



International Center for Environmental Education and Community Development

Communication of Progress(COP) of the United Nations Global Compact within the Context of the COVID 19 Pandemic

The ICENECDEV for the past two years raising awareness of civil society organizations, start up and small businesses **to align their strategies and operations** with ten universal principles related to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption, and take actions that advance societal goals and the implementation of the sustainable Development Goals –SDGs of the 2030 Agenda



ICENECDEV is reporting on Communication of Engagement

ICENECDEV Application and contributions to the principles of the United Nations Global Compact

(A) Human Rights

- Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights
- Businesses should make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses

ICENECDEV empowered Staff of Ecotour Enterprise and ICENECDEV Corporate Group on the respect of the Universal declaration of Human rights especially the access of Fundamental Human right article 3 of the Universal declaration of Human rights and others promoting Sustainable Development Goal 8 on Employment and Decent Jobs in workplace.

Environmental

- Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges
- Businesses should undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility
- Businesses should encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies=



(i) PCB(Polychlorinated Biphenyls)Reduction Project Cameroon

ICENECDEV in Partnership with The Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development MINEPDED ,Government of Cameroon, United Nations Environment and the Global Environment Facility(GEF) and the Stockholm Secretariat is implementing PCB of polychlorinated biphenyls Reduction in Cameroon through the use of local expertise and the development of national capacities . The overall objective of the project is to raise awareness among populations exposed to PCBs on the environmentally sound management of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and small business and start up.

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants is an international environmental treaty, signed in 2001 and effective from May 2004, that aims to eliminate or restrict the production and use of persistent organic pollutants (POPs). As set out in Article 1, the objective of the Stockholm Convention is to protect human health and the environment from persistent organic pollutants.

a. Overall objective

The overall objective is to raise awareness among populations exposed to PCBs on the environmentally sound management of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in the North West and South West Regions, including the areas around the PCB temporary storage facility at New Bonako in Cameroon protecting the environmental health of the local population.

Impact/Outcome

- Identified and select 15 communities for awareness raising events on PCB Reduction in the North West and South West Region Cameroon
- Organized 50 awareness-raising events with communities at risk, in particular those located near facilities containing PCBs and residing near sites contaminated by PCBs at New Bonako, Camp Sic, Buea General Hospital and CRTV Buea
- Awareness Raised among exposed populations(50,000 people) of the dangers of PCBs;
- Awareness raised among exposed populations(50,000 people) on the measures to be taken in the event of accidents;
- Awareness Raised among 50,000 people to involve in the environmentally sound management of PCBs (health and environment impact)
- Established an informal network and platform with targeted communities,Businesses and stakeholders for exchange of information on PCB Reduction in Cameroon.

Lessons Learned

- There is need for a long term approach to better engagement(awareness raising events) with the target communities and relevant stakeholders creating trust, credibility and significant impact on PCB Reduction and improving livelihood.
- There is need to empower and build the capacity law enforcement officer and customs to regulate the PCB nationally and international especially across the borders/Major Towns.
- Increasing Participation and interested on the PCB Reduction Sensitisation Campaign in different communities out of the target communities and Business groups specified by the project. Universities , companies and college communities and civil society organisation networks were more interested in the PCB Reduction Project.

(ii) Climate Change Adaptation, Agroecology and Sustainable Food System



Tree Planting and Nursery Training on Agroecology

ICENECDEV in Partnership with Earth Rising Foundation USA is building the capacity of smallholder women farmers, Agricultural companies, Farmers cooperatives on

agroecology and natural farming practices to promote climate change adaptation, sustainable food system and improving the sustainable livelihood of the smallholder women farmers (Family Farmers).

The women farmers have trained on Agroforestry techniques (Planting multipurpose trees (Acacia, Leucaena, moringa and native trees) along side food crops to provide soil nutrient (nitrogen and carbon) and adapting to the impact of climate change with the goal of providing healthy food for healthy people.

This project promoting Farming for climate Justice and Contribute to the achievement of the United Nations Decade of Family Farming, Sustainable Food System of the One Planet Network, United Nations Decade of Ecosystem Restoration, Paris Climate Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals SDGs 5, and 13 of Agenda 2030

Impact of Project

- Farming systems productivity, food security and nutrition for at least 200 households increased by 20% over baselines through capacity building on Agroecology, and agroforestry establishment by 2021
- Capacity building and improved farming systems productivity and agroforestry incorporating Non Timber Forest Products enables at least 100 households (90% women) to take steps towards increased incomes by 2022
- Community-led planting of native trees in Community and increased tree cover in farmland (agroforestry trees) launch the restoration of 100 hectare of forests and biodiversity habitat in the degraded farmland mount Cameroon Forest region.

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