



# **A Disability Inclusive Child Protection Project Piloted in the West Region of Cameroon and implemented by the CBCHS with Funding support from the Liliane Foundation**

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# THE GOAL AND OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

GOAL: To promote the wellbeing and safety of the children and youths with disabilities supported by the CBCHS and its network of Partner Organisations in Collaboration with Liliane Foundation.

OBJECTIVE: CBCHS and their respective partner organisations (POs) have child safeguarding and protection mechanisms in place that meet the international child safeguarding standards to effectively protect children and youth with disabilities from abuse and maltreatment in Cameroon.

# KEY SUCCESSES RECORDED

The SPO , Some POs (Bafoussam Baptist Hospital, and Choose Life Generation under the TSSF) and some service providers (Lycée Classique, Lycée Bilingue...) now have a functional Child Safeguarding Policy that reflect their context.

All Staffs of the SPO and POs have signed the Child Safeguarding Commitment form.

We (SPO/PO) Intervened to a total of 572 cases (326 female and 246 male) with majority being cases of neglect on children especially those with Disabilities.



# KEY SUCCESSES RECORDED

- We created a Community of Practice (CoP) which is made up of Government stakeholders, the Judiciary, CSOs, Traditional and Religious Authorities.





# KEY SUCCESSSES RECORDED

- We have created and established Linkages with Child Protection focal persons of the Public Security and the Judiciary who helps us to intervene to serious cases of abuse.



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- **A Referral Pathway (Map) is in place facilitating the referral of cases among members of the CoP. The map shows WHO is doing WHAT and WHERE (contact).**



# KEY SUCCESSES RECORDED

- Brochures and flyers were designed and produce to disseminate information effectively.
- We had case conferences which were jointly intervened alongside other partner organizations



# LESSONS LEARNED

- **Working within Communities of Practice increases comprehensive and timely management of cases identified and strengthens commitments/stakeholders' buy-ins in the protection of children with especially those with disabilities.**
- **Advocacy is key to promoting child safeguarding/protection.**
- **Child protection and safeguarding is our collective responsibility.**



# Key Challenges

There is still lots of capacity gaps since the project was piloted in 1 out of the 10 Regions of the Country.

Some members within the referral network who were actively involved based on their project, facing funding constraints and are no longer able to continue their interventions.

No budget to finance timely and comprehensive management of child abuse cases as many cases necessitate medical interventions while some need just counseling.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The Project should be scale up to the other Regions of the Country.

Engage rigorous advocacy at the Ministry of Social Affairs for the development and dissemination of a child protection act in Cameroon.



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