-trade

: It seeks to promote responsible fair trade and support countries/communities to develop equitable business and trade models

EUIABS Language Center

It focuses on training in languages such as French, English, German, Chinese etc.

Center for Peace and Conservation

It seeks to integrate peace into conservation programme of the crisis affected regions of Cameroon

Career Center

It seeks to promote responsible fair trade and support countries/communities to develop equitable business and trade models

EUIABS Graduate Research Funding training Programme

The programme seeks to assist graduate students in peer review journal publications, research funding etc

Climate Science Center

It seeks to study climate variations and their impacts on all the facets of life and at the same time providing solutions that will mitigate human suffering and promote sustainable

Center for Basic Science

It lays the ground work for the development of more robust future scientist and leaders

EUIABS Cameroon seeks to provide a three-programme model of professional training namely:

1. Long term training that ends with Degrees. The areas concerned are

Biodiversity and Protected Area Management Philanthropy

Fundraising

GIS and Remote Sensing

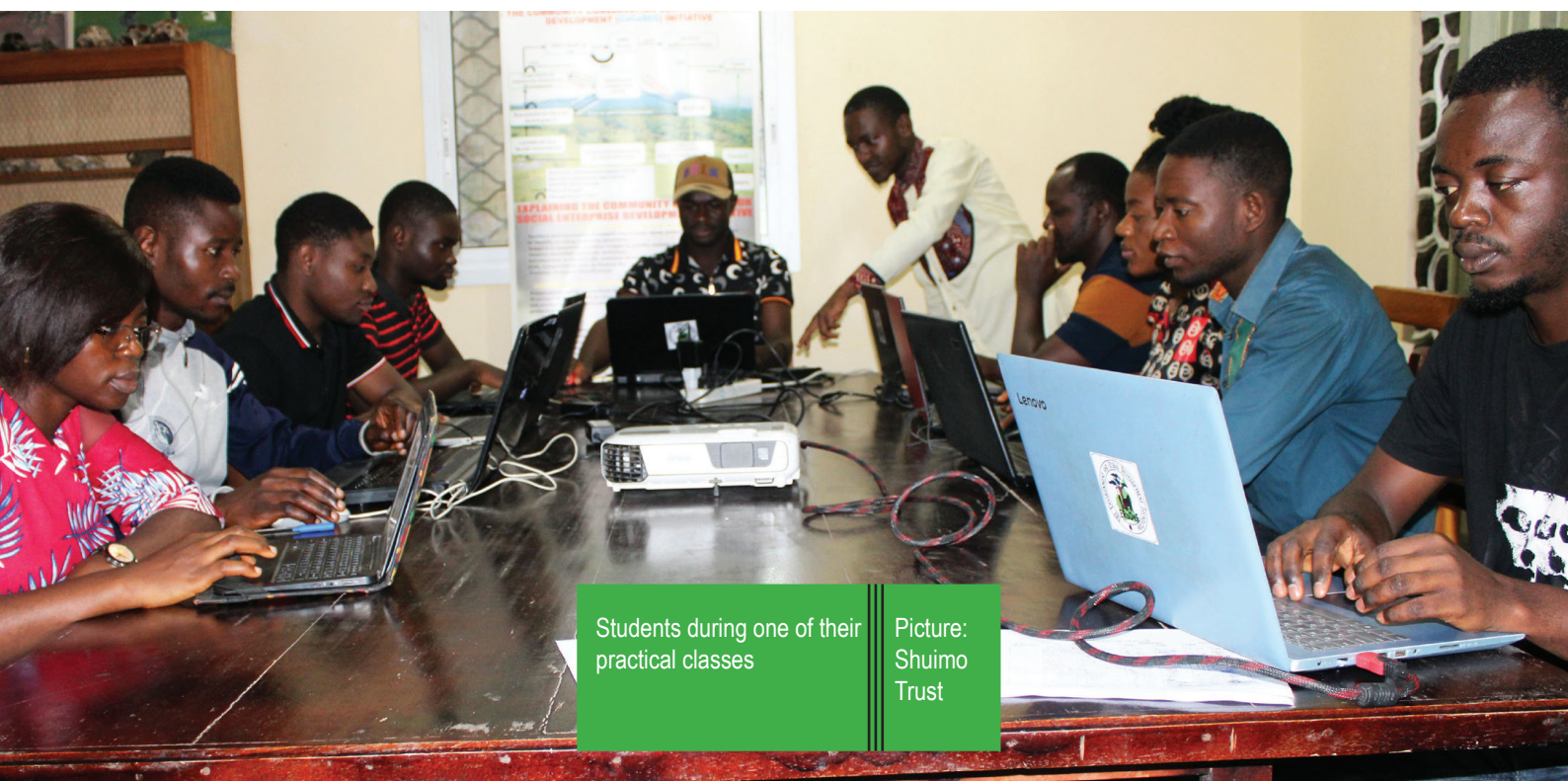
2. One-year Industrial Practice

Closely associated to the long-term training, each trainee shall spend one full year in an industry before graduation and award of diplomas.

3. Seminars and workshops

This is operational through seminars, workshops and short courses. The admission into EUIABS long term training programme in subject to filling all its pre-registration academic and professional requirements available in the website for each programme.

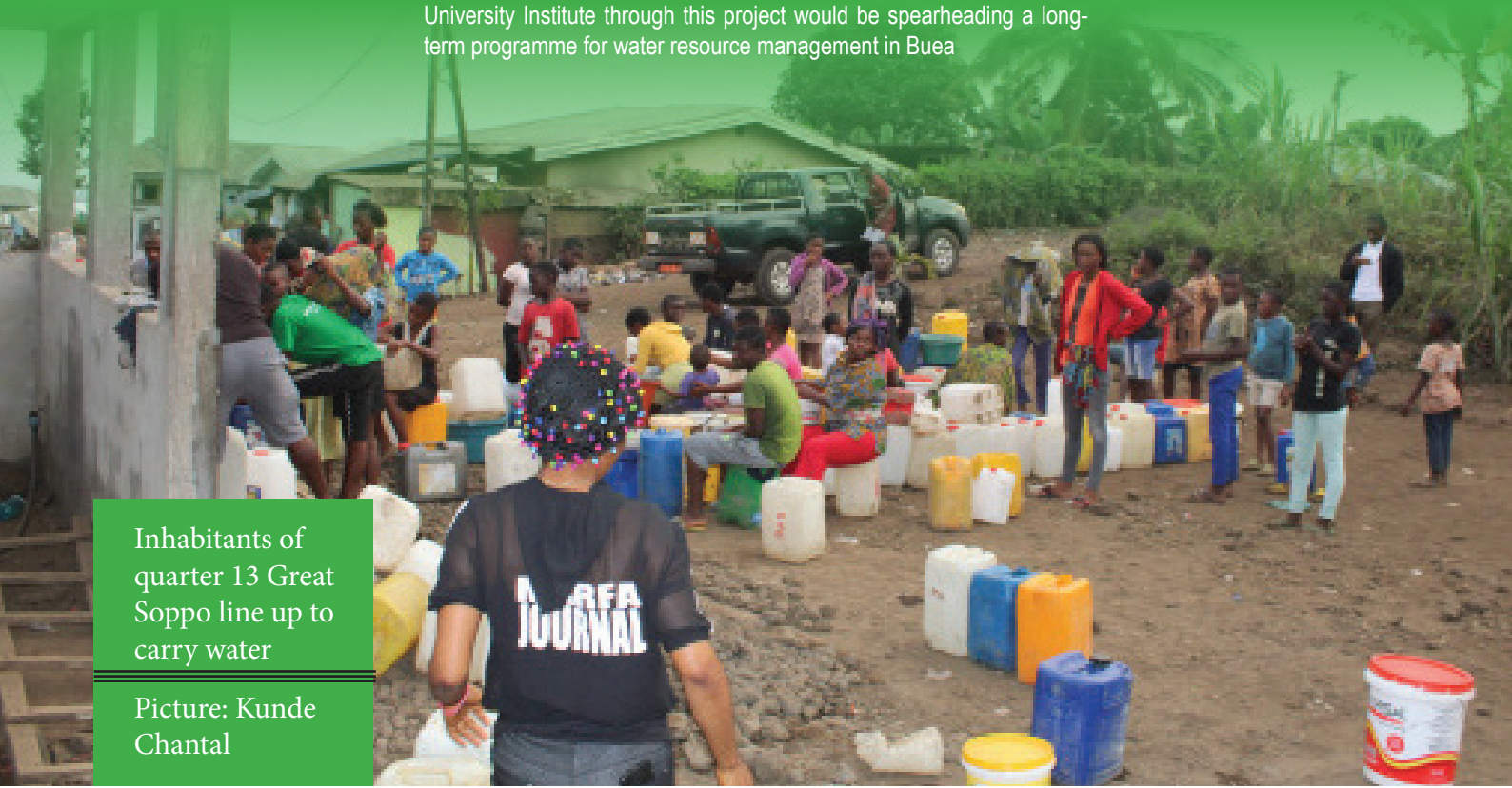
The year 2020 was a restructuring year for EUIABS since it was on hold for over 3 years due to the socio-economic crisis of the country.



