

# FOUNDATION MBALLA EKOBENA MARCEL

England & Wales - Charity number 1157405

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2014-06-10

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** RELIEVING POVERTY AND ADVANCING EDUCATION OF PERSONS LIVING IN REMOTE AND MARGINALIZED AREAS IN CAMEROON, BY PROVIDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE, EDUCATION AND ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS TRAINING.

**Activities:** Relieving poverty and advancing education of persons living in remote and marginalized areas in Cameroon, by providing financial support, infrastructure, education and entrepreneurial skills training.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Cameroon

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-30	£70,800	£70,429	-	-
2024-03-30	£60,167	£57,934	-	-
2023-03-30	£62,277	£59,883	-	-
2022-03-30	£42,835	£38,866	-	-
2021-03-30	£37,775	£35,329	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>JOSEPH MBALLA NAMA</b>	Chair	2014-06-10
JASPREET KAUR GREWAL		2014-06-10
KAREN ELIZABETH ROEBUCK		2014-06-10
SARAH LOUISE ELSON		2014-06-10

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# Annual Report

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# Strategic Report

## Objectives and activities:

Our first objective in this period was:

*To reduce poverty through outreach, education, and entrepreneurship.*

Foundation MEM continues to enhance access to quality higher education for Cameroonian students from low-income backgrounds in rural areas. The foundation provides scholarships covering tuition fees, alongside academic, personal development, and mentorship support.

Additionally, the foundation collaborates with regional partners to ensure effective delivery of scholarships and student support services. It also supports young agro-entrepreneurs through grants focused on regenerative agriculture and environmental sustainability.

## Achievements and Performance

Throughout the 2024–2025 financial year, the foundation sustained and strengthened its scholarship programmes, increasing the number of beneficiaries to reflect both growing demand and enhanced funding capacity. By the end of the year, Foundation MEM was supporting a larger cohort of students across diverse academic disciplines, with new scholarships awarded as part of its ongoing expansion and deepening impact.

In continuity with its broader mission, the foundation further developed its support beyond education by advancing its agro-entrepreneurship initiatives. In partnership with Fresh Impetus Cameroon, it continued to provide grants for regenerative agriculture and forest conservation training, equipping young people with practical skills in sustainable enterprise and environmental stewardship. This integrated approach reinforces the foundation's long-term vision of combining education with economic empowerment and ecological responsibility.

Recognising the ongoing challenges faced by students, Foundation MEM maintained close collaboration with partner organisations that offer academic guidance and personal development support. Through these sustained partnerships, scholarship recipients benefit from mentorship and holistic assistance that extend beyond financial aid, helping them navigate both academic and personal challenges successfully.

Looking ahead while building on existing progress, Foundation MEM has continued to expand its network of partners and supporters. Increased interest from families and donors committed to education in Cameroon has enabled the development of additional named scholarships. At the same time, the foundation has strengthened relationships with universities willing to co-support students financially, ensuring the sustainability and continued growth of its programmes.

### Scholarship Programme

Number of recipients (over 2 years): 23

Estimated cost per recipient per year: (adjusted proportionally based on increased funding)

## Plans for future periods.

Building on the progress achieved in 2025, the organisation remains committed to the continued expansion and strengthening of its scholarship programme. Efforts will be sustained to increase the number of beneficiaries while securing additional and more diverse funding sources to support long-term growth.

In continuity with its current approach, partnerships with universities and partner organisations will be further deepened, enhancing the range of support services available to students. This includes the ongoing development of mentorship, career guidance, and internship opportunities, ensuring beneficiaries receive comprehensive support beyond financial assistance.

Commitment to sustainable development will also be reinforced through the continued expansion of the young entrepreneur grant programme, with a particular focus on regenerative agriculture and environmental conservation. These initiatives build on existing successes, equipping more young people with practical skills and opportunities for economic empowerment.

Through the consolidation and expansion of these efforts, the organisation aims to strengthen its long-term impact, empowering an increasing number of young individuals to achieve academic and professional success despite financial constraints, while contributing positively to their communities.

