

# Water For Cameroon

## Annual Report 2014

### **Partnership changes:**

For 5 years Water For Cameroon utilised a partnership with Société Internationale Linguistique (SIL) in Cameroon, which facilitated the transfer of funds to Cameroon and provided letters of invitation to enable our Project Manager and others to obtain visas for visits there. In 2014, the Water For Cameroon Ngoketunjia Board obtained registration as an NGO with the Cameroonian government, and opened a bank account in Bamenda. (This Board of 5 Cameroonian nationals vets the applications for assistance and oversees the well-digging and filter construction in the Ndop area.) From July 2014 the Ngoketunjia Board took over the roles previously filled by SIL.

### **Water For Cameroon volunteer activities:**

Ruth-Anne Heath worked as a volunteer in Ndop, on loan from SIL, for 2 years up to July 2014. She liaised with the Ngoketunjia Board, the well-digger, filter constructors and local communities, and recorded the local expenditure of funds during this period. In April 2014 a 3 day training workshop was held for 28 biosand filter trainee technicians. Another 3 day workshop was also held for health promoters.

Mick Toolan, Project Manager, visited for 25 days in August and 32 days in November 2014. During these visits, training was arranged for filter constructors, and plans were made to open a shop in Ndop town so that well parts and other supplies can be more readily available. The Ngoketunjia Board held a meeting during the November visit with representatives of other agencies interested in partnering with WFC in water and health projects in neighbouring areas.

### **Well-digging:**

Wells were completed at Missi, Baba1, Njanung school , Babessi and Bafanji.

### **Fund-raising:**

About 70% of the income to Water For Cameroon in 2014 came from donations from churches, individuals and concerned groups. Two significant fund-raising activities combined to make up the other 30% – participation by ladies in the Dublin mini-marathon and a barbeque in July in Co. Cavan.

### **Board members:**

Jacob Sakwa was added to the Board and took over the role of treasurer. Mick Toolan stepped down from his position on the Board on becoming Project Manager and continues to attend Board meetings in that capacity.

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