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DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Cameroon Women in Action Society (CAWAS) is a non-profit organization authorized with N° 008/E.29/1111/VOL.8/APPB. It was created and is run by women, with a minority of male members (not exceeding 20% of the membership). The organization's main goal is to improve the livelihoods of Cameroonians and protect the environment for future generations. CAWAS is dedicated to promoting sustainable development and has a mission to combat poverty in all its forms, with a focus on enhancing the livelihoods of women, their children, and families.

The rural areas in the North West Region of Cameroon, where CAWAS is based, rely heavily on agriculture for survival, with women being the primary cultivators of food crops. Our vision is to promote gender balance and the emancipation of women and girls through the promotion of sustainable development.

Over the past few years, CAWAS has established itself as an organization committed to the welfare and empowerment of women, working children, and vulnerable individuals. To achieve these objectives, CAWAS has targeted orphanages, hospitals, prisons, handicap centers, and schools, and has organized training and workshops for women and girls. The organization has successfully trained over 500 women and almost 1000 girls. In addition, CAWAS has provided assistance and support to women, girls, and children in hospitals, offering dignity kits, basic necessities, and financial assistance to help cover their bills.

Vision

To promote gender balance and empower women and girls for the advancement of sustainable development.

Objectives

- To promote gender balance and empower women, we aim to organize seminars focused on addressing the challenges women face. These seminars will serve as a platform to discuss and advocate for gender equality, women's rights, and empowerment.

- Additionally, we are committed to promoting the accessibility of affordable, reliable, and sustainable modern technology for women. By ensuring that women have access to efficient and renewable technology, we can alleviate their hardships and enhance their opportunities for economic and social advancement.
- Furthermore, we seek to encourage women's participation in decision-making processes to foster greater accountability and transparency in society. Empowering women to take an active role in shaping policies and governance is crucial for creating a more inclusive and equitable society.
- In line with our commitment to supporting women and their families, we will work towards ensuring the availability of essential resources such as food, clean water, shelter, and education. By addressing these basic needs, we can contribute to the overall well-being and development of women, their children, and families.
- Moreover, our efforts will extend to providing livelihood opportunities for women and children, particularly those engaged in prostitution. By offering alternative sources of income and support, we aim to empower these individuals to lead dignified and sustainable lives.
- We also recognize the importance of sensitizing and supporting marginalized women and children, including those living with HIV/AIDS. Our initiatives will focus on providing education, healthcare, and social support to improve their quality of life and reduce stigma.
- In addition to these efforts, we are committed to supporting children in orphanages, recognizing the importance of providing care and opportunities for their well-being and development.
- Finally, we seek to encourage diversification in agriculture, economy, culture, and society. By promoting diverse opportunities and activities, we can create a more inclusive and resilient community for women and their families.

Intervention domain

Fighting against Gender Based Violence: We have commitment to fighting against Gender-Based Violence and advocating for the rights of women and girls. At our core, we are dedicated to improving reproductive health and empowering women and the girl child.

Advocacy on women and girls issues: We actively engage in advocacy on women and girls' issues, amplifying their voices and championing their rights. Through our efforts, we strive to create a more equitable and just society, where every woman and girl can thrive without fear of violence or discrimination.

Improving reproductive Health: we are deeply invested in improving reproductive health, ensuring that women and girls have access to the resources and support they need to make informed decisions about their bodies and their futures. By providing education and resources, we aim to empower women and girls to take control of their reproductive health and overall well-being.

Empowering women and girl child: We believe that by investing in their potential, we can create a more prosperous and equitable society for all. Through mentorship, education, and support, we are dedicated to nurturing the next generation of female leaders and change-makers.

Key Activities for the year 2022

****Support for Vulnerable Groups:****



Visit to good shepered orphanage Abangoh 2022

Celebration of New Year 2022 at the Abangoh Good Shepherd Home Orphanage: CAWAS organized a visit to the Good Shepherd Home Orphanage to celebrate the New Year with the children. The visit was well-received, and CAWAS provided various items and financial support to the orphanage, contributing to the well-being of the children.

Assistance to Matilda, a Single IDP Mother: CAWAS extended financial and material assistance to Matilda, a young single IDP mother facing significant challenges. The support provided by CAWAS aimed to help Matilda start a small business and access essential resources for herself and her children, demonstrating the organization's commitment to supporting



Matilda receives financial assistance 02/03/2022

Assistance in Paying Hospital Bills of Happiness: CAWAS stepped in to support an orphan teenage mother and IDP named Happiness by paying part of her hospital bills. The organization also mobilized resources to further assist Happiness, showcasing its dedication to providing critical support to those in need.

****Community Engagement and Advocacy:****



Celebration of World Environment Day: CAWAS actively participated in the celebration of World Environment Day, collaborating with other organizations to share best practices and actions towards women's environmental rights. This engagement demonstrated CAWAS's commitment to environmental sustainability and advocacy for women's rights in the context of environmental management.

Celebration of International Menstrual Hygiene Day: CAWAS celebrated International Menstrual Hygiene Day by organizing an event focused on menstrual hygiene management, providing valuable knowledge and resources to women and girls. Additionally, the organization extended support to a mother welcoming a new baby, highlighting its dedication to maternal and child health.



Young girls and women receiving assistance for menstrual hygiene, 28/05/2022

****Capacity Building and Collaboration:****



COGEAD capacity building workshop
6/7/2022



peacebuilding. The organization's involvement in this workshop underscored its commitment to continuous learning and collaboration with stakeholders to advance women's rights and participation.

****Education and Child Support:****



CAWAS assist IDPs in Widikum with back to School material and financial support 2022

Back to School Assistance: CAWAS provided assistance to 10 underprivileged children by supporting their school fees and providing essential school supplies, contributing to their educational opportunities and well-being.

****Community Outreach and Relief Programs:****



CAWAS donate medical kits to women in need at General hospital Bamenda, 26/11/2022

bearer and delegate's birthday, CAWAS reached out to six women with complicated health challenges, providing dignity kits and essential supplies to support their well-being.

End of Year Visits to Children's Homes: CAWAS, in partnership with Save the Community, ended the year by visiting and sharing gifts and financial support with children's homes, including MISSPA, Helping Hands, and Good Shepherd Home. These visits exemplified the organization's commitment to community engagement and support for vulnerable groups.



CAWAS celebrate end year 2022 by offering assistance to MISSPA orphanage, 31/12/2022

****Conclusion:****

In 2022, CAWAS remained steadfast in its efforts to empower women, children, and families in Cameroon. The organization's activities and initiatives showcased its dedication to supporting vulnerable groups, advocating for women's rights, and engaging with the community to promote well-being and sustainability. CAWAS looks forward to continuing its impactful work in the coming year, building on the achievements and lessons learned in 2022.

We express our gratitude to all our partners, supporters, and members for their unwavering commitment and dedication to the mission of CAWAS. Together, we will continue to create positive change and make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.