



African Women
For Empowerment e.V.
Women the Pride of Africa

AWE Activity Report 2022

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

Project Activities

01: Community Development

This initiative is about providing targeted population in rural areas in Africa with resources and skills for their growth and development. We organize training workshops and provide them with materials, tools and small fundings to empower them to improve their livelihoods and communities

a) Project “*Kai Blessed Farmers*”

Kai Blessed Farmers (KBF) is a Common Initiative Group (CIG), made up of 22 local farmers from Kai and ZangTabi villages of Momo Division, Northwest Region, Cameroon. The assessment and formation of KBF started in 2021 through the help of a Community-Based NGO partner, Higher Glory Society (HIGLOS). The farmers constituted themselves and got their registration in February 2022. The main goal of this project is to contribute towards eradicating hunger and poverty amongst the farmers and the communities.

Kai Blessed Farmers



Stages of cultivation of yams



KBF having Break time



Seeds germinating



Farm management



Final stage before harvesting



The Farmers started their agricultural activities in January 2022 after receiving start-up funds from AWE, which were used to lease 2 hectares of land, purchase Farming tools and seeds for planting. They planted corn, yams, cassava, and beans.

The Farmers successfully increased productivity by applying new cultivation techniques and skills acquire. Some of the products were sold in the local markets and some were stored in the warehouse to ensure a continuous chain of food supply during the off-season.

Harvesting of yams in October 2022



Food storage in warehouse using natural method

Sales of yams in a local market

02: Pride of a Woman

The aim of this program is to empower and educate women and girls in local communities. Necessary materials are provided to the Beneficiaries for them to reach their full potential. We empower them to positively contribute to the development of their community. This is done through various initiatives in different countries and locations.

Targeted groups are socially disadvantaged women and girls as well as those affected by war e.g., internally displaced girls and refugee women. Examples of activities to empower these women and girls include tailoring, baking, hairdressing etc. We also train the women in agricultural activities such as poultry and pig farming.

a) Project “Empowering Hannah”

We donated sewing machines and materials to a socially disadvantaged woman in Bamenda, Northwest region Cameroon, who is severely affected by the pandemic and the ongoing armed conflict, so that she can open a tailoring business.

The project “Empowering Hannah” started in September 2021 and ended in March 2022 with an assessment of the beneficiaries' business.



Final Evaluation

Under the supervision of our Community-Based partner, HIGLOS, we carried out a final evaluation in March 2022 to examine the progress of the business after six months of monitoring. The beneficiary has made great progress. She has more customers, got many contracts and her business has grown.



03: Sunshine Kids

The Sunshine Kids initiative is a project aimed to promote the education of socially disadvantaged and war-affected kids. In 2022, 16 war kids benefitted from this program; 5 in Ikom, 5 in Calabar, 5 in Bamenda and 1 in Abuja. AWE provided funds for their school fees, purchase of books, uniforms, and other school needs.



Sunshine kids Ikom Nigeria



Sunshine kids Calabar Nigeria



Sunshine kids Bamenda Cameroon

04: Vibrant Youths

The aim of this initiative is to empower and support young people by providing the resources they need for their development. We do this by investing in their education, funding income-generating activities and accompanying and supporting them in starting their own businesses.

In doing so, we contribute to job creation and increase employment opportunities for girls and young people in African communities.

a) Project “IDP Empowerment”

AWE, in partnership with the *Joy Foundation* and *GLEMA International Training Center*, trained five displaced girls in Tiko, Cameroon in cake baking and cake-icing techniques. In a one-month program, the Trainees acquired skills in baking and cake decorating.



After completing the program, some of the beneficiaries began using the knowledge and skills they acquired to generate an income for themselves.



Trainees, mostly internally displaced girls in the war-torn English-Speaking region of Cameroon, during practical Training

b) Project “Empowering Rachel”



Rachel proudly presenting her products!

Rachel a single mother got her bachelor’s degree in business administration at the university of Buea Cameroon in 2014. Since then, she has been jobless.

In April 2022, we provided funds to this young unemployed university graduate to set up her own business. She used the funds to purchase four cartons of soaps and body lotions which enabled her to start her retail business.

To improve her knowledge, she also participated in a Social Entrepreneurship Bootcamp that was sponsored by AWE. It is one our mission to empower young people to contribute positively to the development of their communities

c) Project “Hardy`s Piggery”

Hardy completed his Bachelor’s degree 2016 in civil engineering at the Buea University in Cameroon and has since then been jobless.

The initiative to empower Hardy started in 2021 where he first attended a 2-day workshop in social Entrepreneurship that was funded by AWE. Thereafter he got a set of 3 piglets, feed, and capital to start a piggery.

He was being monitored for nine months by our community-based Partner, *Lamp Light Centre* to ensure a successful use of the funds and acquired skills.

Hardy`s piggery grew from 3 piglets to 12 pigs. Then the Russia-Ukraine war broke out and animal feed got very expensive.

To stabilise his business, he received additional fundings from AWE in March 2022 to purchase large quantity of pig feed.



Hardy received many bags of Pig feed



Hardy`s piggery grow from 3 to 12 pigs



d) Project "Teens Guide"

Teens Guide is a project carried out in Kaberebere Town Council – Isingiro district in Uganda by *Rural Health Promotion and Poverty Alleviation Initiative (RUHEPAI)* to support over 150 socially disadvantaged girls who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. We co-funded this project with the sum of 550€.

Our Partner RUHEPAI used the funds to purchase two sweater-making machines and accessories, to facilitate their learning process in the production of sweaters.

AWE funded the purchase of two sweater production machines - Sweaters produces by the young girls



05: All Lives Matter

The "All Lives Matter" projects are emergency cases in which AWE-Team intervenes to save lives. This includes supporting people in difficult situations who need food, shelter, medical care, and other essential basic needs.



Kid with the wounded eye



10-year-old boy. Before and after operation

In 2022 AWE funded the medical care of two kids in the Northwest region of Cameroon who needed urgent medical assistance.

These were a ten-year-old boy with an inflated stomach and a six-year-old boy with a wounded eye.

We have also financially supported the House of Hope orphanage in Mbengwi NWR Cameroon to meet the basic needs of the orphans



06: Workshops and Events



a) Seminar on Gender Equality

In May 2022, we organised a workshop in partnership with Gateway Africa International Yaoundé Cameroon, to address stereotypes about gender.

The participants discussed possible ways to involve entities and individuals in the promotion of women entrepreneurs in Africa and to create space for networking among women.

Kai Blessed Farmers project workshop

We organised a two-day workshop in collaboration with our Community-Based Partner, HIGLOS in May 2022 to train the Kai Blessed Farmers on sustainable farming practices and other relevant skills needed for the growth of the initiative.

The farmers received lessons on the production of bio-fertilizers, farm management, waste management, food preservation, bookkeeping, and marketing.

2-Day Workshop Training on sustainable agriculture and business skills



Farmers during the Training Workshop



Farmers proudly presenting their certificates of participation

07: Accountability 2022

Total Revenue = 31.212,02 €		Total expenses 28.131,26 €	
Sum in Euro	Description	Sum in Euro	Description
900,00	Membership fee	239,05	Bank charges
28.041,16	Donations Bank	4769,12	Operational Cost
425,50	Fundraising	23.123,09	Humanitarian projects
1.845,36	Reserve from 2021		

The rest amount of **3.080,76€** carried over to 2023



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