Students during one of their practical classes

Picture: Shuimo Trust

The ERuDeF University Institute would be spearheading a project known as the Buea Water project. This project comes from the understanding that Buea inhabitants have been suffering from acute water shortages. This is very ironical given that Buea is blessed with numerous water sources that could be harnessed. This project also intends to provide long term solution to this disturbing problem. In this light, the ERuDeF University Institute through this project would be spearheading a long-term programme for water resource management in Buea



Inhabitants of
quarter 13 Great
Soppo line up to
carry water

Picture: Kunde
Chantal

The ERuDeF University Institute will be launching its professional training programmes in 2021. This institution will continue to explore ways of partnering with like-minded institutions across the world to give the best of professional training to its ever increasing students

It new programmes would
include

Biodiversity and protected
areas management

Water sciences

Biodiversity Business

Geomatic Studies

Philanthropy

Civil Society

ERuDeF Media Division

The ERuDeF Media Division has as aim to keep the world informed with the activities of the organization on and off line. In 2020, the ERuDeF Media Division created the following impact

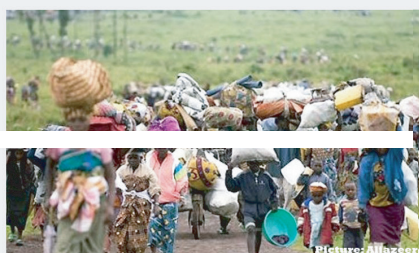
1. Cameroon Humanitarian News

2020 saw the introduction of the Cameroon Humanitarian News, now ERuDeF Humanitarian News. The ERuDeF Humanitarian News is a weekly publication which seeks to bring to the fore humanitarian news in Cameroon. Cameroon has been engulfed by three crises: The Boko Haram Crisis in Northern Cameroon, The Anglophone Crisis in Eastern Cameroon and the Seleka Rebel incursion in Eastern Cameroon. As if these crises are not enough, Covid-19 pandemic has come to add to the pain caused by these crises. Mainstream media houses have largely neglected the coverage of the humanitarian aspect of these crises. It was therefore incumbent on us to create a platform to tell the stories of those who have been made vulnerable by these crises. The ERuDeF Humanitarian News reached out to about 5.5 million people in and out of Cameroon. Through this platform we hope to spur humanitarian organizations in and out of Cameroon to increase their activities in Cameroon. We also hope to galvanize financial support for our humanitarian activities which is spearheaded by the Center for the Advancement of Women's Initiative



ERuDeF Center for the Advancement of Women's Initiatives

ERuDeF Humanitarian News



ERuDeF Humanitarian News is a weekly newsletter which gives you an insight of all the latest humanitarian news in Cameroon; report and analysis of the Anglophone Crisis, the Boko Haram Crisis and other crisis affecting Cameroon. Africa and the World at large.

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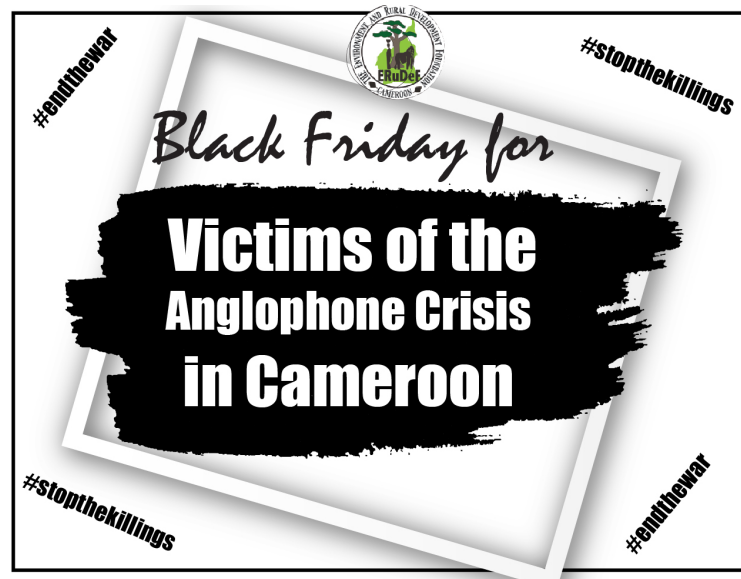
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2. Black Friday Campaign

