

I. ISSUE

Cameroon's **Human Development Index (HDI)** value for 2012 is 0.495—in the low human development category—positioning the country at 150 out of 187 countries and territories.

- **Gender Inequality Index (GII)**

Cameroon has a GI value of 0.628, ranking it 137 out of 148 countries in the 2012 index. In Cameroon, 13.9 percent of parliamentary seats are held by women, and 21.1 percent of adult women have reached a secondary or higher level of education compared to 34.9 percent of their male counterparts. For every 100,000 live births, 690 women die from pregnancy related causes; and the adolescent fertility rate is 115.1 births per 1000 live births. Female participation in the labour market is 64.2 percent compared to 77.4 for men.

- **Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)**

53.3 percent of the Cameroon population lived in multidimensional poverty (the MPI 'head count') while an additional 19.3 percent were vulnerable to multiple deprivations. The intensity of deprivation – that is, the average percentage of deprivation experienced by people living in multidimensional poverty – in Cameroon was 53.9 percent.

II. ACTION

Facing this critical situation, the reinforcement and case management at the community must be a priority for action, as well as the creation of nutritional and farming education. Indeed, demonstration and preparation of foods will contribute to the reduction of morbidity and mortality due to malnutrition and case fatality due to malnutrition of the couple mother and child but also will reduce the cost due to other diseases on the economy of the country.

SODEIT shall thus focus its activities on developing community organic gardens and, nutrition education, while ensuring strong subsequent economic gardening mechanisms to adequate feeding habits, be them supplementary feeding activities for the moderately malnourished, or therapeutic feeding interventions for the severely malnourished.

III. IMPACT

- 50 community garden and nursery in Buea
- Targeted communities detect and adequately cater for malnutrition and ill health.
- Community members of the project are knowledgeable and fully equipped in dealing with malnutrition and good organic farming techniques.
- Tools of sensitization are produced and information on good nutrition and organic farming practices is provided to communities.

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