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Food items distribution to IDP women and girls from NW/SW by CAMYOSFOP in Bafia in May 2024.

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LISTS OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

CHRC: Cameroon Human Rights Commission.

CAMYOSFOP: Cameroon Youths and Students Forum for Peace.

CSW: Commission on the Status of Women.

CSO: Civil Society Organizations.

ECCAS: Economic Community of Central African States

ECOSOCC: Africa Union Economic, Social and Cultural Council.

GBV: Gender Based Violence.

ICAN: International Campaign against Nuclear Weapons

IDP: Internally Displaced People.

PSSM: Physical Security and Stockpile Management of Weapons.

JICA: Japanese International Cooperation Agency.

MINREX: Ministry of External Relations.

UNODA: United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs.

UNDP: United Nations Development Programme.

UNREC: United Nations Regional Office for Peace and Disarmament in Africa.

UNCAR: United Nations Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulations.

SALW: Small Arms and Light Weapons.

WASH: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene.

1. 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, awareness raising, advocacy and empowerment of the youth, women/girls and the most vulnerable in communities. In 2024, the Organization continued to implement with success activities designed within the framework of her programs, despite the challenges faced with the insecurity crisis in the Anglophone regions, the Northern and Eastern regions of Cameroon.

Because of the difficult financial situation, our field office in Bertoua in the East Region of Cameroon was challenged to function normally. As such there is little to write home about the office as Field Coordinator could only organize coordination meetings with other local organizations to strategize on our work on the fight against GBV and HIV within our vulnerable groups that includes the Mbororos, Barka pygmies and Women Living with HIV/AIDS as well as engaging with other organizations located in the region such as the Cameroon Human Rights Commission (CHRC), Plan International, George Town University, National Committee on fight against HIV/AIDS, UN High Commission on Refugees amongst others.

CAMYOSFOP hope that 2025 will be different from 2025 as we are working had to overcome the challenges of funding as we are moving away from traditional donors by engaging innovative ways of funding through donations and organization of artistic and fund-raising galas that will permit us to immediately fund raiser for our projects.

1.1. INTERNAL ORGANIZATION AND STRATEGIC ORIENTATION FOR RESOURCE MOBILIZATION.

The global challenges and shrinking spaces for both International and Local NGO to raise funds in view of creating impactful outcomes and improving on the lives of the most vulnerable communities in recent years, calls for concern. As such, 2024 was the most difficult financial year for CAMYOSFOP as none of proposal were funded by any donor. Projects implemented were all funded in 2023. This has prompted CAMYOSFOP to rethink her fund-raising strategy thus focusing on internal community mobilization of resources. Based on this a project on the provision of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) services to Internally Displaced (ID) women and girls from the North West and South West regions of Cameroon spread across the Centre, Littoral and West regions of Cameroon was jointly designed with some Afro American Women presently fund raising through donations and events in the US. We hope that through this project, CAMYOSFOP will start enjoying some financial stability and sustainability of her programme on promoting gender equality, ending violence against women and girls and empowering vulnerable women groups economically.

2. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES

COLLABORATION WITH PARTNERS

As a multi-functional hub, CAMYOSFOP collaborates with multi-functional partners operating the various domains of its programmes including peace and security, arms control. Fight against GBV, Development Effectiveness and Climate Change. These partners are UN Women, UNODA, UNDP, UNREC, AU ECOSOC, IANSA, Control Arms, ICAN, ECCAS, GGF, Ministry of External Relations (MINREX), Ministry of Women Empowerment and the

Family (MINREX), Ministry of Youth and Civic Education (MINJEC), Ministry of Secondary Education (MINESEC) and the International Relations Institute of Cameroon (IRIC) amongst others. ECCAS and MINREX have been outstanding in facilitating the various regional projects implemented by CAMYOSFOP.

2.1. ARMS CONTROL PROGRAM

2.1.1. SUB - REGIONAL TRAINING ON PSSM AS TOOL FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST DIVERSION, 24 – 26 APRIL 2024, YAOUNDE.

The sub regional training on Physical Security and Stockpile Management of Weapons (PSSM) as a toll for the fight against the diversion of SALW in Central Africa, funded by UN Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation (UNSCAR) brought together the 11 member states of ECCAS to learn new skills, brainstorm and share experiences on the most efficient technics of managing weapons and ammunitions.

This training organized by CAMYOSFOP with the financial support of UN Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation (UNSCAR) and with the collaboration of the Cameroonian Government through MINREX, UNREC, ECCAS, UNOCA, RECSA was chaired by Mr. Mouandjo Mouandjo Ebénézer, Director of the United Nations and Decentralize Cooperation at the Ministry of External Relations (MINREX). UNODA was represented by Dr Ivor Richard Fung, the Chief of Conventional Arms Branch and in charge of UNSCAR.



