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SCALING UP EMERGENCY RELIEF ASSISTANCE FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS AND VICTIMS OF ON-GOING CONFLICT IN THE DIOCESE OF KUMBO

(December 2019 to February 2020)

FORMAL DETAILS

1.1.	Project title	Scaling Up Emergency relief assistance for Internally displaced persons, Victims of the on-going conflict in English speaking Regions of Cameroon (Diocese of Kumbo)
1.2.	Project location/Region	Diocese of Kumbo, P.O. Box 115, Kumbo, Bui Division, North West Region, Republic of Cameroon, West Africa
1.3.	Planned funding period	December 2019- February 2020
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2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE REPORT WAS PREPARED

This is a report of the first quarter of the project “**Scaling Up Emergency relief assistance for Internally displaced persons, Victims of the on-going conflict in English speaking Regions of Cameroon (Diocese of Kumbo)**”. It contains a description of all activities carried out from December 2019 to February 2020.

3. CHANGES IN THE PROJECT CONTEXT

3.1. General Changes in the Specific Project Setting Since the Submission of Request for Funding

More and more truckloads of military continue to be dispatched to the area of the Diocese of Kumbo. In the meantime, the pro-independence fighters continue to resist while acquiring more sophisticated artillery. The previously used den guns are now being replaced with automatic rifles among which is the AK 47 among other locally fabricated ones like what they refer to as the ‘Manyi’. Most government offices remain shutdown while the ghost town day (Mondays) continue to be no-movement days including between Kumbo and Bamenda. The intensity of kidnappings has reduced even though raids by military continue to scare the populations from going about their daily routines including farming. It would appear the military are now taking advantage of the end of year speech by the head of state to constitute a new terror group. The just ended municipal and legislative elections had a heavy toll on the average populations of the North and South West Regions and Kumbo Diocese, specifically Bui in particular. There was a lockdown imposed by the Non-state armed groups from the 1st to the 12th of February 2020. This period of lockdown was as usually is the case characterised by heavy gun battles and loss of life, attacks on political persons by NSAGs, destruction of property like the attacks on and burning of cars that dared move. All activities were eventually grounded, the implementation of the project inclusive.

Most of the activities earmarked for the period were needs based. These addressed the direct needs of targeted beneficiaries. Despite the challenges, we were able carry out all planned activities to an advanced level.

We were able to serve food items to some of the very needy communities before Christmas. This made a huge difference in their lives especially of those in the most rural areas some of who could have rice with which to prepare a good meal for Christmas. Other communities were served the same after Christmas and they too had food for the New Year celebration while a good number of other communities continued to receive food support thereafter.

The sick, old and lonely in some five parishes were visited provided some minimum packages of rice, savon and cooking oil, in commemoration of the world day of the sick.

Infants 0-5 years were served Ready to Use Therapeutic Foods. For a start we targeted and served children born of teenage girls in Shisong General Hospital where we were able to reach out to some 135 children. These children received free medical check-up including routine weighing. All the children received packages based on their ages and containing NAN I for children less than six months, NAN II for children 6-12 months and NIDO 1+ for children 1 year and above. All the children then received Ovaltine, Soy bean Milk and washing soap while those that presented with advanced signs of malnutrition received increased rations.

It was also possible to engage in a networking process with Caritas Bafoussam. Following from the recommendations from Misereor and the Diocese of Limburg, we found this approach useful in that it strengthens the institutions engagement to the process while at the same time mitigating duplication thus cutting down on waste. We intend to continue working with the Caritas departments of other Dioceses hosting displaced persons from Kumbo to ensure that we can continue not only to provide needed services but more so as a pastoral tool to enkindle the hope of one day returning to homeland being the Diocese of Kumbo. To make the process effective and efficient in service delivery to displaced persons; we have engaged the services of a focal person; a lady of Kumbo extraction, one time Catholic teacher with the Catholic Education Agency of the Diocese of Kumbo, Mrs Kinkinin Flora Bongkireh, now living with her family in Bafoussam so we can through this networking with Caritas Bafoussam strengthen the quality of services to these displaced persons. She has been working and updating us with information regarding the IDPs necessary for an effective needs based intervention.

