

PROJECT PROPOSAL AND BUDGET

"Petition for Re-inscription of Southern Cameroons to UN C-24"

Submitted by: [Your Local NGO Name], Southern Cameroons

Project Duration: 8 Months (Preparation through C-24 Session)

Total Budget: \$147,500 USD

I. BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR C-24 PETITION PROCESS

A. PREPARATION PHASE (Months 1-4): \$62,000

1. Research & Documentation (\$25,000)

- Archival research (UN, UK, Cameroon archives): \$8,000

- Legal research & opinion drafting by international law expert: \$12,000
- Translation of key documents (French/English): \$3,000
- Secure digital repository setup: \$2,000

2. Evidence Collection & Verification (\$18,000)

- Field documentation teams (6 teams x 3 months): \$12,000
- Digital security & encryption for evidence: \$3,000
- Forensic analysis of photographic/video evidence: \$3,000

3. Coalition Building & Domestic Consensus (\$19,000)

- Travel for consultations across Southern Cameroons: \$8,000
- Secure communication infrastructure: \$5,000
- Small grants to partner CSOs for input: \$6,000

B. DRAFTING & PRODUCTION PHASE (Months 3-5): \$28,500

1. Professional Drafting & Design (\$15,000)

- International human rights lawyer (consultant): \$10,000
- Professional graphic design & layout: \$3,000
- Printing of high-quality petition booklets (200 copies): \$2,500

2. Translation & Accessibility (\$8,500)

- Professional translation to all UN languages: \$6,000
- Braille/accessible formats: \$1,500
- Digital platform for interactive petition: \$1,000

3. Verification & Legal Review (\$5,000)

- Review by second international law firm: \$5,000

C. ADVOCACY & SUBMISSION PHASE (Months 5-8): \$57,000

1. UN Engagement & Diplomacy (\$35,000)

- **Travel to New York (3-person delegation):**
 - Airfare: \$9,000 (\$3,000 x 3)
 - Accommodation (21 days): \$12,600 (\$200 x 21 x 3)
 - Per diem: \$6,300 (\$100 x 21 x 3)
 - Local transportation: \$2,100
- **Briefing materials for UN Missions:** \$2,500
- **Small receptions/meetings at UN:** \$3,500

2. Media & Communications (\$12,000)

- Professional media kit production: \$3,000
- Press conference at UN (venue, AV): \$4,000
- Social media campaign targeting C-24 members: \$3,000
- Documentary short film (10 min): \$2,000

3. Security & Contingency (\$10,000)

- Security for team members & families: \$6,000
 - Emergency medical/evacuation insurance: \$2,000
 - Contingency fund (10%): \$2,000
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II. INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS IDENTIFICATION MATRIX

Partner Type	Specific Organizations	Role They Can Play	Likelihood
International NGOs	Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, Minority Rights Group	Evidence verification, joint submissions, media amplification	High
Legal Networks	International Commission of Jurists, International Association of Democratic Lawyers	Legal analysis, pro bono representation	Medium-High
Academic Partners	Yale Law School Lowenstein Clinic, University of Toronto International HR Clinic, SOAS University of London	Research support, legal drafting assistance	High
Diaspora Organizations	Southern Cameroons Diaspora Council, Ambazonia Advocacy Groups	Funding, political lobbying in host countries	High
Church Networks	World Council of Churches, All Africa Conference of Churches	Moral authority, humanitarian documentation, quiet diplomacy	Medium-High
UN-Focused NGOs	UN Watch, Center for UN Reform Education	Procedural guidance, access to UN systems	Medium

Priority Outreach Sequence:

1. **First:** Academic legal clinics (pro bono support)
 2. **Second:** International human rights NGOs (joint documentation)
 3. **Third:** Church networks (moral/ethical framing)
 4. **Fourth:** Diaspora groups (funding and lobbying)
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III. GRANT FUNDING STRATEGY

A. Tiered Funding Approach:

Tier 1: Core Institutional Support (Target: \$75,000)

- **National Endowment for Democracy (NED):** Democracy and human rights grants (\$25-50k)
- **Open Society Foundations:** Rights & Justice grant line (\$20-40k)
- **Ford Foundation:** Social justice programming (\$30-60k)

Tier 2: Project-Specific Grants (Target: \$50,000)

