



Youth Development Centre Limbe, Cameroon 2009 Annual Report

1. Acknowledgement

In 2009, Youth Development Centre (YDC) Limbe was able to implement a greater part of her action plan thanks to the support received from her partners, patrons and members of the Association.

We wish to extend our appreciation to the above for their moral, material and financial contributions without which YDC would not have been able to carry out some of the 2009 planned activities.

Our special thanks go to our partners The Methodist Relief and Development Fund (MRDF) in London UK whose support enabled YDC to extend her primary schools vegetable gardening, tree nursery and livestock programme to other primary schools in the South West Region of Cameroon.

YDC also wish to thank the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) for their support to Owe Primary School water supply project.

Our Acknowledgement also go to the students and teachers of the Kent College Canterbury-UK for their financial and material assistance to YDC

Lastly, we wish to extend our appreciation to the local administrative authorities, other development agents and beneficiary communities who collaborated with us in one way or the other.

1. Introduction

In line with our mission of enabling Youth and Women acquire survival skills in other to secure a better future for themselves, YDC in 2009 continued with its Primary Schools

vegetable gardening, tree nursery and livestock programme by working with six Schools. We were able to provide life and vocational skills training to about 350 children in Primary Schools.

We have equally within the year under review, trained 55 out –of- school young girls and students on computer literacy.

In 2009, we also received two important groups' visitors from the United Kingdom.

YDC also participated in meetings and workshops organised in Cameroon. Despite the above positive assessment, we nevertheless had some problems which hindered the full implementation of 2009 planned activities.

2. Project activities.

2.1. Sustainable agriculture

a) Workshops & setting up of school gardens,

With support from our partner- The Methodist Relief and Development Fund, (MRDF), we were able to organised four (4) workshops on vegetable gardening and tree nursery in two schools; i.e. Government School Yoke & Catholic School Mutengene and equally held two training sessions on pig farming in Catholic School Muyuka and Government School Ekona Yard. More than three hundred & fifty (350) children and teacher gained practical knowledge and skills on vegetable gardening, tree nursery & planting and on pigs rearing.

A total of four (4) school vegetable gardens were established, two piggery houses constructed two (2) piglets installed in each.

Below are pictures of the activities described above:



Above is a cross section of a school vegetable garden in C.S Mutengene and P.S Yoke.



The picture above shows a piggery house constructed by YDC at G.S Ekona with two piglets installed in it.

2. 2 Conservation education activities

A giant tree nursery was established in Yoke with a capacity of 4622 tree seedlings of different species.

We also re-established the tree nursery in mile 4. About 2550 tree seedlings have been transplanted in the schools. We trained 252 children in tree nursery management and planting in 2009.

Below are some of the tree species found in the nurseries.

No	Name	Type /Functions
1	Cassia	Shade / Nitrogen fixing
2	Luecanae	Nitrogen fixing / Shade
3	Oranges	Fruit tree / Shade
4	Lemon	Fruit tree / Shade
5	Cassia siamea	Nitrogen fixing / Shade
6	Palm seedlings	Fruit tree / Shade
7	Terminalia manila	Tree / Shade
8	Paw paw	Fruit tree



Above are pictures of nursed seedlings of different trees in the nursery

2. 3 Provision of potable drinking water

YDC was able to provide water to Catholic School Mutengene in 2009. The aim is to enable the children have water available to irrigate their garden and trees planted through out the year and boost vegetable production. Another reason is to make safe drinking water available and reduce water borne disease related outbreak in schools.

See picture below.



To minimize water borne diseases and boost vegetable production in schools, YDC supplied and extended pipe borne water to schools. Above is a picture of children carrying water from a tap stand provided by YDC at C.S Muyuka

2. 4 Capacity building workshop for YDC Staff & FMCS.

Still with support from MRDF, YDC was able to train members of the school farm management committees and YDC Staff on fund raising techniques from six (6) Schools as

