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We promote socially and environmentally sustainable human settlements development and the achievement of adequate shelter for all.



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The objective of UN-Habitat in Cameroon is to «contribute to the creation of a more harmonious and integrated urban development or intervention framework, taking into account the needs of vulnerable people». Its action is focused on improving urban governance with anchoring on the transformation of the ways of thinking and acting of institutions, UN-Habitat promotes transformative change in cities and human settlements, through the provision of knowledge, advisory services and technical assistance and collaborative action to leave no one or place to account.

## Our thematic area of intervention are ;

Good governance , Infrastructure development , Sustainable and Durable Holistic solutions , Women, youth and livelihood development  
Sustainable Urban Planning , Waste management



## country program profile

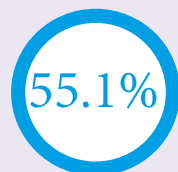
Total Population (2022)

22  
million



Urban Population (2022)

12.1  
million



Urban Growth Rate  
(2021-2022)

3.7%

N° of projects  
(2020-2023)

11

Total values of projects (2022)  
+ USD 10 MILLION



UN habitat through its covid programme have contributed to the reduction of the negative socio-economic effects of COVID-19 by ensuring the use of integrated municipal data to promote evidence-based socio-economic recovery, in collaboration with local authorities and key national institutions. This objective was achieved by supporting municipalities with a short-, medium- and long-term strategic approach. The project also helped municipalities integrate current and future challenges when planning urban infrastructure investments.

## Project Components were:

- Establishment of institutional collaboration frameworks;
- Supporting municipal efforts in planning for and reducing the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19;
- Identify priority infrastructure investments and link to funding;
- . Knowledge exchange and capacity sharing.

## Project outcomes;

- 42 meetings + 306 face to face surveys
- 52 associations including 27 women's associations and 25 youth associations
- Number of participants (%women, youth,);
- 477 participants (225 men and 252 women. 223 young people and 254 adults)
  - \*52.8% women and 47.2% men
  - \*46.7% young people and 53.3% adults
- Number of training sessions; 16
- Number of Associations movements; 53 associative movements (23associations of people living with a disability + 10 women's associations + 20youth associations)
- Housing and connections of 6 standpipes for approximately 2,000 people in the Commune
- Construction of a water point with cubitenaire for 150 traders at the Madagascar market
- Febe village kindergarten for 100 children



# UN-HABITAT'S WORK IN THE COUNTRY

## Recovery and resilience in the Far North region Cameroon: Operationalizing the Humanitarian, Development-Peace Nexus through the Human Security Approach

**Donor;** CERF, KFW, Facilité HDPP, UE, PNUD, ONU-Habitat, FAO, UNICEF, UNPBF, CAMEROON GOVERNMENT, FEICOM,

**Duration ;** 24months

**Project value ;** USD 1.7million

**Location ;** Cameroon far north région Zamai (Mokolo) & Fotokol

**Other UN partner;** FAO, UNICEF, PNUD

Its a joint UN program aiming in building on humanitarian dividends to improve the living conditions of communities and the livelihoods of vulnerable populations residing in two municipalities in the Far North region affected by multiple crises through the operationalization of the Humanitarian Development-Peace Nexus, COVID-19 response plan and through the human security approach.

## pilot project for the construction of 134 decent housing units by motorcycle taxi drivers in Douala

**Donor;** Moto-Taxi drivers

**Duration ;** 24months

**Project value ;** USD 1.6 million

**Location ;** littoral region of cameroun

**Other UN partners ;**None

The key expectation around this project is to contribute to the access of at least 134 members of the Union of Professional Motorcycle Taxi Drivers of Cameroon to the right to decent and affordable housing through the technical support of UN-HABITAT and its partners.

## Leveraging community participation in local governance for effective conflict prevention and resolution in the Littoral and West regions affected by the North-West and South-West crisis in Cameroon

**Donor;** PEACE BUILDING FUND

**Duration ;** 24months

**Project value ;** USD 2million

**Location ;** West and Littoral regions of cameroun

**Other UN partners ;** UN WOMEN

Its a joint UN program aiming to ensure the protection and socio-economic integration of the persons who have been internally displaced and vulnerable host communities to the Littoral and West regions of Cameroon. This is done in a perspective of consolidating existing collaborations between local authorities and institutions supporting Internally Displaced Person (IDPs).