We also introduced the Black Friday Campaign to mourn victims of the Anglophone crisis in Cameroon and call for the parties involved in the conflict to cease fire and pursue a lasting solution to the crisis. This campaign was introduced on the 30th of October 2020 following the brutal murder of 8 pupils of the Mother Francisca School by unidentified gun men in Kumba, Western Cameroon on the 24th of October. This brutal killing of these kids, whose only crime was their quest to get knowledge pushed us to create an avenue where we could push for peace and dialogue to end the crisis so as to avert

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killings like these. This campaign is done online, to guarantee maximum reach of especially young people who are highly involved in the conflict.



3. ERuDeF e-Newsletter

The ERuDeF e-newsletter a monthly publication that targets ERuDeF partners and funders, likewise the general public. This publication communicates the activities of ERuDeF throughout the year through compelling articles and short videos. In 2020, we published 12 editions of the ERuDeF e-newsletter, reaching out to about 100,000 people including our partners and funders

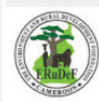
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4. The Green Vision Newspaper

The Green Vision Newspaper is the first Cameroon environmental newspaper created in 2013 dedicated entirely to environmental issues. This paper was created to close the gap left by mainstream

media outlets that have consciously or unconsciously neglected environmental issues that are very fundamental to our very existence. In 2020, the Green Vision Newspaper reached out to about 7 million people through its off and online publications. With the encouraging feedback we continue to receive from the general public, we are even determined to do more to bringing quality information to all.

Looking Forward

Ground works are now being laid for the creation of the ERuDeF on-line TV, known as the Green Media TV. This TV's main aim is telling compelling environmental stories in Cameroon. Needless to emphasize that environmentally related stories have largely been neglected by mainstream media houses in Cameroon. This TV will therefore fill this gap.



GREEN MEDIA TV

We will also be launching a ground breaking magazine called the Protected Areas Magazine. This magazine shall cover all the protected areas and biodiversity hotspots of Cameroon and Central Africa

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Mitigating the impact of the Anglophone crisis in Cameroon

BY LOUIS NKEMBI

The Anglophone crisis rocking the Northwest and Southwest regions of Cameroon for four years and counting, has rendered thousands of Cameroonians internally displaced and helpless. Some are competing for living space with animals in the bushes, with no access to education, abject poverty, poor hygiene and sanitation conditions, exposure to many diseases, while the ghost of intransigence hovers in these regions. In reaction to such live threatening living conditions, the ERuDeF Center for the Advancement of Women's Initiatives (CAWI), recently launched its 2020 humanitarian operation plan in January at its headquarters in Buea. The key projects that will be implemented will include, support to the internally displaced persons, rehabilitation of child soldiers and the biodiversity in crisis.

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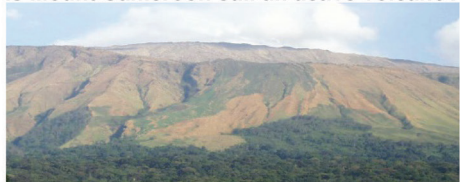


