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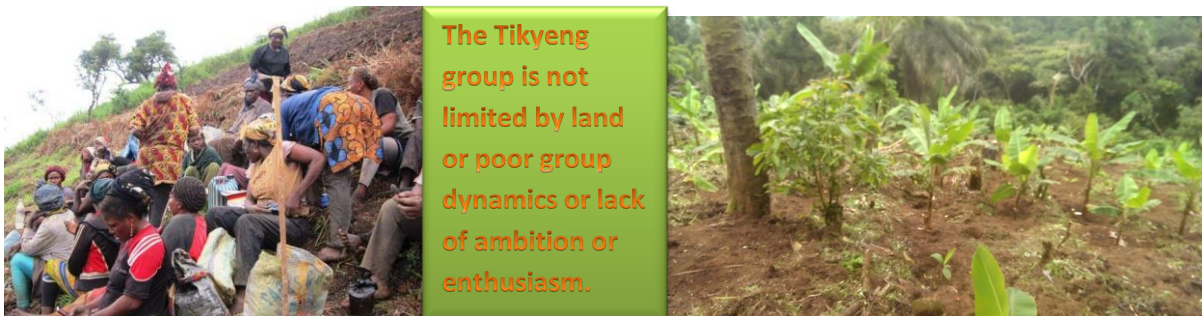


Maize harvest by the Azi group of Zang/Kai (2012)



Beans harvest by the Mufomo group (2012)

The harvest did not improve the following year. Some reasons included inadequate availability of land, tools and poor group dynamics. **But the loudest cry of all was the destruction of crops by cows! The farmers cried out helplessly. The Fons discussed but found no answers – Judges examined case after case and adjourned helplessly. Activists called out loudly for authorities to seek solutions but were bundled in frustration into jail.**



The group plantain farm is doing well. Members are already generating income from sales of plantains in the local market. A fence (of wood) built to protect this farm from cows was burnt down by wild fire in February 2014. No one knows who started the fire. It does not know what to do to protect its plantain farm. It hesitates to expand the farm as this is at the mercy of cows and wild fire.

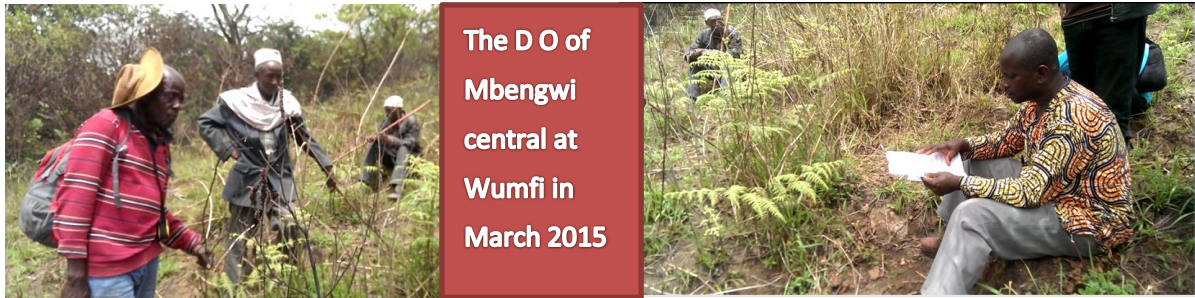


This group works hard and is ambitious. They are not limited by land. **BUT THE COWS ARE COMING**



The fence the group built around their beans and maize farmland at Wumfi in March 2015 was destroyed two days later by cows. The group reported this to the local authorities (traditional and administrative). This was in the 1st week of March 2015. A fence of sisal plant cannot be destroyed by cows or fire.

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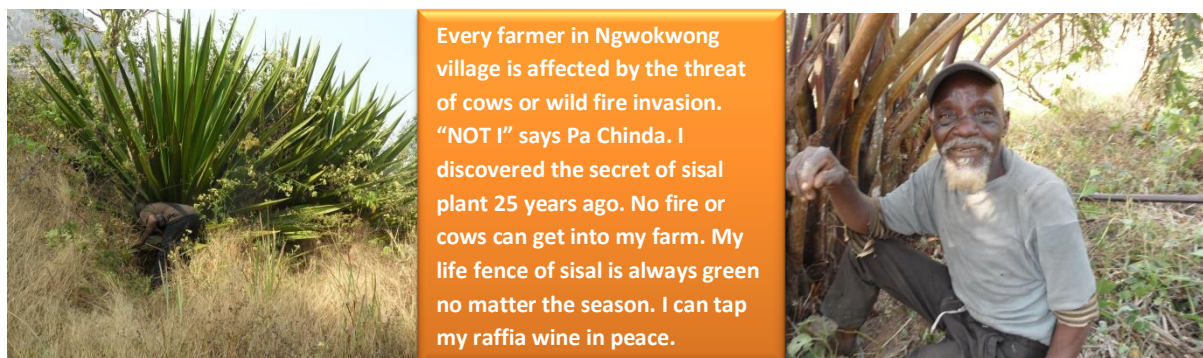


Mr Joseph Azah (leader of Tikyeng farmers group) and Ardo Hassan (herder & leader of the Bororo community) - both listen to the DO read out the complaint. The president of Bongob Trust was present and took these photos. To avoid bloodshed, the D.O put an injunction for farming to be discontinued on the portion of land disputed. The fence had been destroyed with impunity. The wailing of farmers has risen to the sky. The local traditional leaders have no answer and the D.O is still waiting for a miracle solution 8 months later.

AND THE TWO PROTAGONISTS ARE A THREAT TO EACH OTHER. HUNGER AND LACK OF INCOME CONTINUE TO HAUNT THE FARMERS AND THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

With this cry so loud across the land, Bongob Trust's mission cannot be fulfilled. That is why, this year and the next, the focus of Bongob Trust action will be to resolve once and for all the 7-decades old struggle between farmers and herders in Momo by:

- 1- initiating and encouraging the planting of a life fence of sisal plant around farmlands and other assets at risk of destruction by intruding animals and uncontrolled fire.**



Why have you not advised and encouraged other farmers to follow your successful example? "People do not want to listen to me. They think that the solution will come from the sky"

AND

- 2- **promoting dialogue through socio-cultural events that would build interaction among all communities in Momo**

We are working to achieve this in collaboration with the:



Fons



Ardos



Mayors



Development and Cultural Associations



BT Local and international partners



Our Elites

AND ALL THE;

BONGO IN MOMO, CAMEROON AND THE DIASPORA

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BT successfully organised event NO 1 in 2014

In 2014, Bongob Trust initiated a sports event in the Gutah area of Momo. In 2015, this initiative was sustained by one Bongob in the diaspora. These events encourage the young people to return to their villages – interact - discuss and find solutions to the challenges of the moment.



in 2014



in 2015



Under the patronage of HRH Fon Azah



Going for the kick-off
HRH Himself a former elite footballer

BT second socio-cultural initiative will take place next December 2015

The event promises to reveal the vast and imposing beauty of the landscape in Momo and which remains unexploited to the advantage of its people to this day.



Behind the rock is another breath taking landscape where many would want to go for a picnic or camping. The land gently rises higher than the rock to another summit of about 1900m before flowing effortlessly eastwards.

It would interest many to know that water flows from this mountain top to the valleys below

Please go to the corresponding section of the website to find highlights of this special and promising event planned for December 2015.

It is not an event to read about or be told what happened in the days after 27/12/2015 – It is one you should attend and participate in. It is one event you want to make history with.