

**“BERDSCO”**

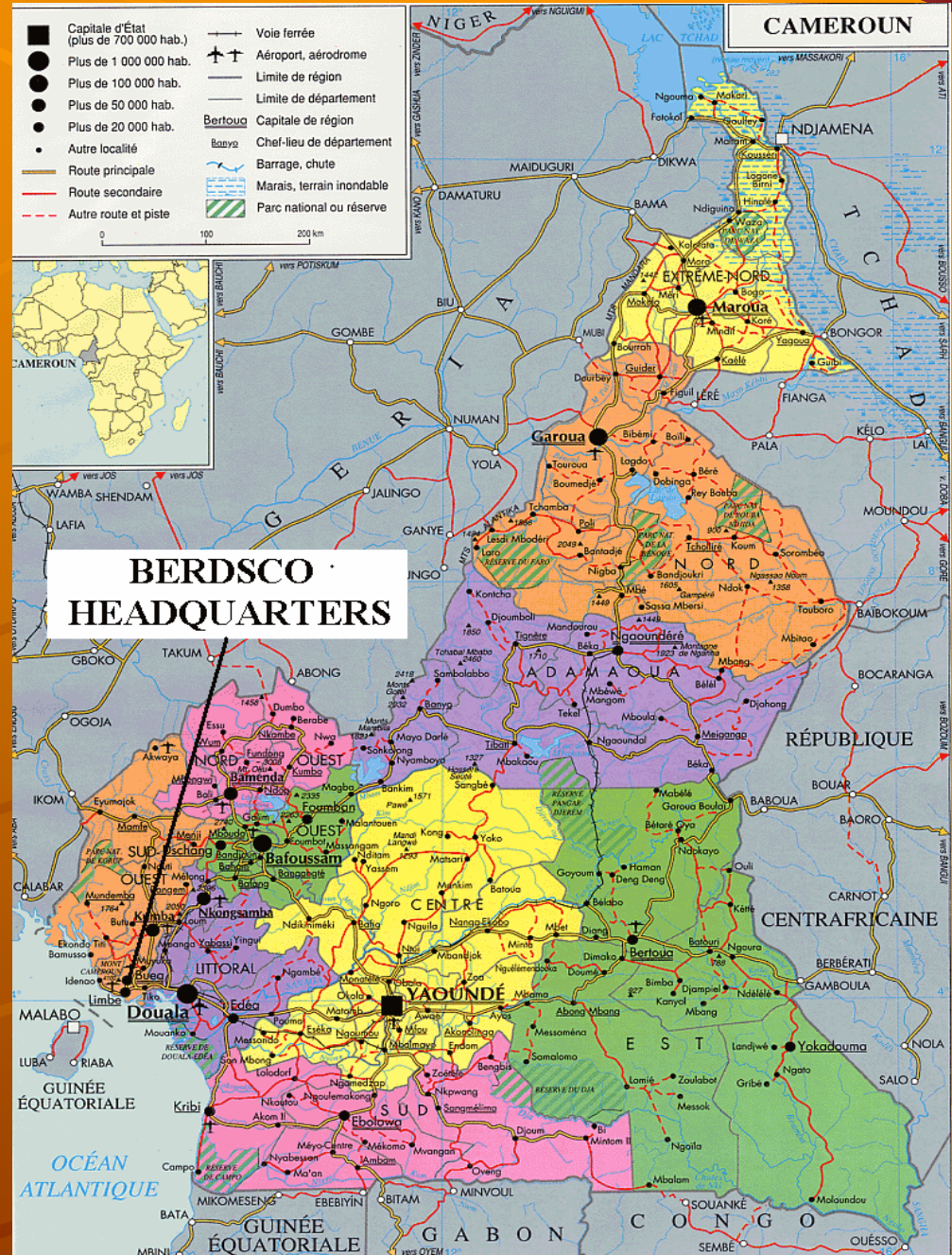
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CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH  
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# ZONE OF ACTIVITIES: CAMEROON (CENTRAL AFRICA)





# BERDSO HEADQUARTERS ON THE MAP OF CAMEROON



# **YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT AND STATUS**

**Established in 1990 by Mr. Forzi George Ngu, as founder and licensed as a non-political, non-religious, non profit making organization, non-governmental organization. Admitted as an NGO on "Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations".**



# **MISSION STATEMENT AND OBJECTIVES**

**(a) MISSION STATEMENT:** To alleviate poverty among the rural population of Cameroon resulting from the break out of economic crisis, structural reforms and the devaluation of the franc cfa with more concentration on women's activities.

**(b) OBJECTIVES:** Its objectives are (1) to improve the living conditions of the rural poorest of the poor through integrated approach. (2) to carryout programmes on environmental protection and education. (3) to create awareness on women situation and to help integrate them in the development of their communities as well as to work towards youths empowerment. (4) to educate the public on issues of health and drug abuse.

