

Water for Cameroon (WfC)

Annual Report 2021

Funding and Expenditure

Total income in 2021 was just over €21,170. This included gifts from individuals, funding from partners and money raised as part of a GoFundMe campaign. The majority of income (€15,560) was received through gifts and donations, of which €3,043 was raised through the GoFundMe portal. A portion of income was from Revenue tax refunds. We are grateful to our many supporters and partners who have contributed to the work by way of donations and by helping with fundraising.

Total expenditure in 2021 came to just over €15,442, of which €13,990 was forwarded to our independent consultant in Cameroon for specific well projects, health promotion, community development and humanitarian needs, as detailed below. Administration costs (bank charges, insurance) were less than 5% of income.

Board / Directors activities in 2021

During 2021 the Board held 6 'normal' meetings and one Extraordinary meeting. The Extraordinary meeting in June provided a dedicated time for focused discussion on some of the strategic and key governance issues facing WfC.

All meetings were held virtually, both due to COVID-19 restrictions but also to make it easier for Board members and other invitees to join and participate.

Public meetings

Instead of a formal AGM, an information evening was arranged by Zoom on 19 June 2021 to give reports on the work and seek funding for our 2021 target of 4 wells. Supporters from abroad were therefore able to attend as well as our Consultant in Cameroon.

An AGM was held on 21 March 2022, again on Zoom, at which the financial report for 2021 was presented. There were 28 attendees including our Consultant in Cameroon who gave an updated report on the work.

The political situation in North-West and South West Regions of Cameroon

The war in both of these regions continues and very sadly shows no sign of ending anytime soon. Many families have been displaced, causing much hardship for those involved. Travel within these Regions has become more difficult and oftentimes dangerous, but we are so thankful that to a great extent our partners in Cameroon have been protected from serious loss.

Despite these difficulties, our Cameroonian Consultant and partners continue to oversee the construction of wells and other aspects of the work.

Visits to Cameroon during 2021

Unfortunately during 2021, it remained impossible to arrange a visit from Ireland to Cameroon because of the travel restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Well Construction

Four wells were completed in 2021:

- Baptist Church, Telgum, Fundong
- Babanki, Cuolos/Mloua, Tina
- Catholic primary school, Mile 25 Bamunka, Ndop
- Bankim, Tantou Quarter

Health Promotion

Health promotion is an important part of the work of Water for Cameroon. This work is conducted under the leadership of a Cameroonian independent health consultant, Ms Serophine Veyufambom. Serophine is a registered nurse and also holds a master's degree in public health.