3.2. Changes in the Situation of the Target Group

The situation of the target group continues to call for interventions and assistance. Most of these persons continue to live in food shortage and shortage of other most basic needs including shelter. Those who have lost property like homes continue to perch in farm houses in the bushes. Some have migrated to neighbouring towns. A few prefer the option to return and be killed as they cannot cope with the high cost of living in neighbouring towns or in the attempt to protect the little they had left behind.

It is evident from the few who could cultivate their farms that the situation of food shortage would exist for much longer. It is also certain from the level of destruction suffered by the people that there would be a drop in the level of income for a long while. This explains why most of those who have children who have migrated to study in nearby safer towns cannot afford the finances for lodging, daily upkeep including the various fees required to stay in school. The living conditions of most of these students especially those in neighbouring Bafoussam and the surrounding villages is a cause for concern. During our most recent visit to Bafoussam we came across students who could no longer continue to afford for their stay out there. The option of returning to Kumbo is the most considered in spite of the fact that schools are still not functional in Kumbo. We were, and according to the budgeted amount for this phase of the program, able to register some of these for the end of course examinations. The closing date for registration for the General Certificate of Education Examination (GCE) was the 15th of January 2020. The date had at some point to be extended to the end of January 2020 partly because a good number of students who are currently in examination classes have not been able to register for the examination. Some of those we could assist to register had not completed their regular school fee. This made it difficult for us to intervene as we had initially restricted our engagement to registration for examinations only.

The same applies to those who are sick and are unable to cover the cost for their medical expenses. A good number of sick and old persons continue to stay at home while those who visit the hospital are unable to meet up with the medical expenses.

The needs of the IDPs and other affected persons have over time grown more complex from basic emergency humanitarian needs to other forms of assistance. The evaluation of the first phase of the program which would be shared with you in the shortest time possible reveals a lot of these needs including some of the new directions that could be taken to respond to them.

3.3. Changes With Regard to the Social Welfare/Caritas Organisation

There has been a significant change in approach to meeting the needs of displaced persons and victims of the on-going crisis in the English speaking regions in our country as follows;

Strategy: We have moved from general distribution of food and non-food items to a need responsive approach. It is clear from our observation and reality that not every displaced person or victim of this situation is on the same level of need. Some are truly more vulnerable than others. While some can afford some basics, majority are those who cannot afford. That explains why we are deviating from treating everyone as if they were on the same level to responding to those needs that are specific to each of these persons. This is also a way of opening our eyes and hearts to needs of other displaced persons who do not originate from Kumbo. Here we are thinking of displaced persons from other parts of the conflict regions resident in areas where Caritas is working for those in need.

Through the Social Welfare and Justice and Peace commission members in the Parishes, we are able to not only identify those in any specific need but also able to grade what intervention would respond appropriately to the expressed need. The resulting effect of this approach is that; the interventions carried out are more appreciated as relevant. For instance, someone who has a need for food would not necessarily have need for clothing.

The recent attack in Ngar-Buh village on the 14th of February 2020 which was characterised by the razing down of homes and indiscriminate massacre of villagers, majority of whom were women and children including pregnant women called for immediate intervention with some basic assistance. This was alleged to have been carried out by the Cameroon defence forces

forcing survivors to flee into different directions. Caritas Kumbo and the Diocesan commission for Justice and Peace have been charged with tracing these survivors, locating them wherever they fled to and attending to their needs as per their present conditions.

These actions include tracing and reunification of separated families, provision of basic lifesaving support like food and clothing, first aid trauma care etc. However, tracing of the victims is ongoing while preparations for more holistic interventions are being planned which will include medical consultations and prescriptions, intense trauma care, care and protection of children and infants, pregnant women as well as the elderly and physically challenged.