# TARGET BENEFICIARIES:

**The target beneficiaries are communities in the South West and North West provinces of Cameroon, women, men and youths below the poverty line, the family as a whole, villages and farmers, etc.**





# **ACTIVITIES OF BERDSCO-NGO:**

**Since its founding, Benevolent Community Education and Rural Development Society (BERDSCO) has been carrying out several activities but it's principal ones are:**



## **(a) SENSITIZATION, EDUCATION, FORMATION OF GROUPS, REGISTRATION AND TRAINING.**

**From the beginning BERDSCO has been building awareness and educating rural communities on several issues such as**

- ✿ health (aids, malaria, hygiene)**
- ✿ environment (land degradation, deforestation, ozone layer depletion)**
- ✿ income generating activities (crop production, livestock breeding, entrepreneurship)**

**BERDSCO is very active in helping communities that have once been sensitized and educated to form groups. Groups are then registered as co-operatives and common initiative groups to acquire legal status. This allows them to become members of BERDSCO and receive training from our team. Specific training provides community groups with lifelong skills, to earn a living, manage their financial records or be able to solve a given problem in a society.**



## **(b) MICROFINANCE FOR AGRICULTURE AND INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES:**

**Agriculture is the key sector of the Cameroon economy, employing 70% of working population and contributing 45% of GDP. However, the economically active poor categories of the population do not have the necessary resources to depend on, as a means to earn a living. Thus groups like women's groups, men's group or youth groups obtain small credits from BERDSCO for:**

- income generating activities such as crop production, livestock rearing**
- farm inputs such as equipment, fertilizers and pesticides.**

**Requests are financed depending on the demands of the farmers themselves and incentives such as training. The credit act as an instrument for poverty alleviation as the poor are the main group of people engage in obtaining small loans. This helps them to create self-employment opportunities, promote food security, raise their income level to improve their living conditions.**

## **(c) HEALTH PREVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAMME:**

Rural population within BERDSCO catchment area suffer from various health threats and diseases. During our survey and training on health education sessions we have documented prevalence of: *malaria, typhoid, pneumonia, dysentery, diarrhoea, skin diseases, anaemia, tuberculosis, hypertension, pregnancy complications, chicken pox, epilepsy, sleeping sickness, HIV/AIDS*, and several toilet inflammation diseases. We believe health plays a very important aspect in the life of poor people. Presence of diseases mentioned above can be serious threat to secure livelihood of rural family. Once the causes are identified by BERDSCO project team, remedies are applied immediately.

## **(d) ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

**This NGO is much concern about the issue of environmental sustainability. Therefore, it cares about man and his impact on environment. In this area we are engaged in solving land degradation and biodiversity conservation problems through agro-forestry and soil conservation. We support hunters' families in maintaining backyard farms, thus preventing from hunting in the bush. This contributes to wildlife protection. Moreover, we have interest in exploring and diversifying income generating activities of rural people oppose to wildlife harvesting.**



## **(e) EXCHANGE PROGRAMME:**

**BERDSCO attaches much importance to cultural differences and experiences from other parts of the world. Thus, accepts volunteers with different background for engagement in communal activities and projects in order to share and gain experiences on best practices.**

**BERDSCO offers following programmes on development issues:**

- ✦ volunteers programme**
- ✦ undergraduate students internship programme**
- ✦ graduate work experience programme**

**We are also interested in cooperation with adults with wide experience in various fields of activities such as; education, agriculture, forestry, community health and construction. So far our volunteers were engaged and have achievements in the area of project development, setting up of village health committees, website development, women mobilisation, fundraising and film documentaries for BERDSCO.**



## **(f) RESEARCH:**

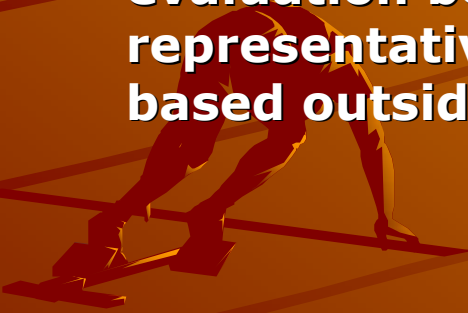
**Our daily activities in the field are complied with research and experiments carried out for example on:**

- ✦ savings mobilization, credits and technology,**
- ✦ introducing pigs and acceptance of pork meat,**
- ✦ bee keeping and honey production,**
- ✦ initiating and adapting new crops,**
- ✦ starting new farming techniques.**
- ✦ health problems.**



## **(g) CONSULTANCY**

**Consultancy has become one of BERDSCO principal activity. We are being contact by community groups, various organisations and institutes to consult us on project proposals development and feasibilities. Once project is granted, we act as a mediator for monitoring, and evaluation between donors and those involved. We are also representatives or focal point of different organisations based outside Cameroon.**



# BERDSCO Head Office in Buea



A secretariat for co-ordination of project activities and reception of international programmes.

# Buea Town





# One of the field office of BERDSCO

A bulk of its activities are on micro-finance. Borrowers seating at the door waiting to received loans for income generating activities.



# CURRENT HEAD OFFICE STAFF OF BERDSCO



# Mr. FORZI George NGU

Director BERDSCO (NGO)

T. Dip, B.Ed, M.Ed, Cert. (Credit Management)

Victoria University of  
Manchester, England.

Cert. Credit Management,  
Pan African Institute for  
Development for West  
Africa.

Int. Dev. Course,  
Scandinavian University of  
Oslo, Norway.

Training on the  
Administration of Micro-  
finance for Poverty  
Alleviation, Dhaka,  
Bangladesh. The director  
articulate how difficult it is  
to attend his institutional  
vision in African setting.  
Will any donor support  
BERDSCO in our poverty  
alleviation mission?



