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CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT FOR MBORORO/FULANI TEENAGE GIRLS AND YOUNG ADULT WOMEN SANTA SUB-DIVISION, N.W. REGION, CAMEROUN

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD
1st JANUARY 2017 to 31st DECEMBER 2017

MAIN SPONSOR: Rotary Club, Ferney-Voltaire, France
LOCAL PARTNER: Rotary Club of Bamenda, Cameroon

A. INTRODUCTION

The assistance project in favour of Mbororo/Fulani Teenage girls and young adult women for 2017 was an on-going project which had been initiated by Haven of Hope Cameroon (HOHCam) in January 2015. The Rotary Club of Ferney-Voltaire and District 1710 (LYON) donated €4,820.- (équivalent to XAF 3'158'433) of which HOHCam received **XAF 3 146 500.00** after deducting bank charges. The main sponsor is the Rotary Club of Ferney-Voltaire, France. The Rotary Club of Bamenda is the local partner. This project was being considered for global grant funding under a multi-year project. But the unexpected social-political crisis that started in November 2016, compelled us to review our strategic plan, and to be cautious, not to solicit more funds than we would be able to use for our beneficiaries during the implementing period.

B. OVERVIEW

In 2015/2016, HOHCam had 10 Mbororo teenage girls in the functional literacy programme. During our sensitization campaigns in the course of 2016, several Mbororo teenage girls and young adult women had indicated their readiness to benefit of the project from January 2017. We were therefore expecting at least 12 new beneficiaries in January 2017. A general strike broke out in the English-speaking regions of Cameroon In November 2016. Initially, it was thought that the strike would be short-lived, but surprisingly, it spilled over into 2017. Academic activities came to a standstill in the Anglophone Regions, for an indefinite period.



Year end party (July 2016) by HOHCam – Beneficiaries (stooping) with local authorities, families and Staff.

As a result of suspension of academic activities, most of the beneficiaries relocated to other regions. By mid-January 2017, HOHCam had succeeded to locate and bring together the pioneer group of 10 teenage girls. Five of them had been selected to sit for the First School Leaving Certificate (FSLC) examinations, while the

others were learning at their pace. Within this group, some were already targeted to engage in skills training programme in tailoring, nursing assistant, and to start small-scale businesses. Due to the prevailing situation, the organization supported some beneficiaries with small amounts of money to do sell simple food items, pending normalization of the socio-political situation, when the capacity building activities would resume. Details of the various activities are outlined below.

C. AREAS OF FOCUS IN 2017

1. **Functional Literacy:** Due to the closure of educational institutions, HOHCam succeeded to find an alternative solution for the few beneficiaries who were available. A room was rented in a private home where classes were given. Eight (8) of them were continuing students. Out of this number, three (3) were targeted to sit for the FSLC exams which took place in June 2017, While the remaining five continued to improve their literacy level at a slower pace. Unfortunately, the 3 did not succeed in the FSLC exams, and will resit in the next session in June 2018. This is because they have opted for professional training which requires at least a FSLC.



Attentive students in class. Rented room by HOHCam during period of prolonged strike.

2. **Skills Training:** In 2017 three (3) Mbororo girls were being trained in tailoring. Two were beginners, while one was in her third and final year. She is due to graduate in February 2018. She will receive her certificate during a formal graduation ceremony. This apprentice was offered a sewing machine on the recommendation of the trainer, who commended her excellent performance. She affirmed that she had acquired a solid base and was capable of making good dresses without supervision. In view of her professional consciousness, owning her sewing machine would motivate her to gain customers and earn money to meet up with her basic personal needs as well as participate financially to her family welfare.



Young apprentice in tailoring workshop.



The CED of HOHCam Offers her a sewing machine .



Her parents and sister look on with admiration.

3. **Internship:** One of the Mbororo girls had expressed her interest in becoming a nurse. While the strike persisted, the organization signed a contract with the District Hospital in Santa, to permit her to familiarize herself with the nursing profession. She has been on internship since January 2017 and appreciates the duties of nursing assistant. She is among those who will resit the FSLC Exams in June 2018.



Intern in Santa
District hospital in
duties of nursing
assistant.



4. **Small scale business:** In light with the organization's objective to facilitate economic and financial stability to the young women of the Mbororo community, measures were taken to set up a provision store for one Mbororo teenage girl, who has been assisting a trader for two years without a salary. After having observed her, we noted that she is quite efficient in business and at ease with the trade, despite the fact that she is not literate. The organization has engaged with the Municipality (Local Council), to attribute a store for her as soon as it will be available so that she can start her own business and earn her living decently. While waiting for the new market to be built, the young lady is currently taking literacy classes, while she continues to assist the owner of the shop.



Dans le restaurant d'une bénéficiaire (debout).

