

# SHUMAS



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## WHO WAS (MFORMI) NDZEREM STEPHEN NJODZEKA?

(Mformi) Ndzere M Stephen was a multifaceted individual who left an indelible mark on those around him. As a philanthropist, developer, and devoted family man, he embodied integrity, compassion, and generosity. With a unique ability to recognize and nurture people's potential, he uplifted countless lives through his selfless contributions to his community. His legacy continues to inspire and guide future generations, cementing his memory as a pillar of strength, wisdom, and kindness.

## EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

As we embark on another impactful month, we reflect on the progress and resilience of the communities we serve. Throughout March, we've demonstrated our unwavering commitment to improving livelihoods, promoting education, strengthening healthcare, and fostering empowerment across Cameroon.

We've supported fish farming in Mbengwi, expanding economic opportunities for women. Education remains a core aspect of our mission, as seen in our efforts to rebuild classrooms in Nkambe, reintegrate 260 children into school, and are currently constructing 3 classrooms at CETIC Bilingue de Koupa-Menke.

In the healthcare sector, our partnership with Spreading Health UK bridges gaps in rural medical services, while our collaboration with UNICEF addresses malnutrition and climate challenges in Logone et Chari. The delivery of essential medical supplies to Bafut District Hospital underscores our dedication to strengthening healthcare systems.

Women's empowerment remains a cornerstone of our work, as highlighted by our International Women's Day roundtable in Bamenda. Through knowledge sharing and resource provision, we champion gender equality and economic independence. Our Safe Shelter continues to provide Psychosocial Support and Psychological First Aid to GBV and PSEA survivors.

Our collective progress stems from the dedication of our partners, the hard work of our beneficiaries, and our shared vision. Looking ahead, we reaffirm our commitment to developing sustainable solutions and ensuring that no one is left behind.

We extend our sincere gratitude for your unwavering support. Together, we are making a difference.

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### BRINGING HOPE BACK TO SCHOOL : 260 CHILDREN RECLAIM THEIR RIGHT TO EDUCATION IN CAMEROON

SHUMAS, in partnership with Building Schools for Africa, has provided access to education for 260 out-of-school children in Cameroon's Northwest and West regions, where the ongoing socio-political crisis has devastated the education system. The established Seven Neighborhood Learning Corners have continued offering play-based learning, Teaching at The Right Level (TaRL) methodology, and recreational activities, providing crucial psychological support to children affected by the crisis. A midline assessment was also conducted this month to prepare learners for a smooth transition into formal education, demonstrating the power of partnership and commitment to ensuring no child is left behind.



Galim Neighborhood Learning Corner, Ntse Nkwobaw



Neighborhood Learning Corner, Ndokong

### SHUMAS AND BSFA REBUILD CLASSROOMS IN NKAMBE AFTER STORM DAMAGE

Following storm damage at Catholic School Moh, SHUMAS and Building Schools for Africa have partnered to construct three classrooms, an administrative office, and three toilet blocks while providing essential furniture. In March, roofing began, with final construction work in progress. Once completed, the project is expected to improve school enrollment for the 2025/2026 academic year, enhance academic performance, and create a conducive learning environment.



3 - Classrooms and 3 compartment toilets under construction

**ENSURING EVERY CHILD'S RIGHT TO EDUCATION COUNTS: SHUMAS MONITORS UNICEF-ECHO II PROJECT IN NORTHWEST CAMEROON**

Throughout March, SHUMAS played a crucial role in monitoring the UNICEF-ECHO II project in Northwest Cameroon, which addresses the humanitarian needs of children impacted by the ongoing crisis. Focus areas include education, water, sanitation, hygiene, and child protection. SHUMAS collaborated with five implementing partners to oversee 53 temporary learning spaces across six divisions. Field visits conducted in Menchum, Mezam, Bui and Ngoketunjia Temporary Learning Spaces in March led to recommendations and corrective actions to maintain the project's efficiency.



**Monitoring of TLS' in the North West Region**

**BUI SCIENCE LABORATORY: ENHANCING LEARNING AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN KUMBO**

The Kumbo Public Science Laboratory, a joint project by SHUMAS and Citibank, continues to offer practical science education in biology, chemistry, and physics to students in Bui Division. In March, ICT training using the solar energy was provided to 11 youths, and six traumatized students received psychosocial support, fostering both academic and emotional development amid the ongoing crisis.



