

Project Title

Bring schooling to 200 poor pygmy children in Eastern Cameroon

Project summary

Pygmy children living in remote, impoverished villages in Cameroon do not have the chance to go to school. Leéiyen is working to bring basic education to 200 poor pygmy children in the eastern region of Cameroon. With this project, we will expand outreach to enroll children in a primary school, provide basic school supplies, school uniforms, school fees and basic health care. We will help build simple schoolhouses located near the villages so that transportation will not be a barrier.

Requested funding amount

\$ USD 30,000.00

Donation options

\$ 10 will provide one used pair of shoes for a child to use to go to school

\$20 will provide a pair of uniforms for a pygmy child to use for a year

\$25 will provide some textbooks for one pygmy child per school year

\$30 will provide a child with a school bag, exercise books, pens and pencil

\$50 will provide basic medication for a child per school year

\$100 will provide for school fees for a child for a year

\$150 will sponsor a pygmy child

\$500 will enable Leéiyen staff to use public transport to reach out to pygmy families in the interior in the remote regions during an entire academic year

Issue problem or Challenge

Imagine that in the 21st century there still are primitive societies in which more than 98% of children are unable to go to school. It is a sad fact that often accompanies high birth rates, poverty and infant mortality. Among pygmy people of the forest regions of the Eastern part of Cameroon, illiteracy is very high. Many children have never seen the walls of a classroom and some who are eager to learn do not have the opportunity to go to school. According to Cameroon government 2010 statistics, the eastern region of Cameroon ranks first in lack of education for young children. This situation is alarming and needs our attention to provide educational opportunities for the pygmy children. We believe every child

has a right to a free education, but that is difficult to implement with high levels of poverty, disease, illiteracy and governance problems. Leéiyen will offer free education to 200 poor pygmy children to help these communities living in the forest. We shall provide them with basic school supplies, school fees, schoolbooks and basic health care during the academic year.

How will this solve this problem?

Leéiyen will conduct an outreach campaign to connect with various communities in the eastern region of Cameroon, promoting education for children. We will target parents for the community education exercises, and recruit children from the poorest families to be the prime beneficiaries for the academic year. We will then identify appropriate schools/school locations and link the children to these schools with respect to distance from their home communities. Leéiyen will pay the childrens' school fees, purchase basic school supplies (such as books, pens, pencils, and shoes) and take care of their health concerns.

Some community-built schools are constructed entirely with mud and roofed with grass. Leéiyen assists in the construction of some of the schools, and searches for grants to get some classrooms constructed. Leéiyen has helped construct more than 50 classrooms in various communities across Cameroon.

We shall request teachers from local agencies and as well recruit other qualified teachers for this project. We will also encourage youths who were able to complete school to attend a teacher training college.

Cameroon has over 289 ethnic languages and it is a challenge working in a small country with so many languages and cultures. Leéiyen staff usually live in the communities we serve, even though learning different languages can be challenging. For this project, we will address the language problem by beginning our work with a more educated pygmy. He/she shall serve as our translator for facilitation. We in Leéiyen are very versed with our various Cameroonian communities and have gained vital experience over the last several years.

Potential Long-Term Impact

Our project goal is to educate 200 pygmy children annually, enabling these children and their families to rise out of poverty and have much brighter and more productive futures.

Project Message

I am turning to you, caring people of my global family, for your assistance. I am in a primary school learning, thanks to Leéiyen. But many other children do not yet have this opportunity. Now that I am in school, I am imagining and thinking where I will be in the future!

Additional documents

Leéiyen brochure

Project Budget

\$ USD 30,000.00

Number of beneficiaries for this project = 200

Amount dedicated to the project =\$ USD 29,500

Amount for administration/transport/communication =\$ USD 500

Average amount per beneficiary = \$ USD 12.5

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