CEPROCUL TAKES ACTIVE PART IN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT. IMPRESSIONS & PERSPECTIVES:

Hear some Local Authorities speak

Mr. JICK Barnabas NW Regional Delegation, Youth Affairs Bamenda *Local partner*

When the news of SELAVIP came to us, we could not imagine that an organization could do what they asked us to do. We asked for CEPROCUL's action plan which was brought to us. We said okay, this is the plan on paper, we shall get to the field and see exactly how far they intend to go in helping the needy. And frankly, I am speaking today with a smile because through out the field visit we have made from Atuakom through New Layout, I see excellent transformation in the lives of the citizens of this municipality. Also, I could visibly see the joy on the faces of the various families that are the pilot beneficiaries here in the region.

I am particularly thankful to SELAVIP for a project like this. Its impact is immediate and visible. As an active observer, I want to stress that on the issue of the needs of the people of this municipality, after feeding, housing is the next and it is a crucial issue...

My only wish is that the project should continue and the government through its ministry of Youth Affairs will continue to give its support to Ceprocul. When you touch a family, you touch the future, and the future of any country lies in the hands of young persons. I think it is highly a psychological issue. When the youths are not satisfied with their housing conditions, truly, they will do nothing. But I believe when they are comfortable, they can think better. As the son of a beneficiary said, he was ashamed at times to bring friends to their compound because when he compared theirs to what his father had in the name of a house, it was not befitting at all to bring a friend.... He thinks he can now invite his friends home. That is a kind of hope. We therefore think this project should extend. Most people in Bamenda could be beneficiaries in this project because most people in Bamenda face a housing problem. I know the means are quite limited, but I know the God who has provided for this first phase will continue to provide and we will continue to lend our support to the project.

Rev. KENG David CBC Church Atuakom, Bamenda Facilitator

I am happy for this gesture conceived to help the needy. This is evidence that government and the project initiators have our people at heart... there are many more who stand in need. Our plea is for the initiators to think of them in next session when budgeting is done. In deed, I am really thankful to see such a gesture made for the benefit of the poor in our community.

Mr. NKONGHO Robert Ministry of Youth Affairs

Supervisory authority/ partner

We witnessed the launching of this project. We saw its pertinence when it was presented to us and our ministry decided to help in a small way. What the ministry put in was not great; it supported the project with one million francs CFA.

Now that this phase of the work is over... we are satisfied with the work we saw on the field following the field visit we have made. We are calling on the project coordinator to ensure that the project is sustained given that it does ameliorate the living conditions of the populations. The ministry will back the project as it goes along.

On behalf of my minister, I encourage the project coordinator to continue this endeavour and to ensure that the objectives spelt out in the project should be attained.

Mr. AKWA Christopher Director, CENCOM2000 Local partner

When this project was submitted to me, I said let's chip in something very little to see how it goes. Towards the end when I went to the field in Bamenda and Yaounde, I saw how people lived in abject poverty. Then I realized that what my company put in was too small.

On behalf of my company, I am sure in the next phase, we'll put in as much as possible so that the project could be extended to able more people enjoy better.