

LWDG-Cameroon



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 - One Community At A Time



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Cameroon Water Project

Bio-Sand Filter Construction :

Bio-sand filter construction projects in Cameroon have been one of our top priorities during the past nine months. LWDG has been working in partnership with Thirst Relief International, a US based NGO for the past one year. During 2008 Thirst Relief International has financially sponsored 500 bio-sand filters in four different communities of Cameroon. LWDG is being used to implement these water projects in Cameroon.

The Director and Founder of LWDG-Cameroon, Mr. Peter Njodzeka, has been involved in each of these water projects by working with the technicians and the villagers in making sure that the bio-sand filter projects are executed properly. This is one of the key issues that lead to success for every sand filter construction projects in Cameroon.

LWDG has three technicians who travel from one community to another. LWDG trains a number of community youths during each project, who will remain and maintain the operation and usage of the sand filters in their communities.

Nkuv Dam System Construction:

EWB-Hope College is the EWB-USA Engineering student chapter in Holland Michigan, USA that has been working in partnership with LWDGC since 2005. We have been working to bring clean water to the community of Nkuv. In May 2008, EWB-Hope College traveled to Cameroon with 22 Engineering students to continue the Nkuv Water Project, where together, we were able to construct a small dam catchment. Although this is still the first phase of our distribution system, EWB-Hope College also had three different groups, a nursing team, a bio-sand filter team, and a water distribution team. All of these teams are working very hard to provide a long lasting solution to the water problems in Nkuv and its neighboring communities.

LWDG-Cameroon founder, Mr. Peter Njodzeka is the liaison for the EWB-USA in Cameroon and communicates with the EWB chapters that are working with different community projects in Cameroon. His duty is to provide the logistics to these chapters, provide the necessary information from the project sites so as to inform the chapters before their arrival in Cameroon. He also travels to the project sites with the chapters to make sure everything proceeds as planned.



A complete bio-sand filter constructed by LWDGC in Kentzou, Cameroon funded by Thirst Relief International August 2008



Francis, Demian, Bartholomew and Peter LWDGC bio-sand filter technicians



Peter Njodzeka and the EWB-Hope College team arrived in Douala from Nkuv Cameroon, May 2008.

Link to Our Bio Sand Filter Project Photo Album: <http://picasaweb.google.fr/penjoka>

Activities during the past 9 months

January – February 2008:

- Saker Baptist College Water Project Logistic Director in Limbe for the EWB-University of Texas at Austin, USA
- Nkuv Bio-Sand Filter Construction
- No. of Filters: 30
- Funders: Thirst Relief International
- Project Manager: Peter Njodzeka

March 2008:

- Nkuv Bio-Sand Filter Construction
- No. of Filters: 30
- Funders: Thirst Relief International
- Project Manager: Peter Njodzeka

April 2008:

- Nkuv Bio-Sand Filter Construction
- No. of Filters: 30
- Funders: Thirst Relief International
- Project Manager: Peter Njodzeka

May 2008:

- International Training Workshop on Bio Sand Filter implementation in Kumbo. Host: LWDG-Cameroon of Peter Njodzeka
- Nkuv Water Distribution System
- Nkuv Bio Sand Filter survey and hygiene education
- Nkuv Health Survey and Education
- Donation of School materials to primary school children in Kumbo and Nkuv
- Funders and Volunteers: CAWST-Canada and EWB-Hope College, Michigan
- Project Manager: Peter Njodzeka

June – July 2008

- Bio-Sand Filter Construction Project Senior Adviser in Bamendjou, Western Province for the EWB-University of Delaware, USA
- Mbokam Bio-Sand Filter construction project
- No. of Filters: 50
- Funders: Thirst Relief International
- Project Manager: Peter Njodzeka

July – August 2008:

- Gwarkang Bio-Sand Filter construction project
- No. of Filters: 100
- Funders: Thirst Relief International
- Project Manager: Peter Njodzeka
- Partnership Certificate from the Jimmy Carter Partnership Award. LWDG-Cameroon was one of the four award finalists.
- Global Water Partnership's hard copy partnership letter received

August 2008:

- Kentzou Bio-Sand Filter Construction project
- No. of Filters: 100
- Funders: Thirst Relief International
- Project Manager: Peter Njodzeka

September 2008:

- Kentzou On-Going Bio-Sand Filter construction project
- No. of filters: 50
- Funders: Thirst Relief International
- Project Manager: Peter Njodzeka

New Partners

Our New Partners:

Because of our successful collaboration and model of working with our partners from around the world, LWDG-Cameroon signed a new partnership with the following Organizations and Institutions:

- **Global Water Partnership**
- **Professional Institution of Public Works, Cameroon**
- **International Peace Commission**
- **Kentzou Women Development Group, Cameroon**

These four new partners are joining with our existing partners from around the world. We are still inviting other organizations from around the globe to partner with LWDG to save the world and change lives.

