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2024 ANNUAL REPORT FOR IAA:

1.) GALLERY:





2.) STAKEHOLDERS AND COLLABORATORS:

- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.
- Ministry of Livestock Fisheries and Animal Industries
- Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife
- Ministry of Environment and Nature protection

- Ministry of Youth Affaires and Civic Education
- Ministry of Women Empowerment and the Family.
- Ministry of Environment, Nature protection and Sustainable development.
- Ministry of Public Health
- Local Councils and village heads (chiefs)

3.) PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS:

- ❖ Global Youth Mobilization, The Vegan Society, Proveg International, Seed Programs International
- ❖ The Pollination Project, Karuna Foundation, Lush Charity Pot, Future In Our Hands
- ❖ AstraZeneca, Global Giving, United People Global, Our Kids Climate
- ❖ Earth Rising Foundation, Peace Direct, Partners for World Health, EM Cameroon
- ❖ Swiss Embassy in Cameroon, Green Care Association and Earth Guardians International
- ❖ Cameroon Gender and Environment Watch, Green Care Association

4.) OVERVIEW OF ORGANIZATION:

Integrated Agricultural Association (IAA) is a development and humanitarian non-profit organization which aims to fight hunger and poverty, promote disease prevention, economic and environmental well-being by (i) helping to create “sustainable economic development in rural communities in Cameroon, (ii) empower and train youths and women-owned farmer cooperatives, and (iii) Trains Cameroonian youths and other vulnerable groups on sustainable agriculture, while creating awareness about climate change.

IAA seeks to do environmental protection and promote sustainable agriculture, by strengthening the capacity of community members, especially women and young people in regenerative agriculture and creating green jobs. The objective is to enhance the quality of life, support and promote integrated sustainable community development, by contributing to the improvement of livelihood of communities through the enhancement of knowledge, sustainable practices and services in the areas of; Agriculture, Environment, Climate change, Health, Education, Women empowerment, Water & Sanitation and Human rights in Cameroon.

5.) REPORT SUMMARY:

- ✓ 2790 kitchen gardens planted, increasing food security and nutrition for 19,530 people at the household level
- ✓ 15000 fruit and nitrogen fixing trees planted across 51,000 ha of farm lands
- ✓ 1028 people directly reached from diverse backgrounds; including women, men and youths with essential gardening skills, nutritional education and agroforestry resources and skills, created awareness about climate change through environmental education outreach.
- ✓ 1 Well Built and installed with hand pump to enable access to clean water for over 1700 people.
- ✓ Environmental Education on waste recycling and climate awareness with 1 primary school with average enrollment of 700 pupils.

6.) LOCATIONS: Kumbo Northwest region, Fouban and Foubot, West region of Cameroon

7.) OVERVIEW:

In 2024, IAA aimed at training small-holder farmers in regenerative agriculture techniques and agroforestry in the western grass field regions of Cameroon. Specifically IAA focused on climate adaptation, carbon sequestration and conservation agriculture techniques, including the use of cover crops; “no till” practices, rotating crops, conserving water and using native crop varieties and trees to manage pests.

These approaches not only contribute to long term climate resilience, but also increase productivity, decrease farming input costs, and improve soil fertility. The project also increased local availability of safe, quality vegetables and fruits for the poorest and most vulnerable populations in the region. Specifically the agroforestry component of the project worked to produce a wide variety of fruits and vegetables with integrated social ownership and management and involvement. IAA trained and supported rural smallholder farmers in conservation agriculture and agroforestry, promoting sustainable practices that reduce water and chemical use, prevent land degradation, and protect biodiversity. Over the course of this project IAA reached thousands of people directly through trainings on gardening and agroforestry skills and environmental education outreach, and restored 51,000 hectares of degraded land, benefiting millions of people in the Western Grassland Regions by enhancing food security, climate resilience, and economic capacity. Over 37 trainings were conducted in 2024. Additionally the agroforestry portion of this project resulted in 2790 gardens and 15000 trees planted increasing food security and income level for 19530 people at the household level. The actions contributed to achieve larger goals like food security, adequate nutrition, increased livelihood opportunities, climate smart or resilient agriculture, and community building and gender equality, health and well-being for thousands of people in the following ways:



i.) Community Development: IAA boosted its integrated demonstration garden in Kumbo with land capacity of 5 hectares, which will serve as a community hub for learning and access to planting resources. The garden involves an apiary, seed multiplication, agroforestry promotion, hands-on learning on ecological and bee farming and the distribution of potato tubers and fruit seedlings to smallholder farmers to support the ongoing agricultural development.



ii.) Home gardens support in Kumbo and Foumban: IAA empowered households with essential gardening skills and resources which resulted in the distribution of over 100,000grams of vegetables seeds and gardening tools to boost food production. Seed types distributed include; Cabbage, Carrot, Onion, Pepper, huckleberry, Cucumber, Okra, Tomato , Potato tubers, Sweet pepper, tree seedlings and Organic manure (2000kgs of cow dung) which resulted in 1350 gardens supported to increase food security and income level for 1350 people at the family/household level. Each seed type represents one garden and average family size is 10 members for 135 farm families supported. Tools include; 100 hoes, 100 watering cans, 100 machetes and 25 pairs of rain boots and 4000 tree seedlings.