Partnerships with other actors: Inspired by the need for a better coordination, we are engaging into partnerships with especially the Caritas departments of other Dioceses. We are currently working with Caritas Bafoussam to meet the needs of displaced persons living in Bafoussam and neighbouring villages in the area of the Diocese. This approach would surely mitigate duplication and waste while at the same time fostering pastoral services to the displaced flock of Kumbo whom we desire to return to Kumbo as soon as the crisis is over.

In the meantime, we are challenged by these partnerships to broaden our perspective of service to displaced persons. While in Bafoussam we realised that there were displaced students from other parts of the North West and South West Regions. Their presence and being in the same situation challenges us to consider service to other deserving cases. This exactly is where we find our needs responsive approach relevant. In this way, service would be open to persons in need rather than where the persons have come from.

On the ground, we are currently working with UNICEF to meet the needs of especially girls, women and children. Unfortunately, the interventions with UNICEF can only cover a few areas given the rather vast nature of the Diocese.

Engagement of Focal Persons: Part of the strategy for improving collaboration and especially access to the needy includes the recruitment of focal persons in localities outside of the Diocese

of Kumbo. While we are working with the Social Welfare and Justice and Peace commission members to increase our field presence within the Diocese, the institution of focal persons for communities of displaced persons outside of the Diocese would improve quality of access to humanitarian services and assistance for those living outside of the Diocese. This compliments our specific needs responsive approach to humanitarian assistance. The criteria for selecting these focal persons include the following;

- Knowledge of people from the area
- People centred
- A good communicator with the ability to listen
- A good sense of judgement that can distinguish between persons, their needs and priorities
- A sense of fairness including ability to be impartial
- Honest, accountable and with integrity

Staff Capacity Building: While the crisis continues, we see the need to continue with staff capacity building. This is very important because a lot of what is happening on the ground especially the killings, burning down of homes, kidnappings and life threats is such that can demoralise those rendering humanitarian services to the needy. We see need to continue with staff capacity building so as to assist staff build resilience especially when dealing with the shocking things happening in the field. This will help them survive burn out in the long run. It would also help them become more professional in their service delivery.

Overall Staffing: Given the needs on the ground and the strategy being adopted, there has been an increase in staffing. This includes volunteers who are members of the commissions for Social Welfare and Justice and Peace, Health and Family Life Commissions, the focal persons outside of Kumbo and those within the Social Services of the Diocese of Kumbo. The domestic staff of the Kumbo Pastoral Center have also been engaged in cooking for those displaced persons who have taken shelter at the center. The number keeps fluctuating between 60 to 132 persons and often resulting from stampede by the military.

3.4. Implication of the Changes that Occurred in the Organisation

One key implication is that of increased presence. The involvement of commission members at the level of the various implementing departments at the Diocesan level, including the networking and coordination efforts with neighbouring Caritas Bafoussam including the innovation of focal persons would sure strengthen our institutional capacity for improved quality service delivery. This together with our strategy of specific needs response as identified in the project proposal would guarantee that limitedly available resources are used to meet the needs of the right persons at the right time.

The perspective based on the field experience is calling for service beyond boundaries. This implies serving the person in need rather than considering where the person is coming from. During the visit to Bafoussam, we realised that it was important to adopt this approach in order not to discriminate between persons in need for the simple reason of where they have come from.

The certainty with this approach is to minister to displaced persons and victims of the crisis in an appropriately fitting manner. Given the rather competitive nature of humanitarian assistance programs; better strategies and dedication as already exemplified by our staff are required as a minimum condition for quality and sustainable service delivery.

4. IMPLEMENTING THE PROJECT AND ACHIEVING ITS OBJECTIVES (December 2019 to February 2020)

Objective 1. Improve living conditions of 3,500 persons			
Target value at end of project	Baseline value at project start	Source and means of verification	Current value
Update data base for IDPs to include other affected persons	At least 5,000 other beneficiaries other than IDPs are	IDP data base registers	7,500 individuals (some of who are; old and abandoned,

