**“FROM HOUSE TO HOME: A DREAM COME TRUE”**

**(A Sphere-modelled CEPROCUL-SELAVIP housing project**

**on Rights and local materials promotion)**

Through this endeavour**,** we provide hope, satisfaction and life-time fulfilment to the needy and marginalized urban communities of Bamenda 2 Sub Division with respect to the recommendations of *Sphere* Protection Principles, WASH, as well as Minimum Standards in Shelter and Resettlement. The project consists of providing durable solutions to the housing and sanitation insufficiencies of these communities through time tested construction approaches and stepping up awareness among local authorities and policy-designers on the rights to housing, safety and dignity of this vulnerable citizenry. With the support of local traditional and administrative authorities, SELAVIP and other local partners, 60 households of Ntarikon, Azire/Nitop, Ntaturu, Mile 90 and Atuakom/ New Bell Quarters of Bamenda 2 Sub Division shall have their dream of ever having a house or descent toilet concretized and thus enjoy the comfort and peace of mind that reigns in a home and that comes with such a life-time fulfilment (See current state of sample habitats & rest houses attached) This, we are sure, shall guarantee their dignity, psychological health and economic progress and community development. As in our previous projects, a vulnerability and capacity evaluation was carried and a data disaggregation effected to make sure we support “those who have a right to assistance in a non-discriminatory manner and who need it most” (*Sphere Project*, 2011, p.248). These shall be involved in the different fascets of the project: the pilot constructions, the training workshop on local material use, the rights awareness crusade supported chiefly by SELAVIP, MINAS, MINHDU, MINEPDED, MIPROMALO, the National Commission of Human Rights & Freedoms and their Regional representations in the North-West; administrative & traditional authorities, the Bamenda 2 Council, CENCOM2000, as well as the participants themselves. Indeed, this project shall very considerably be a humanitarian response to the development emergencies of these communities in accordance with Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

It is therefore our objective to step-up the rights awareness, sanitary conditions and dignity fulfillment of these most vulnerable urban peoples. This 2018 SELAVIP-CEPROCUL project, like our 2017 project in Nkwen- Bamenda 3 Sub Division, shall be implemented following local customary, ecological, economic and environmental urbanization ethics. Through this, we are sure to restore the safety, health, dignity, and rights of the 60 participating households and the hundreds others to be impacted. We commit ourselves to attain this goal, to the best of our ability, in accordance with the minimum standards of *The Sphere Project* in WASH and Shelter/Settlement.

**PROBLEMS THIS PROJECT SEEKS TO SOLVE**

This project seeks to solve the following problems in the Bamenda 2 Sub Division:

* The loding insufficiencies of the community people;
* The unhealthy sanitation problems the people face;
* The marginalization and neglect of these people;
* The non-respect of the communities’ rights, dignity, safety, shelter and welbeing;
* The poverty-striken and psychologically broken mindset of the urban dwellers;
* Joblessness, delinquency and lack of vocational training opportunities.

**HOW THIS PROJECT HELPS TO SOLVE THEM**

* The pilot construction shall not only help to minimise the housing problems faced and respond to needs in housing, but shall essentially provide cost-effective technics in building with local materials. This way, the people shall be educated on the need for self-reliance instead of looking up to government for their housing needs and their judicious use of their environment.
* The toilets constructed shall greatly reduce the possiblity of spreading diseases and other health harzards. It helps in building the people’s resilence sustainably and their disaster risk reduction (DRR) potentials.
* The vocational training workshop shall provide new or improved building technics and training for a number of builders and intending builders. These shall be provided jobs within the project to fight unemployment, idleness and delinquency. This way, povery shall be alleviated among these communities.
* Businesses in these localities shall witness a boom and more cash flow especially with the supply of materials to construction sites and families involved in the building process in one way or the other shall touch additional cash.
* By involving government institutions, the council and other facilitators, we hope to make up for the neglect and marginalization which these people are suffering from. Through our project therefore, these stakeholders shall be conscientized on the rights of these people and the need to take their needs into account when designing development policies.

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