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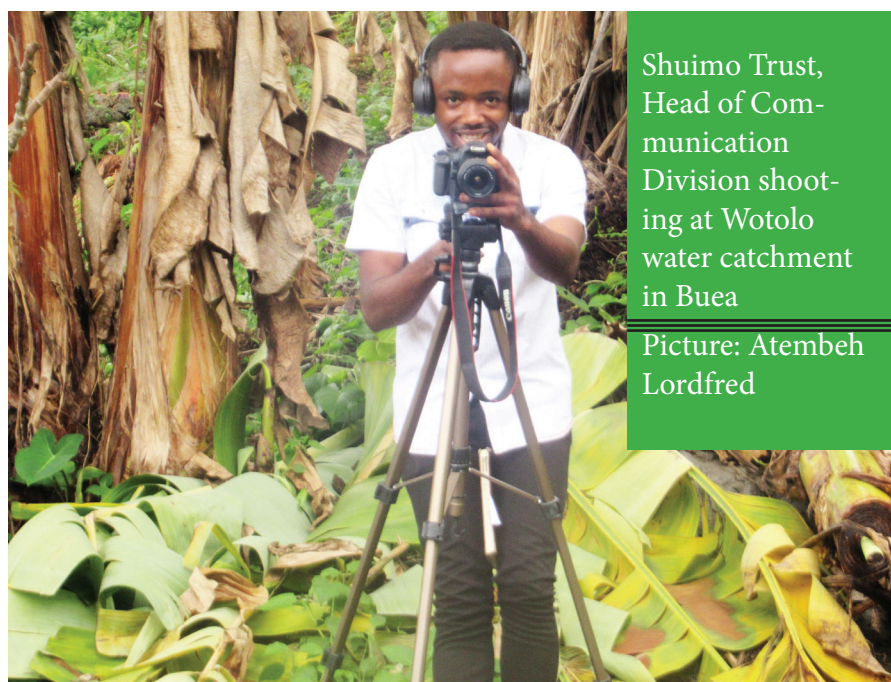


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Is Mount Cameroon still an active volcano?



Can Cameroon contain the spreading coronavirus?



Shuimo Trust, Head of Communication Division shooting at Wotolo water catchment in Buea

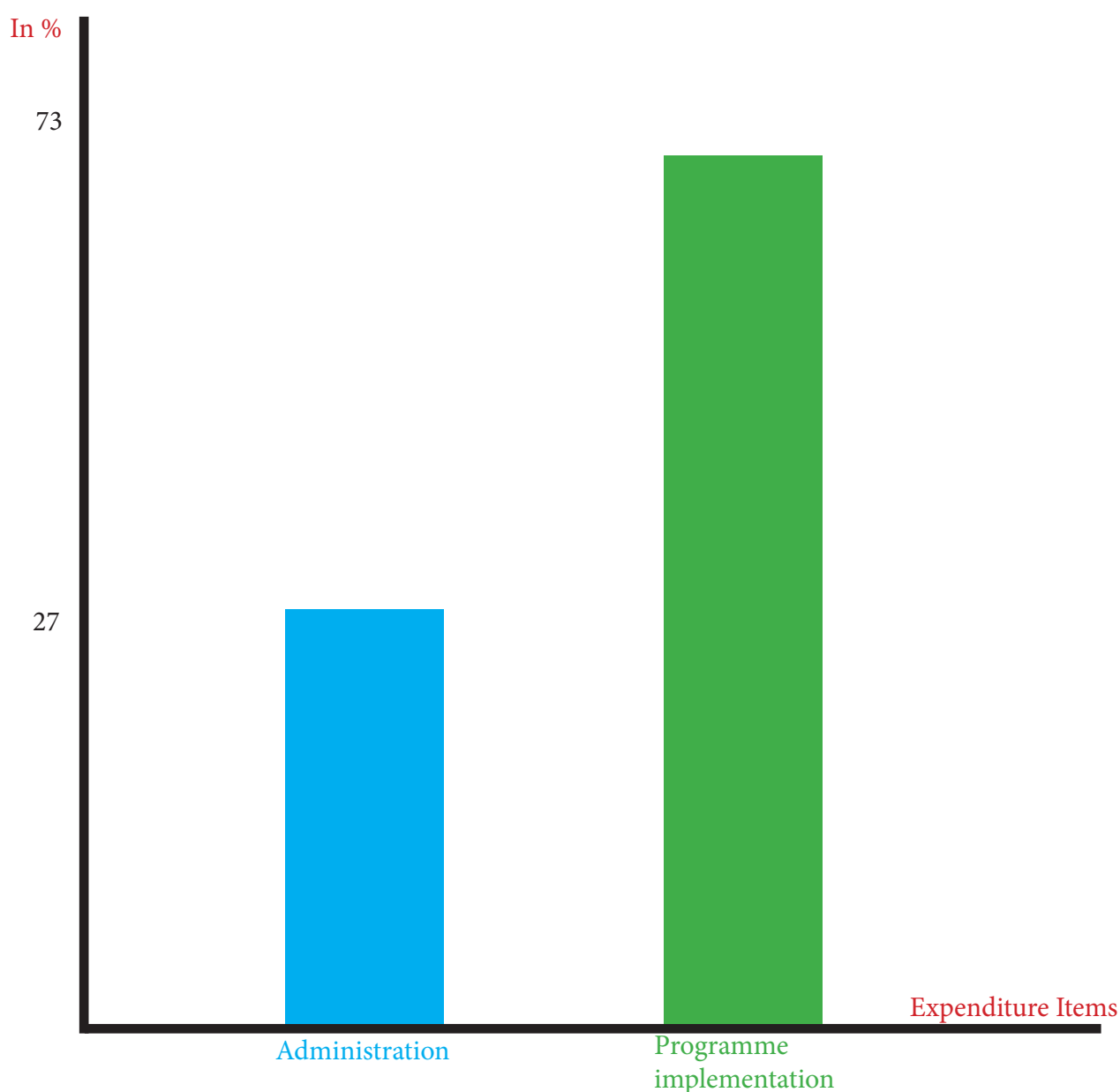
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Financial Statement

