



November / December 2019 Visit report and Update – Visit No. 28

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 about the work in general then please view our web site waterforcameroon.com

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The war in the North West and South west regions continues. The situation is getting worse. People on both sides are being killed. Thankfully for my time in and around Ndop town it was peaceful. The Amba rebels seem to have control over many places. Many communities continue to suffer with people in some of the more troubled areas having moved to somewhat safer locations, some to regions outside the NW and SW. Some just move to safer places within the NW and SW regions. People are frightened to travel. The cost of travel has increased making it very expensive for those who choose to travel. Lives have been lost because some have not been able to get to hospital.

The new WET centre at Bamessing

This new centre is located on the clinic site and will provide a variety of training services including WASH type workshops, Filter construction and instillation training.

A new Filter work shed has been constructed on the site

The new Ndop Shop is now located on this site under Sero's management. This new arrangement will reduce the overheads for the shop.

The storage rooms at St. Johns have been closed. All goods are now located at the clinic site.



BS Filter work shed at the WET Centre

The New Clinic at Bamessing

Sero's new clinic is now operational in the quarter of Mofu 1 in the village of Bamessing. It will provide basic health care to the local communities.

There is still some work required to complete the clinic. It will be fully completed over time as funds become available.



The new clinic under



The finished clinic

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

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 new solar pump is now providing water to three stand taps in the village.

This project is an excellent example of a private business a community and some outside funders came together under the direction of the business owner Mr. Jude. The community and all involved are very happy with the result.

It's our hope to have more such partnership arrangements.

Video shows the new solar pump in action. https://drive.google.com/open?id=1lfo_jSCe8-LF9VdCm6aKOvHQOOEN5wO8



The Solar panels at Kwah

The Ngambe (Bankim) project

Cameroon was invited to visit this pygmy community.

Located in the Centre Region of Cameroon. This is a French speaking region and is not affected by the war in the NW - SW. This community is one of the pygmy tribes in the area. They mostly live in the forest. Some of them 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 their health needs.

Sero has visited them in partnership with the church and is working with them to help provide some basic health care and water assistance.

A new well was constructed in December.



The new Well

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 fruit and hunting bush meat. They standard practice for any WfC Well instillation is to include appropriate health care / training with the community. The health challenges within this community are immense.



Displaced people

Thousands of people throughout the NW and SW continue to move to safer locations 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. There are numbers in and around Bamenda.



As many as 40 children are



Mother and child from Nkambe



One of the many children

Not only are these displaced people suffering but the families who try to help them are also suffering. The displaced people who come to this part of Bamenda are thankful to Rotary club of Guelph Canada and others who provide support for a nice hot meal for them at the clinic each Sunday.

The new Multi Lingual Education primary school at Mesow

It was instigated and designed by the local Baptist church at Mesow. The committee has 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 suitably persons trained as teachers. Other teaching specialists are also involved in helping the teachers be fully equipped to teach the program.

There are more than fifty children currently attending the school. This is the only school in the area that is open. All government schools in all of the NW and SW are closed.



Mr. Daniel

Project at Batufam with Ripplezoo

Ripplezoo (an Irish charity) has asked Water for Cameroon to partner with them on a Well project in Batoufam. Batoufam is located in the West Region Division of Koung-Khi. It's not far from the large town of Baffousam.

We expect the project will start soon.



Sero + doctor + some of the Ripplezoo team at Well site

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.

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.

Anquissa community (Yaoundé)

WfC-I, Faith Baptist church and the community at Anquissa (Yaoundé) are partnering together to help rehabilitate a well that requires serious work to make the water safe to drink.

Funding required.

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.

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

Funding required.

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 currently closed because of the war. The community still suffer because of the lack of safe drinking water.

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

Funding required.

Mick Toolan

Water for Cameroon

Psalm 145 v 17

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