# **Independent Auditor's Report**

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## Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

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Mr. Owona Godfrey  
Expert Comptable  
18th March 2026

# Financial Statements

# Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Previous Year	2,466		2,466	2,394
Donations and legacies Investments	69,300	1500	70,800	57,773
Other				
<b>Total Income</b>				
Raising donations and legacies	(700)		(700)	(576.00)
<b>Raising Funds</b>				
<b>Net income available for charitable expenditure</b>			70,100	59,591
Service provision	(16,382)	(1500)	(17,882)	(14,295.00)
Informing the public about our work	(1,172)		(1,172)	(975.00)
Scholarship/Projects	(45,000)		(45,000)	(37,880.00)
Communities Activities	(5,675)		(5,675)	(3,975.00)
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>			371	2,466

# OUR PARTNERS



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# Annual Report

## 2024

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# Strategic Report

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Foundation MEM is dedicated to enhancing access to quality higher education for Cameroonian students from low-income backgrounds in rural areas. The foundation's primary objective is to support these individuals by offering scholarships that cover tuition fees, provide academic and personal development support, and offer opportunities for internships and networking. This comprehensive approach ensures that financial constraints do not hinder their educational and professional aspirations. There has been no change in these objectives during the year. The trustees have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding on the activities undertaken by the foundation.

The foundation's policy is to provide scholarships to individuals who lack adequate alternative funding sources for their education. Additionally, Foundation MEM offers support and guidance to scholarship recipients to help them navigate their educational journeys successfully through collaboration with regional partners. The foundation collaborates with partner organizations that provide services to students in Cameroon to ensure that scholarships are effectively and efficiently administered.

## Achievements and Performance

Since 2023, Foundation MEM has actively awarded scholarships to talented and deserving students from rural Cameroon who face significant financial and social barriers to accessing higher education. The foundation provides funding that covers tuition fees and maintenance costs, ensuring that recipients have the resources necessary to focus on their studies and build successful futures.

During the financial year, the foundation continued to support its scholarship programs, increasing the number of students benefiting from its initiatives. At the end of the year, Foundation MEM was supporting multiple students across various disciplines, reflecting the increasing demand for educational support among Cameroonian students from low-income backgrounds. Several new scholarships were awarded, further expanding the foundation's impact.

In addition to scholarships, Foundation MEM has expanded its support to include young agro-entrepreneur grants for regenerative agriculture models and forest conservation training. This initiative, developed in collaboration with Fresh Impetus Cameroon, aims to equip young people with sustainable business skills and environmental stewardship knowledge. By integrating education with practical economic empowerment and ecological responsibility, the foundation is fostering a holistic approach to community development.

Recognizing the challenges that many students face, Foundation MEM works closely with organizations that provide academic guidance and personal support to scholarship recipients. Through this collaboration, recipients receive mentorship and assistance that go beyond financial aid, helping them overcome both academic and personal obstacles.

Foundation MEM is actively working to expand its reach by developing new partnerships and securing funding for additional named scholarships. More families, particularly those with a commitment to education in Cameroon, have shown interest in funding scholarships, demonstrating the growing recognition of the importance of supporting higher education for students from rural areas. The foundation has also engaged with universities that have shown a willingness to collaborate by offering financial assistance in conjunction with Foundation MEM's scholarships.

## FMEM SCHOLARSHIP



**13**

Number of recipients

Over 2 years



**GBP1,855**

Cost per recipient

Per year

### Plans for future periods.

Looking ahead, Foundation MEM aims to expand its scholarship program by increasing the number of beneficiaries and securing additional funding sources. Through the strengthening of partnerships with universities and organizations, we aim to enhance support services for students beyond financial assistance, including mentorship, career guidance, and internship opportunities. Additionally, the foundation will continue its efforts in promoting sustainable development by expanding the young entrepreneur grant program, particularly in regenerative agriculture and environmental conservation.

By leveraging these initiatives, Foundation MEM seeks to create lasting impact in communities, empowering more young individuals to achieve their full potential may it be academic or professional despite financial hardships.

