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Announcement

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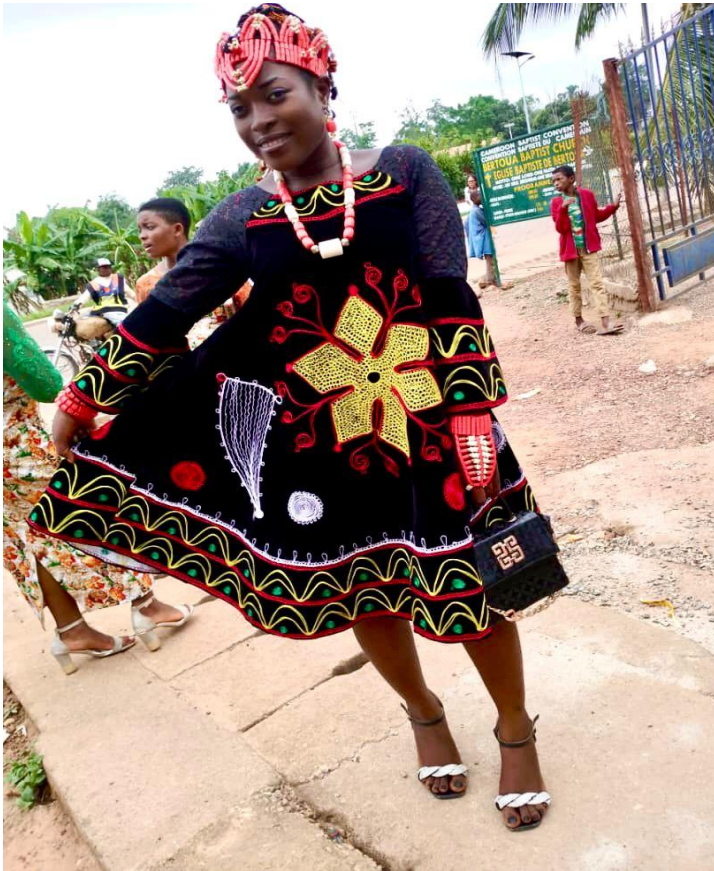
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Painful Stories of War



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. Sirri was originally living at Ntaturu in the outskirts of Bamenda, a restive town.

She narrated how the violence affected her life.

“I had lived peacefully with my family before 2016. We worked in the fields, and our father was a bricklayer. My mother grew vegetables, maize and yams – enough to feed the family and still have some to sell at the market. We were a happy family even though we didn’t have much.

One day, in school, we heard gunshots very close by and we started running away. Before I reached home, I discovered that gun men have attacked the neighbourhood. They had killed many people. We were restricted indoors and we lost our fields and our livestock. We starting having so many problems: the cost of living, the lack of work for my father, and having to go some days without food. We often run into the bushes to hide each time there was fighting until we managed to escape.

Sirri's story is just one example of the harsh reality faced by countless women and girls who are impacted by the ongoing separatist conflict in Cameroon's two English-speaking regions.

Residential Training Makes Progress!

Youth vulnerability and involvement in the armed violence in the English-speaking part of Cameroon are leading to deaths, trauma, displacements, destruction of property, and horrendous abuses of human rights. This is the primary challenge that Ndabuchiseh was founded in 2023 to tackle.

Ndabuchiseh came up with a youth peacebuilding residential training program as a solution to this problem. Through this program, youth that are highly susceptible to violence can recalibrate, build resistance to violence, develop vital peacebuilding skills, and then re-enter the community as veritable agents of sustainable peace and development.



This training is a dream that has come true! So far, I have acquired techniques of personal peace practices, computer skills and a lot more.”

– Sirri Virginie (participant)

With funds from the Kanthari Foundation and other donors, this project kick started in September 2024. Ndabuchiseh selected some 15 internally displaced victims of the armed violence (youth) between the ages of 18 and 30, like Sirri, to be trained in peacebuilding and self-employment skills on scholarship. These trainees are already three months into this training taking place in the periphery of the city of Bertoua, in the eastern region of Cameroon, 500 kilometers away from the conflict area.

So far Ndabuchiseh has conducted a thorough psycho-social assessment of these participants. This has helped Ndabuchiseh to chart a route for counseling and also identified people who could play a leadership role in their lives. Ndabuchiseh has also started peace practices with these participants. They have also undergone computer training for these months. Now that they have started to build their new life, self-employment and entrepreneurship skills, inter alia, will be introduced. These efforts will be sustained over the next nine months through both one-on-one sessions and group therapy. We use this medium to express our indebtedness and gratitude to the Kanthari Foundation for making this dream a reality.

Ndabuchiseh Partners With NEF



The National Employment Fund (NEF) was created by presidential decree on April 27, 1990. This public employment service (PES) aims to promote employment in Cameroon through the following lines:

- The intermediation between employers and job seekers, which aims to increase employment opportunities,
- The development, the financing, and the follow-up of programs related to:
 - Learn by doing training,
 - Formal training,
 - Self-employment,
 - The support for the creation of small enterprises.
- The spread of information concerning the job market. In order to better equip job seekers and to optimize their job search, specific tools are made available to them.

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Thank you!

Seeing that her interest aligns with that of the NEF, Ndabuchiseh approached the NEF and pitched her project of skilling idling youths who are susceptible to violence with vocational and peacebuilding skills. This project idea was embraced by the NEF and got into partnership with Ndabuchiseh. NEF has put at the disposal of Ndabuchiseh, a sum of 1.4 million FCFA (\$2,500) to train some of its beneficiaries in computer skills.

