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Help build the Bakwa Health Center

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Summary

The project aims to construct and equip a healthcare center to provide access to healthcare for 816 children, 425 women, and an entire rural population of 1,500. The project will decrease maternal and infant mortality rates. The health facility will also serve nearby communities, such as Batanga, Assaka, and Ikwebo, which also lack adequate healthcare access.

Background

Access to healthcare in the Bakwa community is a significant challenge, with pregnant and breastfeeding mothers resorting to unsafe herbal remedies due to a lack of antenatal care. Women, children, and the elderly often have to trek long distances to access healthcare. This has resulted in high maternal and infant mortality rates. Establishing and equipping of a health facility in Bakwa are necessary not only to address these issues but also to serve nearby communities.

Project update

Thanks to your generous support, we have made significant strides in bringing healthcare closer to women and children in this community and nearby. The plastering, roofing, installation of ceiling, electrical installation, installation of sanitary fittings, and painting are completed.





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Next steps

We are eager to continue the momentum and complete the remaining aspects of the project, including:

- Flooring
- Equipping and furniture
- Community health campaign and handover to beneficiaries.

Challenges faced

- Inadequate funding: The primary challenge is the lack of financial support to continue with project activities.
- Community expectations: There is a growing expectation within the communities to gain access to healthcare services.
- Healthcare gaps: Continued lack of healthcare access persists in the communities emphasizing the need for intervention.
- Accessibility: The activities of the armed groups in the Northwest region of Cameroon pose accessibility risks.
- Increase in the cost of materials and labor due to inflation.

We invite you to continue supporting our efforts to improve access to healthcare for women and children in this community and nearby. With more funding, we will be able to complete this healthcare facility and reduce maternal and infant mortality. Visit <https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/help-build-the-bakwa-health-center/> to donate.

We appreciate any donation; no amount is too small.

We extend our gratitude to all our donors, partners, and supporters. Together we are making a lasting impact in the lives of women and children.