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LISTS OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AIDS:	Acquire Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AU:	African Union
AUC:	African Union Commission
BOD:	Board of Directors
CAMYOSFOP:	Cameroon Youth and Students Forum for Peace
CBC:	Cameroon Baptist Convention
COVID-19 :	Corona Virus Disease 2019
CSOs:	Civil Society Organizations
ECCAS:	Economic Community on Central African States
HIV:	Human Immuno deficiency Virus
ITT:	International Tracing Instrument
LUKMEF:	Martin Luther King Foundation
MINREX:	Ministry of External Relations
NAP:	National Action Plan
NATCOM:	National Commission on Small Arms and Light Weapons
NCDDR	National Commission on Disarmament, Demobilization and
NGO:	Re-insertion Non-Governmental Organization
PCC	Presbyterian Church in Cameroon
PLWHIV:	Persons Living with HIV
PoA:	United Nations Program of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons
PSSM:	Physical Security and Stockpile Management
RECSA:	Regional Centre on SALW for East and Horn of Africa
SALW :	Small Arms and Light Weapons
SDGs:	Sustainable Development Goals
SeP:	Ecumenical Service for Peace
SGBV:	Sexual and Gender based Violence
SWOT:	Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threads
UNOCA:	United Nations Central Africa
UNODA:	United Nation's Office for Disarmament Affairs
UNSCAR:	United Nations Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation
WILPF:	Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Since its creation in 1999, CAMYOSFOP has been working on upholding a non-violent society through moral and traditional values as prerequisite to a culture of peace by implementing activities in line with her programs which are geared towards capacity strengthening and empowerment of the youths, women/girls and the most vulnerable in communities. In 2021, the Organization came up again with her programs which were successfully implemented despite the challenges faced with the COVID-19 pandemic, the insecurity crisis in the Anglophone regions, the Northern and Eastern regions of Cameroon.

The COVID-19 Pandemic for example, affected the execution of some activities; particularly the organisation of the Sub-regional workshop on data collection on SDG 16.4.2 on SALW and application of the International Tracing Instruments on SALW in Central Africa as well as the expert training workshop on the use of MOSAIC modules on the implementation of the Kinshasa Convention: on SALW on the use of MOSAIC for the creation of NATCOMS, elaboration of NAPs and the SALW nature of women and youth. None the less, the most outstanding activity was the celebration of the Organization's 20th anniversary which highlighted all its programs.

1. ORGANIZATION'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

CAMYOSFOP took up the challenge and with the support of partners, was able to effectively implement her activities while respecting the Government's preventive measures in place to curb the pandemic.

1.1. Internal Organization

A board meeting was held on February 13, 2021 where the Board members evaluated the organisation's performance in 2020, adopted 2021-2023 strategic action plan and took important decisions concerning most especially the celebration of 20 years of legal existence. The anniversary project well designed, as well as, the plan of Staff capacity building during a Staff retreat.

In line with the decisions from the board meeting, a staff retreat held from the 8th to the 10th of July 2021, at Holiday Inn Resort LIMBE, where staff performance was evaluated and their technical capacity strengthened on resource mobilization and fundraising, project writing during a session facilitated by Mr. Christian TANYI, Director of Martin Luther King Foundation (LUKMEF) and Expert on Developmental Issues.

The retreat equally gave the opportunity for the staff to examine the organization's strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and threats through the SWOT analysis which enabled them to formulate concrete commitments and strong recommendations, hence everyone came out of the retreat with a mastery of the Organization's programs and their individual roadmap.

2. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES

2.1. Self-implemented activities

2.1.1. CAMPAIGN AGAINST WAR TOYS, FIRECRACKERS, VIOLENT FILMS, VIDEO GAMES AND DRUG ABUSE, NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2021

As a key initiative of CAMYOSFOP since 1999, the 2021 campaign against war toys and firecrackers, violent films and video games and drug abuse was launched in some primary and secondary schools in Yaounde, Cameroon. Which included Mevick Bilingual Academic Complex and the Ladybird Group of Schools.

The campaign was launched under the theme “**Promoting a Culture of Peace with Educative Toys**”, as a result of increase in crime and violence in Cameroon that affects mostly children, youths, and women. With the ongoing crises the country is facing, especially in the North West, South West, East and Far North Regions, the cases of violence is increasing with mostly young people being recruited as soldiers.

This campaign is aimed at preventing violence in schools, communities, houses, social media and every other youth milieu, within Cameroon and its constituencies, while promoting a culture of peace through educative and constructive toys.

The sensitization started online on CAMYOSFOP’s social media platforms with the hashtags *#no to war toys* and *#champions4peace* and animations with different posts, messages and discussions with an increasing number of views, shares and comments. The online campaign brought together more than five thousand parents, pupils and students, teachers and schools administrations.

Highlights of the launching included: Identification of good toys and bad toys, Brainstorming on the negative effects of war toys on children’s mind, Quizzes, Distribution of the official poster of the campaign with the main message “**Say No to War Toys. Let’s Be Champions for Peace**”. More than fifty thousand persons were touched by this campaign, directly and indirectly, with the spread of the message through the media.

Major outcomes of this campaign were the pledge of: children to demand their parents for toys that are more educative and constructive for Christmas; parents to look more carefully at the violent or non-violent nature of toys, films, and video games their children are playing or watching, and to be more vigilant concerning the choice of toys for their children during holidays; teachers to monitor the children and inculcate to them a culture of Peace in schools through non-violent action and non-violent communication.

OBSERVATIONS:

- Parents and teachers urged CAMYOSFOP to intensify the campaign to others schools and other regions of Cameroon.
- They also pleaded for an advocacy to the government of Cameroon in order to regulate trade of war toys in the country, as part of the control arms policy.

