

Water for Cameroon (WfC)

Annual Report 2024

Funding and Expenditure

Total income in 2024 was €38,241. This included gifts totalling nearly €26,000 from individuals and supporting churches, and €7,440 from fund-raising activities in Ireland. Also included is donations specifically for Cameroon Medical. 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 2024 came to €33,667, of which €12,688 was forwarded to our partners in Cameroon for well digging, €5,548 was related to filter manufacture and distribution, and €10,340 went to various contacts in Cameroon for specific humanitarian and health needs and community development including the construction of a schoolroom for young children in a rural area. A further €3,800 was spent in relation to the visit to Cameroon of our Project Facilitator in March and April 2024. Administration costs incurred directly by the Board (bank charges, insurance) was less than 4% of total expenditure.

Board / Directors' activities in 2024

During 2024 the Board held 5 meetings, overseeing and approving the expenditure, encouraging the fund-raising activities, and arranging the AGM in June 2024.

Public meeting

An AGM was held on 17 June 2024 on Zoom, at which the financial report for 2023 was presented. There were 33 attendees including supporters from abroad. It was very encouraging to have input from 4 of our friends in Cameroon who contributed their reports on the work there.

WFC Work summary 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 our independent consultant Serophine Veyufambon, and the 5th by WFC Ngoketunjia. All were the work of Ambe and his team.

A School room was constructed at the clinic run by Priscilla and Sero in Mvoumeh, a rural area outside Bankim. (More work was done in developing this facility 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 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 Mbigionyi demonstrated how to grow additional crops in the dry season annually by use of drip irrigation, and Paul contributed training in computer skills. A visit to the pygmy camp 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 keen to manufacture the metal mould required to make the concrete Filters. This will be a big help for filter makers.

In December 2024, Sero attended the Open Day at the ACOHOF school and discussed our continuing partnership with them, planning for the visit in February/March 2025, including workshops / discussions examining 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 in view of ongoing needs and requests, but is keeping priorities under review in consultation with our partners in Cameroon.