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Project Proposal for Funding to the Global Uplift Project

Project title: Classroom furniture and essential school supplies project

Location of Project: Ndongo community (Ndongo community primary school)

Requesting organization: Action for change (AFC)

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Brief history of the organization:

Action for change (AFC) is a non-profit, non-political, non-governmental but a development driven organization which started in 2012 as an informal voluntary group. It was later constituted and registered on November 19, 2015 with Registration No: 039/D14/5/871. The goal of AFC is to empower and sustainably improve the living conditions and the environment of children, women, vulnerable youths and disadvantaged rural and indigenous forest communities in marginalized southwest English speaking region of Cameroon with focus on holistic education, community development, water, hygiene and sanitation, environmental protection and the promotion of livelihood initiative for poverty alleviation and economic autonomy for the less privilege. Our policy of participatory approach drives our actions. We strive to maintain fairness, equity and no discrimination on the basis of sex, tribe, origin, race or religion.

Some of our recent achievements include: Widow's vegetable garden project for better health, hygiene and sanitation project in Mombo primary school, enhancing education, hygiene and sanitation project in Soppo primary school, library project in Bolifamba secondary school, maize farming project in Bulu village community, vulnerable girls baking project in Bomaka village community, Health Education project in inter-comprehensive high school, Muea primary school project, Kombo community primary school hygiene and sanitation projects, Dibanda community primary school project, Ebamuke nursery and

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primary school project, Renovation of a toilet facility and extension of safe drinking water project at Millennium educational foundation nursery & primary school. Currently we are establishing 500 birth certificate to 500 IDPs children in six primary schools in Buea and Tiko community. This project is sponsored by Luena foundation and Global pearl.

Our partners include The Luena Foundation (USA), Global Pearl(USA), World Connect (USA), One World Foundation (Bulgaria), Purley Overseas Trust (POST) in UK, Share Institute (USA), The Pollination Project (USA), Peartree Development Fund (UK), Rome 1% Development Fund (Italy), Harbinson Charitable Trust (UK), Trust 2000 (UK), Kitchen Table Charities Trust (UK), The Mercury Phoenix Trust (UK), Andrews Foundation(USA), Earth rising foundation (USA), All Sky foundation (USA), One World Fund (Ireland), Students for Children (Netherland), Kootje Foundation (Netherland), Port Authority Douala (PAD) and EPENJA Development fund. We also collaborate with local administrative authorities, other NGOs and Community Based Organizations and have a cordial relationship with indigenous groups we seek to serve as well as with other stakeholders in development

Project Background and Problem Statement

Ndongo community is a typical slum community in Buea subdivision, south west region of Cameroon, with above 95% of households living below the UN poverty line. The community has a growing population of over 7000 inhabitants who are poor peasant farmers with very low income. Women and children constitute a greater majority of the population. Ndongo community is one of the host communities for internally displaced persons (IDPs) who have fled from other parts of the region affected by war or insecurity. Their living conditions are very deplorable as families have to manage a single room for survival. Those mostly affected are women and children who have fled into the community for the safety and education of their children.

Ndongo operates a lone primary school, which is being attended by very poor and needy children, aged 4-12 years, many of whom are orphans, girls and internally displaced children. Indeed, the establishment of the school 15 years ago has facilitated school attendance for school going age children who had no access before and/or who used to walk long distances to attend school, especially the less privileged children. A total of 578 children attend Ndongo community primary school, of which we have 304 girls and 274 boys based on the head teacher. Presently the school is being managed by the poor peasant community (Parent Teachers Association), who are doing their best to ensure that poor, needy and

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internally displaced children in this community have access to education, by struggling to raise funds to pay seven (7) teachers employed to teach in the school.

The management of the school (the poor peasant community) is unable to raise enough funds to increase the number of classroom furniture's (benches, tables & chairs). The school enrollment has gone beyond the available number of benches, tables and chairs. The situation of inadequate classroom furniture (benches, tables & chairs) in the school has caused many children to stay away from classes, making learning ineffective as it discourages weaker and younger scholars from coming to school since there is always fighting and scrambling for seating positions amongst younger and older scholars. An average of 5 kids' seats on a bench, with some seating on the floor or stones. The photo below shows the situation in some of the classes.