2.1.2. CAMYOSFOP CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF LEGAL EXISTENCE

The Cameroon Youths and Students Forum for Peace (CAMYOSFOP), was created in 1999 with an official legalization by the government of Cameroon on 10 October 2001, hence decided to celebrate her 20 years of legal existence and impacting lives. Over the years, the Organization has been working on improving the lives of young people, vulnerable women and girls across the national territory through capacity building and economic empowerment.

The celebration was marked by a number of activities amongst which was the re-launch of the Fonlon project (which falls within the framework of the Organization's program on Promoting Exemplary Figures in Cameroon), celebration of the 35th anniversary of the passing away of Prof. Bernard Fonlon and the organization of a gala night where she invited her partners to share the anniversary cake.

The anniversary celebration took place on the 21st of October 2021 at Djeuga Palace hotel in Yaounde. This event that was chaired by the Ministry of External Relations, saw the participation of high profile guests, partners and friends of CAMYOSFOP, as well as the media.

Highlights of the event included: presentation and handing of trophies to the two winners/ laureates of the AU ECOSSOC essay competition 'Young African Writing competition' and recognition of partners who have significantly contributed to the growth of CAMYOSFOP, lunch of the CAMYOSFOP's 20th Anniversary Magazine, presentation and handing of CAMYOSFOP's latest award from RECSA by MINREX as well as a video projection: '**Our Trajectory**'-with an overview of CAMYOSFOP's achievements in 22 years.

Major outcome of the activity was the successful launch of the IDP project which is geared towards empowering economically, Internally Displaced Women and Girls in the Centre Region (in its pilot phase).

2.2. PROMOTING EXEMPLARY FIGURES

2.2.1. CELEBRATION OF THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSING OF PROFESSOR BERNARD NSOKIKA FONLON

Prof. Bernard Nsokika Fonlon was a Cameroonian intellectual and philosopher from NSO, who was born in 1924 and died in 1986. He stands out as one of the greatest national figures that contributed to the independence and unity of Cameroon. Some of his achievements: the translation of the national anthem from French to English, conceived, edited and published the Cameroon cultural Review, Abbia that harnessed intellectual contributions to sell the image of the country to rest of rest the world, he piloted the creation of the Department of African Literature at University of Yaounde, as well as the Pilot centre for the promotion of bilingualism in Cameroon.

Promoting National Figures has been a key focus of CAMYOSFOP, as the Organization also aims at improving on the moral values of the youths by show casing Prof. Bernard Fonlon's legacy which include; the values of, Integrity, honesty, hard work and determination. It important to highlight the fact that his most outstanding legacy is his un-finished literary works and publications. By promoting this National Figure, CAMYOSFOP hopes to contributing in creating a better version of the Cameroonian youths through whom Fonlon' vision could be traced in both character and career wise.

It is on this basis that, CAMYOSFOP celebrated the 35th Anniversary of his passing away during which the Fonlon project on the publication of the ‘Biographic Legacy of Prof. Bernard Nsokika Fonlon: 1924-1986’ was re-launched.

Worthy of note is the fact that this program has been ongoing from the very beginning of the Organization’s creation as it paves the way for her to contribute in inculcating moral values in the younger generation. As such, in order to achieve a behavioural change, CAMYOSFOP took the commitment of completing the un- finished works of this great mind by publishing his Biographic Legacy, hence the need to set-up a steering community made up to handle the publication.

The celebration of the 35th Anniversary of Prof. his passing away took place on October 14th 2021 at Djeuga Palace Hotel, Yaounde and was chaired by Dr. Asheri Kilo, Secretary of State at the Ministry of Basic Education. This event provided a platform for some Fonlonists to exchange and discuss on the legacy and contributions of Prof. Bernard Nsokika Fonlon to the development of Cameroon, as well as the completion and publication of his un-finished works.

Highlights during the event also included; presentation of progress on the project on the publication of a ‘Biographic Legacy of Fonlon: The Pathfinder’, theatre performances and dramatization of some of Fonlon’s publications. The recognition of 2 renowned veteran journalists and Fonlonists: Shang Olive and Peter Essoka, were honoured for their contributions to the growth of CAMYOSFOP and the journalistic landscape of Cameroon.

2.2.2 ORGANIZATION OF THE FIRST STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING ON THE PUBLICATION OF: BIOGRAPHIC LEGACY OF FONLON: 1924-1986

As a major recommendation from the celebration of the 35th Anniversary of the passing away of Fonlon, a Steering Committee of about fifteen members was put in place. The committee’s role is to handle and coordinate the various reviews and editing of the publication. Members of the Steering Committee include:

1. Prof. Verkijika G. FANSO
2. NGALIM Eugene Nyuydine
3. Yaah Gladys SHANG VIBAN
4. Dr. Mrs Esther TALLAH
5. Rev. Fr. Humphrey Tatah MBUY
6. Rev. Fr. Zepherinus MBUH
7. Warren NSAIBINIR
8. Slyvanus BINLA
9. Martin JUMBAM
10. Kenneth NSAH (Nsah Mala)

2.2. Collaboration with Partners

As a multi-functional hub, CAMYOSFOP does not work alone, and collaborates multi-functional partners operating in various domains of promotion of peace, development and social co-existence. Some partners like, UN Women, UNSCAR, UNREC, AFRICAN UNION.

It is important to recognize the role of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) and MINREX for their support in facilitating the organization of all the Sub-Regional meetings.

2.2.1. UNREC PROJECT ON: NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON INTEGRATING MEN/WOMEN DIMENSION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE ILLICIT PROLIFERATION OF SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS IN CAMEROON: 31st MAY-2 JUNE, YAOUNDE

As part of the implementation in Cameroon of the project to support policies, programs actions geared towards the fight against the proliferation, trafficking and diversion of small arms and light weapons, in accordance with the Women Peace and Security agenda, a national workshop on gender mainstreaming in policy, programs and actions to combat the proliferation of SALW held from the 31 May to 2 June 2021, at the Yaounde Hilton Hotel. The meeting was organized by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) through its Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (UNREC) with the support of ECCAS, MINREX and CAMYOSFOP.