# Miss Ajong Christiana Fonge

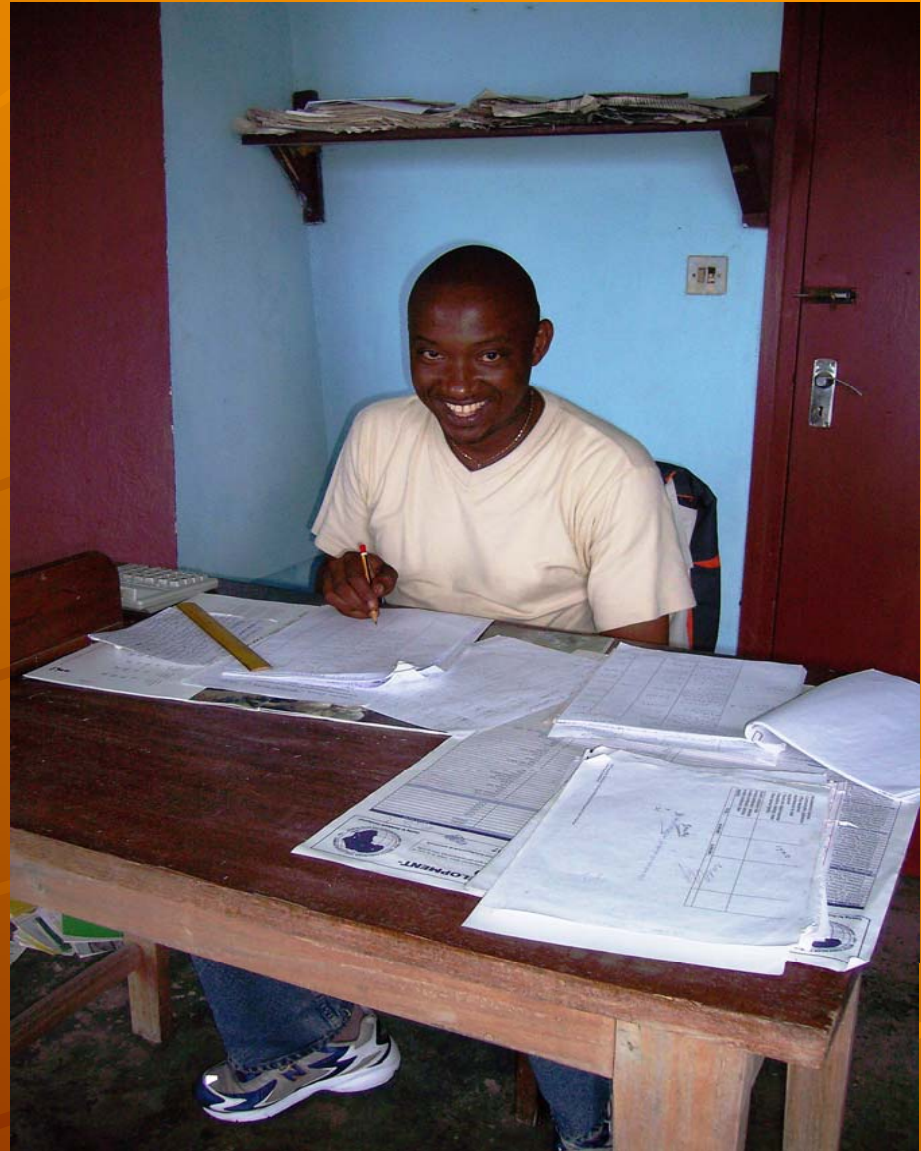
**Bachelor of Science  
(B.Sc.) Economics  
Management  
University of  
Dschang, Cameroon.  
One of the Senior  
Staff at  
Headquarters of  
BERDSCO in charge  
of MicroFinance for  
Agriculture  
Intensification and  
HIV/AIDS  
Awareness  
Campaign.**





# Mr. Ashunombi Emmanuel B.D.L

**Bachelor Degree  
In Law at  
University of Nsoka,  
Nigeria. One of the  
Senior Staff at  
Headquarters of BERDSCO  
in charge of project  
proposals and project  
co-ordination.**



# RNDr. Pavel Muron

**Master's Degree  
in Social Geography  
and Regional Development  
Doctor's Degree in Political  
and Cultural Geography from  
Ostrava, Czech Republic.  
New member of BERDSCO  
team in charge of capacity  
building, project proposals  
and project co-ordination.**



# Marcin Zieba

**Master of Science in Animal Husbandry, specialisation in Agritourism, Agriculture  
University of August Cieszkowski, Poznań, Poland,  
Bachelor in International Rural Innovation and Development,  
CAH Dronten Agriculture University, Dronten, the Netherlands,  
Professional training in Geographic Information System (GIS) and associated software(ArcView),  
International Vocational Training Centre, IPC Groene Ruimte, Arnhem, Netherlands,  
Intern, Institute of Rural Science, University of Wales, Aberystwyth.  
New Project Officer at BERDSCO**



# Anna Treuova

**School of International and  
Public Relations, branch  
Diplomacy, Prague, Czech  
Republic. Psychology and  
Social sciences course  
New Project Officer at  
BERDSCO in charge of women  
empowerment and children  
issues.**





