

Strengthening Civil Society
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Panel Discussion

PAO met 30 civil society leaders at the Bertoua American Corner to discuss the role of civil society organizations in a democracy. Each participant presented the work he or she was doing and outlined the challenges of working in a poverty-stricken, underserved environment in the East Province. ”. The participants discussed ways to combine forces and work together as a group. To reinforce their commitment on community work, each participant received a copy of John Clayton Thomas’ “Action publique et participation des citoyens.

The session provided a unique forum for these civil society leaders to assess the strengths of their various organizations and explore avenues of collaboration. At the end of the meeting, they decided to set-up a network of community-based organizations of the East Province.