

SHUMAS



(MFORMI) NDZEREM STEPHEN NJODZEKA (1970–2025)

WHO WAS (MFORMI) NDZEREM STEPHEN NJODZEKA?

He was an indefatigable person who placed the interests of others first. (Mformi) Ndzere M Stephen Njodzeka was a man who, like Christ, sacrificed everything to put smiles on the faces of others. In fact, he was an indiscriminate light that gave hope to the darkest corners of the globe. (Nformi) Ndzere M Stephen Njodzeka, CEO and founder of SHUMAS gave a listening ear to all and impacted millions of lives in varying ways. He was also down to earth. He did great things in an extraordinary style. SHUMAS' continuous impact for over 3 decades today is there as evidence for everyone to see. He was a father to the fatherless, a leader with a difference, and a mentor that never got tired of directing till the results were achieved. His values and legacy live on through the countless lives he has touched and the leaders he has raised.

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EDITORIAL

In February 2025, SHUMAS made significant progress in various sectors, driven by its mission to improve lives, reduce poverty, and empower individuals. The organization implemented impactful interventions in:

- Education: improving access and quality
- Food security: enhancing agricultural practices and yields
- Livelihood: supporting income-generating activities
- Health: improving access to essential healthcare services
- Nutrition: addressing malnutrition and promoting healthy habits
- Non-Food Items (NFI): providing crucial resources

These efforts improved the well-being of vulnerable populations. SHUMAS also effectively monitored partner organizations, ensuring project accountability and impact. The organization expresses gratitude to its partners for their trust and support, enabling SHUMAS to positively impact lives.

Until we reach the last vulnerable person there is to reach, we are not relenting in our efforts.

SHUMAS CONTINUES TO GIVE HOPE TO OUT-OF-SCHOOL CHILDREN IN WEST AND NORTH WEST REGIONS, CAMEROON

SHUMAS has continued to improve access to education for 260 out-of-school children (OOSC) in Cameroon's Babessi (NORTH West Region) and Galim (WEST Region), where the ongoing crisis has left many internally displaced persons (IDPs) without income, making tuition fees impossible to afford. Also, many children are reluctant to attend school because their parents/caregivers are struggling to provide basic needs due to lost livelihoods. Even the parents prioritize labor over education, leading to child labor. In partnership with Building Schools for Africa (BSFA), SHUMAS is providing a lifeline through the Trauma Relief TaRL teaching methodology and recreational activities in 7 Neighborhood Learning Corners, ultimately enabling the children to regain desire for education and transition into formal schools.



Ndokong Neighborhood Learning Corner, Ntse Nkwobaw



Neighborhood Learning Corner, Kokibue

C.S MOH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION ONGOING UNPERTURBED

The reconstruction project at Catholic School Moh sponsored by Building Schools for Africa has now advanced to the roofing stage, bringing vital relief to pupils and the broader community. This collaborative effort demonstrates SHUMAS' commitment to providing safe and supportive learning environments. Access to education has been a serious challenge in the community of Moh, Nkambe sub division in Donga Mantung Division of the NWR of Cameroon, due to strong winds that destroyed some classrooms causing over 200 pupils to stay out of school.



3 - Classrooms and 3 compartment toilets under construction

SHUMAS MONITORS THE IMPACT OF THE UNICEF - ECHO II EDUCATIONAL PROJECT IN THE NORTH WEST REGION, CAMEROON

SHUMAS is currently monitoring 90 temporary learning spaces across 9 subdivisions in the North West Region of Cameroon, specifically in Bui, Ako, Nkambe, Ngohketunjia, Njinikom, Bamenda I, II & III, Bafut and Wum, providing critical educational support to vulnerable children in the region. This initiative addresses the multifaceted humanitarian needs of children affected by the crisis, focusing on education, water, sanitation, hygiene, and child protection. Working alongside five implementing partners, SHUMAS ensures the project's effectiveness in reaching out-of-school children and providing them with the necessary support.



