



## ANNUAL NEWSLETTER 2021

### Mission Statement

Our mission is to empower women and women-led initiatives by providing the necessary support through resources and vocational training to enable their contribution towards community development and growth. We also seek to promote the development of the youths through innovative methods of education and skill acquisition.

### Vision

A society where women have equal access to opportunities and are major agents of change in the development of their communities.  
A resilient youth force capable of driving change and are active contributors in decision making.

## Major Project Activities

### Community Development

One of our primary goals is to strengthen communities most especially those led by women. We provide the women with the resources, know-how and facilities that enable them to develop their communities.

### Hydroponic Production

In order to increase agricultural yield in rural communities, AWE e.V. started a project in April 2021 that embarks on training local farmers in Niko, Bafut Northwest Region in Cameroon on sustainable methods to produce affordable feed for their animals and birds. One of such training is hydroponic production which involves the growing of animal feed with very little water and without the use of soil.



**Hydroponic Stage 1:** Niko-Bafut women selecting and cleaning the seeds for production



**Stage 2:** The Trainees putting the seeds in the trays and water them



**Stage 3:** The seeds germinating a few days later. In about 14 days it is harvested and given do pigs as feed. Natural and rich in nutrients

### Azolla Production



#### Azolla Pond

Azolla plant is cultivated as a feed for animals owned by local farmers in Niko, Bafut It is rich in protein, vitamins, and minerals. The aim of this initiative is to produce affordable feed for domestic animals and birds rather than purchasing expensive feed from foreign countries.

### Magot Production



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Cow dung, fowl droppings and fresh blood are put on the tarpaulin and mixed. This attracts flies that lay eggs on this dung. It is then covered and left for 4 days to grow. During this period maggots pop out of the eggs and are ready for extraction (harvesting). The chickens are fed with the Magots

### Empowering women in Bafut Northwest Region Cameroon

This is a project which involves the training of women to breed chickens, pigs and carry out watermelon farming. It started in April and ends in December 2021.

The primary focus is to accomplish the UN sustainable development goals of eradicating hunger, poverty and promoting gender equality. The aim is to empower 15 socially disadvantaged women in Bafut rural community to be able to generate their own income and become financially independent.



This project is funded by AWE e.V and the German ministry of cooperation and foreign Aid (BMZ) and implemented by community-based NGO, Higher Glory Society.



Trainees during graduation ceremony in August 2021. Tools for practical exercise were distributed to them



Trainees during practical training in a reference poultry farm. June 2021



Up: Trainees receiving piglets  
Down: Trainees receiving lessons on Melon farming

## PRIDE OF A WOMAN

This is a program in which AWE-Team embarks on empowering talented and hardworking women to improve their living standards and make a difference in the society. The targeted persons are the less privileged, Refugee, IDP girls and women.

The girls and women are trained in agro-pastoral activities and other sustainable and income generating activities like tailoring, bakery, catering, hairdressing, running a provision store, production of pads, soap, and detergents.

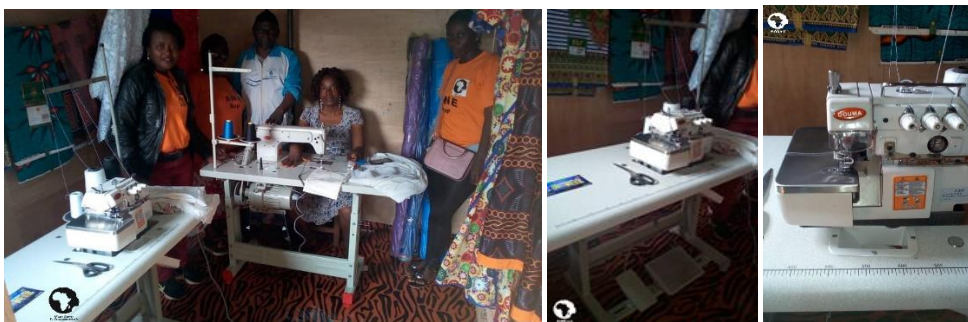
## Calabar Refugee Women - Pepper farming project



Project coordinators, Tracy and Adeline presenting their product from the nursery phase right till the last phase of packaging and marketing. The Refugee women also engage themselves in other income generating activities such as the pastry (chin -chin production) and Hairdressing

## Tailoring Project

Under this initiative, our team supported a socially disadvantaged woman in Bamenda Northwest Region in Cameroon who has been heavily affected by the socio-political crisis and the lengthy lockdown due to the Pandemic. AWE e.V. provided this woman with brand new equipment like materials and sewing machines to re-start her tailoring business. She also received training in bookkeeping and marketing.



Community-based NGO HIGLOS and AWE - Representatives handing the sewing machines to socially disadvantaged woman in Bamenda. On this day 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 her Tailoring workshop was inaugurated by the Team





## Vibrant Youths

This is a program in which AWE e.V. together with her Partners empower young people by providing them the resources needed for their development. Through support like investing in education and income-generating activities, our team promotes employment and job creation among the youths. This year AWE e.V sponsored a 2-Days workshop for Youths titled “Social Enterprise Bootcamp”. The Workshop that took place on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021 was organized by our Community-Based NGO Partner Lamb Light Centre in Limbe Southwest Region Cameroon.

### The aim of the Workshop:

- To provide opportunities to young people to gain knowledge and skills to run successful ventures.
- Contribute to young people's livelihoods by investing in vocational training programs and seed funding for business start-ups.
- To build up a resilient youth population capable of spearheading positive social change in their various communities.