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Mr. Owona Godfrey  
Expert Comptable  
10th February 2025

# Financial Statements

# Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Previous Year	2,394		2,394	3,973
Donations and legacies Investments	56,273	1500	57,773	56,304
Other				0
<b>Total Income</b>				2,000
Raising donations and legacies	(576.00)		(576.00)	62,277
<b>Raising Funds</b>				1,109
<b>Net income available for charitable expenditure</b>			59,591	61,168
Service provision	(13,295.00)	(1000)	(14,295.00)	16,874
Informing the public about our work	(975.00)		(975.00)	920
Scholarship/Projects	(37,880.00)		(37,880.00)	40,980
Communities Activities	(3,975.00)		(3,975.00)	58,774
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>			2,466	2,394

# OUR PARTNERS



**Secrétariat à l'Education (SEDO)**



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## 2023

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# Strategic Report

## Our impact:

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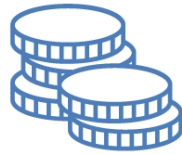
In another difficult year for people in remote area across Cameroon, the cost-of-living crisis left many struggling to afford the basics.

Foundation MEM played a key role in supporting those most in need at this time.

- **Partnering with rural communities to achieve their local developments goals**



19 Farmers' Cooperatives



Small Grants/Sponsorship



5000+ Students



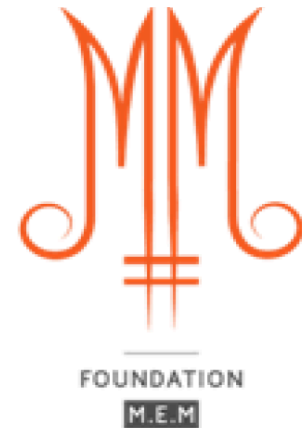
Skeleton Team



10,000+ Water Users



Partnership-based implementation model



# What did we do:

## FMEM SCHOLARSHIP



**28**  
Number of recipients  
Over 3 years

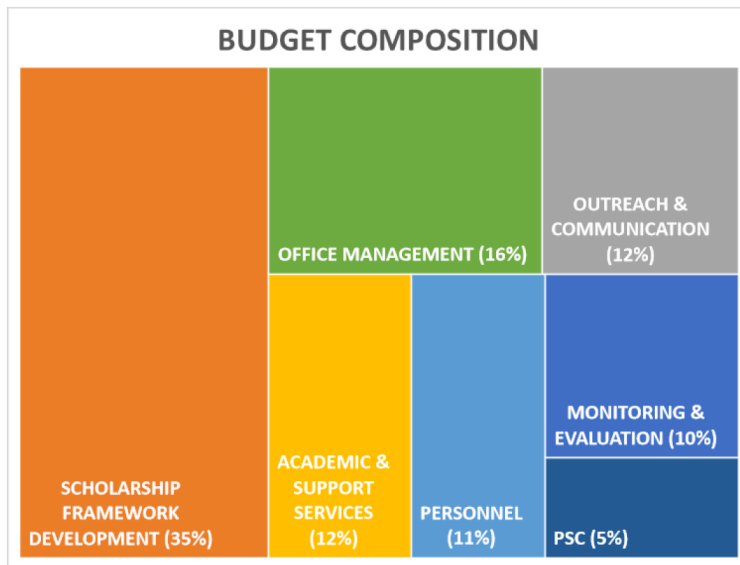


**EUR7,285**  
Cost per recipient  
Over 3 years



### STEM

Priority areas  
For undergrad or technical studies



## Our Aim:

**Enhance equitable access to quality higher education for high school graduates from low-income backgrounds in rural Cameroon**

**Objective 1:** Increase awareness and outreach on scholarship opportunities the 5 FMEM districts through 2027.

**Objective 2:** Reduce the financial barrier to higher education (undergraduate degree) for at least 28 high school graduates by 2027

**Objective 3:** Strengthen community and institutional partnerships to facilitate access academic support, employment readiness, and personal development opportunities.