Monitoring of Project Activities in Bafut and Menchum

SCIENCE PRACTICAL ACCESS FOR 700+ STUDENTS : SHUMAS LABORATORY PREPARES STUDENTS FOR EXAMS IN KUMBO

As official examinations draw nearer, Secondary Schools in Cameroon have begun science practicals in Pre-Mock and Mock preparatory examinations. SHUMAS in collaboration with Citibank have created a science laboratory well equipped with Biology, chemistry, and physics equipments to help students in the crisis stricken Bui Division. Over 700 students from 9 secondary/highs schools around kumbo are benefiting from this project as they prepare for official examinations. The interest to pursue science options and general performance of science students in public examinations has significantly improved since the creation of the Science Laboratory.



Science students in Kumbo making use of the Lab

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT FOR EDUCATION (E3), CHANGING THE STATUS QUO OF VULNERABLE GIRLS AND WOMEN IN CAMEROON

Beneficiaries of the E3 project now have considerable Economic stability and impact in their communities. This was the outcome of February's impact assessment carried out by SHUMAS. According to recorded testimonies from beneficiaries and community members, children from these vulnerable homes now attend school, while the produces of their mothers which include, fast foods, drinks, snacks etc. are helping to fight food insecurity in the communities. Since 2021, more than 500 female led families have been assisted. 75 school dropout children from the assisted households have received learning materials and currently back to school thanks to Building Schools for Africa and Compels. These women have been supported to start village Savings and Loan schemes to improve the sustainability of their businesses.



Some E3 beneficiaries

MANOS UNIDAS AND SHUMAS PROVIDING SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD IN BUI DIVISION, NWR - CAMEROON

The Bui Livelihood Project, a joint initiative by SHUMAS and MANOS UNIDAS, aims to enhance the livelihoods of 200 vulnerable female household heads in the Bui Division, North West Region of Cameroon. The project promotes integrated sheep-keeping and crop production to mitigate the effects of the ongoing crisis. In February, 200 ewes and 14 rams were distributed to second-generation beneficiaries by the first-generation beneficiaries, who also received training on sheep keeping. This sustainable approach empowers women's animal and crop production livelihoods and fosters community resilience.



Second generation beneficiaries

PULCCA PROJECT: FINAL QUARTER COORDINATION MEETING

The final quarter coordination meeting of the WFP Food Security Project, implemented by SHUMAS was held with an assessment of project achievements, lessons learned, and future planning. Yielding recommendations for improved targeting, collaboration, control, and inputs with stakeholders were made. The project aims to achieve "zero hunger" by enhancing productivity, nutrition, and market opportunities for small-scale farmers.



SHUMAS Coordination Meeting for WFP Food Security Project

PREHANDING OVER OF FOOD FOR ASSETS (FFA): WFP MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HANDING OVER PROPER

WFP National and regional teams, accompanied by technical partners, MINADER and MINEPIA, carried out the pre-handing over of Assets created from 2024 in some project sites(Menteh, Ndzah, Santa-Nhong, Nkambe and Kungji). This was also an opportunity to have exchanges with beneficiaries and key stakeholders in the communities. WFP also made recommendations for the handing over of the assets.



Some Pre-handing over assets in the NWR

EMPOWERING FARMERS, ENRICHING LIVES: WFP AND SHUMAS' SAMS PROGRAM IN CAMEROON'S NWR RESTORING AGRICULTURAL RESILIENCE

The Smallholder Agricultural Market Support (SAMS) program, a collaboration between WFP and SHUMAS, is transforming lives in Cameroon's North West Region. In February, the program has continued to empower 700 smallholder farmers in 27 cooperatives across 3 divisions. This project notably also facilitated the extraction and sale of 7,519L of milk, generated savings of 931,100 FCFA through Village Saving and Loan Associations, and distributed agricultural tools to 11 cooperatives, promoting agricultural productivity and economic growth.



Distribution of NFIs in Kungji project site



Land preparation by "Unity is Strength" Cooperative, Nkambe

WFP-SHUMAS TOP UP AND MAM SUPPLEMENTATION PROJECT

SHUMAS' WFP-funded Emergency Project in Cameroon's North West Region has achieved notable success in combating the food crisis and addressing malnutrition, reaching 661 caregivers with nutrition messaging, screening 1,078 children for malnutrition, and monitoring 1,063 children's diets, with 11 cases of Moderate Acute Malnutrition successfully managed through cooking demonstrations and positive deviance sessions.



