

Newsletter



Welcome to the first edition of the LWDGC Newsletter

We have launched this inaugural edition of what we hope will be many future Newsletters whose purpose will be to communicate news about both our current and future activities to our donors, partners, and friends. We welcome your feedback and comments. In this month's edition, we want to highlight our water projects.

The Cameroon Water Project aims to ensure long-term sustainability of the Cameroon Water Projects and its waterways, increase the security of local and regional water supplies, and provide benefits to the local community.

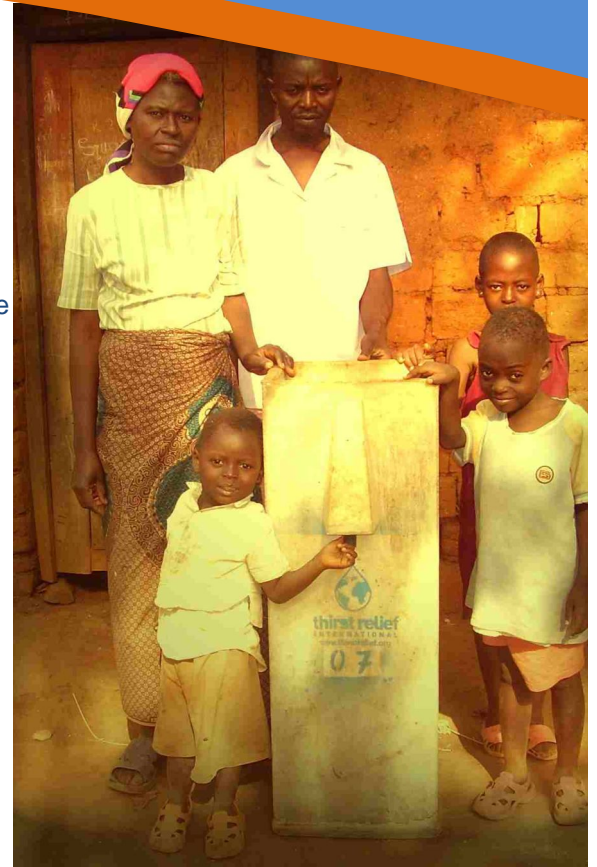
As part of the project, there are five principal areas of activity:

- continued implementation of the Bio Sand Filters to the local **Communities, Rural and Urban cities**
- a comprehensive review of potential sites for new water treatment facility
- improving river health by educating the community before introducing sand filters
- Continued implementation of spring/river catchments to extend **and provide clean drinkable water to every community in need.**
- supporting local initiatives designed to benefit the environment and community.

We need your help – the success of these project activities depends on the support and involvement of the local community. Please use the contacts provided in this newsletter to get involved or make your comments.

If you would like to continue to receive copies of the LWDGC Newsletter via mail or email, please contact the CEO/Founder of Life & Water Development Group – Cameroon, Peter Njodzeka on +237 77 71 62 88 or email: info@lwdgc-africa.org

More detailed information of the Cameroon Water Project and Life & Water Development Group – Cameroon can be found on the following Websites www.lwdgc-africa.org or <http://cameroon.thewaterproject.org/>



Thank You Thirst Relief International

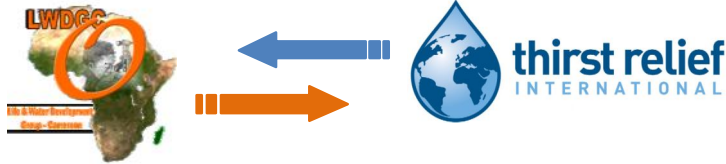


Our Partners:



The Bio Sand Filters

Thirst Relief International Partnership:



In December 2007, Life & Water Development Group – Cameroon signed a fruitful agreement with Thirst Relief International Inc. – USA. The LWDGC and TRI agreement provides for the construction and distribution of Bio Sand Filters to the Cameroonian communities on a household basis. April 2008 represents the fourth consecutive month that this agreement has been in place.

Constructing and distributing 30 bio sand filters monthly to every local resident of the Cameroonian communities has drawn the attention of many other communities in Cameroon who have submitted application for sand filters to be constructed in their communities. There are more than 250 ethnic groups (Communities) in Cameroon, of which more than 150 of these communities have no access to portable drinkable water, and these communities still collect their drinking water from open running streams.

Different and local laboratories have been able to test the water from these streams and other sources in the communities and these water analyses indicate a high level of bacterial contamination. This has been the cause of waterborne diseases in the community, especially to the children under the ages of 5.



Six technicians have been trained to construct the sand filters and to manage land, spring and stream frontages, roadside and storm water management, domestic wastewater management, forest management, planning scheme improvements, and land-based recreation.

Life & Water Development Group created a partnership in 2005 with the Engineers Without Borders USA in order to improve the health and change the lives of individuals in our communities. LWDGC and the EWB-USA have been working in several community development projects in Cameroon. Recently the CEO/Founder of LWDGC, Mr. Peter Njodzeka was designated by the EWB-USA as the in-country Liaison for the EWB-USA as well as being the main facilitator of all Thirst Relief International's Cameroon Water Projects.



New water treatment facility

The water drawn from the open running river is treated by using bio sand filter to ensure a safe drinking water supply.

River water currently being supplied to local communities via a direct piping system is filtered to high standards using bio sand filters.



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