The overarching goal of this project is to contribute to the enhancement of social cohesion in areas with rapidly growing numbers of IDPs.

## Technical support project for the improvement of hygiene in 158 health facilities through the construction and rehabilitation of boreholes

**Donor;** Fond Mondial

**Duration ;** 12months

**Project value ;** USD 2million

**Location ;** All 10 regions of Cameroon

**Other UN partners ;** None

UN-Habitat is supporting the Ministry of Public Health of Cameroon in the realization/rehabilitation of 158 boreholes for the benefit of public health facilities and households by incidence.

# UN-HABITAT'S WORK IN THE COUNTRY

## Leaving No One and No Place Behind: Strengthening Urban Rural Linkages in Africa

**Donor;** UN-HABITAT

**Duration ;** 48months

**Project value ;** USD 60000

**Location ;** Guinée Conakry, Niger,Nigeria, Cameroon, Zanziba

**Other UN partners ;** None

This project aimed to strengthen the capacities of governments, local actors, the private sector and civil society, academics and parliamentarians in data collection and use in the design and updating of policies and strategies for integrated and inclusive spatial planning that promotes urban-rural linkages.

This project is also part of the pilot implementation of the recently developed UN-Habitat guidelines and framework for action. The main results were a piloted toolkit that can be replicated in other country contexts, urban-rural linkages policy recommendations and improved capacities of the stakeholders involved on ways of advancing the agenda post-project period.

## Safer City Project, VPS

**Donor;** Cameroun government

**Duration ;** 6months

**Project value ;** USD 31667

**Location ;** littoral, south and west régions of cameroun

**Other UN partners ;** None

This project aims to contribute to the Government's activities aimed at strengthening urban governance for a participatory improvement of health, tranquility and public security in the neighborhoods and public places of the urban communities of Bafoussam and Ebolowa.

The project had two main missions

- Reinforcement of municipal police equipment
- Training young people in the assembly of solar street lights.

## SUPPORT FOR URBAN PLANNING IN THE CONTEXT OF MIGRATION, UPIMC

**Donor;** Swiss State Secretariat for economic affairs

**Duration ;** 24months

**Project value ;** USD 195018

**Location ;** Douala IV, Cameroon

**Other UN partners ;** None

The programme supports municipalities hosting displaced populations and refugees in Jordan, Egypt and Cameroon. In selected cities the programme encourages multisectoral collaboration between UN-HABITAT, national and local governments, humanitarian actors, territorial stakeholders, international financial institutions including displaced populations. The scope of work also ensures significant contributions to sustainable development goals by helping selected cities and neighbourhoods become increasingly inclusive, safe, and sustainable.

The UPIMC program has four complementary components

- Spatial analysis and profiling;
- Development of a strategic vision and construction of scenarios;
- Identification of priority infrastructure investment and establishment of links with financing;
- Contribution to knowledge exchange.

## National Urban Policy, NUP

**Donor;** Cameroun government

**Duration ;** 48months

**Project value ;** USD 408,116

**Location ;** All 10 regions of cameroun

**Other UN partners ;** None

Strengthen the multi-sectoral partnership for inclusive management of planned urbanization and mechanisms for improving social, economic and environmental prosperity in concerted development areas

# UN-HABITAT'S WORK IN THE COUNTRY

## SAFEGUARDING AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE DIBAMBA RIVERBANK CORRIDOR IN DOUALA, CAMEROON.

**Donor;** UN-HABITAT, DOUALA CITY COUNCIL

**Duration ;** 60months

**Project value ;** USD 50,000 phase I

**Location ;** Douala city and Dibamba municipality

**Other UN partners ;** None

The project aims to conserve the Dibamba River, an important but imperiled resource, by finding a balance between economic development, the uses of the river and the protection of the species. Flowing along the rapidly expanding City of Douala in Cameroon, the river is valued and used for fishing, sand mining, and aquaculture, as a relief valve for disposing of storm water and wastewater, and as a cultural and spiritual cornerstone of the villages in Douala. The Dibamba River is also a major source of drinking water for the city.

The project will enable Douala City Council to enhance long-term urban development along the river and control of data from the city of Douala through the Metropolitan Observatory for more informed decision-making. Arcadis supported UN-Habitat through a pro bono mission in September 2022 and a Strategic River Resource Management Plan (SRRMP) was proposed with the aim to balance between the activities carried out in the river and the protection of its ecosystem.

