

Our Successful Partnerships, Success Story and Successful Projects

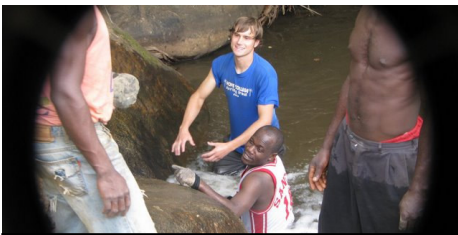
Three years ago, Life and Water Development Group Cameroon and its US partners, Hope College chapter of Engineers Without Borders USA started a water project in the community of Nkuv, Cameroon. A locality out of Kumbo in the North West Region of Cameroon.



Laying the pipe into the pipeline

The project history started as follows: Mr. Peter Njodzeka, the founder of LWDG-Cameroon submitted a project application to the EWB USA and Hope College Chapter was awarded the project, and from that moment the EWB USA linked their chapter Hope College with Peter Njodzeka to discuss the possibilities and understanding the project. Hope College traveled to Nkuv, Cameroon for their first time in March 2006 for an assessment trip, and returned in May 2006 for a tentative implementation. We tried drilling wells using hand drilling equipment, which was a fiasco, we could not find water and could only find rocks and dry sand.

This first trial, which was a failure, Hope College did not surrender, they returned in December the same year and constructed three biosand filters trial, which some people in the community were using to filter their water directly carried from streams, and after six months, the health survey team from Hope



Reinforcing the diversion dam

College had a good results from the families using filtered water, and we increased the number to 15 filters, during this time, we were trying other ways out searching for water sources in the mountains, we finally found a spring, but after testing, the results were not good for consumption because of cows that are all year round in these hills. And finally in May 2008, we came up another trial to construct a dam from one of the rivers that the community is using. And we built a diversion dam. We waited for another whole year May 2008 – May

2009 to see how the results will be after heavy rainy season, the rainy season was heavy and washed some parts of the dam.

We then learned so much and this year May, 2009, we reinforced the dam, had the pipeline from the dam down to and constructed a water storage tank, and then from the tank down to the community, where we installed and constructed 10 stand taps. The entire trench has been piped and covered and now the community is enjoying the pipe borne water in Nkuv. LWDG-Cameroon has been



Completed storage tank

able to change the lives of more than 5000 people in different regions of Cameroon by providing access to clean drinking water, educating the communities and schools on hygiene and sanitation, nutrition, hand washing etc... since 2005 of its creation and we look forward continuing with our work as much as we can. You can click on the following link: <http://picasaweb.google.fr/lwdgcameroon> to view the pictures I took from our project and many more pictures here: <http://picasaweb.google.fr/penjoka> of our other projects, activities and trips around the country. You need to click on each photo once the link opens so you can view many.



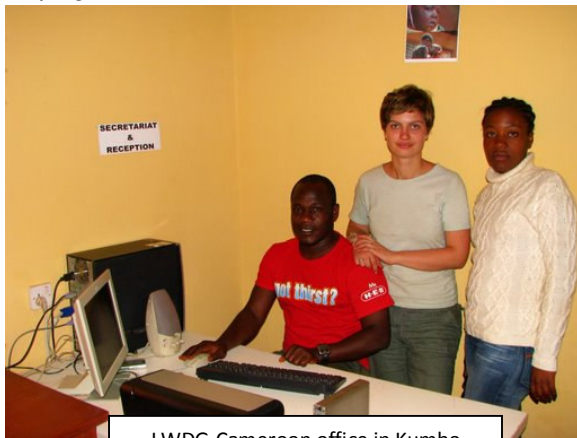
First piped water Flows out in Nkuv

The interesting thing is that, the community does not drink directly from these stand taps. In December 2007, I, Peter Njodzeka came across Thirst Relief International USA, who are our potential donors at the moment, and proposed the Nkuv sand filter project, and they were very interested to fund the entire project, and from January 2008 – April 2008, Life

and Water Development Group Cameroon was able to construct 138 filters for the households of Nkuv, which means presently, the entire community of Nkuv or household now owns a filter, which is helping them drink clean and filtered water from their stand taps.



A woman using her biosand filter



LWDG-Cameroon office in Kumbo

Peter Njodzeka from Life and Water Development Group Cameroon became the EWB-USA country liaison for Cameroon in 2008 and has been working very closely with the EWB chapters that are working in Cameroon. His duties are to communicate with the chapter planning or are working in Cameroon, if a chapter needs information from their project site or community where they are working and has no one to communicate with, they will contact him and many times send him to the community to get the report of what they want. Peter Njodzeka travels together with many of these chapters to their project sites, for example the EWB chapters of Hope College, University of Delaware, University of Texas at Austin, University of Georgia Tech and many other chapters that are only

communicating through email. The said chapters have come to Cameroon more than once and Peter have assisted them and traveled with them to their project's communities. The University of Alaska Anchorage will be coming to Cameroon in August and Peter is preparing and planning for their trip in Cameroon. All of these chapters obtain an official invitation letter from LWDG-Cameroon to be able to have their visas into Cameroon and Peter receives them at the airport, take them to their hotel and continue the journey with them. Peter has successfully connected many chapters with others in Cameroon and the USA to share experiences and exchange ideas and meet each other.



