



### COVID 19

Cameroon is one of the most affected contry by the corona virus in Africa. Ranked 3rd after South Africa and Nigeria : 16 708 confirmed cases, 14 539 cured and 385 dead. Till now, millions of people died and countries are still looking for solutions.

### HYGIENE TRAINING

The Medical Network Cameroon, in partnership with Bon Secours and Hope and Life is planning a training on hygiene for all the partners. This will reinforce the capacity of the various partners to keep up to date with the latest and best hygiene practices.

### CONTAINER ON THE WAY

On july 03rd, Bon Secours Kamerun sent another container with medical equipments and comsumables to help the partners instutions, hospitals menbers of the Medical Network Cameroon improve the quality of care they deliver to patients.



Hope and Life, sponsored by Bon Secours Kamerun organised a campaign to raise awareness in the rural community of Bekoko-Babenga. The objective of the campaign to sensitize the population about the covid 19 pandemic affecting the world. Social distancing, hands washing and face mask wearing have been repeatidly told to villagers in other to avoid being infected.

# COVID-19 Awareness Raising Campaign In Bekoko-babenga 1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020

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## Context

Cameroon is the most affected country by COVID-19 in Central Africa, 5<sup>th</sup> out of 54 countries in Africa, and the situation could even get worse if nothing is done.

The recent release of confinement measures combined with the spread of false information about COVID-19 results to the population not respecting the mitigation measures in the country, and Babenga more specifically.

Because of that, we felt it was urgent to raise the awareness of our community about COVID-19, to have conversations with them to debunk some false information about the pandemic, to contribute to alleviating the economic burden of the confinement.

## Organizing Sentence

We organized a **team** of 40 volunteers and 5 tailors to **address misinformation about COVID-19** and **share cloth-facemasks to 2000 individuals** in Bekoko/Babenga community, between the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

By doing that, we hoped to **greatly reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the community.**



## Methods

• We divided the project in 5 small phases, each with one or more measurable aims.

Stages	Foundation	Kick-off	Peak 1	Meas. Aim	Evaluation
<b>Dates</b>	13rd – 20th May	22nd – 29th May	1st – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	3rd – 10th June	11th – 23rd June
<b>Aims</b>	- Write the project proposal - Look for financial support	- Recruit 40 volunteers - Recruit 5 local tailors - Obtain legal authorizations	- Sensitize and train the 40 volunteers - Collect the 2000 cloth-facemasks	- Conduct at least 1000 conversations with people of the Bekoko/Babenga - Share 2000 cloth facemasks for free	- Write a project summary - Build a network of volunteers in the community - Present the results of our project
<b>Tactics</b>	- Brainstorming - Fundraising - Meetings - Team building	- Networking - Informal interviews - Formal authorization request	- Public narrative - Presentations - Roundtable discussions	- Door to door - Regular reports - Supervision	- Meetings - Phone calls - Social Media

## The Team



## Outcomes

- **40 young volunteers** were **recruited, trained,** and **given a chance** to impact their community

- **1300 conversations** about COVID-19 with **2500 people** in Bekoko /Babenga /Bwadibo were held

- **2000 cloth face-masks** were shared in priority to the most vulnerable

- **A network of young volunteer** has been created

## Key Learning

- As supposed at the launching of the project, there are a lot of false beliefs in the community resulting in people not respecting the mitigation measures.

- Social media may play a major role in the spread of this misinformation.

- Many young people want to learn about COVID-19 but they don't know where to obtain online reliable sources of information.

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## UP COMING

# CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING FOR SANITARY INSTITUTIONS PARTNERS OF MEDICAL NETWORK CAMEROON ON HOSPITAL HYGIENE

Train participants on hospital hygiene and notably on cleanliness and proper arrangement/organisation of healthcare service space. This will then develop the expertise and qualification of medical personnels.

Healthcare-associated infections represent a real public health problem. This problem has largely contributed to the spread of the COVID -19 pandemic in hospitals this year. In health facilities, the rate of infections is an indicator of the quality of care. Their prevention involves a set of measures imposing strategies, including the capacity building of resource persons of these health structures in hospital hygiene. Proposed by an experienced team, this capacity building project at the operational level is a practical and pragmatic approach, followed by the implementation of procedures specific to each structure and strategies for the sustainability of achievements. The expected impact is a reduction in the rate of infections associated with healthcare, an improvement in the quality of services with an increase in attendance at these structures. The target mainly consists of health facilities in the MNC network (15 health facilities). This project will take place in 3 phases:

### Phase one

A 4-day training workshop with theoretical courses, demonstrations, practical work and development of improvement projects.

### Phase two

A follow-up phase for the implementation of improvement projects and procedures specific to each health facility with personalized follow-up and monitoring over three months

### Phase three

A phase of perpetuation of acquired knowledge through the recognition and encouragement of the best health facilities (Concept of the "Clean Hospital" award).

## MEDICAL EQUIPMENTS ASSISTANCE FROM BON SECOURS

Several years now, Bon Secours sends materials and equipments to partner institutions, helping them improve the quality of the services they deliver. Each year, 3 or 4 containers are shipped to Cameroon. Beneficiaries, mainly hospitals are grateful for the assistance. Due to corona virus, the 1st container of 2020 is on its way to Douala with different sort of medical items and consummables.

