

**Call for Proposals  
2011 HIV/AIDS Thematic Trust Fund**

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| Country Office                 | UNDP  |
| Project Title                  | Addressing Human Rights aspect to the HIV/Aids response in Cameroon   |
| Project Theme                  | Creating enabling legal and human rights environments to respond to HIV;  |
| Requested amount (\$US)        | US\$75,000  |
| Project time-period            | July 2011 – December 2012   |
| Rationale for specific project | <p>The epidemic of Aids represents nowadays a great public health and a development issue. In Cameroon, all efforts carried out in response to the pandemic of Aids have led to the stabilization of the prevalence rate to about 5% within the general population since 2004. However, this plague is still having considerable consequences on human development. One of the reasons amongst others is the lack of specifically and systematically mainstreaming Gender and Human Rights approaches in the national strategy addressing HIV and Aids.</p> <p>Some minority groups as well as women and young girls are not well targeted in this strategy and are somehow marginalized. Some isolated actions taken to address HIV/Aids within these vulnerable groups have not produced expected results due to lack of enough attention on the Government side to address human rights dimension of the response to the pandemic.</p> <p>The demographic health survey (DHS) carried out in 2004 in Cameroon shows that the infected rate on HIV among women is higher than in men. And among women, the prevalence rate between young girls aged 15 – 24) is 7, 4%. Their vulnerability is due mainly on their biology/morphology and its functioning. Besides, social, cultural and economic pressures and positions prevent them from protecting themselves against the HIV infection in proper manner. In some tribes in Cameroon, when the husband dies, his wives are subject without their consent to risky sexual practices and forced marriages, such as "widow inheritance" and sexual purification rites. Moreover, women do not have the right to inherit properties such as land which belong to their late husbands for farming to support their families.</p> <p>Also, due to cultural perceptions, young girls, are poorly educated and often excluded from educational system. There is lack knowledge on HIV/aids prevention strategies. Above all, sexual violence is not that much addressed despite the existence of punitive laws. Current studies show that the prevalence rate of rape in Cameroon is 5, 2% and 18% of women and young girls who have been raped are HIV-infected. The situation is similar with the minorities who are somehow marginalized and are lacking information about HIV and aids prevention, care and treatment although they have the right to be informed. As result to this, the prevalence rates to HIV have increased up to 35% among some minority groups.</p> <p>Gender inequality and marginalization represent a barrier to the optimum productivity of these vulnerable groups and their full contribution to the development of the country towards poverty reduction and achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.</p> <p>It is in this framework and in order to support the Government efforts to fill these gaps that UNDP has improved some innovations to the national strategy like: i) mainstreaming Gender and Human Rights aspects in all actions to be carried out, ii) targeting prevention actions towards vulnerable groups and minorities, iii) qualitative and quantitative improvement of the overall care and support to people infected and/or affected in order to reverse the trend of the epidemic.</p> <p>In order to achieve this, a pilot project will be carried out in 4 regions targeting minorities and vulnerable groups: Centre, East, Littoral and North West within 18 months. The priority is given to these areas because</p> |

of their higher HIV prevalence rate, strong social and cultural beliefs and the presence of many vulnerable groups.

UNDP will work in collaboration with other development partners willing to support the initiative in order to joint efforts and scale up at the national level.

The awaited impact of this project is the consideration of human rights and gender aspect and mitigation of the spread of HIV as well as the negative effects of Aids within the minorities, women and young girls.

**Description of project**

UNDP support will essentially focus on building technical capacity on Human rights and Gender sensitization and advocacy to combat HIV. Specifically, actions will be carried out on preventing the infection, improving access to care, support and treatment towards these vulnerable groups.

The aim is to promote the respect of women, young girls and minorities' human rights and mitigate the impact of HIV/aids within them.

As mentioned above, the project is targeting vulnerable groups (minorities, women and young girls) in 4 regions: Centre, East, Littoral and North West within 18 months. Community-based organizations (CBOs) working with these targeted groups in those regions will be identified.

The strategy of intervention will consist on transferring competencies and appropriation by the CBOs in order to address different types of vulnerability and human rights abuses (social, economic, physiologic, sexual and cultural) faced by minorities, women and young girls.

CBOs and CSOs will be trained on: i) strengthening and sensitizing medical structures providing health services on improving social environment such as stigmatization/discrimination, improving access to screening test, support care and treatment, reproductive and sexual heath (RSRH); ii) developing actions on sensitization, access to IEC/BCC, access and use of condoms; iii) sensitizing and advocating on Human rights and Gender-Based-Violence, using the Facilitator's tools for IEC/BCC sessions, posters and flyers on Gender-Based-Violence elaborated in 2010 by UNDP in partnership with UN Women. These tools will contribute to root new practices in the habits and attitudes of organizations involved in the project.

