

## 5. Improving Sanitation and Access to Safe and Clean Drinking Water in Indigenous Mbororo Community (Cameroon)

- (1) Local Partner: Support Humanity Cameroon (SUHUCAM), a non-profit development and environmental organization established in 2018
- (2) Project Budget: \$2,326 (JWF Fund: \$1,500, implementing organization: \$448, beneficiaries: \$378)
- (3) Beneficiaries: 1,000 people (men: 200, women: 350, children: 450)
- (4) Background: The Mbororo community in Bamunkumbit consists predominantly of herdsman. This area was once a rich biodiversity hotspot. However, due to climate change, bush fires, and uncontrolled cutting of trees, many water sources have either disappeared, been degraded or polluted by animal encroachment. Today, some 1000 people, most of them women and children, are facing water scarcity, with teenagers forced to trek a distance of 3km in the dry season in search of clean drinking water. This has resulted in an increase in water-related illness like typhoid, diarrhea and dysentery. Also, school children are spending time searching for water, thereby showing up late to school, which has negatively affected their performance.



Mbororo families fetching drinking water



Image of completed catchment

- (5) Details of the project:
  - Holding a meeting to explain the project objectives to the community
  - Holding two awareness-raising sessions on proper hygiene, sanitation and other topics
  - Construction of a protective storage water catchment of at least 4000 litres, with at least 2 flowing outlets
  - Planting of at least 50 water-providing trees around the water catchment area
  - Creating and training of a water management committee