# W.A.S.H



## Delivering services directly

Number of infrastructures built since 2019	Communities (near people's homes)	Schools
Clean water + pump	8	2
Decent toilets	2	9
Good hygiene through better facilities	18,521	2,774

## Our direct reach:



**4200**  
pupils with decent  
toilets



**10,000+**  
people with clean water



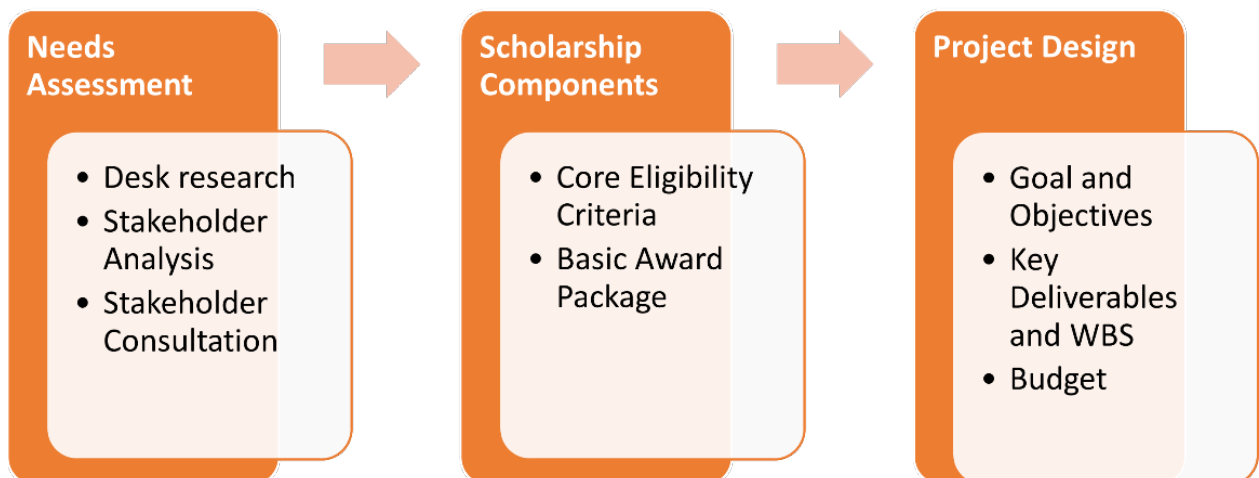
**20,000+**  
people with good  
hygiene

## The Challenge:

Based on a rapid assessment of the state of secondary and higher education in Cameroon, FMEM pitched a high-level concept for the scholarship fund to the sponsors that highlighted the following:

- Cameroon spends 25% less than other African countries on tertiary institutions (World Bank, 2023). As a result, support for students to access tertiary education, such as scholarships, is scarce.
- Only 14% of high school graduates can enrol in tertiary education (World Bank, 2023) and an even smaller percentage comes from low-income households.
- In FMEM's partner communities, 90-100% of students in these schools come from disadvantaged communities and low-income households. In these communities and others like it, over 70% of adolescents and young adults are out of school and/or struggle to find employment, due to limited knowledge, education, skills, and opportunities. A 2021 baseline assessment commissioned by FMEM also supported these trends.
- This is more accentuated for young girls. Beyond the costs associated with schooling, adolescent girls face additional barriers, particularly at the secondary level, primarily due to the burden of household chores, expectations of marriage, and teenage pregnancies (Sobngwi-Tambekou et. Al, 2022).
- At the continental level, major trends in skills gaps in African economies highlight a shortage in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) related skills. This trend can be extrapolated to apply to Cameroon (ILO, 2019), and in the context of globalization, can be priority disciplines.

## Methodology:



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Mr. Owona Godfrey  
Expert Comptable  
24th May 2024

# Financial Statements

# Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023
Previous Year	3,973		3,973
<b>Income from:</b> Donations and legacies			
Investments	51,304	5000	56,304
Other			0
			2,000
<b>Total Income</b>			62,277
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising donations and legacies			1,109
Investment management costs			
<b>Raising Funds</b>			1,109
<b>Net income available for charitable expenditure</b>			61,168
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Service provision	12,374	(4500)	16,874
Informing the public about our work	920		920
WASH and Scholaeship	40,980		40,980
<b>Total Charitable Activities</b>			58,774
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	(54,274)	500	2,394
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	(51,304)	500	(59,883)
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	0	500	2,394
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	0	500	2,394

# OUR PARTNERS



**Secrétariat à l'Education (SEDO)**



**FOUNDATION M.E.M**

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**NG9 6RS, BEESTON**

**UNITED KINGDOM**

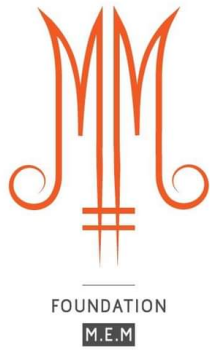
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# FOUNDATION MBALLA-EKOBENA MARCEL