Awards

2008 Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Award for Campus-Community Collaboration Winner and Finalists

June 20, 2008 - LANSING, MI – Alma College and Pine River Superfund Citizen Task Force received the 2008 Carter Partnership Award. This campus-community partnership was recognized June 19, 2008, at the Fox Theatre in Detroit at the annual Governor's Service Awards.

2008 Award Finalists

- Alma College-Pine River Superfund Citizen Task Force
- Central Michigan University-Communicative Programming for Prisoner Success
- **Hope College Interdisciplinary Research Team, Hope College Student Chapter of Engineers Without Borders-USA and the Life and Water Development Group, Cameroon**
- Partners in Preparing Community Centered Leaders: The Student Leader Fellowship Program at Northern Michigan University

Our International Partners:

- **Thirst Relief International Inc**
- **The Water Project, Inc**
- **EWB-Hope College**
- **Engineers Without Borders – USA**
- **Centre for Affordable Water & Sanitation Technology**
- **EWB – University of Texas at Austin – USA**
- **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**
- **International Children's Awareness (ICA) – CANADA**
- **Progressive Initiative for Cameroon (PICAM)**
- **Engineers Without Borders - International**
- **Global Youth Action Network**
- **Computer Aid International**
- **Health Care Volunteers**
- **Global Water Partnership**
- **International Peace Commission**

Non-Water Projects

Education Sponsorship:

LWDG-Cameroon has been focusing on other projects to improve the health and education of disadvantaged, disabled and orphan children in Cameroon. Although the LWDG does not have enough funding to implement these projects, we depend on goodwill donors and sponsors from around the world who are ready to make these precious lives better.

LWDG with the help of other donors from around the world was able to sponsor the education of five children in three different primary and secondary schools. These children were successful in their promotional examinations and are now starting the new school year, with much more target, which lies on the hands of LWDG-Cameroon's hands ahead of them. We make their future bright through you. There are more than 80 other children registered in LWDG for assistance, and LWDG would like to extend these children's needs to any potential goodwill donors who can make their lives better.

Computer Training Center in Kumbo:

One of LWDG-Cameroon's objectives is to construct and equip a computer-training center, where the youths and the students of Kumbo will undergo computer training. These students do not know anything about computers, and our goal is to see these children and students connected to the Global Village that we are. We need donors who can make this happen by donating to LWDG to see that this computer center is constructed and equipped. Financial contributions and materials like computers are accepted.

HIV/AIDS Programs:

LWDG-Cameroon works in partnership with other national associations, hospitals and groups to assist those with HIV/AIDS through education and entertainments. LWDG is also seeking additional assistance from those who are willing to help the HIV/AIDS patients stay healthy.

Volunteer Placements:

LWDG-Cameroon also places volunteers from around the world to share their expertise through our volunteer programs around the country.

Bio-Sand Filter Workshop

Kumbo Bio Sand Filter Training Workshop (May 2008):

The Kumbo Council neighborhood was surrounded by the participants from Cameroon, USA and Canada during the bio-sand filter-training workshop organized by EWB-Hope College, expert trainer from the CAWST-Canada and hosted by LWDG-Cameroon.

This training was the second organized by CAWST, but uniquely different from the first. The workshop organizers planned to register 30 participants from various communities and organizations from around the world, but with the greatest need of clean water treatment in our world, we received more than 70 participants at the workshop. This required us to make last minute preparations to make available the additional training tools to cover the unexpected large number of participants.

The workshop lasted for 7 successful days with every participant receiving a certificate and a material CD.

Household Bio-Sand Filter Maintenance and Usage training:

LWDG-Cameroon organizes a training program at each of its sand filter project locations. Women have shown a lot of interest in these training programs in various communities, as they are those using the filters quiet often. This training has been very successful because every household that receives a sand filter from us now knows how to use and maintain their bio-sand filter. Pamphlets are shared to those receiving the training for better understanding on the usage of their sand filters.