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JORGE SAID, A RENOWNED CHILEAN JOURNALIST VISITS SELAVIP- CEPROCUL PROJECTS IN YAOUNDE, CAMEROON

The famous Chilean journalist and documentary producer of international echelon, Jorge Said Maldonado, paid a work visit to Cameroon on behalf of SELAVIP in the first half of April 2018. The primordial purpose of his outing was, among others, to work with CEPROCUL and shoot a documentary movie on the several projects CEPROCUL has, for the past couple of years, executed with SELAVIP in several parts of Cameroon.

His one-week stopover in Cameroon, from Friday April 6, to Saturday April 14, 2018, was within the framework of a more than two-month tour of Africa. While in Cameroon, he reached out to vulnerable communities in the Centre, South, East and North Regions.

According to a jointly drawn up schedule, Friday April 13, was programmed for work in the CEPROCUL head office at Obili, Yaounde and a field trip to selected SELAVIP-CEPROCUL projects in the capital city. As the CEPROCUL car bearing Mr Jorge Said and the General Coordinator of CEPROCUL arrived the office premises at 10am, on hand to welcome them was the CEPROCUL team led by the Secretary General, Mr Ghislain Abomo.

The work session began with a word of prayer. The General Coordinator of CEPROCUL began the session with a presentation of CEPROCUL, its executive bureau and other staff present as well as projects realized with SELAVIP. After a presentation of himself and his mission to Cameroon in particular and Africa as a whole, the discussion that followed was a platform for the various Heads of

Programme and staff to share the contents of their programmes and activities with the SELAVIP emissary. This included Mr Anguissa Ghislain (Deputy Secretary General and Head of the Youth & Research Programme), Mme Mudoh Betsy (Head of the Women's Programme), Mme Alida Ngo Minyem (Head of the Elderly & Challenged Programme), Mr Serge Kenne (Protocol & Communication Officer), Mme Ayafor Winifred (Treasurer), among others. The work session ended with a coffee break and family photos.

The second part of the programme was devoted to the field trip to SELAVIP-CEPROCUL projects. Two projects were earmarked to be visited: the 2015 project **"From Ghetto to City of the Future"** in Yaounde 1 Sub Division and the 2016 project: **"Building Bridges across Housing Gaps"** in Yaounde 5 Sub Division. The shooting took place in the neighbourhoods of Mvog-Ekoussou, Nkolmesseng, Obam and Olembe. In each neighbourhood, the traditional authorities were, as a matter of administrative deontology, paid curtesy calls prior to touching the project sites. His Royal Majesty of Mvog-Ekoussou represented by one of his notables, Mr Mbida Nkoa Mathias, welcomed the CEPROCUL guest and expressed gratitude for the project in his community. In Nkolmesseng, HRH Ndzengue Jean-Marie was also thankful for the project and underscored his happiness to have Mr Jorge Said around. He concluded by saying his doors are open anytime to Jorge and the organisation he represents.

In the vicinities, blocks of toilets, embankments and houses constructed with SELAVIP funding were presented to the SELAVIP emissary and videos were shot on them. Shots were taken of beneficiaries responding to questions of the documentary producer on the project they participated in. The interviews also identified other pressing needs of their communities. All in all, apart from housing and sanitation needs, water crisis is an acute problem in all these communities. Jorge Said was also interested in the disaggregation of the beneficiaries by sex, age, religion and ethnicity. Men, women, boys and girls of various vulnerability backgrounds (widows, orphans, refugees/IDPs, the elderly and the challenged) were selected. The beneficiaries were of various religious backgrounds (Roman Catholics, Muslims, Presbyterians, etc.) as well as of different ethnic backgrounds (Ewondo, Beti, Bamelike, Bamoum from the Francophone part of the country, and Bakweri, Manyu, Bansa, Moghamo, etc. of the Anglophone divide). This underscored CEPROCUL's non-discriminatory strategy in the selection process.

The movie producer was also interested in highlighting the extent to which beneficiaries had further developed their projects. A good number of sites visited

had evidence of further development, notably in the areas of plastering, painting, mounting of iron door/ window frames and shorters, electrification, tiling, etc. CEPROCUL will have to revisit the projects in about two years to re-evaluate the state of advancement and envisage further intervention.

The field trip ended with a farewell dinner offered by CEPROCUL in honour of her august guest. On Saturday April 14, CEPROCUL team saw off the emissary at the Nsimalen International Airport heading for East Africa.

In sum, Jorge Said's visit was very enriching and worth it. The 15 pictures here-attached highlight various moments of the visit. We look forward to more of such exchanges in the future for the strengthening of SELAVIP-CEPROCUL ties.

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