



## April / May 2019 Visit report and Update – Visit No. 27

Greetings to you all,

Thank you for taking the time to read about our work in Cameroon. If you would like to have more detailed information on the projects mentioned here or about our work in general then please view our web site [waterforcameroon.com](http://waterforcameroon.com) If you prefer not to receive updates let me know and your name will be removed from the mailing list.

Because of the war in the North West and South west regions, traveling on this visit was restricted. The situation in those regions is not good. Many people are suffering more than normal. The Price of food and general goods are increasing. Travel by bush taxi is also more expensive. Lockdowns are happening more frequently and for longer periods of time. The typical lockdown (ghosttown) lockdown is where no travel is allowed for one day in the week that is usually a Monday. For some time now the amount of ghosttown days has steadily increased and can be up to four days. Sometimes these longer lockdowns are announced only the night before they are to begin. This means that people cannot travel to hospitals etc. causing great distress for the communities. The lockdowns are ordered by the rebels in an effort to disrupt the economy / government. Of course the ones really suffering are the poor people. One friend of WfC travelled on a lockdown day and was stopped by the rebels. His motor bike was seized and burned. Sometimes people who travel on the lockdown will be stopped by the military and have to pay money to be allowed to continue on their journey. The people feel that they have no one to protect them, the rebels cause them problems and the military cause them problems. All they want is to live their lives in peace.

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### The Ndop Shop

The shop has moved from its location on Long street, Ndop to Sero's new clinic in Bamessing. The rent and management costs were too high for us at Long Street.

Apart from that the shop is located very close to a military post. That post has been attacked several times by the rebels. So people have deserted the area

Sero will rent one of the rooms at her new clinic at Bamassing (2 miles from Long Street) and also provide management services for the shop. This will reduce the overheads for the shop and at the same time will help Sero establish sustainable health solutions from the new clinic. WfC-I will continue to rent store rooms at St. Johns in Bamunka.



**Moving to the new shop**

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### The New Clinic at Bamessing

The clinic will provide basic health care to the local communities. It will also function as a WET Centre providing WASH type workshops.

Sero will move into the clinic in August. Pricilla her assistant will continue in the house / clinic in Bamenda. To keep two clinics functioning will be a huge challenge. Sero is determined to do everything possible to achieve that.



**The new clinic under construction**

The Bamenda clinic also helps some displaced people. These are people who have had to leave their homes because of the war. Though there is also conflict in Bamenda, up till now it has not been as bad as some other places.

**Video** <https://youtu.be/wcsPG0DN63k>

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### **The Kwah Solar water project**

This village is in the northern part of the NW region and is suffering badly because of the war. The people there are also suffering because of a lack of safe drinking water. Water for Cameroon is working with two other partners to fund and oversee that project. Water will be extracted from the hand dug well by means of a solar pump. There are three taps on the main street where people will collect the water. It was no possible to visit the community on this visit because of war.



**The Solar panels at Kwah**

The well is completed. The Solar panels are in place. All that remains is for the solar pumps to be fitted. These are now in Yaoundé and will be installed in August. The well construction team were all seriously sick with malaria during their four weeks there. Because of the war challenges, they were not able to visit the local clinic and had to suffer in a house untreated. Nor was there any food available for them for some days because of the crisis. During that time the police commissioner was killed at his house in Kwah.



**Mr. Jude**

Power from the panels is also sold to households at a very reasonable cost. Mr. Jude's business is proving to be a very sustainable model. Solar villages constructed by Mr. Jude will spread slowly to other communities who wish to participate in such projects.

**Video** <https://youtu.be/0Hk-x6583js>

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### **The Ngambe (Bankim) project**

Water for Cameroon was invited to visit this pygmy community. This is in the Adamwara Region of Cameroon. This is a French speaking region and is not affected by the war. This community is one of the pygmy tribes in the area. They mostly live in the forest. Some of this tribe are starting to come out of the forest and build a small compound at the edge of the forest. They tend not to go to any clinic for health matters.



**Some of the community**

Sero visited them in July and is working with them to help provide some basic health care and water assistance. As expected Sero's visit showed that the overall health of the community is very bad.

The women normally give birth on the floor of their hut. For the most part they are a cashless society. Going to the forest each day searching for fruits and hunting bush meat.

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### **Displaced people**

Thousands of people have been displaced because of the war. People have moved from their own villages to find safety wherever they can. Some go and stay with family and friends in safer places. Others just head off in the hope of finding a place to stay. Not only are the displaced people suffering but those families who try to help them are also suffering. They share their limited food and accommodation. These displaced people are thankful to the Rotary club of Guelph in Canada for their generous support that allows for food to be provided.