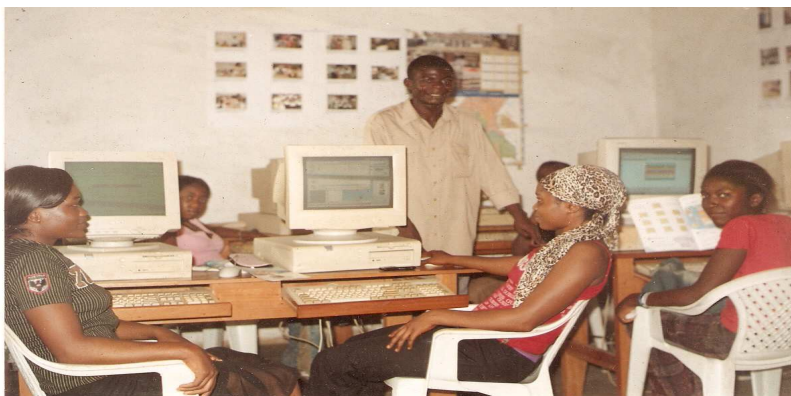
well as all YDC Senior Staff were trained on the subject during a one – day meeting held at Catholic School Mutengene on the 17 /12 / 2009.



YDC staff and Mr. Yannick Milev holding a workshop on Fundraising at YDC head office as seen in the picture above.

2. 5. Computer Literacy Programme.

We continued with our computer training for young girls and students in 2009. We were able to graduate one batch of 22 trainees.



YDC has been able to sustain its computer literacy training programme in 2009. Above is picture of trainees receiving lectures while working practically.

3. Visits and meeting attended.

We received several visitors in 2009. Prominent among them are:

1. Mr. Yannick Milev

YDC was honoured by the visit of the new MRDF Programme Officer for West Africa Mr. Yannick milev. The visit which started on the 2nd of October 2009 ended on the 6th of the same month. During his visits, the MRDF Programme Officer trained YDC Staff on fund raising. Mr. Yannick milev also had the opportunity to meet and discuss with YDC Staff and members and equally visited four schools namely Government School Yoke, Catholic School Mutengene, Government School Ekona yard and Catholic School Muyuka.



Above is a family picture of YDC staff and MRDF programme officer Mr. Yannick Milev during his visit to YDC.

2. Kent College Canterbury students and teachers

From the 18th to 22nd of October 2009 YDC received and hosted a group of 17 students and 3 teachers including Rev. Paul Glass all from Kent College Canterbury – UK. During the visit, the group visited YDC's field activities in four (4) schools working on the vegetable gardening, tree nursery & piggery programmes. There was a lot of cultural interaction during the visit both in the field with children as well as with YDC Staff and members in Limbe.



*Above is a picture of Kent College students during their visit to
YDC head office in Limbe*

Among other visitors are: Mr. Tabe Moses, Ekine Eric, Njikang Kogge, Ngwese Domenica, Elad Clement, Mrs. Nonjang Evelyn, Tchepnang Bathelemy:-

4. Event attended by YDC.

- The Coordinator of YDC attended a 3-days management workshop organised by PASOC's relay Organisation –Reach Out Buea in Limbe from the 18th -21st June 2009
- YDC also took part in SWECSO'S General Assembly which was held in Limbe in June and on the 22nd – 23rd December 2009. during the last General Assembly, the Coordinator of YDC was elected as the Secretary General of the South West Civil Society Organisation Network (SWECSO)
- YDC also attended the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) Triennial Conference which was held in Buea on the 23rd – 25th March 2009.
- YDC was part of the Civil Society Organisations Management workshop organised by PASOC/ Reach Out at the Pan Africa Institute for development on the 25th – 27th November 2009
- A workshop on the role of Civil Society Organisations in the development process of Cameroon organised by PASOC/Reach Out on the 31st of March 2009 at Kumba Council hall YDC was also part of it.
- YDC also attended A tool for good governance organised by the Embassy of the United State of America and the Martin Luther King Memorial Foundation.

5. Problems encountered:

5.1. Lack of adequate funds

We failed to carry out all planned activities in 2009 due to lack of adequate funds.

5.2. Insufficient office space.

We were unable to start another vocational skill training discipline due to lack of space. In fact, even that allocated for computer training is presently very small compared to the number of students we receive. The construction of YDC's vocational skills training centre is absolutely necessary.

5.3. The absence of some operational equipment.

We lack of office equipment like; photocopier, fixed phone, power point projector for training, white board& easel for training, scanner, and fax machine. We also need more computers as some of the ones we bought in 2007 have already gone beyond repairs.

5.4. We received more requests from schools, youth, women groups that we could not possibly assist.

6. Conclusion.

Despite the above problems, we can state equivocally that YDC succeeded in carrying out a greater part of its 2009 planned activities. We were able to extend our activities to four schools in Muyuka and Tiko Sub- divisions thanks to the up scaling of our vegetable gardening & tree nursery project by our partner – The MRDF- UK .