Opening ceremony of the workshop. Courtesy of CAMYOSFOP

Outcome of the project.

- At the end of the training, member states of ECCAS committed themselves to strengthening their arms control measures through enhanced cooperation, best practice sharing, institutional support, contributing to the sub regional electronic data based on SALW, exchange visits and timely reporting of the PoA and the Kinshasa Convention.
- The training Manual for Practitioners in Central Africa on Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM) developed for the training was adopted as a tool to facilitate national capacity-strengthening workshops for stakeholders involved in arms control.

- Cameroon, CAMYOSFOP and ECCAS later concerted on strengthening coordination through an established secretariat for the implementation of the Kinshasa Convention and follow up of the outcomes of trainings like the PSSM.

2.2. PROGRAM ON ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

2.2.1. UN WOMEN/CAMYOSFOP PROJECT ON: “BUILDING PROTECTION CAPACITIES OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IDPS HOSTED IN 5 MUNICIPALITIES OF THE WEST, LITTORAL AND CENTRE REGIONS,” JANUARY –MAY 2024

This project was implemented from January to May 2024 in partnership with the Ministry of Women’s Empowerment and the Family, sister UN Agencies, local councils within the framework of decentralization, the civil society organizations (CSOs) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The project targeted vulnerable women and girls, IDPs and host communities in 6 municipalities in three regions, including Babadjou and Dschang in the West region, Loum and Djombe Penja in the Littoral, Bafia and Ombessa in the Centre region.

In 2024 CAMYOSFOP finalized the implementation of 7 key activities in Bafia and Ombessa under 2 main outcomes:

Outcome 1: Vulnerable women and girls IDPs and host population are locally supported and live protected in a safe environment

Outcome 2: Vulnerable women IDPs and host population live in health and their dignity restored in a sanitized environment.



Training session of IDP Women on the production of reusable pads: Courtesy of CAMYOSFOP

Outcome of the project.

- 352 women IDPs GBV survivors and at risk of GBV, 58 host community women and 91 girls received psychosocial support
- 50 Women and girls IDP and Host Communities of Bafia and Ombessa are trained on micro finance management of petit businesses and how to draft good business plan.
- 37 GBV survivors and women at risk of GBV, received financial support (100,000F) and operate sustainable livelihood activities (petit trading)
- About 3000 persons sensitised during the side event on the outcome of the JSB project through the projection of a video documentary on the project during CSW68
- 200 IDP women and girls received sanitary pads while 63 IDP women and girls received food items during the project.

2.2.2. ORGANIZATION OF A SIDE EVENT DURING CSW68 ON: PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWERING VULNERABLE WOMEN GROUPS IN CAMEROON.

As a women rights organization, each year CAMYOSFOP organize a side event during the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) held in the month of March each year at the UN headquarters. The CAMYOSFOP event for the CSW68 that took place on 12 March 2024 from 4.30pm at the Amernian Cultural Centre brought together government institutions, UN Agencies and CSOs from Cameroon and beyond to learn about CAMYOSFOP efforts in the promotion of gender equality and fight against gender-based violence (GBV) within vulnerable women groups by empowering them economically. The above projects funded by UN Women from 2015 to date with the support of the Ministry of Women Empowerment and the Family (MINPROFF) was presented through 3 short video documentaries of 15 minutes each shut in each of the project sites in Bertoua and Mayos in the East, Tiko and Buea in the South West, and Bafia and Ombessa in the Centre region of Cameroon.



Group picture of participants at the end of the event. Courtesy of CAMYOSFOP

The event chaired by H.E. NYANID Zacharie Serge Paul, Charge d’Affairs at the Cameroon’s Mission to the United Nations in New York had the following panellists.

1. Mr. NGALIM Eugene Nyuydine, Executive Director of CAMYOSFOP.
2. Mrs Martine ONGOLA, Director of Women Empowerment at the Ministry of Women Empowerment.
3. Mrs Valerie Mengue, UN Women.
4. Mrs Jennet KEM, Resident Representative of UN Women country office, Rwanda.
5. Ms. Wanja Kaaria- Ndoho - Representative and Country Director, World Food Programme (WFP) Cameroon.



Panelists of the event. From L – R: Mrs Wanja Kaaria – Ndoho, Res Rep of WFP, Mrs. Jennet Kem, Res. Rep of UN Women Rwanda, and, Mrs Martine Ongola, Director of Women Empowerment MINPROFF.

Outcome of the event.