Our achievements would not have been possible without the support of our partners (Trees for the Future, DARWIN Initiative, Trees Sisters, Rain Forest Trust, UNEP/GEF, ICRAF AGSAC, Cross River Gorilla Project, WLT and ERuDeF Endowment Fund) and collaborators. Our income graph below shows that our total revenue for 2020 stood at XAF 381,340,884 with about 89.8% from grants and 10.2% from other sources.

There has been 11.9% increase in income compared to the 2019 figures of XAF 336,136,905. This percentage increase is largely as a result of project expansion coming from, the introduction of the Deng-Deng Belabo Council Forest Project funded by WLT and also the AGSAC ecotourism Consultancy for Eastern Cameroon.

However, actual funding received from Rain Forest Trust USA, ICRAF and Trees sisters reduced by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the amount due in 2019 as a result of the current Anglophone crisis in the Northwest and Southwest Regions of Cameroon and the COVID-19 pandemic



Expenditure analysis for 2020

SUPPORT US

We are launching a series of campaigns come 2021. In line with the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, we will be launching the following campaigns to contribute to ecosystem restoration: 300 Million Trees for Degraded Landscapes in Cameroon and Central Africa sub region and 100 Million Trees for Smallholder Farms in Cameroon and Central Africa sub region. Also, we will be launching a campaign to create 1 million hectares of protected areas to provide critical habitat for endangered species. We are therefore soliciting for your financial support to enable us achieve this dream. Below is our bank details. You can still make your contributions through our website (www.erudef.org) via the donate button.

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USD 1 can plant one tree in one of our restoration sites

USD 50 Can provide one piglet as alternative livelihood for a hunter

USD 100 can buy books for a year for a an internally displaced child

USD 150 can buy a binoculars to support our field work

USD 150 can purchase a Camera trap to facilitate our conservation works

USD 200 can pay the salary of 1 of our community rangers per month.

USD 700 can buy a computer for our staff

USD 1000 can buy a professional Camera to facilitate our field work

THANK YOU

We didn't know we will survive in 2020 given the intensity of the Covid-19 pandemic and its accompanying economic effects. We were however able to sail through the rough waters given your continuous support, be it financial or otherwise. For this, we are very grateful to all our partners that have continued to support our work irrespective of the current economic situation

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- International Tree Foundation
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- UN Environment
- The Waterloo Foundation
- Darwin Initiative
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- Cameroon Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development
- French Fund for Global Environment
- United Nations Development Programme
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- Cross River Gorilla Project, UK
- Alliance for Great Apes Conservation in Central Africa
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- Government of Cameroon
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The Year IN Pictures

ERuDeF celebrates World
Earth day 2020 by Planting
trees at the Wotolo water
catchment in Buea

picture: Atembeh Lordfred



ERuDeF mourns pupils
brutally killed at the Mother
Francisca School in Kumba

picture: Atembeh Lordfred

ERuDeF staff pose for a picture during the Annual Reporting and Planning Meeting

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