Equally, 90% of children (mostly orphans, girls and internally displaced children) attending Ndongo community primary school don't have basic school items. It is common to see kids in class with just a single exercise book serving three different subjects with no pen, no text book, no pencil, sharpener or eraser. Some come to school without an exercise book or a pen to write with, due to poverty. This has made teaching and learning difficult to both pupils and teachers in Ndongo community primary school. Essential school supplies like textbooks, exercise books, pen, pencils, rulers, sharpeners, chalks etc, for

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these children will provide vastly improved learning capabilities, hope and a lifeline to a future out of poverty.

Action for change knew this in December 2022, after receiving an appeal letter with photos from the management of the school (Parent teacher Association) for assistance. This prompted the Action for Change team to visit Ndongo community primary school on the 10th of January 2023 to see the situation on the ground, discuss with the management of the school and to conduct a need assessment.

Among the numerous problems faced by Ndongo primary school, the need for classroom furniture's (benches, tables and chairs) and essential school supplies for pupils attending Ndongo community school remains among the top priority of the school after our need assessment.

It is against this premise that Action for change intends to seek a long-lasting solution to the above problems by providing more classroom furniture in school (15 benches, 2 tables and 2 chairs) and essential school supplies like textbooks, exercise books, pen, pencils, chalk, rulers erasers etc to poor and needy children attending the school.

The Aim and Objectives of the project:

The aim of the project is to enhance the quality of education in Ndongo community primary school through the provision of more classroom furniture's (benches, tables and chairs) and essential school supplies (textbooks, exercise books, pen, pencils, rulers, sharpeners, eraser etc) to poor, needy and internally displaced children attending the school. The specific objectives of the project include:

- To provide 15 benches, 2 tables and 4 chairs in Ndongo community primary school;
- To reduce fighting and scrambling for seating position among poor, needy, and internally displaced children during lessons;
- To increase school attendance among poor and needy children in the community;
- To provide essential school supplies (textbooks, exercise books, pens, pencils, rulers, sharpeners, erasers, etc) to poor, needy and internally displaced children attending the school.

Expected outcome of the project:

The following outcomes are expected to be achieved at the end of the project:

- Teaching learning process improve as kids' seat comfortable on benches during lessons;
- Fighting and scrambling for seating position among vulnerable children stop;
- Poor and needy children attending Ndongo community primary school have excess essential textbooks and other school supplies.
- The quality of education received by poor and needy children attending Ndongo primary school improved by 60%.

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Beneficiaries of the project:

The direct beneficiaries of the project are 578 poor and needy children attending Ndongo community primary school and their seven (07) teachers. Indirectly the project will benefit over 2000 people most of whom are parents/guardians of these poor and needy children attending Ndongo community primary school. Equally, the project will benefit the future generation of the school as the items/facilities provided will last for many years.

Sustainability of the project:

The management of the school (parent teacher association) has pledged its commitment to sustain the project by introducing a token of ½ a dollar to be paid by each pupil at the beginning of every academic year. This will be used to repair any damaged furniture. Also, our organization (AFC) will multiply more efforts to acquire additional resources to meet the needs of poor and needy kids attending Ndongo community primary school

Total Cost: \$ 2000

Amount Requesting From the Global Uplift Project: \$ 1500

Action for Change (AFC) Contribution: \$ 500

Project starting date: Any time the funds are available

Detailed Budget of the project:

Exchange rate \$1 = 560XFCFA

Item	Quantity	Unit cost in dollars (\$)	Total cost in dollars(\$)
School benches	15	50	750
School tables	2	43	86
School chairs	4	35	140
Textbooks	50 assorted	5	250
Exercise books	1000 assorted	0.5	500
Pencils	5 packets	10	50
pens	10 packets	10	100
Erasers	2 tins	9.0	18
Sharpeners	2tins	10	20

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Chalk	10 packets	6.0	60
Tissues	2 rolls	13	26
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