Monitoring and evaluation of all activities implemented will be done by UNDP in collaboration with UNAIDS and national structures.

Direct beneficiaries of this project are minorities, women and young girls as well as CBOs and CSOs. Indirect beneficiaries are families and local populations.

**Expected outputs**

By the end of the period covered by the project, the followings outputs are expected in the targeted regions:  
i) identified CBOs are technically strengthened and are carrying out activities addressing human rights aspect to HIV responses towards identified vulnerable groups; ii) these vulnerable groups have a good knowledge of HIV, STIs and RSH and are able to adopt safer sexuality; iii) they have access to support, care and treatment services. (iv) a wide visibility of support provided to these local organizations and their impact with improvement of targeted population lives.

**Partners**

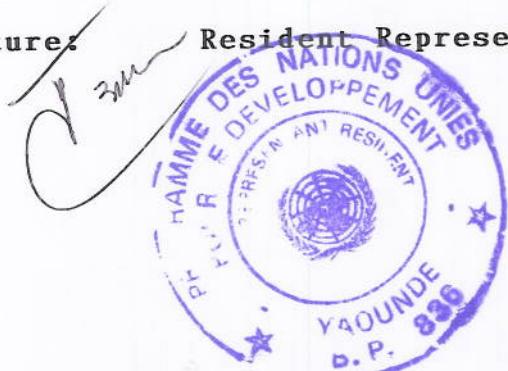
MINSANTE, GTC/CNLS, GTR/CNLS, ONUSIDA, UNFPA, CBOs, MINPROFF, Alliances des Maires contre le VIH/Sida au Cameroun, ALVF

**Complementary funding**

The estimated overall cost of the project US\$ 100 000. UNDP will raise a complementary amount of US\$ 25 000

**Signatures:**

**Resident Representative:**



HIV - THEMATIC TRUST FUND

**Projet : Adresser/aborder l'aspect Droits de l'homme dans la réponse au VIH/Sida au Cameroun**  
**Thème : Contribuer à la création d'un environnement légal et égalitaire à la réponse au VIH/Sida**

**PLAN DE TRAVAIL - 2012**

| Résultats/Produits attendus  | Activités planifiées   | Chromogramme |    |    |    | Parties responsables | Source de financement                                 | Description | Budget en 10 <sup>3</sup> USD |
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|  |  | T1           | T2 | T3 | T4 |                      |   |             |                               |
| R1 : Les Associations/DNG partenaires d'exécution du projet sont identifiées, appuyées techniquement et financièrement et mettent en œuvre les activités de formation et de sensibilisation en vue de la réduction de la vulnérabilité des femmes, des jeunes filles et des groupes minoritaires cibles aux VBG et au VIH/Sida | A1 : Identification des Associations/DNG de relais (évrant dans la réduction de la vulnérabilité des groupes minoritaires cibles et des femmes face aux VBG et au VIH/Sida) dans les 5 zones d'intervention du projet : Centre, Est, littoral, Nord-Ouest et Extrême Nord<br>A2 : Organisation des sessions d'échanges avec les Associations /DNG identifiées sur les principaux résultats attendus du projet et l'élaboration d'une feuille de route pour sa mise en œuvre. |              |    |    |    | PNUD                 | TTF   | 0           |                               |
|  | A3 : Sensibilisation et Formation des femmes, des jeunes filles et des communautés sur les VBG, la SSR en utilisant les outils de l'animateur pour IEC / CCC séances, affiches et dépliants et plaidoyer sur la promotion des droits de l'homme par les Associations /DNG dans les régions du Nord-Ouest, Est et Extrême Nord.<br>A4 : sensibilisation et formation des minorités sur les stratégies de prévention du VIH (Renforcement de la                                |              |    |    |    | PNUD                 | TTF   | 3           |                               |
|  |  |              |    |    |    | ALVF                 | Voyages/71600<br>Divers/74500                         | 4           |                               |
|  |  |              |    |    |    |                      | Contrats de services-Compagnies/72100<br>Divers/74500 | 11.5        |                               |
|  |  |              |    |    |    | PNUD                 | TTF   | 1           |                               |
|  |  |              |    |    |    |                      | Contrats de services-Compagnies/72100                 | 11.5        |                               |

