



### *Announcement*

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## *Painful Stories of War*



War does not only destroy communities and families but also disrupts the development of the social and economic fabric of nations. The effects of war include long-term physical and psychological harm to children and adults, as well as a reduction in material and human capital. The most obvious consequences of war are widespread death, destruction, horrible abuses of human rights, and trauma. Most of the youth in the English-speaking regions of Cameroon have experienced all these and have horrible stories of the effects of war on their lives. In this edition, we bring to you the painful stories of one of our beneficiaries.

“The war destroyed my life: emotionally, educationally, psychologically, and economically. Before the war started, I was living with my mother and other relatives happily. I was schooling in the secondary. My dream was to do a technical training afterward.

Unfortunately, in 2016, the war started. By 2017, the war was very serious, and schools closed down. One night in April 2017, our village was finally attacked. Around a hundred armed men came and started shooting at the villagers who tried to run away. They were shouting and ransacking people's huts and houses. They assaulted my mother. I had to escape. They took the little money we had on us and left. That night, they carried some of the young people away with them. I have no way of knowing where.

That same time, unfortunately for me, my mother died due to the torture by the unknown armed men. I was devastated and had to leave the village in the North West Region to relocate to a safer area in the Centre region.

I started life all over again, doing all kinds of odd jobs to sustain myself and also go to school. I hope to gain new sets of skills through this program, both in organic farming and youth peacebuilding”. Johny is a 24 year old internally displaced youth from the the North West Region of Cameroon.

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– Emmanuel Tanifum

## Ndabuchiseh director joins the Cameroon Bar Association

He took oath as advocate in training on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2024 at the North West court of Appeal. Emmanuel believes that lawyers play an indispensable role in driving change. “Being a change maker already, this new skill as an advocate will certainly add value to my volunteer work. As a member of this legal community, I am an ambassador for justice and peace. I will rededicate myself to the preservation of the rule of law and defense of human rights. Certainly this new platform will amplify my voice to effect change. I am determining to become the best advocate possible. Use the tools I will acquire throughout the training to work toward change where it is needed” Emmanuel, Director of Ndabuchiseh.





## Launching the Residential Youth Peacebuilders Training in Bertoua



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Thank you!

There is an armed violence in the English-speaking part of Cameroon. Youth vulnerability and involvement in this armed violence are leading to deaths, trauma, displacements, destruction of property, and horrendous abuses of human rights. We are currently selecting the pilot intake of IDPs (youth) between the ages of 18 and 30 like Johny to be trained in peacebuilding and self-employment skills on scholarship. Please contribute.

As we are almost getting set to start the first cohort of our residential training, we present a synopsis of our curriculum.

Our curriculum is developed in such a way that, when these youths come to our center, we take through:

1. A Thorough Psychosocial Assessment
2. Livelihood skills and interpersonal peace practices
3. Prepare them to thrive in their community.
4. Letting them start to train their peers.