

WFC Work report for 2024

5 Wells were completed in 2024 -

1. Ngambe-Tikar (a pygmy village) the well was initially completed in January 2024, and was deepened in September 2024 to provide adequate water.
2. Bessi in Mbengwi completed in August 2024.
3. Klong in Bankim completed in October 2024.
4. Bafanji completed in November 2024.
5. Mbantano in Bambalang, also in November 2024.

The construction of the first 4 was managed by Sero, and the 5th by WFC Ngoketunjia. All were the work of Ambe and his team.

A School room was constructed at Priscilla's clinic in Mvoumeh, Bankim - it is hoped to do more work on this following discussions during Mick's visit in February/March 2025.

Filter manufacture and installation - 50 filters were constructed by two trained filter-makers and were distributed in Bamunka and Bambalang as part of a project GG2233863 funded by Rotary Guelph, in Canada, through Rotary Kumbo.

Mick Toolan visited Cameroon, with Paul Alley from USA, for 4 weeks in March/April 2024 and had valuable time with many of our partners there. A training course in filter manufacture was arranged at the ACOHOF school in Bankim, including how to install and use the filters. The ACOHOF leadership are keen to continue to develop this work. Also our friend Daniel demonstrated how to grow additional crops annually by use of drip irrigation, and Paul contributed training in computer skills. A visit to the pygmy village at Ngambe Tikar was also included in the schedule, as we continue to explore how we can serve these semi-nomadic tribes with water resources and healthcare.

ACOHOF are now able to manufacture the metal mould required to make the concrete Filters. This is a big breakthrough.

In December 2024, Sero was able to attend the Open Day at the ACOHOF school and discussed our continuing partnership with them, and plans for a further visit in February/March 2025. Workshops / discussions will take place to examine ways to establish a profitable Filter manufacturing business.

Changes to the WFC Board – we thank Vivian Gallo for her time on the Board and her work as treasurer. She has retired following her move from Dublin to Athlone. We welcome Annie Grace Isaac as a new Board member, and are delighted that she has agreed to act as treasurer.

Targets for 2025

The Board has agreed to seek to raise sufficient funds to enable 8 new wells to be constructed in 2025. Other needs and work opportunities are likely to arise during Mick's visit to Cameroon in February and March. We look forward to strengthening our existing partnerships with Sero, ACOHOF, and Water For Cameroon Ngoketunjia, and exploring the possibility of developing new partnerships in the North and Far North Regions of Cameroon.

AGM 2025 – *Save the date* – a provisional date of 19 May has been selected for our annual AGM on Zoom. We plan to send confirmation of the date and further details in late April.