



## SOCIAL PROTECTION OF THE CHILD, A NECESSARY CONDITION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN CAPITAL

### I- STATE OF THE CHILD ISSUE IN THE EAST REGION

During the year 2021, the activities for the provision of care to socially vulnerable persons in general and children in particular, have been carried out in a context essentially marked by the response against CORONA-VIRUS and security crisis (internal conflicts and Central Africa crisis).

The following major facts can be mentioned :

- ✓ On the economic plan, the diminution of the purchasing power of the populations because of the health crisis has aggravated their vulnerability including the children. This situation has led to the degradation of the social stability.
- ✓ On the social plan, the Region has undergone new Central African refugee arrivals due to the security crisis (more than **6,000** refugees registered) and **4619** internally displaced persons.

Of all vulnerabilities in relation to the child, some are on the increase :

- ❖ Street children : **539** in the four divisions of which **85** are resocialised;
  - ❖ Children victims of mining : **605** in the Boumba and Ngoko, Kadey and Lom and Djerem divisions;
  - ❖ Internally displaced children: **1832** in all the divisions of the region including **355** having benefited from support;
  - ❖ Refugee children : **2090** in the Boumba and Ngoko, Kadey and Lom and Djerem divisions including **467** having benefited from support;
  - ❖ Socially maladjusted children including **15** placed at CAMB and **214** in the prisons of the four divisions ;
  - ❖ Children victim of gender based violence : **14** cases receiving care from the Social Action Service of the Regional Hospital;
  - ❖ Children victim of trafficking and trade: **543** in all the four divisions.
- However, a particular focus is made on children in gold mines.

## II- SPECIFIC CASE OF CHILDREN WORKING IN MINES

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT	PARTNER	ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTIES	INSTITUTIONAL REPONSES	PROSPECTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Identification of <b>605</b> children in <b>29</b> sites including <b>204</b> girls and <b>401</b> boys ;</li> <li>➤ Elaboration of the cartography ;</li> <li>• <b>Boumba and Ngoko</b> division (<b>03</b> sites) : Mombélé, Ngoundi, Njok Ntamba</li> </ul>	UNICEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inadequacy of funds allocated to reach all sites ; Difficult access in the sites;</li> <li>• Reluctance of the populations ;</li> <li>• Non involvement of the staff of MINAS (DRAS, DDAS/Kadey)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setting up of the National Mining Corporation (SONAMINES) by the Head of State ;</li> <li>• School kits, clothes and food donation to children by SONAMINES in the Kadey division;</li> <li>• Decision of the Minister of Mines, Industry and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Raise the awareness of the parents by showing them the importance of school for their children and the diseases they are exposed ;</li> <li>➤ Autonomy of the parents through income generating activities ;</li> <li>➤ Withdrawal of these children from mining sites;</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kadey division (12 sites)</b> : Diengou, Mongo nam, Boukarot Kombelé, Bombé chateau, Banga, Bedobo, Kadey, Zimbi, Yola 1, Yola 2, Mombaké, Etendé</li> <li>• <b>Lom and Djerem (14 sites)</b> : Bakoutoa, Gbéré1, Rivière Gbéré, Tombodomo, Nyassa, Tounguélé, Nana féré, Mokolo3, Kadey Hamadu, Moulemba, Yong banè, Toyondi, Kadey Harouna, Carrière <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Construction of a community school in Pater in the Kadey division;</li> <li>➤ Withdrawal of <b>122</b> children from mining and enrolment to school;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			<p>Technological Development (MINMIDT) on the prohibition of access to mining sites by children</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Schooling/vocational training of children withdrawn from the gold sites ;</li> <li>➤ Opening of canteens in schools to receive these children;</li> <li>➤ Identification of new sites and the children who are working there;</li> <li>➤ Support of communities in food, especially those sheltering those new sites.</li> </ul>
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➤ Identification of the children for the establishment of <b>400</b> birth certificates;	ASOPV (United States Embassy in Cameroon))			
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### III- OTHER ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT

ACHIEVEMENTS	PARTNERS	ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTIES	SOLUTIONS
➤ Creation of 05 Social Action Services to schools (SASO Technical Government High School of Kpokolota, Government High School Tigaza, Government Bilingual High School Bertoua, Lycée Classique d'Abong-Mbang,	DRESEC (Regional Delegation of Secondary Education)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Services still to have a budget</li> </ul>	➤ Allocate a budget

<p>Government Bilingual High School batouri) ;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Raise awareness of <b>13871</b> children in schools on the social scourges;</li> <li>➤ Provision of food to <b>50</b> street children at CAMB ;</li> <li>➤ Organisation of health campaign for <b>71</b> street children;</li> <li>➤ Commemoration of the Day of the African Child (4089 persons awareness raised on the theme and the rights of the child) ;</li> <li>➤ Organisation of the children parliament 16 Junior parliamentarians trained;</li> </ul>	<p>Teachers</p> <p>UNICEF</p> <p>Maison de l'espérance/Dimako</p> <p>Svces GRE DRJEC DRCOM CRE FMO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Persistence of violence in schools</li> <li>• Reluctance of some children to join the site.</li> <li>/</li> <li>• Activity still to have a budget at the operationnal level</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Raise more awareness to students</li> <li>➤ Raise more awareness</li> <li>/</li> <li>➤ Allocate a budget to the activity at the level of Social Centre/Social Action Service</li> </ul>
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<p>➤ Commemoration of the World Day of the Child (screening of <b>60</b> youths to HIV including <b>0</b> positive case and enrolment of 34 youths at U-Report) ;</p>	UNICEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Day still to have budget</li> </ul>	<p>➤ Allocate a budget to the activity at all levels (DRAS, DDAS, CESO/SASO)</p>
<p>➤ Establishment of <b>1019</b> birth certificates to children from vulnerable indigenous populations ;</p>	IMC FAIRMED	/	

<p>➤ School placements of children with disabilities and those born from needy parents with disabilities (<b>499</b> recipient children) ;</p>	<p>DDES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Late deposit of the files by the targets</li> </ul>	<p>/</p> <p>➤ Raise awareness on the deadlines</p>
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**LIST OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EAST REGION AT THE ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE**

<b>N°</b>	<b>NAMES AND SURNAMES</b>	<b>STRUCTURE</b>	<b>FUNCTION</b>
01	IBASAL Blanche Mireille épouse BELINGA	DRAS-EAST	Regional Delegate



02	NOAH Rodolphe	Regional Brigade	Head of the Brigade
03	ABDOU BELLO	CAMB	Director
04	HAMADOU HAMANDJAM	DDAS Boumba and Ngoko	DDAS
05	MEKOU Rita épouse OWOUTOU	CESO Batouri	CESO Head
06	VONDOU Ida	SASO Regional Hospital of Bertoua	SASO Head

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