

ACP- EU Water Facility

WSS Pilot project in four needy areas of Douala, Cameroon

Component A – Governance

Governance aspects: 75%, Supporting actions: 25%

EC Partners

- Urban Community of Douala
- GTZ, Germany
- Four NGOs: APAC, CEPROVA, COSA, and Univers MACOPE

Facts and Figures

- EC contribution: €1,05 M
- Total amount: €1,4M
- Project duration: 36 months



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The great epidemic of cholera in Douala in 2004 together with the critical situation in Water supply and sanitation exacerbated the incidence of this illness which has been endemic for 30 years.



Context

The only supplier of potable water in Douala, the "Société Nationale des Eaux du Cameroun" has only 65 000 customers, from a population of three million inhabitants. The water distribution network is dilapidated and the production is weak. The estimated coverage of potable water is 25%. All the water used for cleaning, and very often for drinking, is taken from public wells, which are polluted because of the proximity of latrines and their drains.

Objective: Improve governance in four of the poorest areas of Douala by supporting local Communities by:

- Establishing a water committee in each of the four areas: Bonewonda, Brazzaville, Mambada, and Tractafric;
- Training a water manager at each water point;
- Reducing the ground water pollution by rehabilitating 24 community wells and 14 public fountains;
- Rehabilitating 25 latrines in each area using concrete tanks;
- Launching an awareness programme for schools and general public;
- 50,000 people gain access to safe water.

Impact: What has been achieved?

By March 2007:

- Four NGOs selected and participating : APAC, CEPROVA, COSA, and Univers MACOPE;
- Each area has a Water Management Committee. Bonewonda has 10 members, Brazzaville- 12, Mambada- 7, and Tractafric- 8;
- 10 community wells have been chlorinated by volunteers from the four areas, using chlorination material provided by the project;
- A specific awareness programme has been provided in each school.