LWDGC Volunteer on hand washing

LWDG-Cameroon is also a country's representative of Thirst Relief International USA based in Ohio. We have been working in partnership with TRI since December 2007 and have been constructing bio sand filters in many communities around Cameroon, constructing bio sand filters and latrines in many schools in Cameroon and teaching hygiene and sanitation, nutrition and waterborne diseases education in schools and communities.



LWDGC Construct School filters

Thirst Relief International raised funds for all of these projects and we have been able to construct more than 1000 bio sand filters. The school filters and latrine project just started this year and we have been able to construct 8 new latrines in 8 schools and 7 filters per school and create water clubs in each school. A water club is made up of three teachers and 25 children per school, and they receive health, hygiene and sanitation



LWDGC construct new latrines

and water treatment with filter maintenance education after implementation. We still have more than 100 schools to cover in the region of Kumbo in the North West Cameroon. We signed a monthly agreement or contract with Thirst Relief International as they have been funding our project on monthly bases. Thirst Relief's website is: www.thirstrelief.org



Peter Njodzeka in LWDGC Office Yaounde

Thirst Relief International USA together with Life and Water Development Group – Cameroon are organizing a training workshop in Kumbo as from June 22nd – 24th 2009 on **(disease transmission and prevention, water treatment, treating childhood diarrhea, hand washing, nutrition, and common local illnesses)**. Each attendee will learn how to teach others the material covered and receive a notebook with lessons and posters. Those who complete the full workshop will receive a certificate of completion from Thirst Relief International - USA and LWDG—Cameroon. To contact LWDG-Cameroon, send an e-mail to: info@lwdgc-africa.org Tel.: +237-7771-6288 or 7993-3488. You can also visit our website at: www.lwdgc-africa.org

Life and Water Development Group currently employed 10 staff and most of them are technicians and office staff. All of them are based in Kumbo where our projects are currently being implemented. All of our staff are actively implementing projects and in the fieldwork. LWDG-Cameroon always revisits their projects for evaluation to be sure the projects are running smoothly. LWDG-Cameroon depends on the International funding of their projects to be able to pay its staff and run their organization. There is no other source of funding into the organization. That is the reason we still need partners who can continue funding our projects and implement with us as well. We do write projects, proposed seeking for funding, implement, sent back the report to the funders and also we do work with partners who come to Cameroon like EWB-USA as mentioned above, this is just as a country liaison and our staff do not forcefully travel with the EWB teams. The only person who travels with the EWB team is the country Liaison i.e. Peter Njodzeka.



Nafeesa, volunteer from Pakistan

Life and Water Development Group – Cameroon is also accepting international volunteers who wish to volunteer their talents in various projects in Cameroon. We place volunteers in our projects and they work closely with our staff. Our volunteers have been very happy working with us and many of them would love to return in the future. We treat our volunteers fairly as part of us. We also have potential donors who have our organization and the people of Cameroon at heart and are happy to help sponsor the education of the children in Cameroon and help our organization move forward through their personal help. We seek many more volunteers who will be able to help change the lives of our people especially the children in one way or the other. Some of our volunteer's pictures

can be found at: <http://picasaweb.google.fr/penjoka/LiaisonCameroon> and <http://picasaweb.google.fr/penjoka/NafeesaAsgharInCameroonAfrica> and many more not had been uploaded on the web album yet.

LWDG-Cameroon have also been able to visit some villages as usual to be able to identify their problems and needs, and we successfully visited a village in the North West Region of Cameroon, Zang Tabi, where we walked through the mountain in search of a water source. And we found two water sources in this community, which can be very good sources of drinking water. In April 2009, we also visited Zang Tabi Government Technical College, where we donated a Pentium III computer. The students and the teachers were very happy to see a computer for their very first time.



LWDGC donated a Computer to G.T.C. Zang Tabi

LWDG-Cameroon has successfully in two years organized and hosted four training workshops on hygiene and sanitation, water treatment and biosand filter construction and maintenance in Cameroon.

Finally, LWDG-Cameroon and its founder are gradually becoming professionally recognized in the world of professional photography. Peter Njodzeka has been taking naturally professional photographs as he implements his projects around Cameroon and has come out with the selection of some photos in the following link:

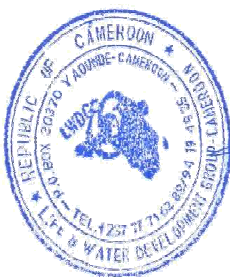
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We will be very happy taking part in any photo contests or photo presentations around the world so as to raise money to help our communities and children.

Thank you and we are seeking for new partners so that we can be able to continue changing lives, improving health and change many more lives. We want to take this opportunity to say a BIG THANK YOU to Thirst Relief International USA, Hope College Chapter of Engineers Without Borders – USA and all other chapters that are working in Cameroon, to CAWST --- Canada, individuals that have been supporting our organization realize its objectives, to our volunteers who have been able to travel to Cameroon, work with us and change the lives of our children successfully and to the LWDG-Cameroon staff that are making it possible to see these projects realized. We believe we will be able to continue in this same spirit to help change lives and improve health in our country and world.

Sincerely yours,



Peter Njodzeka
FOUNDER
LWDG-CAMEROON