The objective of the workshop was to contribute to regional peace, security, gender equality and sustainable development by improving the effectiveness of small arms control through the promotion of a gender –sensitive framework and by promoting the equitable and meaningful participation of women in all arms control decisions.

The strategy adopted during the workshop was to work with 40 participants from key Government Institutions and Civil Society Organizations working on arms control. The workshop was held in two parts. The first part was held with Key Government Institutions and Civil Society Organizations which ended with an outcome document and the second part was with Government Officials to adopt the recommendations that were adopted during the first workshop and will be used as the basis for proposed actions on gender mainstreaming on arms control in National Policies. Participants handed certificates at end of the workshop.

Recommendations:

- ❖ There is need for the creation of a National Commission on SALW. The commission should be inclusive of all strategic stakeholders and the proportion of women should be above 30%
- ❖ The preamble of the National Action plan for SCR 1325 should take into consideration legal provisions of the control of SALW: for instance, the gun law on arms and ammunitions. In addition, any other treaty that has been ratified by Cameroon should be mentioned in the document
- ❖ Take also into consideration the aspect of GBV on men and boys and the manipulation of armed children.
- ❖ Use existing CSOs committee (UNSCR1325) to accompany NCDDDR actions.
- ❖ Cameroon needs to ensure the implementation of agenda 2250 on Youths, Peace and Security for a better involvement and participation of youths in peace processes.

- ❖ Create a gender representative coordination committee to ensure proper gender mainstreaming.
- ❖ Integrate the gender dimension of arms control in all policies and school curriculum of Police training institutions.
- ❖ Create synergy amongst actors working on SALW to avoid duplication of action.

2.2.2. AFRICAN UNION/ UNITED NATIONS JOINT SUPPORT FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2020 AFRICA AMNESTY MONTH

2.2.2.1. CAMEROON SYMBOLIC GUN DESTRUCTION IN BUEA

Through an exceptional event, the Government reaffirmed her commitment to fight against the illicit flow of Small Arms and Light Weapons-SALW, to reduced armed violence within communities and educate them on the vulnerabilities posed by the proliferation of SALW.

It is in line with this that, a symbolic destruction of illicit arms in Cameroon, the first of its kind, took place on May 19th, 2021 in BUEA, South West Region. The activity was part of the African Union (AU) Amnesty month initiative on Silencing the Guns in Africa by 2020 for the surrender and collection of illicit SALW.

This ceremony was presided over by the Prime Minister Head of Government, Joseph Dion NGUTE who came to supervise the destruction of these sophisticated weapons. The event equally witnessed the presence of high profile personalities, as well as government officials.

2.2.3. FEEDBACK SESSION WITH MEMBERS OF CANSА ON GENDER MAINSTREAMING ON SMALL ARMS: YAOUNDE, JUNE, 2021.

The issue of gender mainstreaming in arms control is increasingly recurrent and is now a priority on the United Nations agenda. This is part of the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 adopted in 2000, which seeks to make effective the participation of women in all processes of conflict management and resolution, including through non-violent means.

Some members of the Cameroon Action Network on Small Arms (CANSА) had the privilege to participate in a four days Capacity strengthening workshop on gender mainstreaming in national policies organised by UNODA through UNREC and thus saw the need to do a restitution of the knowledge acquired during a Feedback workshop organized by CAMYOSFOP in partnership with CANSА that took place at the Ecumenical Service for Peace (SEP) on June 10th 2021.

This event equally gave room for Members to capitalize on the various opportunities that the National Workshop presents for the Network and also discuss on the way forward and drafting of an action plan.

2.2.4. UNSCAR PROJECT ON: CAPACITY BUILDING OF 11 MEMBER STATES OF ECCAS ON DATA COLLECTION ON SDG TARGET 16.4.2 AND THE APPLICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRACING INSTRUMENT (ITI).

In a bid to regulate the illicit proliferation of arms in Central Africa, CAMYOSFOP in partnership with the UN Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation

(UNSCAR), implemented a project on data collection of SDG target 16.4.2. Partners of the project included the government of Cameroon through the Ministry of External Relations (MINREX), the Economic Community of Central Africa States (ECCAS) and the UN Office for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (UNREC). These 11 Member States that are, Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, Central Africa Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Chad, Congo-Brazzaville, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe and Rwanda were trained on the use of a Manual and a questionnaire. Worthy of note is the fact that a Consultant from the National Institute of Statistics was recruited to develop the draft of the training manual and a questionnaire for the collection of data on indicator 16.4.2. These tools were then translated in both languages and validated during working/brainstorming sessions by selected Experts from institutions as well as Civil Society Organizations working in the domain of arms control.

In order to achieve the above-mentioned strategic objective, CAMYOSFOP effectively implemented the two following activities:

2.2.5.REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON DATA COLLECTION ON SDG 16.4.2 ON SALW AND APPLICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRACING INSTRUMENTS ON SALW IN CENTRAL AFRICA, YAOUNDE, 29TH JUNE-1ST JULY, 2021

The Cameroon Youth and Students Forum for Peace (CAMYOSFOP) in line with implementing her program on Arms control worked in partnership with the United Nations Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation (UNSCAR) to execute a project on data collection on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and application of the International Tracing Instrument (ITI) through the organization of a Sub- Regional Workshop in Yaounde from 29th June to 1st July 2021.

The workshop that was organized by the State of Cameroon through the Ministry of External Relations (MINREX) in partnership with CAMYOSFOP and the support of Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) and the United Nations Office for Central Africa (UNOCA), brought together 40 technical government officials from the Central Africa Sub-Region.

The aim of the workshop was to strengthen the capacities of ECCAS member States to collect data on SDG target 16.4.2 as an entry point for the implementation of the PoA and the Kinshasa Convention on SALW in Central Africa.

The meeting also allowed participants to share their experiences on those key instruments and ended with a Central African Joint Declaration/Position on the 7th Biennial Meeting of United Nations States on PoA, scheduled for the period from 26 to 30 July 2021 in New York.