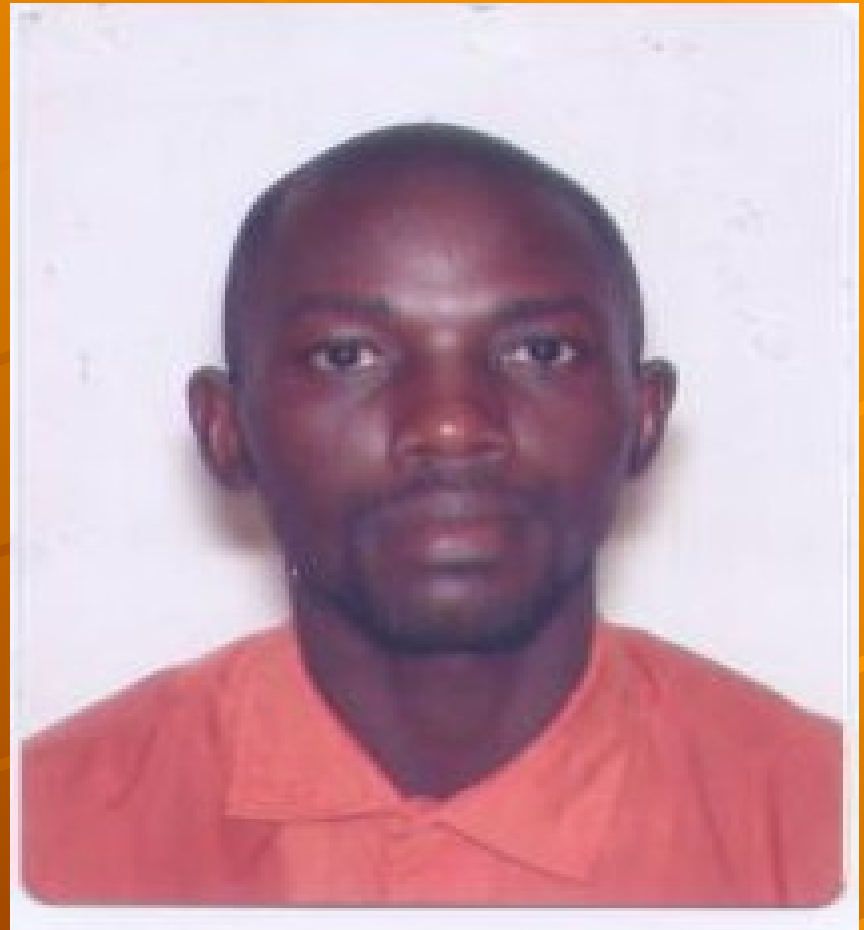
# Ngoyanga Colette Agbor B.Sc

**Bachelor Degree  
in geography,  
University of Buea,  
Cameroon. New  
member of BERDSCO  
team in charge of  
project proposals  
and project co-ordination.**



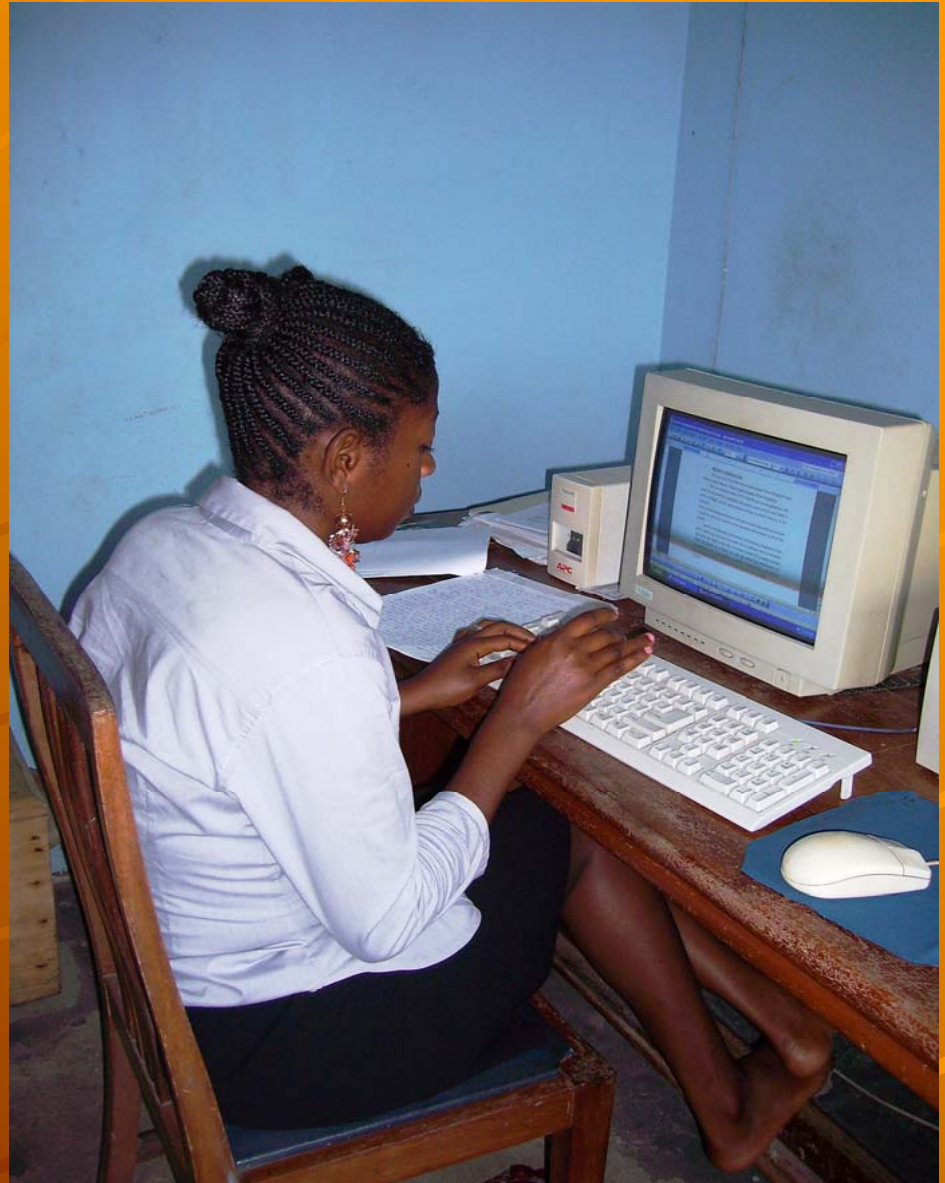
# **Mr. Folefac Pius Morfaw**

**Bachelor of Arts (B.A)  
University of Dschang.  
Senior Staff specialist  
incharge of Income  
Generating Skills  
Development,  
MicroFinance and  
Identification and  
Establishment of  
Local HIV/AIDS Control  
Committees.**



