

Water for Cameroon - Annual Report 2018

Funding:

We are grateful to our many supporters and partners who donated about 60% of our income of € 22,882 in 2018. The cost of two pumps for wells (€1982) was reimbursed by a partner in Cameroon. The balance of our income (€6987) came from three fund-raising events in Ireland:

1. Ladies 10k run / walk.
2. BBQ
3. Car boot sale

Expenditure exceeded income by about €933. About 1/3rd was spent on well-digging, about 1/3rd on the purchase of a replacement vehicle, and the remainder on visit expenses, support for the work of the Independent Consultants and other incidental expenses.

The political situation in North-West Cameroon:

There have been tensions for many years between the English speaking Regions of North-West and South-West Cameroon and the rest of the country which is French speaking. This has escalated into an armed conflict during the last two years, with loss of life and many families leaving these Regions for safety. Travel within these Regions has become more difficult and sometimes dangerous.

Impact on our work:

There has been considerable disruption to the work in general, and in particular it has made the distribution of bio-sand filters more difficult. A planned visit by the WfC program facilitator in October 2018 had to be cancelled. However the Independent Consultants continue to oversee the construction of wells and other aspects of the work, with our financial support and regular contact with our facilitator. Invitations have been received to assist with water and sanitation issues in villages in the Central and West Regions which are outside the conflict zones, and visits in 2019 will explore these opportunities.

Visits to Cameroon during year:

The WfC program facilitator visited Cameroon in March-April 2018 for a total of thirty days. The visit report is available at www.waterforcameroon.com

Well construction:

A total of two wells were finalised in 2018: one in the village of Bamunka and one in the village of Bambalang.

Bio Sand Filters:

A total of sixty filters are at various stages of construction and instillation. These filters are part of a project between WfC Ireland, Water for Cameroon Ngoketunja and Kumbo Rotary club.

Health Promotion:

Health promotion is an important part of the work of Water for Cameroon. Currently we are working with a Cameroonian independent health consultant, Ms Serophine Veyufambom, who works on health related issues on behalf of Water for Cameroon. Rotary Clubs in Canada kindly donated €578 towards the cost of health promotion workshops.

The Ndop Shop:

This shop was set up to have a stock of quality materials for sale to well technicians. Work progressed during 2018 on a building in the village of Bamessing which will house both the shop and a clinic. It will be managed by Ms. Serophine Veyufambom.

Replacement vehicle:

Water For Cameroon was delighted to receive sufficient gifts to replace an aging 4x4 vehicle with a newer and much more reliable one. This vehicle is shared with friends working on Bible translation in the same Region in Cameroon.

Cameroon Medical:

Cameroon medical partners with WfC. During 2018, Cameroon Medical assisted many individuals and families have access to medical treatment that they would not normally be able to afford.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Water For Cameroon:

Chairperson

Jennifer Thompson
27/10/19

Secretary

Philip Teente.
27-10-19.