Recommendations:

- ❖ The member States recommended that ECCAS initiate advocacy for the ratification of the Kinshasa Convention by all the countries and the harmonization of their national laws on arms. This include coordination mechanisms and technical assistance
- ❖ States Parties are encouraged to effectively implement their obligations according to the Kinshasa Convention with the aim of silencing the guns by 2030, and invited to produce periodic progress reports.
- ❖ States Parties who have not yet done it, are encouraged to establish on record time their National Commissions on SALW in their respective countries.

- ❖ The composition of members of National Commissions on the POA should include members of National Institutes of Statistics. Statisticians should work with gun control officers to develop a sample file on SALW data collection.
- ❖ A centralized database on SALW should be created at the national and sub-regional level. Member States encourage ECCAS to set up a database for Central Africa.
- ❖ Information sharing between all entities in charge of arms control is encouraged. In this line, the Creation of a sub-regional platform for the exchange of data/information on weapons collection for better collaboration and coordination.
- ❖ All stakeholders, including members of civil society organisations, should put efforts together to increase awareness campaigns on the dangers of SALW proliferation.
- ❖ ECCAS member States are invited to invest more efforts and resources, including financial resources, training of personnel and Focal Points, in the specific area of firearms and data collection in their respective countries.
- ❖ In accordance with the resolutions of the Conference of the States Parties to the Kinshasa Convention, ECCAS members States are encouraged to accelerate the process of establishing a secretariat on the control of small arms and light weapons in Central Africa, by defining its headquarters, name, competences and powers.

2.2.6. EXPERT TRAINING WORKSHOP WITH THREE MEMBER STATES: ON THE USE OF MOSAIC MODULES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KINSHASA CONVENTION: YAOUNDE, JULY 2021

CAMYOSFOP in partnership with MINREX, within the framework/in view of completing the implementation of the 2020 UNSCAR project on: strengthening the technical and operational capacities of 7 State parties to the Kinshasa convention on SALW on the use of MOSAIC for the creation of National Commissions (NATCOMs), elaboration of National Action Plans (NAPs) and the Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) nature of women and youth. In effect this project was implemented in 2018 but could not be completed due to challenges faced from the COVID-19 outbreak. Reasons why the 3 remaining countries; Angola, Gabon and Sao Tome and Principe were invited in Yaounde for a training session on the use of the MOSAIC.

The workshop that took place from the 2nd -3rd, July 2021 in Yaounde, brought together six participants from two Member States: Gabon and Sao Tome and Principe. The main objective of the workshop, was to build the technical and operational capacity of the two State parties to the Kinshasa Convention on the use of the MOSAIC for the creation of their national commissions on SALW, elaboration of National Action Plans on SALW.

Major outcomes of the training: both countries gave updates on the state of advancement of the creation of their NATCOMS and they equally began to fill their reporting template on the PoA.

Recommendations:

It was recommended that NATCOMS should be attached directly to the presidency to avoid the struggle for leadership between other key entities in charge of arms control.

Gabon and Sao Tome were encouraged to start the process of elaborating a national action plan upon return to their various countries.

2.2.7. UN WOMEN PROJECT ON: COVID-19 INTERVENTION WITHIN VULNERABLE WOMEN GROUPS (WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV AND MOST VULNERABLE) IN CAMEROON

The project on Covid-19 intervention within vulnerable women groups was implemented in four regions of Cameroon; East, South West, Centre and West. It has been observed that, due to limited information on prevention and management of the two pandemics, these groups of people are at risk of contracting these diseases couple with their economic situation that complicates the sustainability of their livelihood and treatment.

The project aimed at “enhancing the capacity of women in the establishment and management of COVID-19 induced businesses which consist of: the production of standardized reusable cloth barrier masks respecting existing norms, and the production of antiseptic soap, menthol, eau de javel and hydro-alcoholic gel”. The project thus focused mainly on capacity building and economic empowerment hence was greatly satisfactory given that it impacted directly on the lives of the beneficiaries.

2.2.8. TRAINING OF VUNERABLE GROUPS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS ON THE PRODUCTION OF STANDARDIZED REUSABLE CLOTH BARRIER MASKS AND ANTISEPTIC SOAP AND HYDRO –ALCOHOLIC GEL AND DISTRIBUTION OF ECONOMIC KITS, JANUARY-NOVEMBER, 2021

It is important to underscore the fact that this activity falls within CAMYOSFOP/ UN Women priority intervention areas and framework on Women (Vulnerable) Economic Empowerment.

The project thus enhanced the capacity of Mbororo and Baka women in the East region, Women and girls living with HIV/AIDS in the South West region, Vulnerable Internally Displaced women and girls in the Centre region and women/girls living with HIV/AIDS as well as Vulnerable Internally Displaced women and girls in the West region.

The main objective of the activity was:

- To train Vulnerable Internally Displaced Women and girls and groups women living with HIV on the manufacture of soap (liquid/solid), eau de javel (bleach), menthol, face masks, Hydro alcoholic solution and support with equipment for their production for community use.

These women were trained of the production of the following items: face masks, Hydro-alcoholic gel, soap (liquid and solid), Hydro alcoholic solution, bleach/Eau de javel, and menthol.

These women were trained on income generating activities, as well as on financial management and marketing strategy (branding) to enhance their capacity in the creation and execution of COVID-19 induced business.

At the end of the training, the women and their groups were supported with start-up kits (sewing machines and kits with materials for the production of soap etc.). Participants that benefited from the training were encourage to replicate and share the knowledge gained with other members of their groups.

2.2.9. UN WOMEN PROJECT ON: IMPROVING SERVICE DELIVERY TO PLWHIV IN THE EAST, LITTORAL AND WEST REGIONS OF CAMEROON

CAMYOSFOP in partnership with UN Women equally implemented a project on improving service delivery to persons living with HIV/AIDS amid the COVID-19 pandemic. It is worthy to underscore that the project falls within the framework of the Organisation's program on the fight against HIV/AIDS and GBV prevention within vulnerable communities in Cameroon.