	identified and registered identified		widows/orphans, female headed families/single parents)
Distribution of food to vulnerable persons			
Reduce household hunger amongst IDPs and affected populations	Provide food to 500 households and 3,500 individuals in these families	Waybills, food distribution registers, IDP registers, activity reports and monitoring reports	1,391 families and 4,097 individuals have received food support (rice and vegetable oil)
	Provide RUTF (complementary diet foods to 250 children	distribution registers, IDP registers, activity reports and monitoring reports	135 served in Shisong General Hospital, 25 other children have been visited and served in the Hospital bringing the total to 160 children. In the meantime, part of the items have been programmed for children victims of Ngar-Buh incidence.
	50 farmers receive 10 bags each of organic soil food to boost farm yields	distribution registers, IDP registers, activity reports and monitoring reports	50 farmers programmed for the first quarter of the project already received organic manure

Provide non-food items and rehabilitation support to IDPs and host families	400 affected women and girls receive Menstrual hygiene management kits	Waybills, distribution registers	Some 300 adolescent girls and women have received sanitary pads.
	480 families receive support with WASH materials (laundry soap)		449 affected families have so far received laundry soap
Respond to the educational/skill needs of IDPs/affected youths	30 students receive support with school fees and/or registration fees for certificate exams	School fees/registration receipts, school progress report cards or result slips for certificate exams	27 students in examination classes have received support for registration of end of course examinations

5. EXTENT OF REALISATION OF PROJECT OBJECTIVES

KUMBO-LIMBURG-MISEREOR INTERVENTION)

(CARITAS KUMBO REACHES OUT OT HE INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS)

Programme goal: scaling up emergency Relief and lifesaving support to displaced and affected populations in the Diocese of Kumbo

Objective 1: Living conditions of 5000 vulnerable persons have improved

Indicators

- At least 3,500 displaced persons in 500 families receive monthly food supply between December 2019 and February 2020

DATE	PLACE	FAMILIES	INDIVIDUALS
20 TH December 2019	Kiyan	88	338
21 st December 2019	kikaikelaki	121	484
24 th December 2019	Ndzevru	159	568
14 th January 2020	Kuintar(109F)(205IN) Dzenso(101F)(374IN)	320	579
10 TH December 2019	Wainamah	20	70
	Kimar	5	21
	Office	101	400
	Father Oliver	13	68
Sunday 16 th February 2019 (Commemoration of world day of the sick)	Cathedral parish, Meluf, Melim, Njavnyuy, and Tobin	155	155
22 nd February 2020	Ngarbuh IDPs	32	66
27 February 2020	Kitiwum/kale/shukai	184	534
3 rd March 2020	Dzeng	143	320
4 th March 2020	Takui / Kaiy	205	494
		1546	4097

Responding to the education/skill needs of IDPs and affected youths

27students have received support for registration of end of course examinations

List of schools visited

S/N	DATE OF VISIT	SCHOOL/INSTITUTION
1	Wednesday 8 th January 2020	Caritas Bafoussam office College Polyvalent Bilingue Tama (COPOBIT)
	Thursday 9 th January 2020	Government Bilingual High School Diendham Institut Polyvalent Bilingue de Moyopo (IPB Moyopo) Governor's office BABEF evening school
	Friday 10 th January 2020	Government Bilingual High School Guoche Government Bilingual High School Bafoussam

List of students served

S/N	NAME OF STUDENT	PLACE OF ORIGIN	SCHOOL	CLASS	Number of examination subjects to be written
1	Ngalim Stephanie Bongfen	Tobin-Kumbo	COPIBIT (College Polyvalent Bilingue Tama)	Form 5 Science	10
2	Kekendam Julius Nchinda	Jiyane - Oku	COPIBIT (College Polyvalent Bilingue Tama)	Form 4-7	08
3	Ngum Gracious Mkong	Lui - Oku	COPOBIT (College Polyvalent Bilingue Tama)	Form 4-7	08