- **US Institute of Peace:** Annual grant competition (\$15-30k)
- **Swedish International Development Agency (Sida):** Human rights projects via embassies (\$20-40k)
- **German Embassy (Yaoundé):** Small grants for civil society (\$5-15k)

Tier 3: Crowdfunding & Diaspora (Target: \$22,500)

- **GoFundMe/GlobalGiving:** Targeted campaigns (\$15,000)
- **Diaspora pledge drives:** (\$7,500)

B. Grant Application Calendar:

Month 1-2:

- NED deadline (usually July 1 for following year)
- OSF rolling applications
- German Embassy small grants

Month 3-4:

- USIP annual competition
- Sida via Swedish Embassy

- Ford Foundation rolling applications

Month 5-6:

- Crowdfunding campaign launch
 - Diaspora fundraising events
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IV. SPECIFIC GRANT PROPOSAL COMPONENTS

Project Title: "Documenting Historical Injustice: A Petition for UN Action on Southern Cameroons"

Key Framing for Donors:

1. **For Human Rights Donors:** Focus on "documenting atrocities and seeking accountability"
2. **For Democracy Donors:** Focus on "self-determination as fundamental democratic right"
3. **For Peace Donors:** Focus on "addressing root causes of conflict through legal means"
4. **For Legal Donors:** Focus on "precedent-setting case in international law"

Expected Outcomes (for proposals):

1. Comprehensive 200-page petition with annexes submitted to C-24
2. 30+ C-24 member states briefed
3. Media coverage in 15+ international outlets
4. Formal consideration on C-24 agenda
5. Strengthened coalition of 20+ Southern Cameroons CSOs

Measurement Indicators:

- Number of documented cases: 500+
 - Number of UN missions engaged: 30+
 - Social media reach: 1M+
 - Media mentions: 50+
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V. RISK MITIGATION & SECURITY BUDGET

Critical Security Costs (Embedded in budget):

1. **Secure Communications:** Encrypted phones, VPNs, secure servers - \$5,000
2. **Digital Security Training:** For all team members - \$3,000
3. **Physical Security:** Safe houses, emergency relocation - \$6,000
4. **Legal Defense Fund:** For arrested team members - \$10,000 (separate emergency fund)

Operational Security Protocols:

- All field documentation via encrypted apps
 - Data stored on secure cloud with 2FA
 - Regular security audits
 - Emergency protocols for team extraction
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VI. IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

Month 1: Research begins, partner outreach, grant applications

Month 2: Evidence collection, coalition meetings

Month 3: First draft, legal review, continued funding search

Month 4: Final drafting, design, translation

Month 5: Printing, digital platform, UN delegation preparation

Month 6: Submission to C-24, New York advocacy

Month 7: Follow-up with C-24 members

Month 8: Reporting to donors, planning next steps

VII. CONTACT STRATEGY FOR PARTNERS

Initial Approach Template:

"Dear [Organization],

[Our NGO], based in Southern Cameroons, is preparing a comprehensive petition to the UN Special Committee on Decolonization (C-24) seeking re-

inscription of our territory as a Non-Self-Governing Territory. This follows six decades of illegal occupation and seven years of armed conflict with documented atrocious crimes.

We are seeking [specific type of support: legal expertise/documentation partnership/funding] for this project, which we believe aligns with your work on [mention their specific mandate].

The petition will document both the historical illegality of the 1961 annexation and ongoing violations. We would value the opportunity to discuss collaboration.

Sincerely,
[Your Name/Organization]"

CONCLUSION

This \$147,500 project is strategically designed to achieve maximum impact at the UN while ensuring security and sustainability. The multi-source funding approach spreads risk, and the partnership strategy builds credibility.

First Immediate Steps:

1. Register on all donor portals (NED, OSF, GlobalGiving)
2. Contact Yale/SOAS legal clinics (highest value, lowest cost)
3. Begin evidence collection with existing resources
4. Draft 2-page concept note for initial partner outreach

The investment is significant but justified by the potential outcome: triggering UN mechanisms that could ultimately lead to a legal resolution of the conflict and an end to the violence.

Remember: Even if full funding isn't secured initially, begin with what you have. Documenting 50 cases well is better than waiting to document 500. The moral and legal urgency of the petition gives it inherent value that can attract support incrementally.