

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)
Project Expenses: \$2,236.29 (JWF Fund: \$1,500, implementing organization: \$736.29)
- (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.

【Before】



Unprotected water source



Mbororo families fetching drinking water

- (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

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【During】



Planting trees around the catchment area



Hygiene awareness session



Site preparation



Community members at site



Mr. Ardo Aliyou, 55 years old

I am happy. Thank you, thank you to those who have provided funds (JWF). I also thank Sunday for leading the project and everyone who has supported it. Thank you all; may God multiply the means so that all villagers can have clean water. Over the years, we have been drinking water from natural sources. Most of them are now contaminated and people are always sick, especially in the dry season. We are happy to have the first tap water in this community. Thank you.



Ms. Hawe mohamadou, 29 years old

I am grateful to see this water facility. Now we have clean water, closer to the house, thank you Mr. Sunday. You see everyone is here, our mothers, our fathers and even the Ardo of our village, to tell you that everyone is very happy. We are grateful, we will not suffer looking for clean water anymore. Thank you very much.

【After】



Handing over, Ardo and other leaders *



Girls thanking the JWF



Mr. Ibrahim Kelah, 65 years old

I want to express my gratitude to the people who have funded this project. I am grateful to them (JWF). This water will serve so many of Mbororo's people. We have been suffering a lot because of lack of clean water. Now we have water, and we are grateful to everyone who has made it possible. Thank you.

*Handing over event

Far left, Ardo Aliyou standing left of taps with red head cloth. Sunday Geoffrey the project leader of SUHUCUM to the right of taps, wearing orange safety vest.