



GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON

Title: Cameroon Millennium Villages Program (CMPV)

The Government of Cameroon plans to implement a program entitled the Cameroon Millennium Villages Program (CMPV) with the financial support of the Government of Japan - the financial contribution of Japan was announced during TICAD in 2007- and in partnership with the United Nations system, the MDG Centre for West and Central Africa and Millennium Promise of the University of Columbia's Earth Institute. This program intends to improve the living conditions of the target population in 2 clusters of Cameroon by offering them a range of supports designed to contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The program will contribute to the implementation of the growth and employment strategy paper (GESP) of the government by piloting application at the cluster level and with the MDGs serving as the reference point. These two starkly different clusters in terms of geo-physiographic, each have a population of 25,000, corresponding to a total of 50,000 inhabitants. They are characterized by deteriorating socio-economic conditions and accelerating degradation of its environment and natural resources. *Meyomessi* and its surroundings areas which is situated in the South Region of the country. The cluster belongs to the bimodal rain forest ecological zone and is found in the Congo Basin forest - the second largest tropical forest in the world after the Amazon basin forest. Its forest resources are undergoing a process of rapid degradation. *Maroua 1* which is situated in the Far North Region of the country. The Cluster belongs to the Sudano-Sahelian ecological zone with a mono-modal rainfall (400-1200 mm yearly) with a marked process of desertification and environmental deterioration. During the first phase, in view of confirmed financial resources, the program will first focus on a sample of 10,000 persons per site, or a total of 20,000. On the whole, activities will contribute to the implementation of the Growth and Employment strategy (GESP), taking the MDGs as the reference point. At both *Meyomessi* and its surroundings and at *Maroua 1*, the CMPV will bolster sustainable development and human security through community focused innovative investments multi-sectoral packages which are specifically tailored to the needs and priorities of each of these villages. These include activities pertaining to sustainable agricultural and food production, maternal and infant health, gender equality and women's empowerment, access to quality primary education amongst others. The program support will enable access to infrastructure such as will potable water and appropriate energy resources along with access to communication (mobile technology). It will seek to establish and consolidate an attractive environmental framework that offers opportunities to create sustainable income generating activities for poverty reduction and human development. At *Maroua 1*, of the program activities will focus on issues related to desertification and the socio-economic needs of the population whereas at *Meyomessi* and its surroundings, special attention will be paid to the sustainable management of forest resources.




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Summary of Budget	
United Nations:	750,000 US \$
Cost-sharing/Contribution Government (in kind and cash)	2 000 000 US\$ (in cash and in kind)
Partners:	Japan
	5,769,250 US \$
Total 2010-2012:	8,519,250 US \$

Program Period: 1 Jan 2010 – 30 June 2012
Program Component: Community
Development
Program duration: 2 years and 6 months
Management arrangement: National
Execution

National Millennium Village Framework: The framework builds on the strategic approaches expounded within the Action Plan of Strategy for Growth and Employment (SGE/PRSP II)

United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) Outcome(s): By 2012 the implementation and the follow-up/evaluation of the policies and the macroeconomic and sectorial based programs promoting the development and poverty reduction through the creation and the benefit sharing of the wealth distribution, will be improved at the national and provincial level

Expected Country program (CP) Outputs: 1. Government capacity strengthened of the area of millennium development goals planning 2. Government and community based organization capacity strengthened in terms of monitoring of the millennium development goals based on statistics 3. Community based organization financial self-capacity is empowered 4. Capacity of local community strengthened in terms of poverty reduction of participating Ministers of Agriculture and Rural Development; Health; Education; Environment and Nature; Forest and Wildlife; Energy and Water; Public Works; Breeding, Fishing and Animal Industries; Social Affairs; Youth; women and Family.

Other Partners: Government of Japan; UNESCO, UNFPA, WHO, UNIDO, UNICEF, FAO, UNIFEM, WFP, ECA, UNAIDS, ILO, HCR

Execution Modality: National Execution