## Development studies of Yaoundé Nsimalen Corridor

**Donor;** UN-HABITAT, Cameroon Government

**Duration ;** 24months

**Project value ;** USD 572757.09

**Location ;** Yaoundé and Nsimalen (MFOU Division)

**Other UN partners ;** None

This project has the objective of developing a sectoral plan along the Yaoundé -Nsimalen highway urban Corridor. The main purpose of the sector plan is to define land allocations to 1/10,000th (1cm=100 meters), in order to ensure the development of human activities in a harmonious manner and to avoid excessive consumption of space. The Study area includes 11.3 km of Yaoundé-Nsimalen Highway linking the city to Yaoundé to -the Nsimalen International Airport, 1,185 hectares of either side of the highway in 500m boundary and 04 municipalities (Yaoundé IV, Yaoundé III, Bikok, MFOU). This study was carried out over five years by the United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN-Habitat) and the Urban and Rural Land Development and Study Mission of Cameroon (MAETUR), throughout 4 missions:

Mission 1: The diagnosis

Mission 2: Proposal and analysis of development scenarios

Mission 3: Development of selected scenario

Mission 4: Governance of the studies (project)





# UN-HABITAT'S WORK IN THE COUNTRY

## COVID-19 IMPACTS ON TRANSPORTATION OF FOOD AND RELATED COMMODITIES IN THE URBAN-RURAL NEXUS IN SELECT AFRICAN COUNTRIES (COVID-19 ITFCURN) PROJECT

**Donor;** UN-Habitat, University of Nairobi

**Duration ;** 24months

**Project value ;** USD unknown

**Location ;** Kenya, Senegal, Zimbabwe, Cameroun, Nigeria.

**Other UN partners ;** None

The study was conceived at a time when the spread of COVID-19 was rapidly increasing and the government of Cameroon, was grappling to deal with. The various travel and mobility restrictions, as well as public health, hygiene and sanitation measures were strictly implemented and enforced. The situation has since changed. COVID-19 infection rates were low, most of the COVID-19 restriction, prevention and control measures were reviewed, lifted, relaxed and/or phased out depending on their efficacy, while vaccination exercises and campaigns have been up-scaled. Given these changes, urban-rural flows and interactions have resumed in the new normal. As such, there was need for further investigation and understanding of urban-rural linkages dynamics in the context of post-pandemic resilience and adaptations.

The study had two main objectives:

1. to assess the impact of COVID-19 on transportation of food and related commodities in the urban-rural nexus in Africa;
2. to recommend policy, legislation, and governance measures to reduce the impact and improve resilience of the transport and food supply chain sectors of the economy to such pandemics.

Overall, the study has not only confirmed the existence of a relationship between urban and rural areas which transportation of food, other goods, and people represent. It was also clear that the food value chain starting with production by smallholder farming households to urban consumer households is a dynamic system of business transactions that was exposed to hazards of the pandemic thereby hampering the livelihoods of both urban and rural dwellers.



# UN-HABITAT'S WORK IN THE COUNTRY

## National programme for the construction of housing for basic education teachers

**Donor** ; Cameroun government

**Duration** ; 24months

**Project value** ; USD

**Location** ; EXTREME-NORD, LITTORAL, WEST, CENTRE, and EAST regions of Camrroun

**Other UN partners** ; None

This project aimed to Building and furnishing on-call housing for teachers of primary and kindergarten assigned to rural areas.

### DIRECT BENEFICIARIES:

-1050 teachers assigned to public nursery and rural primary schools in the 10 regions of Cameroon which have difficulties in exercising due to lack of housing to settle;

-105 public nursery and rural primary schools which will benefit from the construction of these dwellings and will see its teachers' framework improved.

## We work with

- Non governmental organizations, NGO's
- civil society organizatios , CSO's
- International Non-governmental organization, INGO's
- Government and Municipalities
- All other UN-Agencies

## Geographical coverage

- |           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| -YAOUNDE  | -BAMENDA    |
| -DOUALA   | -GAROUA     |
| -BERTOUA  | -BAFOUSSAM  |
| -MAROUA   | -NGAOUNDERE |
| - EBOLOWA | -BUEA       |



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