**ANNUAL  
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**2022**



# INTRODUCTION & CONTENT

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# UPDATED SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

FMEM partnered with a local Monitoring and Evaluation consultant to conduct a situational or diagnostic study in the five (5) counties in which it has been implementing projects since 2020. The purpose of this study was to establish an updated and more complete baseline of the socio-economic state of these communities. The study provided an overview of three sectors: access to drinking water, education and agriculture. To collect information from the target counties and their rural communities, a team of survey agents was recruited, trained and deployed into the field over a 2-month period. At county level, technical individual interviews questioning more municipal policies and strategies were conducted, while for the communities, it involved focus groups during which the community members were able to discuss the realities experienced on a daily basis in relation to the drinking water, educational infrastructure, support and agricultural organization.



## Key Findings:



### Access to water:

- 1 in 3 people have access to potable water
- 40% of communal water points are functional
- 1 water point serves 400 people (almost double the demand)



### School environment:

- 6 out of 10 school buildings in fair and safe condition
- 50% of the classrooms are adequately furnished/equipped
- 50% have functional water points or toilets



### Agriculture:

- 3 in 4 people practice or depend on farming for their livelihood
- 22% of farmers are able to process/add value to their produce
- 11% of farmers have received technical support (training, inputs, equipment)

The Study in Numbers:

10

Young men and women trained on digital data collection

5

Partner counties covered

56

Communities surveyed

# IMPROVED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

FMEM continued its partnership with the Education Secretariat of Obala Commune (known as SEDO) in improving school infrastructure. FMEM and SEDO previously partnered for the construction and rehabilitation of 3 classroom buildings in the village of Elig-Nkouma. In 2022, the partnership continued with the commissioning of classroom benches and office furniture for the teachers, all made locally made. FMEM provided funding to source materials and labour, while SEDO monitored production and ensured distribution to schools in Elig-Nkouma and Okok-Ntsas. This collaboration was timely, as students returned to school following and extended lockdown period due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



## The Partnership in Numbers:

**10** Director and Teacher Desk Sets

**9** Large storage shelves and cupboards

**64** 3-seater benches for primary school pupils

**192** New seats available pupils

# BANANA FARM & TREE NURSERY

FMEM expanded its partnership with local farmers' cooperatives, TOMAGRO, to support its members in developing a banana plantation and an indigenous fruit tree nursery. TOMAGRO contributed 54% of the cost of the project, which included training member farmers in appropriate banana farming techniques, transportation of inputs and labour for the nursery to ensure seedlings survival. FMEM supported soil preparation and inputs procurement, in return of fruit tree seedlings that were planted as part of farmer sensitization on the importance of agroforestry and reforestation. Though 1 hectare of plantain banana was successfully set up, most parts of Cameroon faced a severe and extended drought period, which resulted in less than 50% survival rate for the banana plants. However, through sustained monitoring and increased rigour in the itineraries of the tree nursery, over 70% of tree seedlings were preserved. This enabled the planting of new fruit trees in both forest and savannah settings, including Toam, 2 varieties of kola nut trees, tropical mango, wild mango, ambarella and soursop.



## The Project in Numbers:

**15** Young men and women trained in banana production and tree nursery production

**1** Hectare of plantain banana planted

**1000+** Surviving fruit tree seedlings

**7+** Tree species planted in forest and savannah

# COMMUNITY VOICES

In 2022, FMEM conducted visits in the communities in which it had implemented projects in the past, especially in the education and WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) sectors. The projects in question, had been completed 1 to 5 years before the visit. The aim of the exercise was to return to the communities to assess how continuity of the projects had taken place (or not), and also gather from community members whether the projects had brought the desired changes. FMEM partnered with a media and communications team to collect images, videos, and testimonials, which are currently in post-production for use and release in 2023. A snapshot of testimonials and of the community feedback is presented below.