Screening for Malnutrition



Positive Deviance Sessions

SHUMAS is dedicated to upholding the highest standards of humanitarian principles, as outlined by the United Nations. We adhere strictly to the policy of "DO NO HARM" in all our interventions, ensuring that our actions bring relief and support to those in need, without causing harm or perpetuating inequality. If anyone claiming to represent SHUMAS requests financial, material, or any other form of compensation in exchange for our services, please report them immediately. This behavior is contrary to our values and principles. To ensure the authenticity of any SHUMAS representative or to report suspicious activities, please contact us directly at

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POOR RURAL COMMUNITIES BENEFIT FROM TRAINED HEALTH PERSONNEL THANKS TO SHUMAS AND SPREADING HEALTH, UK

Over 80 community nurses, trained by SHUMAS in partnership with Spreading Health, UK are making a profound impact in their communities across all 7 regions of the North West Region. As part of their commitment, these nurses serve their communities for 3 years after receiving free comprehensive training, thereby bridging the gap in rural health personnel and fostering community well-being.



Community Nurses trained and deployed to serve in their communities

SHUMAS AND BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA DISTRIBUTE WASH AND BIRTHING KITS TO IHC NTAMBAG AND HOUSEHOLDS IN OLD TOWN, BAMBENDA

The campaign was aimed at educating the community on essential health, nutrition, and WASH practices. It provided vital inputs to prevent diseases and enhance overall well-being. SHUMAS reached out to 40 persons with WASH needs, 20 women with maternal and child health needs, and 90 children with nutrition needs, providing them with essential items such as buckets, gallons, birthing kits, Vitamin A, and Albendazole tablets. Additionally, SHUMAS educated 80 community members on WASH, health, and nutrition, screened 100 children for acute malnutrition, and provided WASH and PPE to a local health centre (Ntambag IHC) with plans to assess and support the centre's infrastructure in the future.



SHUMAS SAFE SHELTER FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS (MILE 6 NKWEN, BAMBENDA)

Gender-based violence (GBV) is a pervasive and devastating issue that affects individuals, families, and communities worldwide. In Cameroon, SHUMAS Safe Shelter is providing a beacon of hope for survivors of GBV, offering a confidential, inclusive, and supportive sanctuary for those seeking refuge.



SOME KEY ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH

EDUCATION	Activity	Results
<p>1. Neighbourhood Learning Corner Project Babessi and Galim. (Building Schools for Africa)</p> <p>2. ECHO II Educational Project in 6 Divisions of the North West Region. (UNICEF)</p> <p>3. Catholic School Moh Construction Project. (Building Schools for Africa)</p>	<p>- Continue Implementation of teaching at the right level classes in 7 communities in Babessi and Galim</p> <p>- Monitoring of field activities in 90 temporal learning spaces in Bui, Ako, Nkambe, Ngohketunjia, Njinikom, Bamenda I, II & III, Bafut, Wum sub divisions . Assessment and reporting .</p> <p>- Completion of 3 classrooms , construction of 3 compartment toilet and school garden.</p>	<p>Assessment of children</p> <p>Effective use of "Teaching at the right Level" methodology. Children transitioned into formal schools.</p> <p>100+ pupils study in a safe and conducive environment. WASH situation of school improved.</p>
HEALTH AND NUTRITION	Activity	Results
<p>1. UNICEF Nutrition Project in the Far North.</p> <p>2. Training of Nurses in rural and poor communities of the North West Region.</p>	<p>- Induction of new staff and implementation of project activities</p> <p>- Active participation of over 100 trained nurses in their various communities and meeting with spreading health students.</p>	<p>Significantly curb malnutrition in children between 6 - 59 months in the Far North Region of Cameroon.</p> <p>Improved medical assistance in poor and rural communities of the North West Region.</p>
WASH	Activity	Results
<p>1. WASH Distribution Project in Health Facilities in the NWR.</p>	<p>- Distribution of WASH kits to 2 Health facilities in Bafut and Santa.</p>	<p>Health Facilities in 7 Divisions receive standard WASH kits as a response to the fight against Covid-19 and other WASH related diseases.</p>
FOOD SECURITY	Activity	Results
<p>1. WFP Emergency Project to Combat Food Crisis in the NWR / Food For Asset For Resilience (FFA) .</p> <p>2. WFP Emergency Project to Combat Food Crisis in the NWR / Small Agricultural Market Support(SAMS)</p> <p>3. WFP Emergency Project to Combat Food Crisis in the NWR / Nutrition.</p>	<p>- Land preparation and Handing over FFA assets (Culverts, Warehouses, Fishponds and Community Farms) to 9 communities and harvesting of Fish.</p> <p>- Land Preparation, Follow up of Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA) and handing over of NNFlsto cooperatives.</p> <p>- Screenings for Malnutrition, home visits, and positive deviance sessions.</p>	<p>5435+ persons in 9 communities of the crisis stricken NWR receive sustainable agriculture assets to mitigate food insecurity and improve on their livelihoods.</p> <p>28 cooperatives equipped with capacity building and provided with crops , farming imputs and breeding techniques to improve production as a response to food insecurity in the crisis stricken NWR.</p> <p>1000+ screened, 500+ persons received nutritious diets and 3000+ sensitized with nutrition sensitive messages.</p>