- Participants learn more about how CSOs especially CAMYOSFOP’s collaborate with UN Women and the government in the promotion of gender equality, and the empowerment of vulnerable women groups in Cameroon.
- The synergy between government and CSOs is reinforced on developing more strategies on promoting gender equality and empowering vulnerable women groups, through awareness raising, capacity building and economic empowerment in tackling their challenges thus alleviating poverty, fighting against SGBV and HIV, hence the achievement of SDGs 1 on Poverty, 2 on health, 4 on education, 5 on gender equality, 8 on sustained economic growth and decent work for All.

- Because of the event, CAMYOSFOP Afro – American women present in the hall and WFP got interested in CAMYOSFOP work on promoting gender equality and fighting against GBV within vulnerable women groups.
- The CAMYOSFOP project on protecting the rights of IDP women in Bafia and Ombessa has been extended to providing Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) services to IDP women and girls not only in Bafia and Ombessa but covering five regions of Cameroon that include: North West, South West, Centre, Littoral and West Regions of Cameroon.

2.3. PROMOTING EXEMPLARY FIGURES - SELF-IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITY.

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 the contribution of some national figures in the promotion of peace, morality, unity and national cohesion. As such, Prof. Bernard Nsokika Fonlon noted for his moral and intellectual prowess was singled out as the first national figure that could be emulated by the youth based on his values of Integrity, honesty, hard work and determination. By promoting Fonlon, CAMYOSFOP hopes to contribute in creating a better version of the Cameroonian youths through whom Fonlon' vision could be traced in both character and career wise. Since 2004 CAMYOSFOP has therefore been researching and collecting data for the publication of this hero titled: Legacy of Benard Nsokika Fonlon: 1924 – 1986.



Some members of the Fonlon's project Steering Committee. Courtesy of CAMYOSFOP

Prof. Bernard Nsokika Fonlon was a Cameroonian intellectual and philosopher from Nso 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 include; 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 the rest of the world, 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.

Outcome of the project.

- A steering Committee was created in 2022 to oversee the publication project on the legacy of Prof. Fonlon.
- Much progress has been made in the publication of the legacy of fonlon as most of the chapters are almost completed.
- The manuscript of Fonlon's last publication titled "The Pathfinder" has been traced and presently being put together by the Rector of the Saint Aquinas Major Seminary in Bambui.
- On 27th November 2024 the Steering Committee celebrated the centenary of Fonlon.
- Since 2022, the steering Committee has commemorated the death day of Fonlon which is the 26 of August 1086.

3. RECOGNITION AND VISIBILITY OF CAMYOSFOP

3.1. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

In 2024, CAMYOSFOP received three Awards through the Executive Director, NGALIM Eugene Nyuydine.

- ✓ In July 2024 during the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Africa Union Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC), Mr Ngalim was recognized in the ECOSOCC Roll of Honour FOR his role as the Chair of the Peace and Security Cluster of ECOSOCC from 2015 - 2019 in promoting the Livingstone Formula on the involvement of the civil society in the promotion of peace, security and the stability of Africa.
- ✓ In October 2024, Mr Ngalim was recognized by the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon (PCC) as the man of the year for peace and social cohesion in Cameroon.
- ✓ In December 2024, Mr Ngalim was recognized by the Guardian Post newspaper as one of the influential civil society personalities in Cameroon.
- ✓ It is equally worthy to note that, Mr Ngalim was sworn in as a member of the ECOSOCC Disciplinary Committee.

3.2. LEVEL OF AWARENESS

CAMYOSFOP through the Television, Radio and social media (particularly her web page, Facebook and Twitter) raised awareness on her various programs and activities. This gave a wider visibility to the Organization projecting the impact and outcomes of their work on the communities and beneficiaries.



AU ECOSOCC Roll of Honour Award on the involvement of CSOs in the promotion of peace, security and the stability in Africa, July 2024: Courtesy of CAMYOSFOP



PCC Man of the year Award for the promotion of peace and Social Cohesion in Cameroon, October 2024: Courtesy of CAMYOSFOP.

