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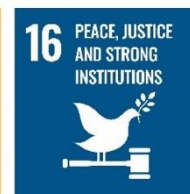
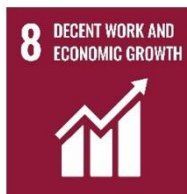
Strengthening Civil Society Organizations and Gender Inclusivity (PROSCIG)

Context

Cameroon is affected by complex conflicts that threaten social cohesion: Boko Haram in the Far North, refugee movements from the Central African Republic in the East, socio-political tensions between the country's two English-speaking regions in the Northwest/Southwest and the predominantly francophone central government.

Although women play a crucial role in Cameroon's economy and society, they are a particularly vulnerable group in a context of conflict and displacement.

Where things are tough, civil society plays an important role as a strategic partner of the State, as a facilitator of dialogue, as an actor of peace and social cohesion. Its situation deserves to be improved thanks to a more protective legal framework.



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Project name	CSO Strengthening and Gender Inclusivity Project
Partner Country	Cameroon
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Duration	March 2024 until September 2028
Implementing Partners	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Objective

Implemented by

PROSCIG aims to support civil society organizations (CSOs) so that they can initiate social change towards greater gender equality and economic and social participation for everyone.

Partners

The Ministry of Economy, Planning and Territorial Development (MINEPAT) is the political partner of the project.

The Ministry of Territorial Administration (MINAT), the Ministry of Decentralization and Local Development (MINDDEVEL), the Ministry of Justice (MINJUSTICE) and the Ministry for the Promotion of Women and the Family (MINPROFF) with their regional structures as well as local authorities are project implementation partners.

The project works in close collaboration with traditional authorities, customary courts, religious authorities, youth centers, the media and civil society organizations.

Approach

PROSCIG strengthens civil society through the following activities:

- Further training for CSO employees.
- Organizational development for CSOs.
- Strengthening civil society platforms and networks.
- Coordination of CSO measures for greater reach.
- Strengthening civil society in political decision-making processes
- Launch an initiative to revise the legal framework for CSOs.
- Financing of measures carried out by CSOs.

The focus is on the following topics:

- Gender equality
- Social cohesion – especially between internally displaced persons and inhabitants of host communities
- Conflict resolution and peace
- Income generation for families
- Prevention of gender-based violence and support for survivors of gender-based violence.

PROSCIG in Numbers

- 10 implementation regions
- 5 SC networks reinforced
- 25 local organizations strengthened
- 2 national advocacy initiatives
- 4 local plaidoyer initiatives
- 8 community dialogues
- 10 citizen consultations
- 25 prioritized local projects
- 250 SC participants in training
- 5 female leaders trained in leadership
- 800 people including 300 survivors of gender-based violence supported to increase their income
- Services for 400 survivors of gender-based violence
- 10 initiatives to prevent gender-based violence

Nexus Humanitarian aid, development cooperation, peace (HDP)

In the Far North, East, North-West and South-West regions, which are particularly affected by crisis and internal migration, PROSCIG builds a bridge to humanitarian aid and peace/stabilization projects.

PROSCIG for example draws on humanitarian aid for survivors of gender-based violence. In collaboration with UNFPA, civil society organizations will be strengthened, and the offer will be expanded to include training of those affected to income-generating activities.

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