4	Naazeh Odette Akiefa	Nkar	COPOBIT (College Polyvalent Bilingue Tama)	Upper Sixth Arts	04
5	Ngati Oswald Nyang	Yer – Kumbo	COPOBIT (College Polyvalent Bilingue Tama)	Form Five Commercial	11
6	Ngum Providence Kumei	Lui – Oku	COPOBIY (College Polyvalent Bilingue Tama)	Form Five Commercial	11
7	Yuaye Mildred Kemjeey	Tatum – Kumbo Diocese	IPB Moyopo	Upper Sixth Arts	04
8	BONGYU JOYCELINE FOMONYUY	TOBIN-KUMBO	IPB (Institut Polyvalent Bilingue) Moyopo	Form 5	10
9	Verla Elody Dzernyuy	Tobin-Kumbo	IPB (Institut Bilingue Polyvalent) Moyopo	Form 5	10
10	Pontianus Berinyuy	Mbveh Kumbo	BABEF (Evening school) External candidate for GBHS Bafoussam	Upper Sixth Arts	03

11	Nyuydze Lyne Joyce Fonyuy	Tatum, Kumbo Diocese	GBHS Bafoussam, Ndiegndam	Form 5 Science	09
12	Nsahbarah Mary Berinyuy	Kumbo	GBHS Koutaba	Form Five Arts	09
13	Wiyahnyuy BlandineKernyuy	KikaikelakiKumbo	Victory Evening SchoolYaounde	Form 5 commercial	09
14	Yefenyuy Aristide Fomonyuy	Kumbo	Mario Academy ComplexKoutaba	Upper Sixth Science	04
15	AnicetF onyuyKwedzeyem	Nkar - Kumbo	GBHS Baham	Upper sixth Arts	04
16	Yufenyuy Brice Michel	MbvehKumbo	Mario Academy Complex Koutaba	Form 5 Science	Repeating 4 subjects
17	Nfor Medine Gwembe	Squares Kumbo	Mcmillan Evening School DamasYaounde	Form 5 Commercial	09
18	Layire Vanessa	Tobin Kumbo	Unity Bilingual School, Essos, Yaounde	Form 5	08
19	Ngum Vanessa Jiah	Elak-Oku	IPB Moyopo Bafoussam	Form Five Arts	09
20	Tata Collins Sentie	Elak-Oku	BABEF Evening School Bafoussam	F3-7 (Technical education)	08

21	Otto Albright SunjoShwai	Kumbo	St. Paul's College Nkwen, Bemenda	Form five science	08
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Remark: Some of the students (Six) were sent money but had challenges in sending in their complete information. Follow-up is being done to get the detailed information of these students.

Commemoration of world day of the sick: The current crisis has left many old and sick persons in need of support as in most cases many of these old persons have lost their support system and source of livelihood as care givers or children have fled for safety in other towns or for other reasons all of which are directly linked to the crisis.

As a way of bringing God's love to these old, abandoned, sick and bed ridden people, the Caritas IDP project team worked with the Social Welfare and Health Commission members in five parishes to identify and register these cases.

The world day of the sick which comes on the 11th of every February happened to fall within the period of lockdown which started in Bui from the 1st to the 12th of February. In commemoration of this day, on the 14th of February the team visited and ministered to sick people in some five parishes as follows

S/N	PLACE	NUMBER SERVED
1.	Njavnyuy parish	16
2.	Tobin Parish	16
3.	Meluf parish	68
4.	Melim parish	15
5.	Kumbo Cathedral parish	40
6.		155

6. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES AND GENERATION OF OUTPUTS

- **4,097** individuals in **1,546** families in five communities have received food support
- **30** displaced students have received registration fees for their end of course examinations. These students are located in Bafoussam, Bamenda, Baham, Koutaba, Yaounde and Garoua.
- **165** children aged 0-5 years have received complementary nutritive foods. See report from Shisong Hospital.
- **449** families and **300** adolescent girls and women have received washing soap and sanitary pads.
- Alliance has been created with the Caritas of the Diocese of Bafoussam. We met the Caritas Bafoussam coordinator and his collaborators to brief them on our mission and planned activities for IDPs from Kumbo residing within the Diocese of Bafoussam. It was agreed that we need to harmonize our data with theirs to check duplication of interventions.