In Foumban, IAA empowered 240 households with essential gardening skills and nutrition information which resulted in the distribution of 11,000 grams of vegetables seeds to boost food production. Seed types distributed include; Cabbage, 540 grams, Carrot, 5400 grams, Onion, 3500 grams , Pepper, 250 grams , Tomato, 250 grams , Cucumber, 400 grams which resulted in 1440 gardens to increase food security and income level for 2400 people at the family/household level in Foumban, West region of Cameroon



iii.) Nutrition and Diet: Empowered women on good nutrition practices, diet control and different nutrition options to reduce diet related diseases and malnutrition. With the message “Food is Medicine”, IAA implemented 10 workshops with 300 people that contributed to promoting public health

and wellness through essential education on adequate nutrition and how to reduce food waste amongst conflict affected communities and women.



iv.) Environmental education and Agroforestry promotion: IAA engaged 500 mixed age groups and community members on topics like deforestation, dangers of chemical fertilizers on agriculture, carbon emission and created awareness about climate change and waste recycling with school children and community adults, through regular environmental education outreach, and donated five trash cans in school. IAA shared knowledge on agroforestry practices and distributed planting materials to 265 smallholder farmers who operate on less than 5 hectares of land. Ultimately, 15,000 trees were planted including, Moringa 1000, Cocoa 1000, Ricinodendron Heudeloti Known as Njansang or Essessang in Cameroon, 1000 and grafted pears (Avocado) 8000, and Prunus Africana 4000 in the Northwest and West regions of Cameroon.



V.)Water and Sanitation: A Well with Hand Pump has been successfully built and presented to the Fulani people in Mogny village of Foubot Sub-division in the west region of Cameroon. Water is life, and that life flows through women—the primary users and collectors of water worldwide. For millions of women, access to water shapes everything from health to education to economic opportunity. Women

walk for water. They manage water resources. And when they lead, water solutions are up to seven times more effective.

We are happy to end waterborne diseases and water poverty amongst the Fulani community in Mogny village, Foubot sub-division, of West region Cameroon, with over 1700 inhabitants, 65% are IDPs and Fulani Women. We have put an end to Long travels to fetch dirty water, economic time lost by women, school time lost by children will be recovered, diseases reduced and overall health and well-being.

This deep Well with hand pump is climate resilient and adapted to the local realities because, in a remote rural village, they can maintain it, extreme weather events like flooding, and over drought cannot affect the newly constructed water facility. The water will always flow during all weathers and dry seasons.

8.) CHALLENGES:

Integrated Agricultural Association (IAA) faced challenges related to social and environmental challenges, economic challenges and security challenges. Extreme weather events like flooding and erratic rainfall, imposed road blocks impacted its efficiency and delivery plan. IAA targets pro-poor and funding cannot come from participants, financial and equipment support must come from public sources and this became a great challenge because IAA is still a small organization without sufficient capacity to compete in funding market with well-established organizations, IAA had to depend on volunteer support.

9.) EVOLUTION:

However, IAA recognizes that sustainable development requires continuous learning and adaptation to new challenges. IAA aims to scale up this initiative, increase its impact, and empower more women and youths in Cameroon and beyond. With increased demand for quality seedlings and vegetables seeds amongst vulnerable farmers, without consistent support, IAA will increase the production capacity of its demonstration garden; grafted avocado, oranges, lemon, at least 20000 seedlings and 20 tons of potato tubers a year to supply at subsidized rate to cover some of the funding needs of the program in the future, while supporting the communities to secure food and nutrition, and train community members on indigenous seed multiplication and preservation, and capacity building to avoid continues reliance on external support for seed donation and humanitarian assistance.

Integrated Agricultural Association (IAA) will not only depend on membership funding and grants, but will create a vegetable and honey supply chain to collect and market their produce. This will be a self-sustaining social component which will continuously generate income to sustain the organization. IAA will continue to apply for many grant opportunities while joining networks of like-minded organizations to build strong partnership that would enable us have access to technical and financial support. IAA will step up efforts to organize smallholder farmers into producer and marketing cooperatives and saving and loan groups which will be a local financial backing for farmers without the capacity to obtain loan from banks.

10.) AWARD OF RECOGNITION:

In recognition of its impact, IAA has recently been named a national winner of Energy Globe Award, Cameroon 2024, with the project “Regenerative Agriculture/Agroforestry”. In total, around 2000 projects from 141 countries entered this year's competition, underlining the fact that the Energy Globe Award is the most important environmental award in the world today.

IAA's project has been submitted to the international jury and we await news on the Energy Globe World Award later this year.

11.) A WORD FROM CEO:

It is with great joy and enthusiasm to be doing what we do for our community. We love our work and we celebrate everyone who is part of this incredible mission. I thank our donors, board members, volunteers, supporters and beneficiaries for working with us throughout 2024. You are our heroes because you make the change we seek to happen. Once again, congratulations on being part of our work. I.A.A has prepared this report to share her successes and challenges to the public. We learn much by doing in this work and there is a high possibility of replication and scale-up of its activities. It will be our joy to learn that our activities have been replicated in other areas. We are ready to provide more information on our activities to anyone to use and to assist in field work. We are also open to create partnership with anybody or institution interested in this work. We will gladly welcome support to continue this work in the targeted communities and in other areas. Feel free to contact us for details information. We have periodic training and regular interventions in different areas of development and humanitarian activities across different communities of Cameroon. After executing these activities in 2024, I feel strong, as I have grown in knowledge, skills and experience. I.A.A is ready to learn and do more from its tangible experience, to building climate resilience, economic resilience, livelihoods and sustainable food systems.



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