

Water For Cameroon - Annual Report 2016

Funding:

In 2016 total income was just over €27,000, including about €8500 from Evangelical Covenant Church, Chicago for specific projects in Cameroon. €15,400 was received by way of donations from personal supporters of the work of Water for Cameroon (WfC) and other interested churches. Four fundraising events in Ireland – the Ladies mini-marathon, a BBQ, a table quiz and carol singing - raised over €3000.

Visits during year:

The project manager visited Cameroon three times during the year, visiting various communities and following up on the work that takes place throughout the year.

- March for 31 days
- July for 20 days
- November for 22 days

Well construction:

A total of seven wells were constructed in 2016 funded by WfC.

Bio Sand Filters:

It is estimated that 80 filters were constructed during 2016, about one quarter of which were funded or part-funded by Water for Cameroon Ngoketunjia from funds we supplied. The filters are constructed and installed by Cameroonians who have been trained by Water for Cameroon, and who are developing micro-businesses on a self-employed basis.

Health Promotion:

Health promotion is increasingly recognised as an important part of the work of Water for Cameroon. Health promoters (supported through Water for Cameroon Ngoketunjia) visit schools and households in rural settings. Anecdotal evidence shows the impact within locations where Health Promotion has taken place: fewer illnesses, reduced medical bills and significantly improved school attendance.

The Ndop Shop:

This shop, which keeps a stock of quality materials for sale to well technicians and demonstrates the water filter technology, continues to make steady progress, but is not yet self-financing.

Geographical Expansion of our work in Cameroon:

In 2016 Water for Cameroon received invitations to participate with communities in 3 other Regions of Cameroon. The project manager visited these communities during 2016.

Other work in Cameroon that WfC partners with and encourages:

Cameroon Medical:

Cameroon Medical works closely with WfC and our contacts in Cameroon. During 2016 Cameroon Medical helped twenty individuals and families to have medical treatment that they would not normally be able to afford.

New primary school:

Work started on a new Primary school in a small rural village. Two classrooms are partially constructed and teachers are being trained in Multi Language Education teaching methods, enabling education to include use of the local mother-tongue which has only recently become a written language. The aim is to open with at least one class in September 2018.