In response, the coordinator welcomed the idea and remarked that what we are doing is exactly what Mr. Vincent from Mesereor recommended. He assured us that they have an extensive list of IDPs residing in their Diocese and that he will personally sort out the ones from Kumbo Diocese and share with us through the link person with whom we visited the office.

- Some **50** farmers have received organic manure which is intended to boost farm yields, curb food insecurity while improving and caring for the environment

6.1. Unintended Effects

- More people who are potential beneficiaries that meet target requirements and who could not get registered during collection of data turn out during outreach programs. The food that was already programmed for a lesser number has to be re-rationed to serve the increased number. This reduces the quantities programmed for each family. However, the people themselves express solidarity as they gladly accept to share with their brothers and sisters rather than have all for themselves while others starve.

- Increasing number of widows/orphans, old and abandoned people, and female headed homes. We have registered over **1,607** of such families in four parishes (Nkar, Kitiwum, Ndzevru, and Bamkikaaiy). These families are more vulnerable than those that live in regular family settings.

6.2. Risks and unexpected opportunities

- ◆ The declaration of the twin elections (Municipal and Parliamentary elections) for February 9th 2020 stirred up a lot of tension amongst the civilians due to the fear of the reaction of the NSAGs. The NSAGs have declared a two weeks lock down which took place from the 1st of February to the 12th of February 2020. Serious threats were placed on anyone who attempts to step outdoors during the lock down did not just go for nothing as many people lost their vehicles to burning. It was alleged that many individuals who went out for campaign were killed or kidnapped. This also posed a serious security threat on humanitarian actors.
- ◆ The NSAGs grew more suspicious of any humanitarian interventions as political actors had used similar operations to carry out their campaigns. Due to this, a Caritas outreach team to Ndzevru despite all negotiations and visibility materials used, was assumed to have brought in food from the government. This led to the holding in hostage of the team for over 48 hours. They were released after serious explanations and evidence they were truly Diocesan Workers. The food was eventually released and shared to the beneficiaries some of whom were survivors of the Ngar-Buh incident.
- ◆ There is increasing military presence within the past three months, with the military setting up their bases in private property mostly storey buildings located in public settings. This has scared people more as there has been frequent attacks around these areas. Most people owning businesses around these locations have abandoned their business places while the few who could, have relocated. The stability which was already returning has been destabilised as people are once more caused to start running from place to place in search of safety.

6.3. Evaluation

An external evaluation of the first phase ending October 2019 is almost complete. Report will be shared with you in the shortest possible time.

7. CONCLUSION (OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION ON GROUND)

The implementation of this quarter of the project was track with an overall achievement of about 98% of the set objectives. A lot has been slowed down by the heightened level of insecurity.

7.1. Lessons Learned by Target Group

The target group has manifested clear reservations in receiving gifts from especially the Government of Cameroon sources. A most recent experience is about the Christmas gifts from the Presidential couple. Although media sources confirm the distribution of these gifts at the provincial level, Kumbo remains reticent. It is highly probable that individuals would be afraid to be associated with receiving these gifts. On the other hand, donations by the church via Caritas Kumbo have been received with joy with the lone exception being Ngendzen, a village where the NSAGs still maintained that the sources be clearly Diocesan and unconnected to the Cameroon Government for them to receive the food that was brought to them.

7.2. Lessons learned by Caritas (Implementing organisation)

- The West Region in general and Bafoussam town in particular happens to be a melting pot for IDPs from all over the North West and South West Regions. It has received a high inflow of IDPs especially those from the North West Region and Kumbo Diocese in particular.

It is deduced that the different schools especially those with an Anglophone section have experienced a geometric increase in population especially of the Anglophone sections for the past few years. This academic year has experienced the highest swell in population of English students. GBHS Bafoussam for instance has over 7,000 students and 1,000 of these students are IDPs from English speaking regions, Kumbo Diocese inclusive. College Polyvalent Bilingue Tama (COPOBIT) has an

enrolment of over 930 students in the English section, over 630 are IDPs from English speaking regions. Institut Polyvalent Bilingue de Moyopo has over 500 displaced students, same with GBHS Diendham with over 400 displaced students. So goes the story in every other school we visited. Some primary schools have been caused to operate in two sessions a day in order to put up with the large numbers. An example of such is the Government Nursery and Primary school in Moyopo.