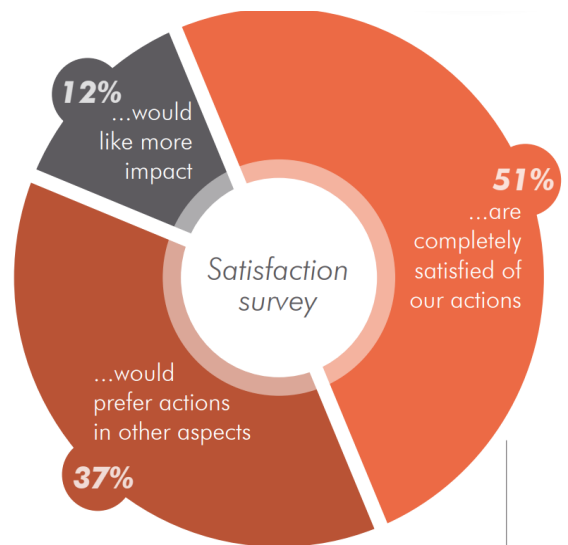
The construction of latrines and the various donations received from the Foundation over several years have considerably changed lives of students and teachers in our small town

**Mr. Achille Eloka**  
Dir. Ekabita-Tom Public School



With the rehabilitation of the water well, located at the Adjélé Public School in 2020, the M.E.M Foundation has enabled local residents and especially the students of the village to get through the crisis more serenely.

**Mr. Marc YENGUI**  
Dir. Adjele Public School



Here is the result from the satisfaction survey we made on more than 7 groups of recipients

# FINANCIAL REPORT

In 2022, FMEM.

## Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £42,840. The Foundation did not generate any other income from any source other than donations.

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £3,970 on unrestricted funds, this sum will be put in our emergency funds pot to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

Cash in	TOTAL
Previous Year	£2,447
Donation received	£42,840
Total cash in	£45,287
Cash out	TOTAL
Wage	£7,283
Projects Cost	£25,327
Rent or premises costs	£1,414
Telephone and internet	£127
Marketing and Website	£578
Equipment purchase or leasing	£1,285
Transport	£2,570
Professional fees (legal, accounting etc.)	£1,359
Bank and transfer charge, FX	£1,371
Total cash out	£41,314
Net cash flow	£3,973
Closing cash position	£3,973

# Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees/ members of Foundation Mballa Ekobena Marcel

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on pages 7.

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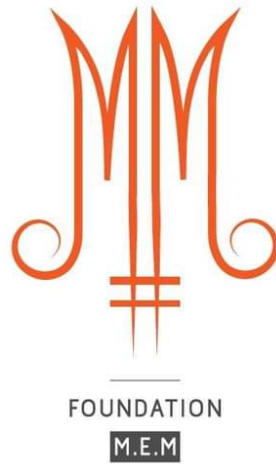
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ANNUAL REPORT 2020 - 2021  
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## Overview of the project

### Background

#### **The initial situation of access to water and sanitation in times of COVID-19**

Access to drinking water affects a large number of families in the project area (Eastern Cameroon region). The water currently consumed by the population is drawn from rivers and ponds located below the villages, often several kilometers away.

In the absence of proper roads, and because of the geographical location of the villages, the fetching of water, traditionally carried out by women and children, is particularly painful and take away precious hours which could be dedicated to more productive activities (sale of surplus on local markets ...).

With almost no access to sanitation systems in these villages, villagers defecate in and around water sources. As a result, runoff, abundant in this tropical region, pollutes the water points in which each family relies on for showering, washing clothes ... and draws water for cooking and drinking. The fecal peril therefore remains a permanent threat to the health of child populations, regularly decimated by epidemics of dysentery and other diarrheal diseases. It is estimated that 70 per cent of the diseases that affect people in these rural areas are still related to poor water quality.

This area (Department of Haut-Nyong and Lom and Djerem) has been proposed as a priority by the FMEM team for the year 2020. As a response mechanism to the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in landlocked areas of the region.

The activities that were carried out in the targeted areas were based on epidemiological monitoring, strengthening local capacities in connection with the health sector, developing a collaboration plan with the municipal authorities, responding to emergency WASH needs in this emergency period (awareness session on hygiene promotion, development and rehabilitation of water points).

### Presentation of the partners

As partners we can mention institutional partners such as:

1. The municipality of Angossas
2. The commune of Lomié
3. The family school of agriculture of Essandiane.

Whose purpose is to develop and promote development actions.