4. INVITATION TO EVENTS.

4.1. PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL EVENTS

No	Inviting institution	Venue and date	Nature and Purpose of the Invitation
1.	Office of the Resident Coordinator of UN in Cameroon and the Ministry of Youth and Civic Education (MINJEC)	Yaounde. August 19, 2024	Youth Contribution and responsibilities in achieving the SDGs
2.	CAMYOSFOP and a Consortium of CSOs	Bertoua, 21 September 2024	Consultation with youth leaders in the East of Cameroon on integration and social cohesion as prerequisite for peace in Cameroon
3.	Ministry of External Relations (MINREX)	MINREX, Yaounde, 12 – 14 September 2024. IRIC, 22 October 2024	National preparatory workshop on Cameroon’s participation in the Summit of the Future. Feedback workshop on the implementation of the Summit of the Future titled, Cameroon: Locomotive of the implementation of the Declaration of Future Generations in Central Africa.
4.	Women for Change (WFAC)	Yaounde, 16 – 18 October 2024	Sub regional consultation on the evaluation of the Beijing Declaration on the rights of women 30 years after.
5.	UN Women and Norwegian Refugee Council	Yaounde, 23 – 24 October 2024	Training on technical and organizational capacity in humanitarian response.
6.	Ministry of Youth and Civic Education (MINJEC)	IRIC, 20 – 22 November 2024	Colloquium on the elaboration of a National Action Plan on UNSCR 2022 on Youth, Peace and Security.
7.	UN Women	Yaounde, 2 December 2024.	Meeting on evaluating the implementation of Gender Desk in Cameroon.
8.	British High Commission	Yaounde, 11 December 2024	Experience sharing on 16 days of activism against GBV.

PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

NO	Inviting Institution	Venue and date	Nature and Purpose of the Event
1.	Governance and Human Rights Division- Directorate for Governance and Conflict Prevention, (DPAPS)	Addis Ababa, 13 February 2024.	Side event at sidelines of AU Summit“Ensuring the right to equitable and inclusive quality education to break and prevent cycles of Violence in Africa, by harnessing the development and peace potential of the people to achieve the Africa we want”.
2.	Africa Union, Political Affairs, Peace and Security (PAPS), Commission and	Nairobi, 29 April to 2 May 2024	Consultative workshop to review the Human Rights Based Approach to Conflict Prevention Framework (HRBA-CPF), the African Media

	Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS).		Monitoring (AMM), African reporter tools and to Review and identify Human Rights Indicators for the AU Continental Early Warning System (CEWS).
3.	United Nations Office for Dis armament Affairs (UNODA)	New York, 17 – 27 June 2024	Fourth Review Conference on the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons (PoA).
4.	Africa Union Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC).	Accra, 16 – 20 July 2024	Pre-validation and multistakeholder meeting on the CSO peace and security database & the ECOSOCC20 commemorative activities.
5.	Control Arms	Geneva, 19 – 23 August 2024.	10 th Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT).
6.	ECOSOCC	New York, 19 – 23 September 2024.	African civil society dialogue on the Pact for the Future.
7.	ECOSOCC	Johannesburg, 12 – 14 November 2024	Expert technical meeting on the finalization of the Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) curriculum and platform.
8.	ECOSOCC	11 – 13 December 2024	Second Ordinary Session of the ECOSOCC Fourth Permanent General Assembly.
9.	ECOSOCC	Tripoli, 19 – 23 December 2024.	Consultations with Libyan authorities on the Libyan peace process.

5. FUNDING OF CAMYOSFOP PROJECTS

Because of the effects of COVID19, the Ukrainian and the Palestinian/Israeli conflicts and inflation that seriously affected funding, 2024 became the worst year for funding of CAMYOSFOP's projects. Never-the-less, the following partners provided minimum funding for CAMYOSFOP projects.

No.	Funder	Amount in USD
1.	UNODA through UNSCAR	99,923
2.	UN Women through the Japanese Supplementary Budget (JSB)	39,974
3.	Global GreenGrants Funds (GGF)	7,000

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- Ministry of External Relations (MIINREX).
- Ministry of Women Empowerment and the Family (MINPROFF)
- Ministry of Youth Affairs and Civic Education (MINJEC).
- Cameroon Human Rights Commission (CHRC)
- United Nations Office in Central Africa (UNOCA)
- United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)
- United Nations Regional Office for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (UNREC)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- UN Women
- United Nations Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation (UNSCAR)
- African Union Commission (AUC)
- African Union Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC)
- Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)
- Regional Centre on Small Arms in the Great Lake and Horn of Africa (RECSA).
- World Food programme (WFP).
- International Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)
- International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA)
- Control Arms (CA)
- Civil Society Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE)
- International Relations Institute of Cameroon (IRIC).
- Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES)
- Africa Development Interchange Network (ADIN).
- Plan International, Cameroon.
- Cameroon National Youth Council (CNYC)
- National Platform of Civil Society Organizations of Cameroon (PLANOSCAM).
- Solutions aux Migrations Clandestines (SMIC)
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)
- Presbyterian Church in Cameroon (PCC)
- Cameroon Heroes Impact Award.

MEDIA:

- CRTV Radio and TV
- Cameroon Tribune
- The Post newspaper
- The Guardian Post newspaper
- The Median newspaper.
- Horizon Newspaper.
- News Watch newspaper
- Equinox TV
- Vision4 TV
- Spectrum TV.

In case any organization or media that facilitated our work in 2023 is not mentioned, please accept our apologies.