# Miss Mosoko Lydien

**Ordinary Level Certificate  
– Diploma in Computing  
Application. Higher of  
Computing Studies.  
Assistant to Director in  
charge of secretariat  
issues , computing  
and financial issues.**



# Miss Anyiatem Theresia Tazocha

**Ordinary Diploma  
in Computing  
Application.  
Higher of  
Computing  
Studies.**

**Project Officer in  
charge of  
secretariat  
issues ,  
computing and  
financial issues.**





# BERDSCO DIRECTOR receives an award

Mr. FORZI George NGU, Director of BERDSCO receives an award from the Deputy Vice President Association Country Women of the World (ACWW) for his successful efforts in pulling women on income generating activities with Micro Finance 15<sup>th</sup> October, 1998.



# Mr. FORZI George NGU

Founder and current director of BERDSCO records his services with the poor by taking a photograph at one of his field office poster 1998.



# Skilled staff are a success to Micro-Finance for Poverty Alleviation

Mr. FORZI  
George NGU,  
trains the field  
staff of BERDSCO  
to withstand his  
Micro Finance  
activities.





# Director of BERDSCO delivery capacity building strategies

Mr. FORZI George NGU, Director of BERDSCO delivery capacity building strategies to his staff to enable them skilful in loan delivery activities.





# Donations given by the British Council, Yaounde Cameroon

Mr. FORZI George NGU, Director of BERDSCO and staff are extremely happy for donations given by the British Council, Yaounde Cameroon to enable BERDSCO carryout its Rural Development Work.



# Networking is an Information Source

Installation of Mr.  
FORZI George NGU,  
as National Co-  
ordinator of  
Cameroon Grameen  
Network (CGN) by  
Prefessor H.I. Latiffee



# BERDSCO and National Co-ordinator of Cameroon Grameen Network WITH Pan African Institute for Development (PAID) Buea, 1999.

Mr. FORZI George  
NGU, director  
BERDSCO and  
National Co-  
ordinator, of  
Cameroon Grameen  
Network (middle)  
with some members  
of the network. Pan  
African Institute for  
Development (PAID)  
Buea, 1999.





# DISCUSSION BETWEEN DIRECTOR AND STAFF FOR EFFECTIVE MICRO-FINANCING.

Mr. FORZI George  
NGU, Co-ordinator  
of C.G.N.  
discusses the  
effective take off  
of Cameroon  
Grameen Network  
(C.G.N), a  
developed  
Network out of  
BERDSCO Micro-  
Finance Activities.





# MICRO-FINANCE FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION



# BERDSCO borrowers at Ngie Office

BERDSCO  
borrowers at  
Ngie Office  
waiting for  
their loans to  
be processed,  
September,  
2000.



# Credit is an instrument for Women Empowerment

Mr. Akaning  
Denis Delivery  
credit to a  
women on  
BERDSCO  
scheme at Teze  
Village in the  
North West  
Province for  
her income  
generating  
activity.



# Loan Training Scheme

A BERDSCO borrower graduating on the loan scheme receives her last loan from BERDSCO field project staff at Bota Limbe Destiny Sisters Union, 1998.





# HIV/AIDS PREVENTION EDUCATION/CONDO MS DISTRIBUTION



# HIV/AIDS Community Mobilisation

HIV/AIDS Community  
Mobilisation meeting  
by BERDSCO

Project Staff at  
Eyumojock Sub-  
division in Manyu  
Division of the South  
West Province,  
Cameroon



# Talangaye Community Listened to instructions from BERDSCO field officers

A cross Section of Talangaye Community Listened to instructions from BERDSCO field officers on HIV/AIDS issues.



# Condom distribution after a training session

Condom  
distribution  
after a training  
session by two  
project staff of  
BERDSCO – see  
condoms i.e  
whitish in  
participants  
hands.





# Condom use for HIV/AIDS Control is becoming the most popular method

Villages at Letia  
Community  
stretched their  
hands to receive  
condoms from a  
BERDSCO Staff.



# Njeh AIDS Control Committee members

Jubilation after a full education session on HIV/AIDS and its transmission methods in their community. Widow inheritance was identified as one of the sources of AIDS transmission in their community. Should we abandon widows was the jubilation question?



# TRAINING ON HIV/AIDS PREVENTION



# Staff of BERDSCO assisting the Eshobi Community

Staff of BERDSCO assisting the Eshobi Community in Development their HIV/AIDS action plan for submission to the government of Cameroon.





# Capacity Building Workshop

Limbe Capacity Building Workshop for Local Support Organisations on the fight Against HIV/AIDS in the South West Province, 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2005.



# ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY HIV/AIDS CONTROL COMMITTEES



# A Local Chief installation

A Local Chief  
installed Elected  
Local Aids Control  
Committee in  
Eyumojock Manyu  
Division.



# Continuation

Project Staff of BERDSCO Miss Christiana Ajong Fonge and Mr. Pius Folefac Morfaw extend fareware greetings to the just trained Local Aids Control Committee executive.



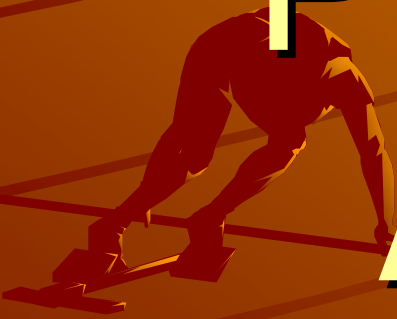


# Fonge/Nkah Communities

Fonge/Nkah Communities takes a photograph after a successful establishment of their Local Aids Control Community by BERDSCO field staff.



# AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES



# BORROWERS ACTIVITY

A borrowers activity,  
supply of seeding  
across women  
farmers



# CONTINUATION

Irine and Francis, both field staff of BERDSCO inspects Yam Seeding for supply to women farmers in BERDSCO food cultivation project.





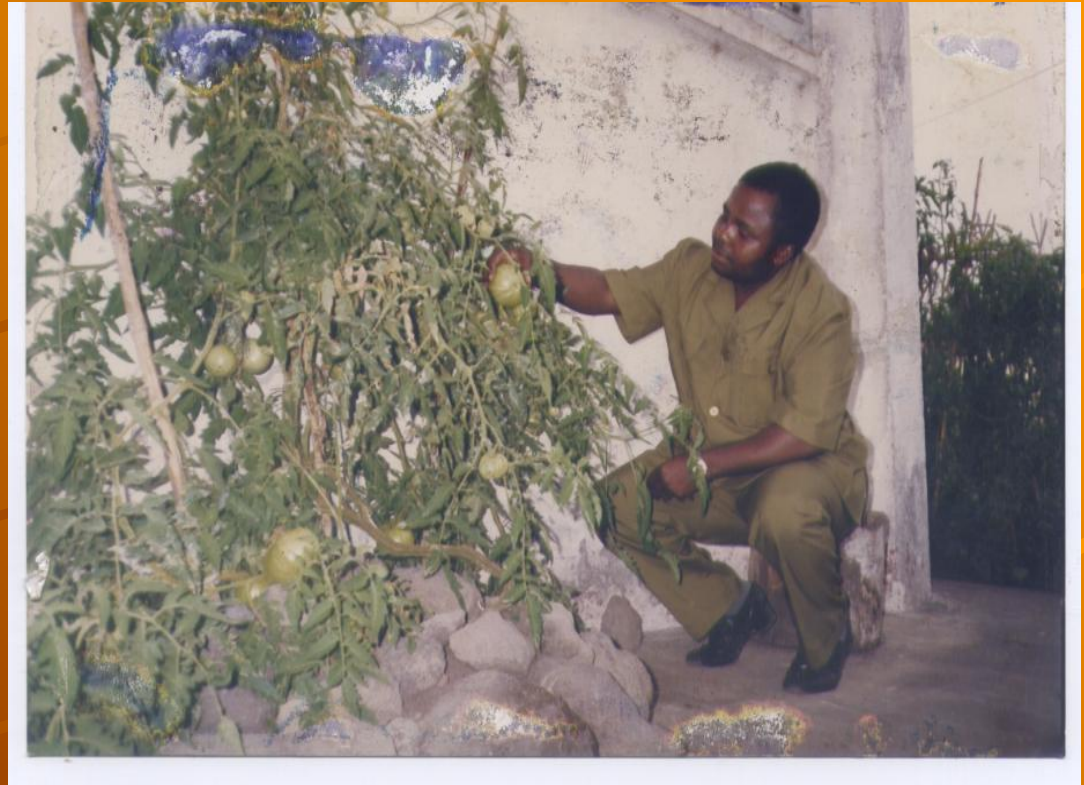
# The Deputy World President of Association Country Women of the World (ACWW)

Mrs. Ursula Goh  
seating in the  
middle takes a  
photograph of  
women after a  
visit to Rural  
Women Farming  
Group of Mile 14  
Muyuka  
October, 1998



# Mr FORZI George NGU, Director of BERDSCO

Mr FORZI George  
NGU, Director of  
BERDSCO admire  
tomatoes in a  
woman borrower  
backyard  
agricultural farm.



# TOMATOES CULTIVATION

Tomatoes cultivation is a high yield income generation activities. Mr. George Iweh field project officer of BERDSCO inspects maintenance in one of the borrowers farm.





# WOMEN OF BERDSCO PARTICIPATING IN NATIONAL FESTIVALS





**BERDSCO  
Women  
participation at  
the  
International  
Women Day  
in Lebialem  
Division.**



BERDSCO Women borrowers match pass at the celebration of the International Day of the Family October, 1994.



Boyo Women borrowers of BERDSCO marching  
on International Rural  
Women's Day October 15, 2003 at Mundemba,  
Ndian Division.





A group of rebbitary farmers of BERDSCO at the International Day of the Family, 1994 Mr. FORZI George NGU Founder of BERDSCO behind line (middle).