5 AWE-Vibrant Youths participated in the 2-Day workshop



5 Vibrant Youths proudly presenting their certificates

## Sunshine Kids

The goal of this initiative is to support the education of war affected and socially disadvantaged children and cater for them by providing them with basic needs.

AWE e.V. is presently promoting the education of 18 war affected and socially disadvantaged Children in Nigeria and Cameroon. We pay their school fees, buy them books, uniforms and other essential needs for their education.

We believe in the power of education as one of the major instruments of securing a better future for children.

### The aims of the Sunshine Kids project;

- Promotion of education for underprivileged and war-affected children.
- Ensuring basic needs for war children and disadvantaged children.
- Provide children with equal opportunities



#### Kids helping Kids

An initiative of Mira 16-year School girl in Munich. A campaign to raise funds for the education for socially disadvantaged kids in Africa. Mira is the youngest member in the Organization



#### Sunshine-Kids Ikom Nigeria

AWE e.V. finances since 2019 the education of 5 Refugee Kids in Ikom.

These are kids who fled from Cameroon due to the ongoing armed conflict and took refuge in Nigeria



## All Lives Matter

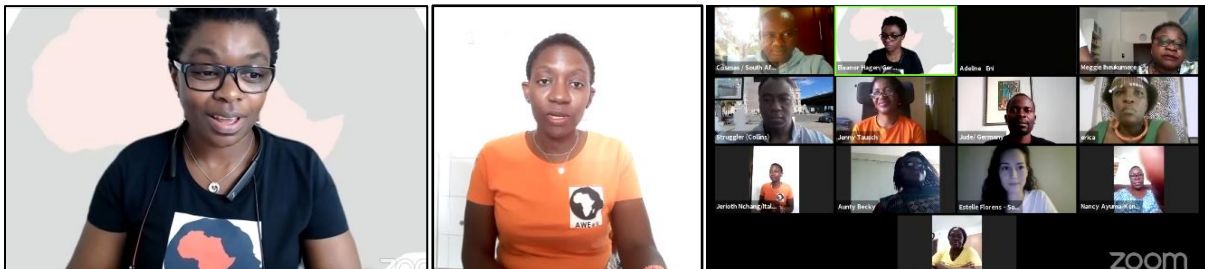
The "All Lives Matter" project are emergencies cases in which AWE-Team intervenes to save lives. This includes supporting people in difficult situations who need food, shelter, and other essential resources. Under this category, the team also aids the sick to obtain adequate medical care, provided necessities and COVID-19 prevention items to political prisoners, internally displaced persons, refugees, and war-affected communities.

For example, this year, the team provided financial support to a socially disadvantaged woman battling cervical cancer and raised a call for donation to another beneficiary named "Malvis" so that she can travel to India for medical treatment.

## Events

Gender Inequality and Gender based violence affects our societies in many ways. They are not considered as a problem in certain African societies and those who consider them to be a problem do not put in place the necessary tools to fight against.

AWE-Team organized an Online Seminar on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2021 to sensitize the public about Gender based violence. This event was sponsored Engagement Global an auxiliary of the German Ministry of Foreign AID (BMZ)



R: Eleanor AWE e.V. Chairlady moderated the event. In the middle Vice-Chairlady Jerioth co-moderated.  
41 persons from all over the globe participated in this event

## Networking

AWE networks with grassroots women's groups. Through our community-based NGO partner HIGLOS, we organized workshops to assess the needs of the women and develop project ideas. Projects such as 'Magot-Azolla-Hydroponic Production' and 'Empowering Women in Bafut' emerged from the assessment workshops conducted with the women on the ground.



The Christian womens' group in Niko Bafut has eighty members  
Since October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, AWE e.V. has developed ideas with these women and carried out several projects.  
The major aim of networking with grassroot groups is to be able to assess their exact needs, so that we can effectively and jointly carry out project to improve their living standards and to develop their communities





## Cooperation Partners

AWE e.V. is in Partnership with nine Community-Based NGOs stationed in four Sub-Saharan countries: - Uganda, Kenya, Cameroon, and Nigeria. The Partner-NGOs implement, write reports, and monitor our projects.

## AWE-Project Coordinators and Representatives

To ensure that the projects are well implemented, AWE-Team has Project Coordinators stationed in all the Sub-Sahara countries where the organization carries out humanitarian activities. The Project Coordinators work hand in hand with Community-based Partner NGOs. They visit the sites to ensure that work is going on smoothly. They work closely with the communities and CIGs by helping them do their documentation, bookkeeping, and report to us whenever they identify irregularities.

AWE- Representatives in Sub-Saharan Africa, represent the Organization in all events and activities.



**Left:** Four AWE-Reps in the Northwest region of Cameroon during the graduation ceremony of the project "Empowering Women in Bafut NWR Kamerun" on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The German Ministry of foreign Aid (BZM) via Schmitz-Stiftung funded this project

**Top:** AWE-Coordinators presenting tools to a Trainee.

**Down:** AWE- Coordinators proudly handing over a certificate of participation to one of the 15 Trainees.

## Accountability 2021

### Total Revenue = 69.316,58€

1. 1345€ = Membership fee
2. 45.039,45€ = Donations
3. 11.674€ = Grants (State fundings)
4. 810,31€ = Fundraising
5. 9436,33€ = Reimbursements
6. 1011,49€ = Reserve from 2020

### Total expenditure = 67.471,22€

1. 61.687,25€ = Humanitarian projects
2. 5535,57€ = Operational, administration, seminars, workshops, and transport costs
3. 248,40€ = Bank charges

## **Bank account details**

**Bank holder: AWE e.V.**

**Bank: Postbank**

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