We can also count on technical partners such as the NGO MUTCARE which specializes in training and support issues for disadvantaged groups.

## Description of the project objectives

The objective of the actions for the year was to sustainably reduce water born diseases in villages (about 6000 peoples) in the East region, which can increase the death rate in combination with COVID, through access to drinking water and sanitation and the training of local actors.

The specific objectives were to:

1. The provision of drinking water to target populations;
2. The emergence of a local dynamic with a gradual change in risky health behaviours that can promote the spread of COVID-19;
3. Improvement of the health and social situation of the population.
4. Provide the Water Point Committees and the project managers with the tools necessary for the sustainability of the projects: Technical tools, financial tools.

## Project progress:

The project had two (02) components:

### **A component access to water - Rehabilitation of 14 water wells in three municipalities of the Eastern region:**

Some of these villages were equipped with wells. But they were unsanitary and supplied only a small proportion of the villagers. Elsewhere, the population had no access to drinking water.



*Photo 1: some images of the project.*

### **An accompaniment component - Training and equipment of local officials:**

The formation of 14 Water Point Management Committees and maintenance managers, who will be essential factors in the future autonomy of rural communities for infrastructure management and the reduction of waterborne diseases.

## Monitoring and evaluation methodology

### Objectives achieved:

- ⇒ The **rehabilitation of wells equipped with PMH in the 10 target villages** has made it possible to provide the local population with access to quality water within a radius, in accordance with the recommendations set out in the project.
- ⇒ The population reports an immediate improvement in **diarrhoeal diseases** in young children, as well as an increase in cleanliness in general.
- ⇒ In addition to cleanliness and hygiene, the arrival of water in the village is for many inhabitants a factor of **general well-being** and especially of **human dignity**.
- ⇒ The women gained an average of **2 hours thanks to the lightening of the water chore**. They massively use this free time to increase their working time on farms and AGRs in order to improve the level of nutrition of their families. The project has therefore had direct and immediate effects in the fight against poverty.
- ⇒ Raising **public awareness of hygiene rules** (WASH strategy) has created a new sanitation dynamic: improved knowledge of the link between health and sanitation, promotion of handwashing with soap, promotion of family latrines.
- ⇒ **10 Water Committees** were trained and sensitized by MUTCARE facilitators. Their medium-term support remains necessary to strengthen their operating autonomy and improve their skills, particularly in terms of water resources protection.

### Review of technical execution

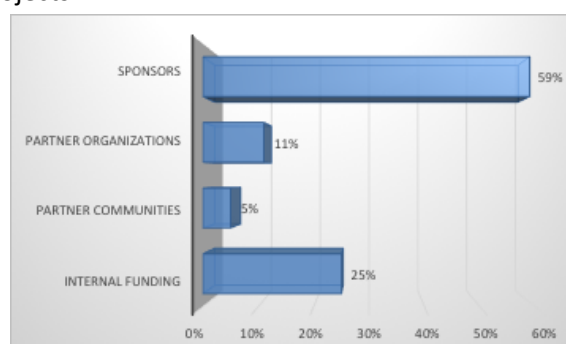
#### Means used

##### Human resources:

- A facilitator: responsible for the support and training of the Water Point Management Committees and the health education of the populations;
- A specialist in hydraulic infrastructure for the construction of infrastructure;
- The heads of the town halls for the logistical mobilization;
- Village chiefs responsible for material mobilization and local labour participation for infrastructure works.

##### Financial means:

The foundation held a fundraiser throughout the year, despite the COVID climate FMEM's funding target for 2020 was 80,000 GBP. Together with COOPTOM, partner communities, and sponsors, we met 78% of this target (£62400) which was a very encouraging result during such uncertain financial times. While the result of the fundraising were below target the fund collected allowed us to complet some of the projects postponed in 2020 without severely impacting on the new projects.



## Hardship:

The difficulties encountered during this first phase are more related to the understanding of local authorities and local populations. We can also mention the climate that has not always been favorable to the implementation of activities (rains that prevented the delivery of materials on time, thus creating a consequent fluctuation in the prices of raw materials).



