

## NGO Donates To Needy Pupils In Buea

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**A** Non Governmental Organisation known as Social Development International, SDI, has donated some didactic school materials including text, exercise books, pens, pencils and mathematical sets etc to underprivileged pupils in primary schools in Tole, Buea Sub-division.

A ceremony to hand over the gifts took place Thursday 29 September 2011 at the various schools whose pupils benefited from the gesture.

85 orphans and vulnerable children who cannot afford to buy materials to attend school were those who were handed the gifts.

"We chose the government school because it's free and that's where most of the orphans and vulnerable children are. We shall continue to access the schools. We are also trying to raise more funds so that we can provide the children with uniforms, health facilities and other didactic materials to enable them come to school", Johanna Pelaez, the women and children education specialist of SDI explained.

The Head teacher of Government school Bwiyuku-Tole Mme Cecilia Taku some of whose pupils benefited from the largess expressed sincere gratitude to Social Development International for the kind move.

SDI works with teenage, single mothers as well as orphans and vulnerable children. They teach them how to be self sustainable and to try not to rely so much on others especially when there is no help available.

Particularly, SDI according to its Chief Executive Officer Sulaiman Turay seeks to achieve its goal of sending 100 children of Tole village to attend local primary school where they would be assisted in becoming social innovators and the future leaders of Cameroon.

The SDI boss further mentioned that the project plans to extend the initiative to other villages in the area which are yet to enjoy intervention from other organisations.