

Water for Cameroon (WfC)

Annual Report 2023

Funding and Expenditure

Total income in 2023 was €24,710. This included gifts totalling €17,635 from individuals and supporting churches, and €7,075 from fund-raising activities in Ireland. 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 2023 came to almost €29,000, of which €18,100 was forwarded to our independent consultant in Cameroon for well digging and €5,600 went to various contacts in Cameroon for specific humanitarian and health needs and community development. A further €3,200 was spent in relation to the visit to Cameroon of our Project Facilitator in February and March 2023. Administration costs incurred directly by the Board (bank charges, insurance) were about 4% of total expenditure.

Board / Directors' activities in 2023

During 2023 the Board held 5 meetings, overseeing and approving the expenditure, encouraging the fund-raising activities, and arranging the AGM in May 2023.

The Board agreed to a merger with Cameroon Medical in view of the close relationship between the two bodies and the shared contacts in Cameroon. Slight amendments to the Constitution of Water For Cameroon were agreed, making clear that the provision of funding for emergency health needs was included in the humanitarian and community development scope of WfC's goals. A couple of other minor amendments required by the Charities Regulator have also been included and, at the time of writing this, approval by the Charities Regulator of these amendments is still awaited.

Public meeting

An AGM was held on 22 May 2023 on Zoom, at which the financial report for 2022 was presented. There were 33 attendees including supporters from abroad, and 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.

Well Construction

Six wells were completed in 2023 and handed over to the local communities:

- CS Bamunka Main Mission
- Antoini
- Tokejuho-zonghokwo
- Bankim Presbyterian church
- Mbukong in Bamunka-Ndop, and
- Nga Pygmy camp in Ngambe Tikar

Filter Construction

With funding kindly provided by the Rotary Club in Guelph, Canada, and in co-operation with the Rotary Club in Kumbo, our Consultant was able to arrange the completion and installation of a further 50 bio-sand filters for households in Bambalang, Bamessing and Bamunka. Each household that receives a filter is trained in how to maintain and use it properly.

Health Promotion

Our Cameroonian consultant, Ms Serophine Veyufambom, who is a registered nurse with a Master's degree in public health, was supported in providing medical treatment to all the pygmies in Mansoh camp and some at the Nga camp. Funds were also given for the installation of an electricity supply and an electric pump to provide water to the clinic run by her at Bamessing. Both at Bamessing and at another small pharmacy in Bankim corn and other crops are being grown to demonstrate how land use can be maximised by wise selection of crops, by fertilisation and irrigation.

Signed _____ *Philip Melville* _____ *Paul Singleton*
(Chairperson) (Secretary)

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