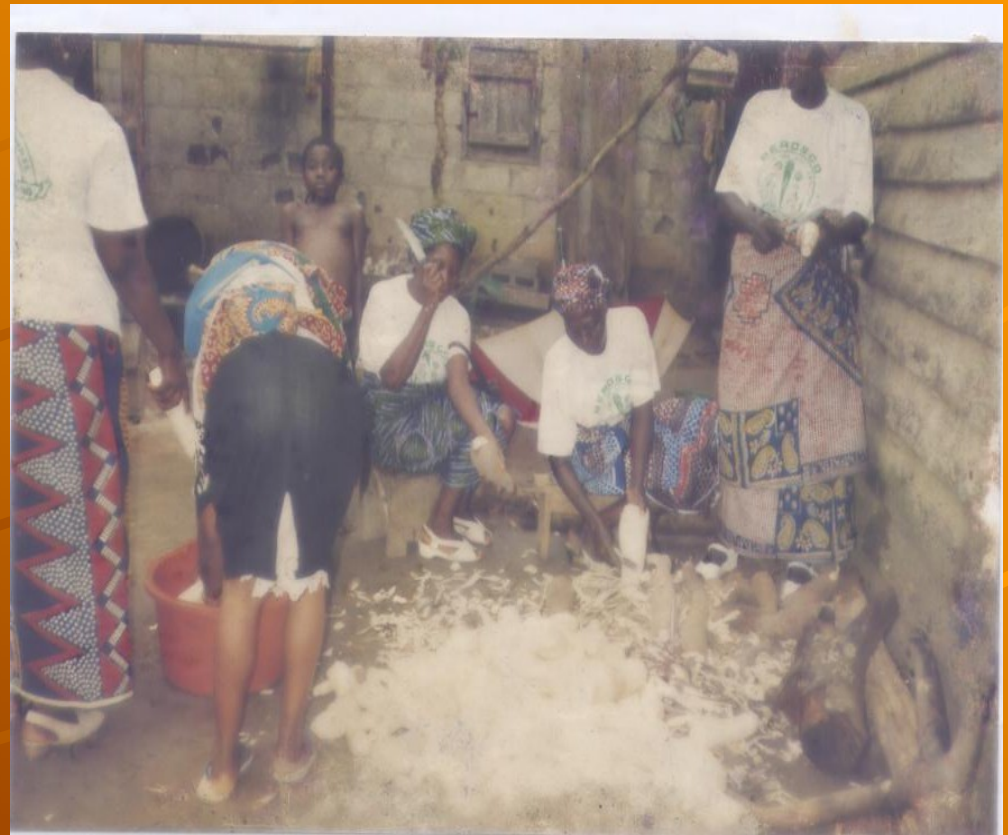


# FOOD PROCESSING AND DISPLAY IN A LOCAL MARKET



# Cassava production

Cassava production is a high yield activity of women in Cameroon. women on BERDSCO Scheme process are peeling cassava to be processed into water fufu. A lucrative meal of Cameroonian families.



# A borrower of BERDSCO processes garri

A borrower of BERDSCO processes garri through the frying process for sale as her income generating activities ready for a market day. She belongs to Happy Women Common Initiative Group.



The President of  
Muyuka Happy  
Women Common  
Initiative Group  
Mrs. Fon Margeret  
inspect her  
member  
processing garri  
for sale,  
September, 2003.





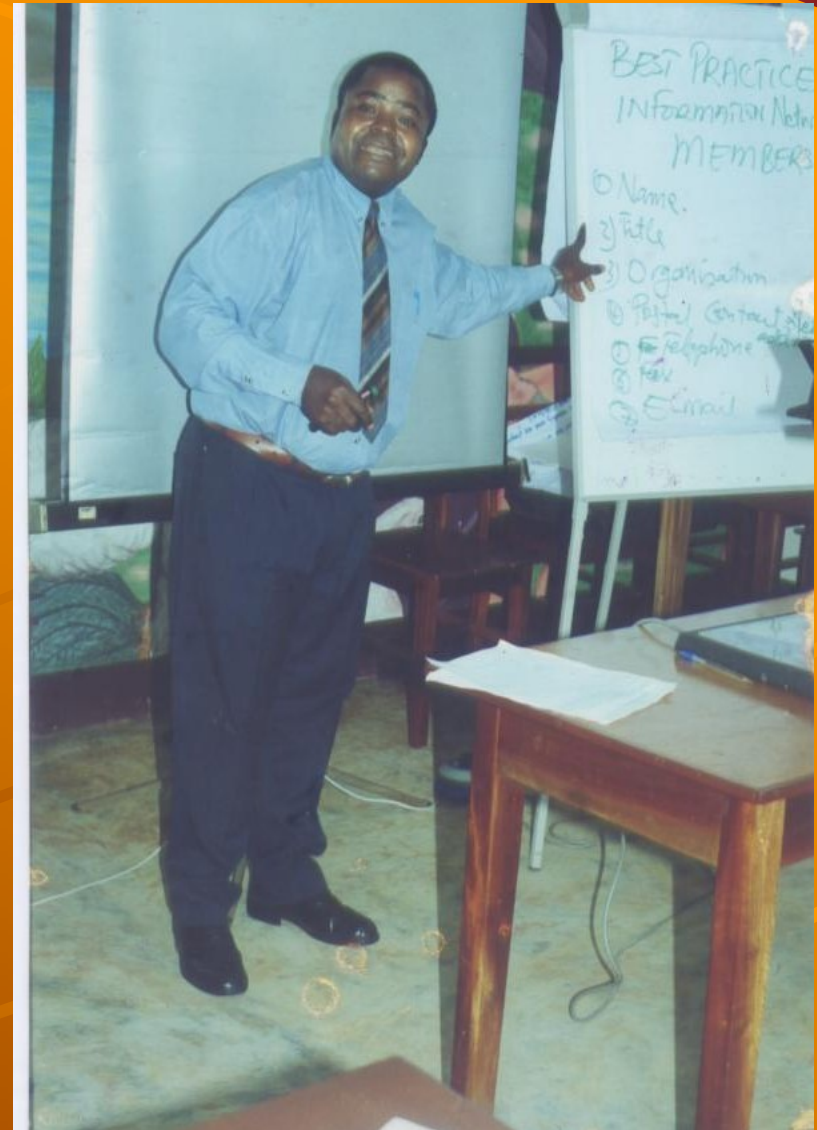
Happy Women  
Group of Muyuka  
exhibit their garri  
produced from  
cassava at Muyuka  
market area.  
Peopling calling to  
buy, September,  
2003.