The project started with an inception meeting organized by UN Women to assess and evaluate CAMYOSFOP technical and operational capacity in implementing the newly awarded project. Seven major activities were thus implemented during this project as follows:

2.2.10. CAPACITY STRENGTHENING OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS ON EFFECTIVE SERVICE DELIVERY TO PLWHIV/AIDS AMIDS COVID-19, BAFOUSSAM, JULY, 2021

The situation of gender based violence has worsened with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which poses enormous challenges to the health system, including the delivery of HIV care services, which has a serious impact on the care of PLWHIV at the community level.

In view of supporting government's actions in the implementation of the National Strategy on the fight against HIV/AIDS and GBV, twenty Community Health Workers from the East, Littoral and West Regions who shared experiences on best practices to improve on service delivery to PLWHIV within their communities and contributed to the drafting of a brochure on the localization of services PLWHIV in the targeted communities.

This activity that was organized by CAMYOSFOP in partnership with UN WOMEN, held from 23 to 24 July 2021 in BAFOUSSAM at the PESSI hotel and brought together participants from the East, West and Littoral regions. The main objective was to strengthen the capacity of community health workers on effective service delivery to people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHIV) amid COVID-19.

The workshop gave room for participants to exchange and discuss on: the national strategy on the fight against HIV/AIDS amid COVID-19, how to integrate the needs of the child into HIV care, addressing the specific needs of pregnant women in HIV care, the importance of HIV service delivery and its effectiveness in reducing the rate of HIV prevalence infection in Cameroon in the context of covid-19, link between gender-based violence (GBV), human rights and HIV/AIDS and inputs into the project brochure on PLHIV care centres in the three target regions of the project.

The following recommendations came out from the workshop:

- ❖ There is a need to increase awareness campaign on stigma among PLWHIV within families;
- ❖ Community Health Workers should focus more on the psychological preparation of patients for better acceptance of Anti-Retroviral treatment;
- ❖ Strengthen communication with PLWHIV by emphasizing the difference between HIV treatment and COVID-19 treatment.

2.2.11. WORKSHOP WITH RELIGIOUS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS ON GENDER NORMS AND THEIR ROLE IN EFFECTIVE SERVICE DELIVERY TO PLWHIV/AIDS IN THE EAST, LITTORAL AND WEST REGIONS OF CAMEROON, MBALMAYO, AUGUST 2021

Gender-based violence (GBV) remains one of the most widespread and persistent problems faced by women and girls. Families and communities share tacit beliefs and rules that both promote these behaviours that are implicitly transmitted within society.

It is important to note that community/religious leaders, institutions and service providers, and law enforcement can strengthen the fight against these harmful social norms.

It is in this regard that, twenty Religious and Community Leaders improved on their skills with regards to service delivery to PLHIV during a workshop on gender norms that reduce the risk of GBV and HIV and their role in providing effective services to people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) in their communities.

The activity that was organized by CAMYOSFOP in partnership with UN Women held from 24 to 25 August 2021 in MBALMAYO, Hotel Relais Saint André, and had the following objectives:

- ✓ To build the capacity of community and religious leaders on gender norms that reduce the risk of HIV, GBV and COVID-19.
- ✓ To develop a strategy to facilitate effective service delivery for PLWHIV in targeted communities.
- ✓ To share awareness experiences on the fight against HIV/AIDS, GBV and COVID-19.

Discussions focused on: the national strategy on the fight against HIV/AIDS amid COVID-19, main HIV targets in Cameroon and the social determinants influencing patient follow-up, Gender, HIV and stigma in religious settings, Mapping and scenario of HIV and gender-based violence, Human rights-based approach to health care and in addressing HIV/AIDS stigma, feminization and discrimination among PLWHIV, key populations and vulnerable groups, the Role of Religious and Community Leaders in Providing Services to PLWHIV and equally developed o a common strategy on community mobilization for effective service delivery to PLWHIV

The activity ended with the following recommendations:

- ❖ CAMYOSFOP should develop in its programs tools specific to community leaders with a view to addressing with humanism and respect abuses related to GBV issues.
- ❖ Strengthen advocacy with health facilities for more involvement of religious and community leaders in strategies to combat stigma and discrimination among PLWHIV.
- ❖ Community Health Workers should have the obligation to create a database of responsible and irresponsible patients for better care and follow-up.
- ❖ Strengthen prevention campaigns among communities by encouraging them to adopt tips that promote protection.
- ❖ It would be important to introduce the HIV/AIDS aspect into the training curriculum for religious leaders.
- ❖ It is important for religious and community leaders to combine HIV awareness messages in traditional treatments and prayers.

2.2.12. WORKSHOP WITH VULNERABLE WOMEN AND GIRLS IN THE PREVENTION OF HIV/AIDS, GBV AND COVID-19 IN THE EAST, LITTORAL AND WEST REGIONS OF CAMEROON

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic poses enormous challenges to the health system, including service delivery of HIV, with a serious impact on the care of PLWHIV at the community level.

Conscious of this situation, CAMYOSFOP in Partnership with UN Women trained vulnerable women and girls from the Mbororo, Baka, Refugees and Women living with HIV/AIDS in the East, Littoral and West Regions of Cameroon on the prevention of HIV/AIDS, GBV and COVID-19.

These training workshops that took place in MANDJOU, DOUALA and BAFOUSSAM, falls within the framework of the implementation of the CAMYOSFOP/UN Women project on: Improving Service Delivery for People Living with HIV/AIDS, Women and Adolescent Girls in Vulnerable and Indigenous Communities in the East, Littoral and West Regions of Cameroon.

