

**Title;****Creating self employment for Poor Women in Kom community****Summary**

*BERUDA will supply training in the raising, care, and business of chicken production for impoverished women of the Kom community, located in the Boyo division of Cameroon. This project aims to help widows and uneducated women with few options to generate income. We will provide chickens and necessary equipment as startup capital for their self-employed chicken business. This is a sustainable way of generating income for themselves and the families they are trying so desperately to support.*

**What is the issue or Challenge**

*Many women in the Kom community are faced with poverty, induced by lack of education leading to their financial dependent on men.*

*In the past, it was customary in the Kom culture for women to be prepared for early marriage instead of attending school. Many woman 40 years and older are faced with this challenge. Without education the jobs available to them are very limited and wages are low. These women depend on their husbands and male relatives not only for financial support, but must trust these men to keep them aware in a literacy dependent world. These women must have newspapers, directions, and even personal letters expressed to them.*

*In addition, traditionally women are not allowed to own property. The Kom system is set up so that when a woman becomes a widow, her brother-in-law gains control over all property and land. As a community that relies almost solely on agriculture, this puts women in a very disadvantaged position. Where they no longer have any control to support themselves. They are at the mercy of the property owner.*

**How will this project solve it.**

*BURUDA will take on the responsibility of training 20 women in chicken raising and selling. BURUDA will also donate the chickens to the woman, along with shelter and feed as start-up capital. These tools will allow each woman to start their own self-sustaining business, enabling them to generate income. After one year it is required that each initial woman passes on the amount of the startup capital (50800fcfa) to another woman within their community group. This enables a continued and larger group of women to be helped. This will provide financial means for women to take of their families basic needs on their own accord. Creating a way for them to feed, educate, and cloth their children. This is also an environmental friendly way of generating income, as opposed to depleting their village's natural resources. Finally this will encourage women to enroll in adult literacy classes to enhance their livelihoods.*

**Potential Long Term Impact**

- The project will allow a large group of women to live as independent, strong individuals. Able to manage their own finances.
- A sustainable means of income for women
- Children will be brought up in households of equal opportunity.
- Minimizing natural resource degradation.
- Increased literacy in women

- Lowering poverty in Cameroon.
- As in BERUDA's mission statement, helping the poor help themselves.

Details budget:

Item	Unit cost/ US dollars	Total number of units	Total cost/US dollars	
Training	133.3	3	400	
Vaccinated 3 weeks old chicken	4	400	1600	
Feed	1	1500kg	1500	
Transportation	50	3	150	
Chicken Shelter	20	50	1000	
Follow up by field expert	69	5	345	
Grand total			4995	

Grand total is = **\$ 4995**

Local contribution cash in-kind =**\$1655**

Expected contribution from foreign donors = **\$3340**

Local contribution comes from BERUDA and the women who are the beneficiary of the chicken project.