

Bamenda II Council Updates

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EDITORIAL



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WORKING TOGETHER!

Accept greetings from the Bamenda II Council, light house of the city. Here we are once again to inform our community that the Bamenda II Municipality is growing stronger by the day. This has been made possible by the participatory approach towards development adopted by the council under the "Small Money Big Change Philosophy" which entails the holding of sensitization meetings and workshops with the community.

The coming of this council news letter is a saluted initiative. This is one of the greatest tools we have longed for in this municipality to tell the world of the great job we are doing daily to better our lives and the lives of those who look up to our council for survival. Through this council news letter we can be able to reach out to thousands in their meeting houses, in their quarters, and in the various carved out constituencies of our councilors. Through this medium, councilors will have to merely dish out copies to the people in their constituencies and everyone shall get to be informed on the various activities of the mayor and the council. This news letter that shall be coming up quarterly shall play a great deal in curbing rumor mongering. You shall know everything first hand. You shall know what project is going on, who is executing it and who is to benefit as well as when it starts and when it shall finished.

I therefore encourage everybody to get on board, put hands on deck and let's develop this most cherished municipality of ours. As we are all happy to have seen another year let's hope that may the blessings that come with the coming of the New Year visits everybody in this municipality and together we board one train and drive the municipality to greater glory.

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The Bamenda II Council Votes 2016 Administrative & Management Accounts

The Bamenda II council held its first administrative Accounts Session for this year on March 13 2017. It examined the administrative accounts of 2016 with the following highlights. The administrative accounts of 2016 which stood at 584,569,663 francs CFA in revenue and 568, 537,582 francs in expenditure, witnessing a drop of 55, 722,332 francs from the previous year. A major reason for the drop in revenue was the absence of tax drive exercise for 2016 and the civil unrest that rocked the North West and South West Regions in general and Bamenda in particular. Several Recommendations were arrived at amongst them;

That the services of HYSACAM should be extended to the Muwatsu Quarter since it is also a largely populated area, which Farmers of

Livestock should be provided with improved breeds as it is always done for farmers of crop production

A heavy amount should be instituted as a fine for illegal loading after impoundment, That the council should go into a loan

for the purchase of road equipment, The council should improve on the quantity and quality of prizes for the farmers during the Agro-Pastoral show and finally that Attestations should be issued to those who were trained for the block molding industry



INVESTMENT Within the Municipality

Investment for Bamenda II Council this year stands at 479.620.600 million francs CFA; Public Investment Budget stands at 163.620.600 while council investment stands at 316.000.000 million francs CFA giving a total of 479.620.600 francs CFA. The projects to be carried out revolves around education, provision of medical equipment to Health Centers, maintenance of roads, promotion of agriculture, sports, electricity extension etc. The Bamenda II Council internal tenders board awarded a good number of contracts that are undergoing execution while some of the projects have already been received such as the provision of medical equipment of Ntankah Integrated

Health Center, Mulang Integrated Health Center, the supply of an electric generator for the Bamenda II Council Head

Office and the Construction of a Veterinary and Zoo-Technical Center at Ntamulung, Mankon-Bamenda.



(The Reception Committee, for the reception of medical equipment. The DOM for Bamenda Health district actively doing a test of equipment)

Union With Pndp :A Practical Reality

With the admission of the Bamenda 2 council into the PNDP programme in 2014, the North West office has been making enormous progress as two council staff was recruited to man the positions of a council development officer and council finance officer. The capacity building of these officers has been on the increase. At the disposal of the council are two software programmes to aid the council in planning, budgeting,

implementation and monitoring.

Sim-Ba software aids in the financial transactions in the council in terms of revenue and expenditure. The Mayor, S.G, M.T, CFO and all treasury and finance staff makes use of this tool while the PRO-ADP software aids in project planning, implantation, and monitoring and it is closely follow-up by the Mayor, S.G, CDO and all technical staff of the

council.

The Bamenda II Council alongside all other councils of Mezam signed the convention of the third phase of PNDP activities on the 23 June 2016, a convention which the Bamenda II council received the sum of 65.000.000 for the elaboration of its Council Development Plan, an activity which modalities are being put in place to kick start the elaboration.

