



# CEPROCUL

## ACTION FOR THE NEEDY

(Orphans, widows, the elderly, refugees/IDPs & people living with challenges)

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### **2018/2019 PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES (October 2018 to September 2019)**

**I) Organization of a vocational training workshop** for bricklayers, builders and participants, with the assistance of MIPROMALO, MINH DU, MINJEC, SELAVIP, CENCOM2000, NCHRF/CNDHL and MINAS. The trainees shall share experiences in local material use and new cost-effective building techniques.

**II) Crusading for the housing rights and dignity of vulnerable city dwellers** and advocating for policy makers to bridge the gap in the housing, sanitation, water supply, hygiene promotion, urban land access, resettlement, alternative settlements after demolition, and land title acquisition needs of the needy. The campaign, backed by the National Commission of Human Rights & Freedoms (NCHRF/CNDHL), is intended to raise awareness in the community, among local authorities and decision-makers on the rights to housing, safety and dignity of vulnerable urban dwellers. As inscribed in International Human Rights Law, “Everyone has the right to adequate housing”.

**III) “Home at Last”: Construction of pilot houses or blocks of toilets for 55 households.** With the support of SELAVIP and other local partners, selected vulnerable urban dwellers, refugees and IDPs of the Yaounde 6 Sub Division (Centre Region, Cameroon), will see their housing status transformed through the use of local building materials (adobes, burnt or compressed bricks, torchis, stones,

or wood). This shall be within our project entitled “**Home at Last**” meant to give hope and the kind of comfort found in a home to the ‘haves-not’ in Yaounde, however minimal, in the areas of housing and sanitation in cognizance with the Sphere Protection Principles, the Minimum Standards in Shelter and Resettlement, WASH as well as some cross-cutting themes. A vulnerability and capacity assessment carried out ensures that our project “supports those who have a right to assistance in a non-discriminatory manner and who need it most” (Sphere Project, 2011, p.248). The constructed structures shall “enable affected populations to incrementally upgrade and/or make the transition from emergency to durable housing solutions” (Sphere, 2011, p. 246). The ultimate goal is to restore the dignity, safety, health and rights of the participating households and give them renewed hope. This way, we aspire to close up the gap in housing between the poorest of the poor urban dwellers and the haves, to the best of our ability in accordance with the recommendations of *The Sphere Project* minimum standards in WASH and Shelter/Settlement. Indicators realized will greatly determine success level.

**IV) Celebrating the International Day of the Environment** with the Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development (MINEPDED). MINEPDED-organized activities shall focus on the 2019 theme. CEPROCUL shall actively participate in these activities.

**V) Celebrating the World Habitat Day 2019** with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MINHDU). This celebration shall be come at the end of our housing project with SELAVIP “**Building Bridges across Housing Gaps**”. The programme content shall be determined by MINHDU.

**VI) Organization of a one-day workshop on HUMANITARIAN ACTION in November 2018** as prescribed in *The Sphere Project*. Focus shall be on “Minimum Standards in Shelter and Settlement”. Our work document shall be *The Sphere Project Handbook* and Sphere Training package for 2015 (or 2018 if already

available). Case studies shall be drawn from the Sphere experiences as well as from CEPROCUL's 2016 and 2017 Housing Projects with SELAVIP specifically **“Housing for Environmental Valorization”** implemented in Bamenda 3 Sub Division and **“Building Bridges across Housing Gaps”** realized in Yaounde 5 Sub Division.

**VII) Celebrating the World AIDS Day 2018** with Synergies Africaines/ African Synergy against HIV/AIDS and other Sufferings. The programme contents and the theme shall be defined by our partner in accordance with the theme from the Ministry of Public Health (MINSANTE) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

**VIII) Celebrating the International Human Rights Day 2018** with the National Commission of Human Rights & Freedoms (NCHRF/CNDHL) and other partners. The Commission shall spearhead the commemoration. CEPROCUL shall design its programme from the Commission's.

**IX) “Tracking Gender 2019”** shall be based on transforming 30 previously constructed pilot blocks of toilets/baths in Bamenda 2 and Yaounde 5 into gender-sensitive and decent resources for marginalized vulnerable families including women and children. **The** pilot blocks of toilets/baths consist of two toilets and a bath or three toilets and two baths, depending on the household size and shall consist of mounting shorters, plastering, painting, etc. The transformation is the core concern of “affected populations [trying desperately] to incrementally upgrade [the pilot constructed units in Phase one] and/or make the transition from emergency to durable solutions” (Sphere, 2011, p.246).

**X) “Sourcing Resources 2019”:** CEPROCUL shall in collaboration with its partners hold **an information or capacity building workshop on human rights and the environment with focus on the place of women and girls**, for beneficiaries, youth/women groups, associations, community leaders, local

administrative/traditional authorities with the assistance of the regional representations of MINHDU, MINJEC, MIPROMALO, MINEPDED, MINAS, NCHRF/CNDHL and the Councils.

**XI) “My Dignity, My Right”** shall advocate for the respect of the rights and dignity of vulnerable urban dwellers in housing, sanitation and hygiene issues especially women and girl children: According to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Human Rights Law which stand for “Everyone has the right to adequate housing, health and sanitation”, we shall continue to harp on this string until we witness change of attitude among power-wielders. The National Commission of Human rights & Freedoms (NCHRF/CNDHL) continues to lead this crusade by actively supporting our projects and featuring our action in her UN Human Rights Universal Periodic Review Report.

**XII) Supplicating for funding of 3 grand projects for 2019:**

**A) “HOME AT LAST”.** We set out to valorize environment-found resources in the provision of durable solutions to the housing and sanitation questions of urban communities in Yaounde (the 2nd most populated city in Cameroon) in cognizance with the Sphere Protection Principles, the Minimum Standards in Shelter and Resettlement, as well as WASH. It is intended to raise awareness in the community, among local authorities and policy-makers on the rights to housing, safety and dignity of vulnerable urban dwellers. With the support of administrative and traditional authorities, SELAVIP and other local partners, 55 vulnerable urban dwellers of Biyem-Assi, Etoug-Ebe and Symbok-Mendong Quarters of Yaounde 6 Sub Division shall be touched.

**B) “THE ROAD TO URBANIZATION”** a micro-project on the rehabilitation of the Wumuteck – Eben – Nukon Road. This road requires an 8 metre-long bridge linking Wumuteck to Eben over River Igi-Eben as well as an 8 metre-long culvert linking Wumuteck to Kocheck.

**C) “PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT”** to promote democratic and participatory governance as essential Human Rights resulting in people-focused sustainable development.

**Project Background:** In the last 3 decades, Cameroon has witnessed a series of erosions, floods & landslides in her natural environment as well as in her democratic & Human rights tenets which have been eroded by a stinking political and governance disaster. Her natural resources have been abusively misappropriated. Laudable efforts to redress the situation by strengthening the democratic, governance and Human Rights institutions of the country through civic re-education and conscientization involving Government, MPs, councils, CSOs and other stakeholders need to be stepped up for more tangible positive results.

**Justification:** In the backdrop of exaggerated corruption and syphoning of the country’s resources amidst limping democratic, governance, pluralistic and Human Rights structures, the inequitable distribution of the country’s plentiful resources and the very bleak future of our youths necessitate projects like ours. The questions we raise need to be paid urgent attention to and our project is relevant in these regards.

**Specific:** To strengthen democratic, pluralistic & participatory governance; To promote the rights of local populations to community resources; To re-educate or conscientize local populations on local resource management skills; To plant 4,000 pilot trees in selected zones in Buea, Bamenda and Yaounde.

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