



RESTORE IMPACT REPORT 2024

Building Sustainable Families and Empowering Communities





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Financial Literacy Training and Community Savings Initiative Group (CSIG) establishment – FAWOI Head Office, Buea





A WORD FROM THE BOARD

This report highlights FAWOI's activities and achievements for 2024, made possible by our staff, volunteers, and partners who persevere amid the numerous challenges confronting our region and sector.

The year past was one filled with many challenges as well as many successes all thanks to team work and collaboration. Through it all, we stood united in our mission to uplift vulnerable households and empower communities through our programs.

Most of our teams especially the social service workers and volunteers operate in conflict affected and hard-to-reach zones amidst insecurity, in a bid to serve the vulnerable children and their families in these regions – North-West and South-West of Cameroon.

The tragic occurrence of conflict in these regions leaves many children unable to get an education and with the deploring economic status, most families cannot afford the means for upkeep talk less of education, health or protection. It's in such a context that the RESTORE Project sought to support these children and their families through education, health, empowerment and protection.

These efforts are offering families hope and the tools to build sustainable futures. Yet, our work is far from over. The feedback from them underscores the need to address dependency cycles, enhance economic empowerment, and encourage self-reliance among beneficiaries.

Thanks to collaboration with government agencies, civil society and donor partners like CARE RIVER, who make our work possible. We depend on our shared responsibility and each other drawing from our respective strengths as we plan diligently to execute with excellence, keeping our shared vision at the centre of all we do. We heartily thank all our supporters and collaborators.

Stephen A. Kube, Secretary General - FAWOI FAWOI's Board is the governing body of the organization with a diverse set of committed and experienced leaders from civil society, private sector, government and academia, driving the mission of the organization who meet quarterly. Read more about them on our webpage – <u>Our Team.</u>



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Vision

We envision a nourishing and nurturing environment for sustainability and autonomy of families, women and girls.

Mission

Build sustainable families and empowered communities through capacity building and horizon expansion to improve the quality of life of girls and women.

Focus

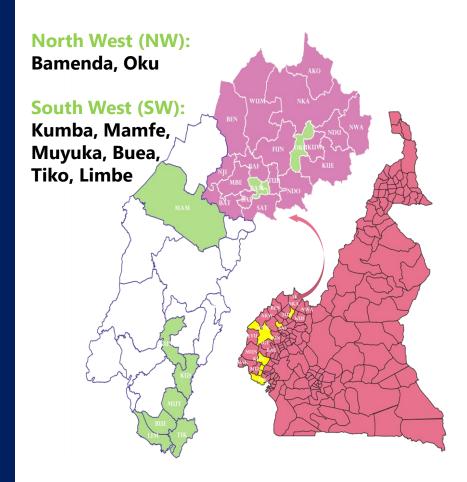
Empowerment
Protection
Education
Health

Family World international (FAWOI) is a non-profit responding to humanitarian and development needs to advance the quality of life and livelihood of persons locally and internationally especially women and girls.

In Cameroon, FAWOI is a registered NGO with head office in Buea (Mile 17) and satellite offices in Kumba (SOWEFCU Building) and Bamenda (Mile 4).

Our Target Population

- HIV infected and affected children
- Adolescent and teenage mothers
- Survivors of violence and abuse
- Children of female sex workers
- Internally Displaced Persons
- Living in indecent habitats
- Persons with disabilities
- Children born of war
- School drop-outs



Project Vision

& empowerment of local communities affected by the socio-political unrest and Boko Haram in the North-West & South-West Regions of Cameroon, ensuring access to quality education, healthcare, protection, empowerment & overall well-being

Project Mission

Provide comprehensive support to victims of the crisis, focusing on education, health care, empowerment & protection of children and families. The centrality of the project will be protection and economic empowerment of children and families to foster sustainability, communal integration, growth & peace.

Commitment

FAWOI and CARE RIVER commit to provide relief, restore hope, & facilitate the sustainable recovery of the affected towards sustainability & peace.

The Empowering and Supporting In-distressed and Internally Displaced Communities (ESIID-C Project) Affected by the Socio-political Crisis in the North West and South West Regions and the Boko Haram Insurgency in Cameroon dubbed the RESTORE Project was setup to address the lack in resources to foster access to quality education and health care in the North West, and South West Regions of Cameroon.

The current context has women raising children on their own and struggling to earn a living given that a good number of them have lost their partners. Years of fighting between Non-State Armed Groups (NSAG) and the State in Cameroon have hit communities hard, uprooting hundreds of thousands. Affected individuals have navigated a harsh landscape of hostility and widespread violence including sexual, economic and psychosocial. They have lost access to their farms and income-generating activities and livelihood due to the conflicts. This has rendered children, women and girls very vulnerable to various risks. It has rendered the affected very vulnerable to survival sex, human trafficking, sexual exploitation, sexual assault and rape.

Monthly Safe Space Sessions on Sexual Reproductive Health Rights & Violence Prevention – Mamfe, by Dr Lucia



The RESTORE Project had a target of empowering 365 persons including Internally Displaced Children (IDP) children, youth, women, men, and those living with disabilities and 1,092 persons indirectly. All these beneficiaries were selected from communities that we have been working with and new ones directly affected by the multiple crisis.



HIV/AIDS Awareness and Testing Campaign in Muyuka Health District with the District Health Services – by Vana Samiria

Our strategy focused on overcoming the limitation of the provision of immediate humanitarian needs resulting in a stop-gap, temporary relief in general, giving limited attention to the holistic tailored approach to aid relief – capacity building, community-led implementation, systems strengthening and advocacy, and partnerships.