*Photo 2: KASSARAFAM Village during the works*

## Stream 1: Drinking Water Infrastructure

1. Actions implemented:

2. Rehabilitation of 10 drinking water points:

The existing water points were built between 2000 and 2004 in the majority of municipalities. These are the 03 main municipalities of intervention of the FMEM since its creation. The headquarters of BMG, our local partner, is located in Bélabo, which facilitated its follow-up work on this project.



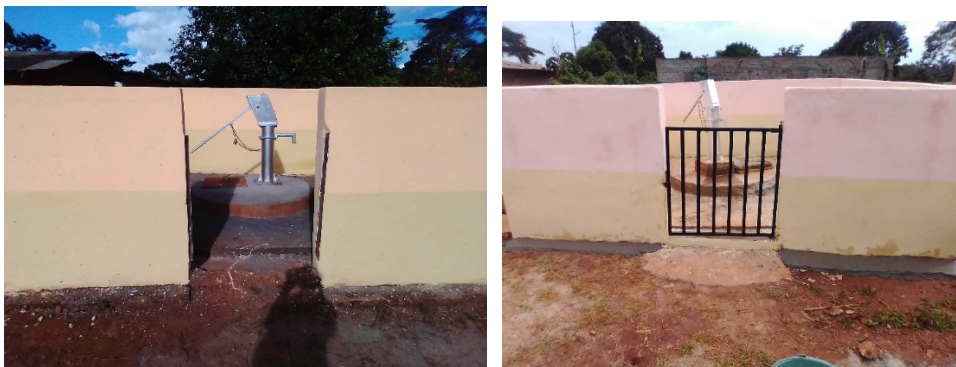
*Photo 3: MBOMBA Public School after and before*



*Photo 2 ADIELA Public School after and before*



*Photo 4: BINGONGOL Village after and before*



*Photo 5: Bagoboung village and Anguengué*

## Component 2: Support for local actors

The FMEM and the MUTCARE facilitator accompanied the populations in the formation of their Management Committees and in the adoption of sanitary behaviors to strengthen the effects of drinking water on health and barrier measures: hand washing with soap, use of family latrines, maintenance of water quality.



**Photo 6: Presentation of the certificate and kit to a training participant**



**Photo 7: Family photo of the training**

## 1. Analysis of results achieved :

The evaluation carried out by the FMEM in March 2021 made it possible to note the results obtained in terms of training local actors:

	Positive elements	Possible improvements
<b>Management Committees</b>	Members of the Management Committees  And managers are well aware of their roles and responsibilities and are willing to assume them within their means.	Some committee leaders, in particular treasurers and secretaries, expressed doubts about their capacities and requested additional training to carry out their mission. The aim would be to provide them with precise methodological tools, adapted to their capabilities, in terms of information gathering, scoring, etc.
<b>Techniques Animation</b>	The training of the facilitators allowed them to acquire new animation techniques as well as concrete awareness-raising tools.	Progress remains to be made in implementing the implementation of a WASH strategy. Targeting messages and audiences must become systematic. For this, a more intensive presence of the communal authorities on the ground is required.

## Conclusion :

### The project

The project has achieved the objectives announced: in addition to the rehabilitation of drinking water and sanitation infrastructure, it has made it possible to set up new procedures for accompanying and supporting local actors. The evaluation carried out at the end of the project and the reflection undertaken with the FMEM team allowed us to update the successes but also the weaknesses of this first phase and to plan the necessary adjustments to improve our method of intervention as part of the rest of the action.

The momentum will therefore continue, with a view to both extending and sustaining the benefits of the 2020 project. From now on, local communities are better equipped and more motivated than ever to assert their expertise and continue the actions of support of the actors.

## Partnership

This project could not have taken place without the significant support of decentralized local authorities; in particular the Commune of Angossas and other development associations that have agreed to commit to the development of the poorest populations of Madagascar!

This financial commitment was for us the only way to combine the essential services of drinking water; sanitation with the necessary support for populations and the fight against COVID 19 to sustain their infrastructure and adopt behavioral changes that really improve their health situation.

Training and local support represent a long-term work, which requires the sustainable commitment of everyone. This is why the FMEM calls on its partners to maintain this momentum of progress and allow the implementation of new projects that constitute both an extension and a deepening of the previous achievements.