

Overview of the Ambassador's Self Help Program

The United States Ambassador to Cameroon has a special fund for small community projects. The Special Self-Help program is structured to encourage communities to be self-reliant and undertake activities on their own to improve their living conditions. Projects funded under the Self Help Program fall under the following three categories: water supply and sanitation; social services; and social assistance. These categories are briefly defined as follows:

1 - Category 1: Water Supply and Sanitation

Definition: Ensure broadly accessible, reliable and economically sustainable water and sanitation services for health, security, and prosperity.

2 - Category 2: Social Services

Definition: Assist special populations which may be vulnerable or at-risk on a temporary or chronic basis. Projects for vulnerable groups could include but not limited to: classrooms construction, school equipment, health centers, storehouses, income-generating activities, local infrastructures, assistance for education.

3 - Category 3: Social Assistance

Definition: Provide financial or technical support for road construction and maintenance, irrigation works, reforestation, and soil conservation in post-conflict or post-disaster settings. Provide assistance to those suffering from temporary shocks resulting from economic reform.

Overview of the Democracy and Human Rights Fund

The United States Embassy in Cameroon's Democracy and Human Rights Fund (DHRF) provides assistance through grants to indigenous organizations that will implement small, short-term, highly targeted activities designed to show measurable results with an emphasis on change in support of human rights and democratic institutions. These activities could be categorized as follows:

Human Rights: Advance protection of international human rights by supporting governmental and nongovernmental organizations created to protect, promote, and enforce human rights. Applicable elements could include: Human Rights Advocacy; Human Rights Systems and Policies; and Human Rights Education and Training.

Civic Participation: Strengthen the legal, regulatory, institutional, and information environment which protects and enables the growth in associational life and the development of independent and sustainable civil society organizations. Build the capacity of civil society organizations to act as agents for reform and support their participation in democratic decision-making through engaging in service delivery, and advocating for issues which become part of the public agenda and are reflected in public policies. Encourage the strengthening of a civic culture which supports democratic institutions and processes, active participation in political and civic life, and the civic virtues of tolerance, pluralism, compromise, trust, and respect for individual rights, including gender equality. Applicable elements include: Civil Society Legal and Regulatory Frameworks; Civil Society Capacity for Democratic Processes; Citizen Participation and Oversight; Civic Education and Democratic Culture.

This year, the U.S. Embassy is proud to sponsor the following twelve projects under the Self Help Program:

Grant Recipient: GIC pour la lute contre la sous scolarisation (GIC ZOUMOUNTA)

Project: Construction of two classrooms for primary school

Location: Adamaoua

Grant Amount: \$11,211

Grant Recipient: Narral de Selbe Darang

Project: Construction of one classroom for community primary school

Location: Adamaoua

Grant Amount: \$3,283

Grant Recipient: GIC Femmes Ambitieuses des agro-éleveuses de Douroum

Project: Construction of well

Location: Far North

Grant Amount: \$5,381

Grant Recipient: Association Health's Help

Project: Completion of two classroom building

Location: Littoral

Grant Amount: \$4,729

Grant Recipient: Association « NARAL »Comité d'Animation au Développement de Douka- Gaïnako

Project: Construction of two classrooms for primary school

Location: North

Grant Amount: \$8,716

Grant recipient: Cellule pour le Développement Intégré et l'Environnement (CELDIE)

Project: Construction of two classrooms for minority people group

Location: North

Grant Amount: \$12,168

Grant Recipient: Fudjua II Area Development Association (F.A.D.A)

Project: Construction of three classrooms

Location: North West

Amount: \$6,892

Grant Recipient: Our Blind Center Mmen (OBLIC)

Project: Purchase and installation of three grain mills for center for the blind

Location: North West

Amount: \$6,525

Grant Recipient: Youth Concept Forum Building Aspirants (YOCOFOPA)
Project: Construction of spring box to supply potable water to the community
Location: North West
Grant Amount: \$9,834

Grant Recipient: Comité de gestion de Mvam Yetom
Project: Construction of well
Location: South
Grant Amount: \$8,735

Grant Recipient: Ebamut Village Development Revival (EBAVIDER)
Project: Bridge construction.
Location: South West
Grant Amount: \$11,500

Grant Recipient: Banjoh Area Farmers Cooperative Society Limited (BAJAF-COOP LTD)
Project: Construction of cocoa drying oven.
Location: South West
Grant Amount: \$6,026

The following three groups received Democracy and Human Rights Program funding:

Grant Recipient: Bonne Conscience
Project: The Fight against Corruption: anti-corruption sensitization and training in the 10 Regions of Cameroon.
Location: All 10 Regions
Grant Amount: \$25,695

Grant Recipient: The Association for the Promotion of Women and Children (APWAC)
Project: Education and sensitization campaign on children's rights.
Location: South West
Grant Amount: \$18,340

Grant Recipient: Cameroon Youths and Students Forum for Peace (CAMYOSFOP)
Project: Human Rights Education in Schools
Location: Center
Grant Amount: \$21,894