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|  |   | CAMNAFAW<br>Alternatives<br>Cameroun         | Divers/74500                              | 1   |
|  |   | ALVF<br>CAMNAFAW<br>Alternatives<br>Cameroun | Contrats de services-<br>Compagnies/72100 | 2   |
|  |   | TTF  | Divers/74500                              | 1   |
|  |   | PNUD   | Voyages/71600                             | 4   |
|  |   | TTF  | Divers/74500                              | 1   |
|  |   | ALVF<br>CAMNAFAW<br>Alternatives<br>Cameroun | Contrats de services-<br>Compagnies/72100 | 6   |
|  |   | TTF  | Divers/74500                              | 2   |
|  |   | PNUD   | Grants/72600                              | 8   |
|  |   | TTF  | Consultants<br>locaux/71300               | 6   |
|  |   | PNUD   | Voyages/71600                             | 1   |
|  |   | TTF  | Consultants<br>locaux/71300               | 2   |
|  |   | PNUD   | Contrat de service-<br>Compagnies/72100   | 3   |
|  |   |  | Divers/74500                              | 1   |
|  |   | Ressources<br>régulières du<br>PNUD (frac)   | Contrat de service<br>Individuel/71400    | 30  |
|  |   |  |   | 100 |
| <b>A5 :</b> promotion et de l'utilisation des préservatifs masculins et des lubrifiants) et renforcement de la lutte contre la stigmatisation et la marginalisation de ces groupes par les Associations/DNG dans les régions du Centre et du Littoral. | <b>A5 :</b> plaider auprès des leaders communautaires, traditionnels et religieux et des communautés pour la promotion des droits l'homme, la lutte contre les violences sexuelles, l'accès aux soins soutiens et traitements des minorités, etc....par les Associations/DNG dans les 5 régions |  |   |     |
| <b>A6 :</b> Suivi/évaluation de la mise en œuvre de ces différentes activités dans les 5 régions   | <b>A7 :</b> Renforcement des capacités des groupes de femmes de jeunes filles et des minorités sexuelles sur les notions de leadership, de gestion d'associations/groupes et de création d'AGR et de mise en reseautage par les Associations/DNG dans les 5 régions                             |  |   |     |
| <b>R2 : Les groupes vulnérables et marginalisés sont institutionnellement viables et financièrement autonomes.</b>   | <b>A8 :</b> octroie de petites subventions pour le financement des microprojets.  |  |   |     |
| <b>R3 : le projet est évalué et les résultats obtenus, les appuis fournis aux Associations/DNG et les effets sur les conditions de vie des groupes vulnérables et marginalisés sont documentés et vulgarisés</b>                                       | <b>A9 :</b> Evaluation final du projet  |  |   |     |
|  | <b>A10 :</b> Elaboration, production et diffusion de « Knowledge documents » sur les bonnes pratiques des Associations/DNG et de « Success stories » sur le changement de comportement et la réduction de la vulnérabilité des groupes de femmes et des minorités                               |  |   |     |
|  | <b>A11 :</b> Recrutement d'un Expert National pour l'implémentation du Programme  |  |   |     |
| <b>R4 : Gestion efficace du programme</b>  |   |  |   |     |
|  | Total   |  |   |     |

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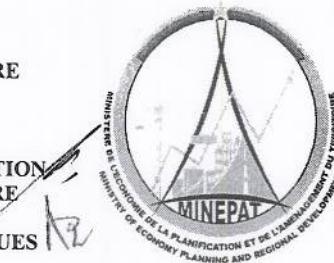
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## LE MINISTRE

A Monsieur le Représentant Résident du PNUD,  
Coordonnateur du Système des Nations Unies

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**Objet :** Demande de non objection pour la mise en œuvre  
d'activités de lutte contre le VIH/Sida

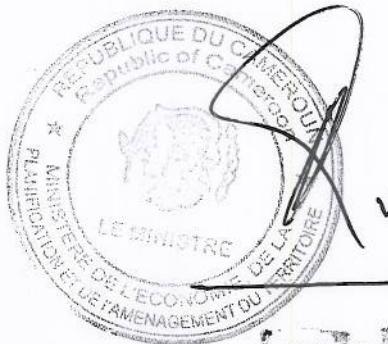
Monsieur le Représentant Résident,

Faisant suite à votre correspondance dont la référence et l'objet sont repris en marge,

J'ai l'honneur de porter à votre connaissance que la mise en œuvre des activités de ce projet pilote rentre en droite ligne avec les objectifs du Gouvernement.

A cet effet, je marque mon accord pour le démarrage effectif de ce projet.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Représentant Résident, l'assurance de ma parfaite considération./-



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