### In The Beginning

In 2006, dedicated parents and teachers in the community of Doumbouo worked tirelessly to complete construction of L'École Publique de Doumbouo. Acknowledging that the success of this project was due to the enthusiasm, vision, and mobilization of the community, Breaking Ground was founded to help similarly motivated and organized communities to achieve their goals.

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As bricks are laid on projects like Doumbouo's elementary school, neighboring communities come to see that the progress they've imagined is possible. The hope instilled by our projects is contagious. To learn more please visit our website at www.breaking-ground.org

# Be part of our next project!

Breaking Ground is powered by volunteers like you. Please join our team by contributing your skills and passion to our the communities of Cameroon!

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## **About Breaking Ground**

The Cameroonian landscape is brimming with communities who are motivated to make positive changes in their communities but lack the funds to make it happen. With the support of our donors, Breaking Ground enables Cameroonians to address the self-identified needs of their communities by supporting locally-initiated, sustainable solutions.

Breaking Ground sees the role for outsiders in development as providers of funding and strategic resources to assist locally initiated projects. By empowering Cameroonian communities to implement their own grassroots projects, we enable truly sustainable, bottom-up development.

**Our Unique Approach** 

Breaking Ground takes three approaches to our work:

- **Community Partnership Program:** We provide seed funding to projects of mobilized communities to further their development.
- Investing in agriculture: We provide training and resources to increase the ability of individuals and families to earn money through their primary incomegenerating activities, such as growing coffee or cocoa or processing palm oil, better enabling them to invest in their own local initiatives.

Women's Empowerment: Our Women's Entrepreneurial Program provides women with critical business skills and the confidence to put them to use. Breaking Ground Football helps girls and young women build confidence, independence, and respect for their peers of different ethnicities.

### Cameroon

### Maiduguri

Located in Central Africa, the Republic of Cameroon is often referred to as "Miniature Africa" due to its diversity of environments and cultures. It is home to hundreds of ethnic groups, including the Bamileke, Fulani, and Baka. Cameroon's official languages of French and English are spoken in addition to about 250 indigenous languages and both Christianity and Islam are practiced alongside the many traditional religions.

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