This can be linked to the fact that after the long wait and hope of the fact that the crisis situation would change and things go back to normal. Some families have sent kids to live with family relations or friends and attend school while other kids, barely minors are seen clustered by themselves, sometimes up to 10 or more in a tiny room and left to fend for themselves.

Hunger could be seen written on the faces of some of these students as they struggle through their daily activities in school.

While some live comfortably, a vast majority of families and host families live below average standards as they have to put up high costs of living and with limited resources to survive on. The focal person for Bafoussam town, Mme. Kinkinin Flora Bongkireh is currently working with the different schools, families and Caritas Bafoussam to put together information on the most vulnerable and needy cases especially families with too many children, children who have been unable to pay fees and those living on their own in clustered rooms. With the recent taking of the Caritas team as hostages during outreach, there is intensification on education and information dissemination. This effort is to ascertain acceptance by the NSAGs before a team is sent out for any activity. So far, the focal point person in Bafoussam has identified and documented over **250** more displaced students in five other schools. A vast majority of these students need basic life support like food and study/accommodation facilities like beds and study tables. Those that are clustered alone need more space, beds and basic household utensils.

7.3. Internal and External Actors

7.3.1. Implementing staff

This face of the program (December 2019 to February 2020) was implemented by the Caritas staff. Subsequently other services will come on board to handle interventions pertaining to their areas of response. These include Justice and Peace, Family life and Health Coordination offices.

2. Other actors

So far, we have created alliance and are working with Caritas Bafoussam. We intend to do same with the Caritas departments of other Dioceses where we plan to work.

Mme. Kinkinin Flora Bongkireh, a trained teacher and former teacher of the Catholic Education Agency for Kumbo Diocese and now an IDP in Bafoussam was recruited to work as she fulfilled the afore mentioned conditions; together with her great mastery of the town and her ability to express herself well in both English and French languages.

8.4. Summary Assessment:

This response to the humanitarian situation in the Diocese of Kumbo and beyond has been very helpful in assisting displaced persons and victims of the crisis with lifesaving support. The relevance of the program can be demonstrated by the number of persons it has reached, the level of improvement in the living conditions of those it has served and the general level of satisfaction expressed by beneficiaries.

Conclusion: We sincerely thank Misereor, the Diocese of Limburg and the partner parishes and individuals who contributed towards this course for their enormous support. It has been a timely and very meaningful intervention and continuing.

We thank all the members of the commissions of the social services of the Diocese of Kumbo and focal persons for their spirit of dedication and commitment to assisting us serve the needs of these persons.

There is no sign of the crisis coming to an end any time soon. It is in this light that we continue to plead on your good will (Misereor and the Diocese of Limburg) to assist our efforts to be at the service of Humanity in the area of Kumbo and beyond while hoping a lasting and peaceful solution to the crisis is sought for.