The workshops focused on:

- ✓ Strengthening the capacity of women and girls on HIV/AIDS, GBV and COVID-19 prevention
- ✓ Sharing experience on their role in the fight against HIV/AIDS, GBV and COVID-19
- ✓ Presenting the tool (Brochure) on the localization of health care service in charge of HIV in the East, Littoral and West Regions of Cameroon.

Major outcomes:

- ✓ Mapping of places at high risk of HIV/AIDS transmission and GBV in the city of BERTOUA, DOUALA and BAFOUSSAM.
- ✓ Developed a common strategies to combat these scourges.
- ✓ Participants shared their experiences in terms of good practices on their strategies and approaches for intervention and support for people living with HIV/AIDS and survivors of GBV in the community. Thus enriched knowledge of the participants who took commitments to replicate positive actions, taking into account the realities of their community contexts.

Recommendations.

- ❖ Community Leaders and peer educators must be able to refer the cases observed to the competent authorities.
- ❖ CAMYOSFOP should undertake systematic evaluations with beneficiaries for better impact/results evaluation;
- ❖ Increase awareness among the young population to adopt better attitudes towards the prevention and transmission of HIV/AIDS;
- ❖ Community leaders and peer educators should develop communication strategies specific to each priority target during awareness-raising;
- ❖ Community Leaders and peer educators must be able to refer the cases observed to the competent authorities.

2.2.13. SENSITIZATION CAMPAIGN THROUGH FILM PROJECTON ON THE PREVENTION OF GBV/HIV IN THE BAKA COMMUNITY OF MAYOS, EAST REGION OF CAMEROON, NOVEMBER, 2021

Despite the government strategies put in place to address various challenges relating to the situation of women and girls, this category of persons living in rural areas of the East, Littoral and West regions of Cameroon continue to face the devastating consequences of the HIV/AIDS and GBV that have been exacerbated since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. To be more effective, the government relies on all the actors capable of providing an effective response to these scourges through a vast mechanism of awareness throughout the national territory.

It is with this in mind that a sensitization campaign through film projections on HIV/AIDS prevention and GBV was organized in the Baka Community of MAYOS from 04-05 November 2021. This mass sensitization organized by CAMYOSFOP/UN Women touched about 1000 people from the community and the vast media outreach equally also contributed in sensitizing people in other communities and surroundings.

Worthy to note is the fact that the approach of sensitizing through film projection was very innovative and community member greatly appreciated the initiative, given that it facilitated understanding of the themes that were discussed. Thus awareness was raised among women, girls and the entire community on the prevention of HIV/AIDS, GBV and COVID-19. Experiences shared on their roles in the fight against HIV/AIDS, GBV and COVID-19. At the end of the activity, the members of community committed to intensify the fight against GBV and HIV/AIDS and developed a strategy to combat GBV and HIV/AIDS.

Aside of the film projections, about 35 people received medical assistance and 45 people received psycho-social counselling.

2.2.14. CONTROL ARMS PROJECT ON: CONSULTATION WITH KEY GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARMS TRADE TREATY (ATT) BY THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON, NOVEMBER 2021

Fifteen members from Key Government Ministries and Civil Society Organizations (CSO) were brought together to evaluate the level of implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) by Cameroon during a Consultation meeting that took place on November 18th 2021, at MINREX.

Moderated by MINREX, discussions focused on three major points: The state of implementation of the ATT in Cameroon by the SYNTIA platform; Cameroon's participation in the Conference of States Parties to the ATT and the recommendations of CSP7 and Prospects for the implementation of the ATT and Cameroon's participation in the upcoming Conference of States Parties-CSP8.

A memo of SYNTIA's activities since 2018 to 2021 was presented. Created by ministerial decision on 14 September 2018, SYNTIA is an inter-ministerial platform in charge of the development of a secure national system for the fight against the illicit proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) in the Sub-Region. As such, SYNTIA is placed to be an important step in the effective implementation of the various arms control Conventions to which Cameroon is a State party.

Furthermore, Cameroon effectively participated to the Seventh Conference of States Parties to the ATT which took place in 2020 in Geneva, under the theme: "*Consolidation of efforts to*

eradicate the phenomenon of the illicit circulation of small arms and light weapons and to ensure their effective stockpile management". Cameroon's delegation was tasked to mobilize the assistance of bilateral and multilateral partners to complete this implementation at the national and sub-regional levels. From this participation to CSP7, recommendations and engagements, general and specific, were also presented by two members of the Cameroon delegation.

The Consultation meeting ended up with key recommendations that are:

- ❖ SYNTHIA should initiate reflections on the development of a National Plan of Action on Arms Control in Cameroon in collaboration with other key actors;
- ❖ SYNTHIA should undertake investigative actions in order to follow up and fast track within the administrations the process of institutionalization of the Cameroon NatCom;
- ❖ In order to contribute to Cameroon's diplomatic influence at the national level, SYNTHIA and key administrations will have to take measures to improve the visibility of Cameroon's actions in the fight against the illicit proliferation of weapons in Cameroon. This not only through recognized international channels and tenets, but also through the production and sharing of relevant documentation.
- ❖ Key administrations and SYNTHIA should make more efforts to popularize the content of their commitments under the ATT and the Kinshasa Convention, by disseminating relevant and available documentation on arms control within their respective services. This could be a compilation of documents like: the Kinshasa Convention, the Arms Trade Treaty, the Cameroon 2016 Law on SALW, as well as Manuals and Guides produced by CAMYOSFOP.
- ❖ SYNTHIA should engage reflections on an effective monitoring and evaluation system concerning capacity building of administrative staff;
- ❖ As part of the participation in CSP8, Cameroon representatives should focus their interventions on the actions undertaken by Cameroon for the implementation of UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, Resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security. In this sense, the involvement of MINPROFF, CNJC and MINJEC in the preparation process of CSP8 is strongly encouraged;
- ❖ As an action in this direction, it will be a question of: seizing the opportunity to organize a side event / side event during the CSP8, presenting the state of implementation of the ATT since its ratification by Cameroon to the present day, as well as good practices;
- ❖ Increase the number of internal strategic meetings to monitor developments;
- ❖ In order to avoid duplication, organize a consultation meeting between the members of the SYNTHIA platform and the participants in the present meeting, for the harmonization and synchronization of activities;

3. OUTCOMES

3.1. Capacity building of staff

Institutional and operational capacity strengthening are very essential to the growth of every structure in view of achieving her set goal and objectives. CAMYOSFOP has always shown major concern by encouraging the personal and professional development of her staff through the years.