**Science students in Kumbo making use of the Lab**

**BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE AT CETIC BILINGUE DE KOUPA-MENKE**

SHUMAS and Building Schools for Africa are addressing infrastructure challenges at CETIC Bilingue de Koupa-Menke in Cameroon's West Region, which serves 164 students, including 89 internally displaced persons. The ongoing project includes the construction of three classrooms, an office, a store, and the provision of essential furniture to enhance the learning environment. As of March, a protocol agreement has been signed, and foundational work has commenced



**Laying of the foundation at Cetic Bilingue De Koupa - Menke**

**BUI LIVELIHOOD PROJECT: LAND PREPARATION BEGINS**

The Bui Livelihood Project, a partnership between SHUMAS and MANOS UNIDAS, aims to improve the livelihoods of 200 vulnerable female household heads affected by the ongoing crisis in Bui Division, Northwest Cameroon. This initiative integrates sheep farming and crop production. In March, land preparation was completed on 25 hectares, with each of the 25 groups allocated one hectare for farming. Additionally, 200 secondary beneficiaries received 200 ewes and 14 rams to initiate a livestock fattening program



**Land preparation in Kumbo**

**SHUMAS, IN COLLABORATION WITH WFP, ENHANCES THE RESILIENCE OF THE MBENGWI COMMUNITY THROUGH FISH FARMING**

SHUMAS successfully supported the Mbengwi community in harvesting over 800 fish (71 kg) from two of the four ponds established in collaboration with WFP aimed at addressing food insecurity in Cameroon. Beneficiaries were advised to sell at least 60% of their harvest to improve their livelihoods while consuming the remaining 40% to enhance household nutrition. The harvesting exercise, supervised by technical partners from MINEPIA, engaged over 40 beneficiaries. Two additional large ponds in Mbengwi are yet to be harvested. Both the traditional ruler and community members expressed their satisfaction with the project's impact



SHUMAS Coordination Meeting for WFP Food Security Project

**SAMS: COOPERATIVES RECEIVE NONE FOOD ITEMS TO BEGIN LAND PREPARATION**

The Smallholder Agricultural Market Support (SAMS) Program, a collaboration between WFP and SHUMAS, aims to improve food security in Cameroon's North West Region. The program supports 27 cooperatives, comprising 20 crop-producing cooperatives with 500 beneficiaries and 7 dairy cooperatives with 200 beneficiaries, located in Mezam, Donga-Matung, and Boyo divisions. To facilitate land preparation this month, SHUMAS and WFP provided 45 watering cans, 110 cutlasses, 22 dig axes, 44 buckets, and 110 hoes to 20 crop-producing cooperatives, resulting in 4.44ha of land prepared in March.



Distribution of NFIs to Cooperatives

Land Preparation

**E3 : SHUMAS AND BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA EMPOWERING VULNERABLE GIRLS AND WOMEN IN CAMEROON**

In partnership with Building Schools for Africa, SHUMAS is empowering 125 vulnerable girls and women from crisis stricken communities in Cameroon through economic empowerment initiatives. A March monitoring visit highlighted beneficiaries' increased income, improved financial management, and strengthened community bonds through their petit business and the Village Savings and Loan Associations. This project continues to enhance economic stability and foster mutual support among beneficiaries.



Some E3 Beneficiaries

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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**2025 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: UNFPA AND SHUMAS HOST ROUNDTABLE DIALOGUE IN BAMENDA**

In alignment with the 2025 International Women's Day theme, "For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment," the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and SHUMAS organized a roundtable discussion in Bamenda. Over 50 women from four social and cultural groups participated, gaining valuable insights into women's rights, empowerment, and gender-based violence. Testimonies from beneficiaries highlighted SHUMAS' ongoing contributions to women's empowerment and the fight against GBV. In attendance was a representative of the North West Regional Délégation of Women's Empowerment.



**Community Nurses trained and deployed to serve in their communities**

**SHUMAS DELIVERS ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES AND HEALTH EDUCATION AT BAFUT DISTRICT HOSPITAL**

Through a partnership between Spreading Health UK and SHUMAS, over 100 nurses have been deployed to underserved communities in Cameroon to bridge the patient-to-nurse gap and improve healthcare accessibility. A recent evaluation at Bafut District Hospital and Manji Integrated Health Centre showcased the significant impact of these nurses in alleviating workloads and improving patient care. The initiative is currently sponsoring 11 student nurses from 11 different communities, fostering a new generation of healthcare professionals dedicated to serving remote and hard to reach communities.



