

# Water for Cameroon (WfC)

## Annual Report 2022

### Funding and Expenditure

Total income in 2022 was over €26,800. This included gifts from individuals and supporting churches, funding of €7,500 from partners and €1,400 from fund-raising activities in Ireland. Revenue refunds on contributions from Irish taxpayers amounted to €3,200. 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 2022 came to just over €24,170, of which €22,110 was forwarded to our independent consultant in Cameroon for specific projects. Of the latter, 91% was spent by our consultant on well digging, 5% on filter manufacture, and 4% on administration (mainly travel to purchase materials). Administration costs incurred directly by the Board (bank charges, insurance) were about 4% of total expenditure.

### Board / Directors activities in 2022

During 2022 the Board held 10 meetings, giving careful consideration to the options of merging with a larger charity, continuing independently or ceasing activities. The Board decided in November 2022 to continue for at least another 2 years while exploring the best alternatives for the longer term support of our Cameroonian partners. The main factors enabling this decision were:

- the continuing commitment of our Program Facilitator Michael Toolan to maintain our relationships with donors and our communications with our partners in Cameroon.
- The agreement of 3 existing Board members to continue for this period.
- The agreement of Vivian Gallo to join the Board and take on the role of treasurer.
- Progress by our friends in Cameroon to reconstitute the Board of Water For Cameroon Ngoketunjia.

We express our thanks to Jenny Thompson and Liz Rowen, who retired in November, for their work on the Board since the start of WfC, and to Ronnie Morrison who served as treasurer for the last 2 years and also retired in November 2022. And we welcome Vivian and thank her for undertaking the role of treasurer.

### Public Meetings

An AGM was held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022, on Zoom, at which the financial report for 2021 was presented. There were 28 attendees including supporters from abroad, and our Consultant in Cameroon who gave an updated report on the work.

An EGM was held on Zoom on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to update our partners and friends on the decision to move forward and the changes to the Board.

## **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.

### **Well Construction**

Five wells were completed in 2022 and handed over to the local communities:

- Mile 25 Catholic School Bamunka / Ndop
- Ntehgum
- Bankim Baptist Church
- First Baptist Church, Dieki
- ACOHOF, Bankim (No 4)

Work also commenced on 4 more wells (CS Bamunka Main Mission, Antoini, Tokejuhozonghokwo, and Bankim Presbyterian church) which were completed early in 2023.

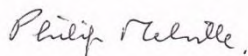
### **Filter Construction**

We were able to arrange in 2022 the completion and installation of 60 bio-sand filters between Bambalang and Bamunka. Additional filter constructors have been trained, and each household that receives a filter is trained in how to maintain and use it properly.

### **Health Promotion**

Health promotion is an important part of the work of Water for Cameroon in conjunction with the well construction and provision of filters to households and schools. 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.

Signed:



(Chairperson)



(Secretary)

Date 16/10/2023