8.5. Cooperation with Misereor and Diocese of Limburg

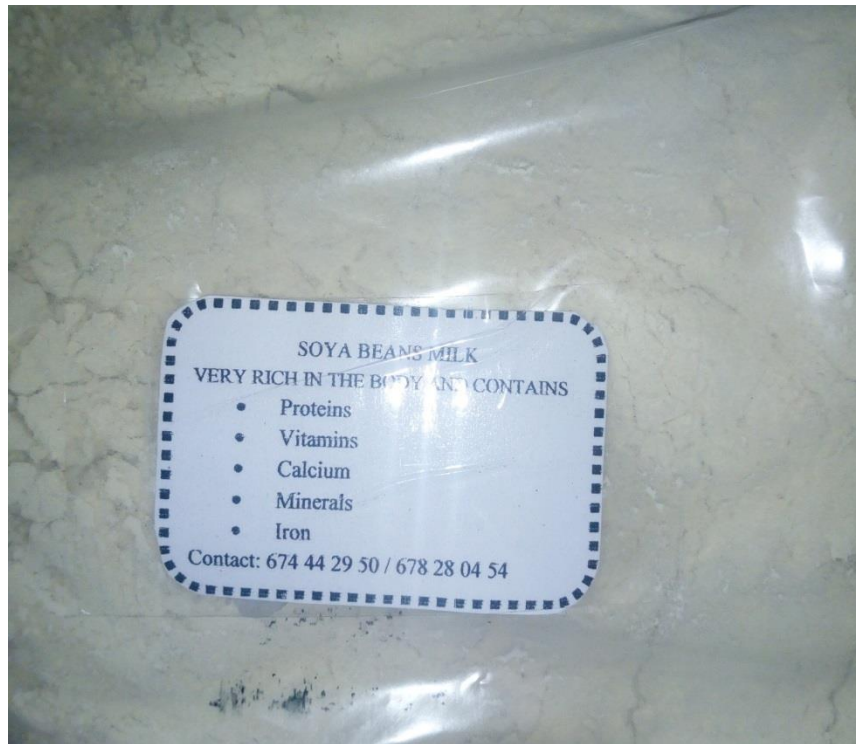
We remain ever grateful to the Universal Church Desk of the Diocese of Limburg and to Misereor for their cooperation and support in serving the needs of these displaced persons and victims of the conflict in our part of the Country. We (Caritas Kumbo) continue to pledge our availability and endless cooperation for this and any other intervention that may be made available to assist the people of God in the Diocese of Kumbo. God Bless You!

ANNEXES

ACTIVITY PICTURES



Delivery and stacking of items for distribution



Baby foods in stock ready for distribution



Displaced and affected persons in Kiyan Parish receive food support



Outreach with food support to IDPs in Kikaikelaki



The less privileged in Kom Mfunte are not left out despite the accessibility challenges



Kitiwum beneficiaries pose with their food items



Ndzevru pose with their food items, sanitary napkins and laundry soap



Dzeng parish beneficiaries pose with their food items, laundry soap and sanitary pads for adolescent girls



Young mothers and in some cases fathers receive health talk from health personnel



Dr. Wandji Rene gives health talk on child nutrition to young parents



Beneficiaries and their parents pose with medical and outreach team



Putting items in display for distribution



Beneficiaries pose with items before distribution



Those who arrived late taking appointment with the Coordinator of Caritas Kumbo



Bringing God's Love and hope to the sick and needy. Thank you Misereor and the Diocese of Limburg



Caritas team labelling organic manure for distribution



Some of the farmers pose with their manure after receiving guidance on best practice for application for optimum yields. This was given by the Agricultural training project staff



Ministering to the old and the sick in Melim



Putting smiles on the faces of the distressed, Melim parish





Together with the Parish Priest of Meluf, Caritas team ministers to the sick and the needy in Meluf parish





The old are not left alone. Njavnyuy parish





Meeting the sick, old and needy in Kumbo Cathedral Parish

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An Appreciation Note

On behalf of the Administration of the St. Elizabeth Catholic General Hospital Cardiac Center Shisong, I write to express our gratitude to your office for the generous and timely gesture on the 25th January 2020. The massive turnout of teenage mothers during this free consultation exercise and the variety of nutritional items (Milk, ovaltine, soya beans, savon) offered to assist these teenage mothers is highly appreciated as it will greatly fight against malnutrition amongst these children especially with the crisis situation and hardship.

A total number of 135 cases (108 male, 27 female) were consulted out of which 58 were found with moderate malnutrition and 9 with severe malnutrition and will need continues follow-up. A good number of children who turned up late could not benefit from this free consultation program. We appeal that your office should not relent its efforts in fighting malnutrition in the various communities. With our experiences with people living with HIV/AIDS specially the vulnerable group of children, we also plead that your office should consider this group of people to fight malnutrition

Our institution is ready for more partnership and collaboration in eradicating malnutrition in children.

Once more extend our gratitude to His Lordship the Bishop of Kumbo and the donors of

Luxemburg for this generous assistance:

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