Two of CAMYOSFOP's staff; Brenda LUKONG and William KEIMMONE improved on their skills and acquired new techniques on peace building as they benefited from two capacity building trainings organised by the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon (PCC) Peace office BUEA; titled, Training of Trainers (TOT) on Peace and Conflict Transformation and training on Creative Arts for Peace.

This places the Organization at the frontline as she is now internationally certified and empowered to train community members on peace, conflict, violence, non-violent communication.

4. OTHERS

4.1. Level of awareness

CAMYOSFOP engaged the media that is; the Television, Radio and social media to raise awareness on her various programs and activities. She equally published some training manuals and policy documents which intensified the impact of her actions. This hard work and outstanding achievements thus, earned her some public recognitions and Awards.

4.2. Publications /policy documents

- ✓ Training Manual on data collection on SDG 16. 4.2 On Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) in the Economic Community of Central Africa States (ECCAS)
- ✓ Brochure on the localization of health care service in charge of HIV in the East, Littoral and West Regions of Cameroon.
- ✓ Analytical Baseline Report: SDG 16.4.2 on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) in the Economic Community of Central Africa States (ECCAS)
- ✓ The Voice of Peace Special Anniversary Magazine; 'Over the Years: Our Trajectory'
- ✓ The Voice of Peace; 35 Years After: CAMYOSFOP Celebrates Prof Fonlon, The Pathfinder

4.3. Public recognitions/awards

CAMEROON HEROES; GAICAM IMPACT AWARD -2020 on: Remarkable Cameroon Hero Impact Peace Advocate. Outstanding records, achievements, Impact and Promotion of Socio-Economic Growth and Development in his community and the nation at large.

Winner of The Guardian Post 2020 Civil Society Champion of The Year Award; for championing the fight against the flow of illicit weapons Cameroon.

Award from RECSA recognizing her role in the coordination of the 2020 AU/UN/RECSA Amnesty Month Project Activities in the Republic of Cameroon.

5. PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL EVENTS

Participant's Names	Purpose of the event	Outcome of the event
<p>Ngalim Eugene (Executive Director)</p> <p>Suwun Rita Beri (Programs Officer)</p>	<p>The event was organized in line with the COVID 19 Transparency and Accountability Project (CTAP) which seeks to advocate for accountability, transparency, and open governance while strengthening civic awareness and ensuring that targeted government use COVID 19 intervention funds effectively in 7 African Countries.</p> <p>The symposium was organized by Actions for Development and Empowerment (ADE) on April 23rd in Yaounde</p>	<p>A snapshot of Findings from ADE's Research on the Covid-19 Transparency and Accountability in Cameroon was presented.</p> <p>A Coalition of civil society organizations working to promote transparency and accountability in government was created.</p>
	<p>Consultation meeting with the UN Joint mission to Cameroon on the regional stabilization strategy on the fight Boko Haram in the Lake Chad Basin. Yaounde, February 22nd</p>	<p>CSOs shared their experiences on promotion of Peace, security and the fight against violent extremism in Cameroon.</p> <p>Difficulties and solutions on the fight against Boko Haram were also highlighted</p>
<p>Ngalim Eugene (Executive Director)</p>	<p>Workshop on: national development plan (snd30) and sustainable development goals review organised by Sightsavers, yaounde, 21 to 23 December 2021</p> <p>Main objective: To familiarise civil society organizations (CSOs) with the National Development Strategy (SND30) and its alignment to the SDGs, in view of the 2022 National Voluntary Review (VNR)</p>	<p>A committee made up of 11 members was set-up and were tasked to produce a Sample of the Reporting format of CSOs Complementary VNR by the end of December 2021.</p>

<p>Suwun Rita Beri (Programs Officer)</p>	<p>Visioning and Planning Workshops on Economic Recovery and Resilience Plan (ERRP) in Yaounde. Organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), May 17 – 19, 2021, Yaounde</p>	<p>Participants made inputs on the Economic Recovery and Resilience Plan by identifying the key priorities, actions and resources required to implement interventions that will strengthen the economic and financial resilience of the city of Yaoundé.</p> <p>Stakeholders were fully informed of the project's status.</p>
	<p>Validation meeting of Cameroon's Economic Resilience and Recovery Plan organized by UNECA in partnership with the Yaounde Municipal Council, November 30th 2021, Yaounde</p>	<p>The Urban Economic and Financial Resilience Diagnostic Report was validated.</p>
<p>AMAA Francisca (Research and Policy Development officer)</p> <p>KEIMMONE William (Programs Associate)</p>	<p>Workshop on strengthening the managerial and operational capacities of Cameroonian CSOs. Organized by CHOI, from 20 to 22 January 2021, Yaounde, Mvolye</p>	<p>Attestations of participation delivered</p>
<p>Brenda LUKONG (Communications officer)</p> <p>William KEIMMONE (Programs officer)</p>	<p>5th Training of trainers workshop on Peace and conflict Transformation, organized by PCC Peace Office, from 14 to 24 march 2021 at Victoria Guest House, Limbe</p>	<p>2 International Certificates on Peace and conflict Transformation delivered</p>
<p>Suwun Rita Beri (Programs Officer)</p> <p>Brenda LUKONG (Communications officer)}</p>	<p>African Conference on debt and development, organized by ADIN/AFRODAD, Yaounde, August 26th 2021</p> <p>Objective: Citizen mobilization to strengthen accountability, transparency and governance</p>	<p>Communique with outcomes produced</p>

