**A counterfactual QALY for USD 2.60–28.94?**

**Summary**

Reach Out Cameroon (REO) seeks up to USD 618,750 to continue its mobile clinics project in the conflict Northwest and Southwest (NWSW) regions of Cameroon for 6 months from October 1, 2020. The mobile clinics provide free primary preventive and curative healthcare in communities without other free primary care to persons of whom 95% are internally displaced and whose average daily expenses are below 1.25 USD (World Food Programme, October 2019). REO estimates that 74.7% of patients do not have other (paid) health facility in their community and 81% cannot pay for healthcare. We further estimate that during the past 5 months, the mobile clinics provided a counterfactual quality-adjusted life year (QALY) for USD 2.60–28.94. The ongoing project has been financed from a WHO emergency grant that ends on September 30, 2020. If you consider this project competitive, please donate now. We will also appreciate any feedback.

**Background**

In September 2017, the Anglophone Crisis, an ongoing conflict between state military and non-state armed groups, began in the NWSW regions of Cameroon. Recurrent cycles of inhabitant displacement followed. In December 2019, 466,000 internally displaced persons resided in the region (Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre, 2019). The crisis also led to closures of health facilities. In 2019, 53% of persons within the Divisions where mobile clinics operate reported inability to access healthcare (International Organization for Migration, 2019).

**Current project overview**

Since March 2020, Reach Out has been operating 8 mobile clinics in 5 Divisions of the NWSW regions of Cameroon. Each mobile clinic is staffed by 1 doctor, 3 nurses, 1 driver, and 1 safety officer. The clinics provide free primary healthcare to all patients. This care includes prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.

**Current project data**

We scaled our past data from 154 clinic-weeks (8 clinics, ~5 months) to 208 clinic-weeks (8 clinics, 6 months). A workbook version can be accessed [here](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1F49JKT2LOY5XlHugv_G2bVYzaqQCu0Cy/view?usp=sharing).

*Total diagnoses by condition severity (35,533)*



*% of patients with no other free health facility in their community: 100%*

Mobile clinics operate only in communities without other free government or NGO primary healthcare facility.

*% of patients unable to pay for healthcare (81%)*

The below % of patients unable to pay for healthcare are averages of estimates of the 8 mobile clinic doctors.



*Patients by age group (average age: 31.7 years)*



*% of patients without other (paid) healthcare facility in their community (74.7%)*



*Preventive care outputs*



**Past cost-effectiveness calculations (counterfactual QALY for USD 2.60–28.94)**

Calculations can be reviewed in the [data workbook](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1F49JKT2LOY5XlHugv_G2bVYzaqQCu0Cy/view?usp=sharing).

Our calculations do not consider any health outcomes resulting from preventive care measures and may thus underestimate the project cost-effectiveness.



**Cost-effectiveness updating**

If we continue the project from October 1, 2020, we will collect baseline, midline, and endline health outputs/outcomes data in communities where mobile clinics begin to operate and in comparable non-intervention communities. Based on this data, we will update the project cost-effectiveness estimates.

**Room for more funding (USD 618,750)**

REO can utilize USD 618,750 to run 11 mobile clinics for additional 6 months from October 1, 2020, with the current counterfactual cost-effectiveness. The ongoing project has been financed by a WHO emergency grant that ends on September 30, 2020. So far, REO has secured USD 992 for this project (September 5, 2020). We will update this number when additional funding is secured. During the next 6 months, we will continue to seek further institutional funding.

**Donation details (tax-deductible in USA and Germany)**

We will appreciate any donations.

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**Feedback and questions**

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