Community Testing and Vaccination Campaign in Oku Health District with the Oku Integrated Health Services Staff – by Kumbong Comfort



Back to School Campaign (Book Distribution at Dorcas Orphanage Mutengene)



THE YEAR IN NUMBERS





PROJECT TARGET

91 Households365 Participants

580% Attained

898 FEMALES

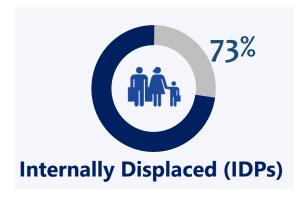


1055
Trauma Healing sessions via home visits

\$31,000 CARE RIVER Funding









HEALTH



32 † 02 Males

30 Females

Medical Care through Bills payment and medication





Reached in GBV Campaigns - 3,616 on Social Media & 1042 physical sessions



1,095

Reached in HIV/AIDS Campaigns. 408 Tests & 04 linked to care



CLHIV with 45 HEIs & 36 + PBFW

EDUCATION & EMPOWERMENT



17 Females

Business Startups established and enhanced



14 Females

Vocational Trainings in placement and payment



51 Females 36 Males



Educational Support to Children in School Fees & Placements with 13 Exam Class children.



Educational Counselling through home visits

PROTECTION



established



Positive Parenting Sessions - home visits & sessions



Mental Health & **Psychosocial Support GBV-related cases**



02

Legal proceedings in **GBV** - ongoing pending judgement



The RESTORE Project Team at a glance*

Program & 12 **Operations Staff**

Volunteers

08 Health **Districts**

03 Offices 02 Regions



NDUM FELIX T. Field Coordinator -Kumba



BUJI VALENTINE Procurement & Logistics Officer



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NEH OUSEMMATOU Administrative **Assistant**



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DR MOTIKA G. LUCIA Social Service Worker - Mamfe



VANA SAMIRIA L. Social Service Worker - Muyuka



MUKETE PRIMO Social Service Worker - Kumba



KUMBONG COMFORT Social Service Worker -Oku



LEM THERESIA I. Social Service Worker - Oku (Volunteer)



ULE ESTHER E. Social Service Worker - Kumba



MANI TONI FRANZ MEAL Assistant (Volunteer)



ANYERE DESMOND (Vol.) Education & Empowerment Ass.



FONYUY RANDOLPH K. *IT Support (Volunteer)*



ESONG SHARON Social Service Volunteer



FAI JOYCELINE W. Volunteer

*Not all of the team pictured.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES





Vocational Training for project participants in Tailoring and Hairdressing







Small Business Start-up for project participants in Kumba, Bamenda, and Buea





Menstrual Hygiene and GBV Awareness and Advocacy Campaigns in Limbe and Buea respectively





Facial Reconstruction Surgery of participant from explosive attack and leg fracture medical care



STAKEHOLDER VISITS & ACTIVITIES



CARE RIVER Supervisory Visit to Cameroon: October 23-25, 2024 - FAWOI Head Office



Regional Microplanning Workshop on Orphans & Vulnerable Children: August 21-23, 2024 – SYNOD Office, Buea SWR, Cameroon



YALI Stakeholder & Capacity Building Visit: June 12, 2024 - FAWOI Head Office





Working in the Muyuka District has been a rewarding experience that has deepened my understanding of the complexities of rural poverty and inequality. One major impact the project made was in the life and household of a participant who was a lost to follow-up. Through the RESTORE Project, she was located and brought back to treatment. In the course of enrolment and assessment, she was a survivor of intimate partner violence and was going through depression as she had lost her source of income to the crisis. Her kids had dropped from school, and she could barely feed herself and the kids. But with the coming of the RESTORE project, she received psychosocial counselling and support, was reinitiated back to treatment and also supported with business startup capital that has been able to support her and her children so far.



Being a medical doctor, my concepts and thoughts about patients and clients was limited to what they told me and what they presented themselves to be. The past six months gave me the opportunity to witness firsthand the situations some persons living with HIV go through like discrimination and stigmatization which are barriers that make access to healthcare difficult for these groups of people.

According to data for UPEC Mamfe, there are over 150 children and adolescents living with HIV/AIDS within the transportation limit of the RESTORE project. Just 32 of them have been enrolled and supported by the project. There's a need for improved strategies to find the 120 cases unenrolled to empower them. Hence, the need for continuation of the RESTORE Project in the Mamfe Health District. Support to these vulnerable persons will increase community empowerment and sustainability.



As a Volunteer, we established a paediatric corner providing a safe and welcoming space for children to play and learn while their Care givers access health care services and carried out sensitization on GBV. Our activities contributed to awareness and knowledge about HIV, GBV and paediatric services, access to primary health care and strengthened services community relationship partnership with local authorities and health care providers



Safe Space Session at the paediatric corner in Oku Health District





This project empowered me, gave me a sense of responsibility and I got to meet new people, friends and families. Financially, RESTORE provided for me and my family. I say a big thank you to FAWOI and CARE RIVER for the RESTORE project. I started as a volunteer and later was given employment; all my hard work was greatly appreciated. As a Field Coordinator, I was tasked to create relationships with stakeholders identify, assess and reassess for enrollment and service provision for poor vulnerable, internally displaced families, HIV infected and affected poor families, disabled and GBV victims/survivors. FAWOI through RESTORE has indeed restored and revived 81 families in Bamenda.



RESTORE project has saved many lives through its rapid intervention to pay the medical bills of so many sick vulnerable project participants in Kumba. Through its educational counseling, GBV and safe space, the project improved on the capacities of many pupils and students.

The project has also helped to reduce idleness among so many adolescents enrolled into vocational schools/training programs. It also instilled in many participants the ability to save money which they have used to open up small businesses.



GBV Sensitization at All Saints Secondary School, Kumba





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CARE RIVER (\$31,341)



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