	<p>Consultative Meeting with Civil Society Organizations and Journalists organized by THE SAVING-LIFE ENTITY (SALIENT), May 21st 2021 at MINREX, Yaounde.</p> <p>The aim was: work together to support states chosen for the pilot phase to tackle the problem of the illicit flow of Small Arms and Light Weapons. (Cameroon and Jamaica)</p>	<p>A technical document from UNDP to be shared with CSOs for their inputs.</p>
<p>Brenda LUKONG {Communications officer}</p> <p>William KEIMMONE (Programs officer)</p>	<p>Restitution Conference of trainees on Creative Art for Peace, organized by the PCC Peace Office, from 25 to 28 November 2021, Limbe, Victoria Guest House.</p> <p>The aim was: To consolidate capacities on Film for peace, Forum Theater for peace, Painting for peace; and To brainstorm, produce and showcase to the public various peace videos, peace painting, and peace sketches.</p>	<p>Various peace videos, peace painting, and peace sketches created that can be shared with public</p>
<p>William KEIMMONE (Programs officer)</p>	<p>Impact Evaluation workshop on the actions of the members of the Campaign against Killer Robots in Cameroon, organized by WILPF, September 21, Handicraft Center, and Yaounde.</p> <p>The aim was: To commemorate the 4th edition of the International day of Peace by focusing on the issue of Killer Robots and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Cameroon context.</p>	<p>A strategic document with recommendations to engage further the government on the issue of Killer Robots</p> <p>An Advocacy plan adopted for 2022 and Draft of an advocacy document with key definitions on the Killer Robots</p> <p>Opportunity to join the Campaign as implementing partner by submitting an application in 2022</p>
<p>William KEIMMONE (Programs officer)</p>	<p>National Symposium on Localizing the African Union Continental Framework on Youth, Peace and Security in Cameroon, organized by Local Youth Corner, 28th-30th October 2021, Chamber of agriculture, Yaounde</p>	<p>An advocacy plan on Localizing the key areas of the AUCFYPS: Participation, Protection, Prevention, and Partnerships and Reintegration</p> <p>A Declaration on the engagement of Cameroon Youth Leaders to</p>

	<p>The aim was: To enlighten Youth leaders on the importance of a National Action Plan on YPS in Cameroon. To point out the position of Youths on the contents of the NAP on YPS in Cameroon.</p>	<p>promote the AUCFYPS in their communities</p>
<p>Suwun Rita Beri (Programs Officer)</p> <p>William KEIMMONE (Programs officer)</p>	<p>UNOCA meeting on Economic Resilience in Yaounde</p>	
<p>MBIJIGOH RUTH (Communication's Associate)</p>	<p>Consultative Meeting with Civil Society Organizations and Journalists organized by the SAVING-LIFE ENTITY (SALIENT) at MINREX, May 21st 2021.</p> <p>The aim was: work together to support states chosen for the pilot phase (Cameroon and Jamaica) to tackle the problem of the illicit flow of Small Arms and Light Weapons.</p>	<p>A technical document from UNDP to be shared with CSOs for inputs.</p>
	<p>Consultation workshop on: Building open spaces for youth participation in peace building processes in Cameroon : organized by Women in Alternative Action Yaounde, December, 21st, 2021</p>	<p>An exchange platform between youths and national security agents was created</p>

6. PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

NAME	EVENT	OUTCOME
<p>Mr Ngalim Eugine Executive Director, CAMYOSFOP</p>	<p>CSO Consultation and drafting workshop on the AU Theme of the year 2021, organized by ECOSOCC , 27-30 September, Chisamba, Zambia</p> <p>Main objectives:</p> <p>To reflect on the socio-economic and political development and challenges of the Continent with particular focus on the African Union 2021 theme of the year ‘The Arts, Culture and Heritage: Leavers for Building the Africa we want’</p> <p>To develop a Policy Booklet by CSO’s that address the various socio-economic and political challenges affecting the Continent.</p> <p>Third Technical Workshop on Civil Society (CSO) engagement within the APSA framework</p> <p>Organized by the ECOSOCC Secretariat, 26-28 October 2021,Zambia</p> <p>The primary objective of the Workshop was to develop a 2022 project</p> <p>Implementation work plan for the operationalization of the Plan of Action based on the approval and adoption by the EU APSA IV Steering Committee. Specifically,</p>	<p>Finalized 2022 project implementation work plan.</p> <p>Enhanced understanding on the respective roles of ECOSOCC, COMESA, RECs/RMs and PAPS Department in implementation of the project.</p>
<p>Suwun Rita Beri (Programs Officer)</p>	<p>Youth and Children Indicator Strategic Plan Meeting organized by Reality of Aid Africa (ROA), June 7th – 8th , 2021 in Nairobi, Kenya</p>	<p>Key dimensions for Youth and Children Indicator for development effectiveness were adopted.</p> <p>A strategic Action Plan for the period June2021 –2022 on the</p>

		Youth and Children Indicator was developed
	Technical Working Group on Youth and Children Indicator meeting organized by Reality of Aid Africa (ROA) November 08 – 12 th in Lusaka, Zambia. The objective of the meeting was to develop a questionnaire in line with dimensions	Questions for the Youth and Children Indicators were developed. Content to be submitted to the GPEDC E-consultation on the monitoring proposal was developed
	Technical Working Group on Youth and Children Indicator Meeting to Develop the methodology and technical paper for the Youth and Children Indicator organized by ROA, December 7 th – 9 th , in Nairobi, Kenya	The methodology for data collection was developed. The communication strategy for the Youth and Children Indicator was adopted.
LUKONG Brenda Berriliy (Communications Officer)	All Africa Youth Pre-Congress, organized by All Africa Conference of Churches(AACC) in Nairobi, Kenya, 24-29 October, 2021 Objective: To inspire young people to contribute to the transformation of Africa	Emergence of national and sub-regional efforts to mobilize for the congress

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