Some people have come to this part of Bamenda where Sero and Pricilla live. They receive help with medical aid and food. A nice hot meal is provided for them at the clinic each Sunday.

Sero



As many as 40 children are fed



Mother and child from Nkambe



One of the many children

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### Other news and updates

#### Futru Well

This well at Futura (Bamenda) is fully operational and providing safe water for many people. Funded by Water for Cameroon Ireland.

This is just one of the many jobs that Sero acted as consultant / project manager.



Futura Well at Bamenda

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#### Four individual Family Latrines at Bamali

Four of these family latrines were constructed in Bamali. WfC-N experienced many challenges during the construction process. The water table is very high this area. A specific design was required to ensure that the water table is not contaminated.

These latrines are now being used by the families.

This is part of Rotary Program 2020 (Phase 1 project).

A final report on the Phase 1 project will be completed soon.

**Funded by Rotary.**



Family latrines at Bamali

### Latrine at Bambalang primary care clinic

The photo shows the 4 cubicle latrine at the primary health care facility at Bambalang under construction. The latrine is now completed and is used each day by many patients visiting the clinic.

Bambalang is suffering very badly because of the war. It was not possible to visit the site and the community on this occasion.

A final report on the Phase 1 project will be completed soon.

**Video** <https://youtu.be/0lq3fwsmlYA>

**Funded by Rotary.**



**Chief of CBC  
health centre  
at Bambalang**



**Latrine at Bambalang clinic**

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### Well at Bambalang

Some of the water committee for the new Well at the Government school Bambalang complex GROUP 1&2 GBNS. This school has over one thousand students (1,000) and no water.

The well is now functioning. Though the school is closed because of the war. Communities around the area are now able to get safe drinking water.

**Video** <https://youtu.be/Px5VaATQICI>

**Funded by Rotary.**



**Bambalang water committee**

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### Well at Bamunka

Mr. Ambe is the Well constructor that constructs all the wells for Water for Cameroon. He is a skilled constructor, is very reliable, hard working and honest. This well is now completed and in use every day.

It was not possible to visit the well and the community on this visit

**Video** <https://youtu.be/TUcpBtdAYWo>

**Funded by Rotary.**



**Mr. Ambe Well constructor**

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### Bio Sand Filters.

Mr. Samson is a filter constructor lining at Bambalang constructed 30 of the 60 bio sand filters have been constructed as part of Program 2020 – Phase 1. The disruption because of the war has made it very difficult to move around the places where we hope to install the filters.

**Video** <https://youtu.be/m0ut94fMR74>

**Funded by Rotary.**



**Mr.Samson Filter constructor**

## Various projects on hold because of the war or lack of funds.

### **Binshua – Nkambe Rotary Club**

Water for Cameroon will be working with the newly chartered Binshua – Nkambe Rotary club helping them to design a number of water projects in the area.

**Funding required.**



**The Binshua rotary club members**

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### **Ndu Project**

Ndu and the surrounding area lack safe drinking water.

At the moment we are seeking funders to help with this project.

**Funding required.**

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### **Anquissa community (Yaoundé)**

WfC-I, Faith Baptist church and the community at Anquissa (Yaoundé) are partnering together to help rehabilitate a well that is contaminated. We have had the water tested and it is unsafe.

A lot of work is required to make the water safe to drink.

**Funding required.**

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### **Upper Kekong ( Babanki Tungo) project**

Babanki Tungo on Sabga hill on the way from Bamenda to Ndop town. Health promotion classes have taken place.

This area has suffered particularly badly because of the war. Nine men from the area were killed recently.

**Video** <https://youtu.be/P9kb4xPE164>

**Funding required.**



**Community chief at Kekong (on right)**

## The new Multi Lingual Education primary school at Mesow

This is an exciting project. It was instigated and designed by the local Baptist church at Mesow. Their committee have worked tirelessly to get the building to the current stage of construction. They have worked with Mr. Daniel, the multi lingual expert in Bamunka to have suitable persons trained as teachers. Other teaching specialists are also involved in helping the teachers be fully equipped to teach the program.

**Funding required.**



Mr. Daniel

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## Taku Well project

The school at Taku has more than 350 students. The only water available is from a small pool that often goes dry.

This school is closed because of the war. The community still suffer because drinking water.

**Video** <https://youtu.be/mPjl7ku7OME>



School committee at Taku

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**Psalm 145 v 17**

**” The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving towards all he has made.”**