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Bringing Health Care Closer to the People

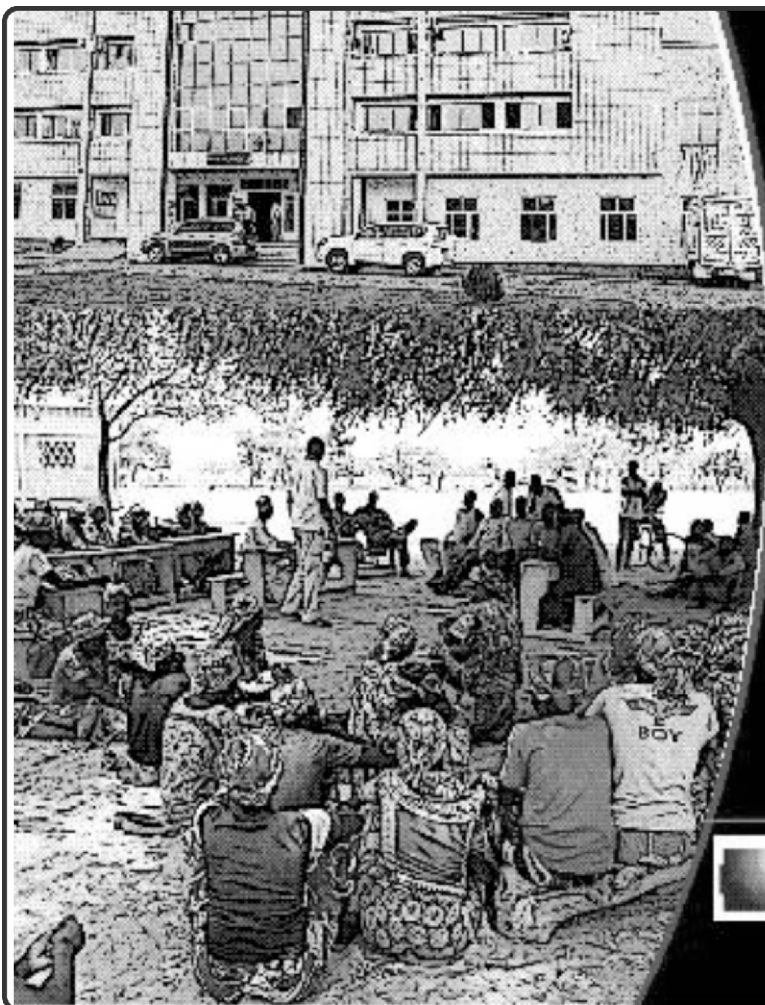
In the beginning of 2017, the health sector of the Bamenda II Municipality was allocated approximately 24 million franc cfa for the equipping of some Integrated Health Centers within the municipality. The month of July of 2017 was a good month for the inhabitants of Mulang and Ntankan and environs as the integrated health centers found in these quarters received vital medical apparatus which are going to help bridge the gap in the health sector as better health care will be provided to the population. Amongst the close to 25 items provided to these health facilities included; electric centrifuge, rocker, mercury sphygmomanometer, electric hot –Air oven for sterilization, protected baby's cot with plexiglass, examination lamp etc. The quality of equipment supplied was well appreciated by the reception team



which comprised the Mayor for Bamenda II Council, the District Medical Officer who doubled as the control engineer, the Divisional Delegate for Public Contracts, the Chief of Health Center, the Council Development Officer, and Stores Accountant for Bamenda II Council and some members of the community who

happened to be there. To further provide quality health care to the entire population, the Bamenda II Council in close collaboration with the Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services through a signed convention has been organizing a series of health campaigns. This saw the

grouping up of the municipality into five zones with five volunteers recruited to handle each of the zones. Working also in close collaboration with the district medical officer for Bamenda Health District, a programme of activities was drawn up wherein the population was the different localities visited the health center closer to them for free consultation on varied illnesses. This is followed by a door to door identification process of persons living with disabilities. The end goal is to empower such persons economically and politically.



I am involved in the development of my municipality

- ✦ By participating in the activities of the council ;
- ✦ By taking part in village development meeting ;
- ✦ By taking part in community work ;
- ✦ By paying taxes ;
- ✦ By following up the accountability municipal councillors and the Mayor ;

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