

## **CAMEROON YOUTHS AND STUDENTS**

FORUM FOR PEACE CAMYOSFOP

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## 2025 NEW YEAR MESSAGE AND AN OVERVIEW OF CAMYOSFOP IN 2024 FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CAMYOSFOP

Dear CAMYOSFOP Members and Friends,

I wish you a happy and prosperous 2025 filled with joy, peace and achievements in all your endeavours. I would like to take this opportunity to immensely thank everyone for their contribution to CAMYOSFOP's outstanding achievements in 2024 and to outline some of our goals for 2025.

Our Board Members and the office staff in our head office and the field office in the East Region in Bertoua have been outstanding in promoting the ideology of the organization as well as effectively implementing key projects for the organization. From the bottom of my heart, I wish to sincerely thank both the Board and the staff for their commitments towards CAMYOSFOP.

Though 2024 was a very difficult year for CAMYOSFOP, never-the-less, thanks to UN Women and the People of Japan through the Japanese Supplementary Budget (JSB), we successfully completed our project on building the protection capacities of IDP women and girls from the North West and South West Regions of Cameroon in Bafia and Ombessa of the Mbam and Inoubou Division of the Centre Region in Cameroon. A milestone of the project activities was the closing ceremony of the project presided at by the Divisional Officer of Mbam Inoubou and with the participation of UN Women Regional Coordinator for West and Central Africa. During this event, we distributed food items and sanitary kits to 200 internally displaced women and supported 37 micro projects with an amount of FCFA 100,000 (USD200) each.

Another milestone in 2024 was that, thanks to the United Nations Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation (UNSCAR), we trained the 11 member states of ECCAS on Physical Security and Stockpile Management of Weapons (PSSM) as a tool for preventing diversion of weapons in the sub region.

I am also pleased to note that, thanks to our excellent relations with the Ministry of External Relations (MINREX), the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) and the United Nations

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In 2024, we were also present in various international agendas where key policies were adopted. These included CSW68 in New York, the 4<sup>th</sup> Review Conference on the Un Programme of Action on Small Arms, held in New York, the 10<sup>th</sup> Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) held in Genver, the Summit of the Future and the 79<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN held in New York.

Above all, we have kept on sustaining our Human Rights and Peace Clubs in over 30 secondary schools in Yaounde and Bertoua as well as our engagement with vulnerable women groups, including the Mbororo and Baka Pygmy communities in the Eastern Region of Cameroon, Women Living with HIV, and IDP women and girls in Cameroon.

In 2025, we hope to keep expanding by establishing our second Field Office for the South West Region in Buea.

Our Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) project designed to empower and alleviate poverty within IDP women and girls from the North West and South West Regions of Cameroon spread across the North West, South West, Centre, Littoral and West regions will get into high gear with the fund-raising component of it supported by our American partners. We intend to officially launch the project by the end of 2025.

Our Certified Course on the Diplomacy of Arms Control, Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (DACPD) that did not hold in 2024 due to some challenges will be in its 3<sup>rd</sup> edition with a focus on "Weapons and Ammunition Management in the context of DDR".

Apart from the above, the  $69^{th}$  edition of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) to hold in New York from 10 - 21 March 2025, CAMYOSFOP will be organizing a side event to show-case her current project on empowering IDP Women and Girls in Cameroon through WASH services.

I wish, once more, to heartily thank our Board members, staff and partners who made 2024 a successful year for the Forum.

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