# TRAINING FOR THE PROVISION OF LIFELONG SKILLS FOR ACTIVITIES.



Mr. FORZI George  
NGU, was one of our  
fascinator at the  
youth project on  
“Poverty Reduction  
Among Youths and  
Underprivileged  
People in Lebialem  
Area”. Photograph in  
Action.



# Group Work at BERDSCO

BERDSCO Group Leaders Training Exercise on Grassroots' development and Micro-Credit Delivery System at Pan African Institute for Development (PAID) West Africa, August, 1996.





Mr. FORZI George NGU, Director of BERDSCO leads a field exposure with Women Group leaders in Cameroon to women income generating activities to Evodela in the Centre Province, Cameroon.



# INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES



Unity Sisters of Bota Limbe. The group exhibit their wholesale palm oil distribution project sponsored by BERDSCO.





Megom Women Group borrowers takes a snap shot with the field project officer of BERDSCO after a group meting session.





There exist variety of income generating activities we support. Mr. Thomas Moki one of our youth at Likoko Membia currently do timber exploitation and carpentry as his high profitable income generating activities.



Beer sales is a high profitable income generating activities in Cameroon. One of the BERDSCO youth leaders and a borrower Miss Enanga Regina Moka (standing) happily serve customers at her bar established with BERDSCO youth department loan.



Native drinks  
collected from  
palms are income  
generating activities  
for women in  
Cameroon. A  
woman on a  
BERDSCO Scheme  
Sells palm wine to  
village notables.





A women on a BERDSCO AZI  
Project of BERDSCO illustrates the  
full utilization of her loan on her  
income generating project, 1998.





A young married woman Mrs. Ngong Odilia Nepih so proud of her fishing roasting income generating activities with assistance loan from BERDSCO youth department.



Madam Becky  
Fanka, a borrower  
belonging to  
BERDSCO Micro  
Credit Scheme of  
Unity Sisters Kumba  
exhibits her income  
generating activity,  
Soap production  
and sale, October,  
2003.



# FAMILY BACKYARD LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES



Most backyard farms manage as a source of income generating activities in Successful families are cared by Children. Njeazeh Blasius feeds pigs with Nutritious leaves of *Leucaena* agro-forestry tree.





Backyard  
livestock farm is  
an income  
yielding  
activities of  
women in  
Cameroon. A  
BERDSCO  
women poultry  
project at Bota  
Limbe, 1998



Children  
participates well  
in BERDSCO  
programmes. A  
young man is  
happy to see his  
Pig active in his  
backyard farm.



A young butcher Mr. Blasious Njeazeh Slaughters a 90 kilograms pig from a BERDSCO borrower for sale. Mr. Jerome is assisting in weighting of the meat.



# VISITORS OF BERDSCO





The Divisional Officer for Ngie Sub Division  
sends off after a visit  
to BERDSCO projects  
at Ngie, North West Province, Cameroon.



Project of BERDSCO are always appealing to visitors. A representative of German Ministry of Development Co-operation and the Team Leader of Mount Cameroon Project Buea returning from visits to BERDSCO women farms in Buea area.





Visit of representative of Canada Fund for Co-operation Yaounde, Cameroon. The head of the delegation Mr. Mama is being received by women leaders of BERDSCO on food processing project in Muyuka area, South West Province, Cameroon.

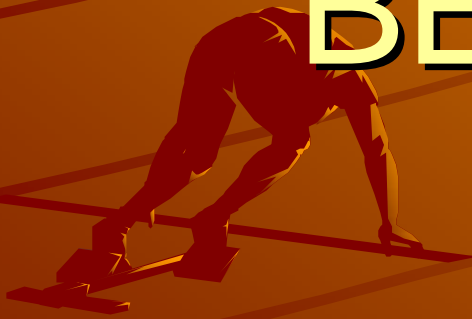


Bread for the World and Presbyterian Church  
Development Secretary visit BERDSCO Women  
agricultural farms in Buea area.  
17th February, 1996





# NEEDS OF BERDSCO-NGO



# COME HELP US

- (1) Needs adequate loan portfolio for seed capital to our groups and co-operative societies.
- (2) Need equipment for field activities such as vehicles for field supervision and one for marketing of borrowers products.
- (3) Needs secretarial equipment such as computers photocopiers, printers, binders communication equipment and internet facilities
- (4) Representatives needed in various countries of the world as Europe, USA, Australia, Japan, etc as well as volunteers to represent us in the UN-System.
- (5) Needs networking partners in the area of micro finance, youths programmes, women, environmental protection and community development.

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