HOHCam continued to monitor the young lady who started a petty restaurant in May 2016, financed by the organization. This was to guide and help her consolidate her business. She was even more motivated to improve on her management style, when she got sick at the same time as her daughter, and were both admitted in the hospital. She was very proud that for the first time in her life, she could pay her hospital bills without being disconcerted, from her savings. This experience enabled her to understand why it was important to manage her business well, and to have a good savings plan. These made her want to do better and aspire for a bigger restaurant. She is now looking for a well-placed business setting.

In future, other young Mbororo women who will be interested in small scale businesses will have to spend some time with one or the other to acquire good business practices before being established.

D. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. **SENSITIZATION:** During this period, we continued to hold sensitization and counselling meetings on topics that are pertinent to women in the Mbororo community. We also had information exchange meetings with parents of beneficiaries, to explain the objectives of HOHCam with regard to the capacity building project for their daughters.



The Coordinator of HOHCam explains to girls and women the importance of education.



Group picture with MBORORO girls and women after a sensitization meeting.

2. **PUBLIC RELATIONS:** There were few opportunities in 2017 to interact with other stake holders. However, we endeavoured to maintain those connections that were already established. HOHCam participated in the International Day of Indigenous People organized by the Ministry of Social Welfare in collaboration with MBOSCUA (Mbororo Social and Cultural Development Association in August 2017.



Participants aux séances de travail



Sortie des autorités après l'ouverture de séance.

E. SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT

The Rotary Club of Bamenda, was proud to present some of the activities of the Capacity Building Project to the District Governor of District 9150 during his yearly tour to the region in September 2017. The District Governor was quite impressed and encouraged the club to carry out more projects in our communities that are within the scope of Rotary International. The District Governor made specific recommendations on how to ensure that young Mbororo girls who receive skills training in tailoring are properly integrated into the community, through a common initiative scheme, headed by an experienced adult tailor or seamstress. HOHCam is studying the possibility to implement such a scheme with the current trainer.

(The arrow ↓ in the pictures below points the beneficiary).



DG à l'Hôpital de Santa



DG à l'atelier de couture




DG apprécie le petit restaurant d'une bénéficiaire.

F. CONCLUSION


The socio-political crises in 2017 made it a very challenging year for the English-speaking regions in Cameroon as the economic, academic, social and other sectors were very adversely affected. Irrespectively, we were encouraged by the result, as we succeeded to uphold our activities by finding alternative solutions to ensure that our beneficiaries continued to participate in the various capacity building activities, pending the normalization of the situation.

G. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

HOHCam wish to thank Rotary International, and specifically the Rotary Club of Ferney-Voltaire, District 1710 , and our local partner - Rotary Club of Bamenda, for the generous donation, which enabled us to improve the living conditions of our fellow citizens. We hope that this support can be extended into 2018, so that we can complete the work we started in 2017, which was hampered by the prevailing socio-political crises.


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Santa Sub Division, N.W. Region, Cameroon.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

Currency of expenditure: XAF (Fr.CFA)

ITEM	BUDGETTED AMOUNT	AMOUNT SPENT
TUITION - APPRENTICESHIP/SKILLS TRAINING	252 000.00	108 000.00
TUITION - FUNCTIONAL LITERACY - FSLC FEES	52 500.00	8 050.00
REQUIREMENTS - APPRENTICESHIP/SKILLS TRAINING	240 000.00	10 000.00
REQUIREMENTS - 2ND YEAR STUDENTS	300 000.00	60 850.00
REQUIREMENTS- FSLC	75 000.00	10 000.00
REQUIREMENTS - 1ST YEAR STUDENTS	396 000.00	63 500.00
BUSINESS - CONSOLIDATION	360 000.00	396 000.00
TRANSPORT - CLASSES & PROJECT ACTIVITIES	75 000.00	59 000.00
TRANSPORT - SPECIAL EVENTS (PER)	60 000.00	20 500.00
ALLOWANCE FOR INTERNSHIP	90 000.00	105 000.00
ALLOWANCE - 1ST TEACHER	360 000.00	120 000.00
ALLOWANCE - 2ND TEACHER	300 000.00	94 000.00
INCENTIVE - MOBILISATION/SENSITISATION	90 000.00	29 800.00
MEETINGS	80 000.00	17 000.00
RENTS FOR BENEFICIARIES & RELATED EXPENSES	60 000.00	89 000.00
FOOD ALLOWANCE	30 000.00	7 500.00
OTHER EMERGENCY	55 000.00	28 000.00
MONITORING - FUEL	60 000.00	20 000.00
TAXI/HIRING OF VEHICLE	72 000.00	73 300.00
GIFTS/GRATUITIES	60 000.00	7 500.00
ALLOWANCE - COORDINATOR	420 000.00	480 000.00
TOTALS:	3 487 500.00	1 837 000.00

NET AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM RC Bamenda: 3 146 500.00

UNSPENT BALANCE @ 31 DECEMBER 2017: 1 309 500.00

(€1.00 ± XAF655.95) Equiv. Euros 1 996.34



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