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Number of beneficiaries of school bags: 202

Quote for school supplies for 202 poor and needy children at Muea primary school

S/N	Items	Quantity	Unit price (XFCFA)	Total Cost (XFCFA)
1.	Assorted Exercise books	1,414	400	565,600
2.	Blue Pens	8 packets	5,000	40,000
3.	Red pens	8 packets	5,000	40,000
4.	Pencils	06 packets	4,500	27,000
5.	Color pencils	08 packets	3,500	28,000
6.	Rulers	10 packets	2,500	25,000
7.	Erasers	05 tins	5,000	25,000
8.	Sharpeners	05 tins	5,000	25,000
9.	Tissues	05 roll	7,800	39,000
10.	White Chalk	5 box	3,500	17,500
11.	Colour chalk	04 box	5,000	20,000
12.	Transportation of materials	1	25,000	25,000
Project management & reporting				175,420
TOTAL COST				1,052,520 (\$1,847)

A Brief History about Muea and Muea primary school

Muea village is a farming community in the Southwest Region of Cameroon with a growing population of over 12,000 inhabitants. The majority are poor peasant farmers who mainly rely on subsistence agriculture or work as farm laborers on large plantations producing food for export. Most families earn less than two dollars per day and live below the UN poverty line. Illiteracy and birth rates in the community are quite high, with adolescent girls being most vulnerable. Muea village community is one of the host communities for internally displaced persons (IDPs) who have fled from an ethnic-based civil war affecting other parts of the country. Their living conditions are deplorable as families typically share a single room in wooden hovels that have neither electricity nor running water. As a result, they have little food security and are plagued by constant health problems. Those mostly affected are women and children who have come to the village for safety and the education of their children.

Muea village operates a lone primary school, which is attended by very poor village children aged 5-12 years. It has 662 pupils of which 386 are girls and 276 boys. Many are orphans, girls, and internally displaced children living with local relatives. The establishment of the school 23 years ago improved attendance for children who had no school or had to walk long distances to another school.

It is that time of the year again, where many children are faced with challenges of self-questioning. Will I go to school this year? Last year I was not in school because my parents have no money or because I am an internally

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displaced child or an orphan. It is a sad reality to watch kids drop out of school before the age of 10. Some run the streets of their communities and hawk items without getting to enjoy their basic right to education. This is the situation in Muea village community where many children especially orphans, internally displaced children and other vulnerable children are not sure to start schooling this academic year because they do not have a school bag and essential school supplies (exercise books, textbooks, pencil, pen, rulers, sharpeners, erasers etc) due to poverty. Among these are 202 children who are mostly orphans, girls and internally displaced children attending Muea primary school. These children are identified by the school administration and some members of the community. Most of them have lost their parents in the conflict or war. A School bag for these children containing essential school materials (pens, pencils, rulers, erasers, exercise books, lunch box etc), can provide vastly improved learning capabilities, hope and a lifeline to a future out of poverty.



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