OUR PARTNERS



SOME SUCCESS STORIES / TESTIMONIES

As President of Santa Maize Farmers Cooperative, I've witnessed transformative impact through the WFP PULCCA Project implemented by SHUMAS. This year, we've achieved remarkable milestones, including generating over 500,000CFA through Village Savings and Loans, improving crop yields through trainings, and supporting IDPs in Santa. Our members have also benefited from cash assistance and Non-Food Items, enhancing their livelihoods. We're grateful for this life-changing initiative and hope it continues for years to come.



Thanks to SHUMAS and WFP's training on compost manure, we've seen a remarkable increase in our harvests in Nkambe. We've been able to abundantly harvest sweet potatoes and huckleberries, which we sell to the rural council in exchange for flour. The cash assistance we've received has enabled us to start small businesses, feed our families, and send our children to school – a challenge we've faced since the crisis began. The newly constructed culvert has also facilitated the transportation of our crops to market. We're eagerly awaiting the harvest from our fishpond, which will not only generate income but also improve our nutrition, with plans to consume 60% and sell 40%. We're deeply grateful to SHUMAS and WFP for their support.



As a single mother and internally displaced person (IDP) from Bamessing, I've faced unimaginable challenges. After fleeing my burnt home with my three children to Bamenda, we struggled to survive, barely able to find food. But thanks to SHUMAS, I received the capital to start a business, which transformed our lives. I began selling puff-puff and beans, and as the business grew, I added plantains and pears. Today, I'm proud to say that I can send my children to school and provide for their basic needs, ensuring we eat at least twice a day. I'm forever grateful to SHUMAS for giving me a second chance.




After my father's passing during the crisis, I was forced to drop out of school due to the overwhelming responsibilities placed on my mother. However, thanks to SHUMAS and Building Schools for Africa, I've been given a second chance at education through the Neighborhood Learning Corner. Not only have I been able to rekindle my educational dreams, but I've also received essential school supplies, including books, pens, and pencils, all free of charge. What's more, I don't have to pay any school fees. I'm committed to working hard and making the most of this opportunity. My dream is to become a doctor one day, and I'm grateful to SHUMAS and Building Schools for Africa for helping me take the first steps towards achieving it.



FUNERAL PROGRAM OF PA SHUMAS

Celebration
of LIFE

2 Timothy 4:7
I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith.



Ndzerem Stephen
NJODZEKA
(M F O R M I)
1970 - 2025

Cordially invite

FUNERAL Program



April 5th, 2025 - Funeral at Maryland USA

April 7th - 10th, 2025
Daily Mass at Family Compound - 2:00pm

April 11th, 2025
Wake keep at Bamenda Metropolitan Cathedral - 2:00pm
Night Vigil and Animation at Family Residence - 6:00pm

April 12th, 2025
Removal of Corpse at St. Blaise Mutuary - 7:30am
Viewing of Corpse Bamenda Metropolitan Cathedral - 8:00am - 9:30am
Burial mass at Bamenda Metropolitan Cathedral - 10:00am
Burial Mass at Cathedral Kumbo - 10:00am
Burial by close Family members & Friends - 1:00pm
Refreshments and Animations - 2:00pm

April 13th, 2025
Thanksgiving Mass at Bayelle - 8:00am

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