**Health Campaign in Bafut**

**SPREADING HEALTH: NURSES TRANSFORMING HEALTHCARE IN CAMEROON'S HINTERLANDS**

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**SHUMAS STRENGTHENS NUTRITION AND HEALTH INITIATIVE IN LOGONE ET CHARI: OPERATIONAL OFFICE ESTABLISHED IN KOUSSERI**

In collaboration with UNICEF, SHUMAS has launched the Integrated Nutrition and Health Initiative in Logone et Chari, Far North Cameroon, to combat malnutrition among vulnerable children and pregnant/breastfeeding women while addressing climate change challenges. The project began in March with the recruitment of staff and community engagement, marking a significant step toward improving health outcomes in the region.



Community Engagements in the Far North Region - Cameroon

**KUMBO BOREHOLE PROJECT MAKING PROGRESS**

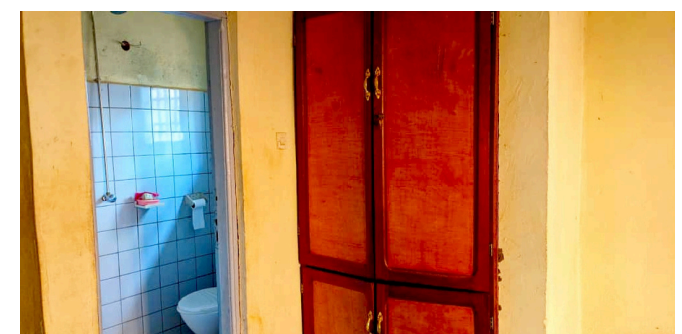
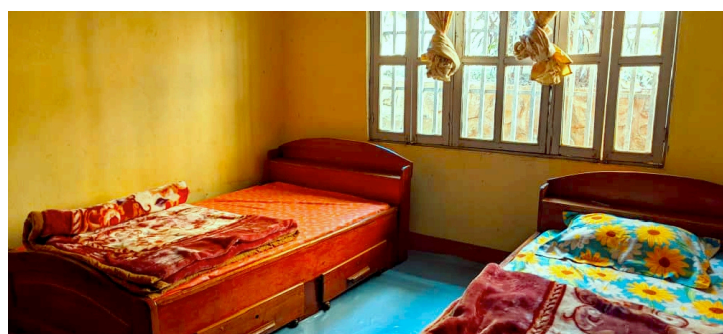
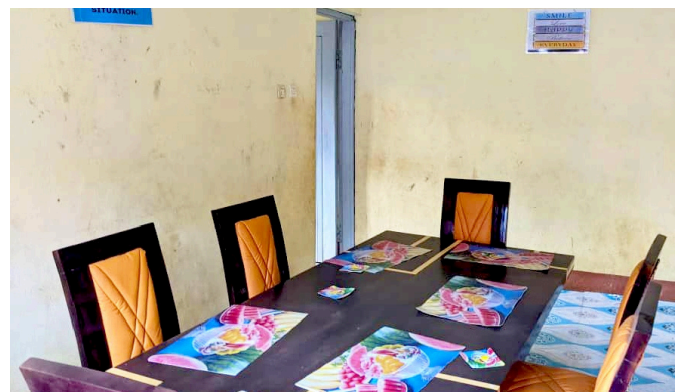
Significant progress has been achieved in the GBHS Kumbo Borehole Water Project, sponsored by SHUMAS and Building Schools for Africa. Drilling has successfully reached its 50-meter target, paving the way for the next phase of water testing and pump installation. Once completed, this initiative will have a profound impact on health, environment, and human activity, benefiting over 500 individuals.



Community Engagements in the Far North Region - Cameroon

**SHUMAS' SAFE SHELTER : A SAFE HOME FOR GBV AND SEA SURVIVORS**

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 and SEA, offering a confidential, inclusive, and supportive sanctuary for those seeking refuge.



SHUMAS' Safe Shelter at Mile 6, Nkwen - Bamenda

# SOME KEY ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL

EDUCATION	Activity	Results
1. Neighbourhood Learning Corner Project Babessi and Galim. ( Building Schools for Africa)	- Continue Implementation of teaching at the right level classes in 7 communities in Babessi and Galim.	Continuous Assessment of children and preparation for transition to formal school
2. ECHO II Educational Project in 6 Divisions of the North West Region. (UNICEF)	- Impact assessment and production of a comprehensive TLS documentary.	Documentarion and reporting of impact
3. Catholic School Moh Construction Project. ( Building Schools for Africa)	- Completion of 3 classrooms , construction of 3 compartment toilet and school garden.	100+ pupils study in a safe and conducive environment. WASH situation of school improved.
HEALTH AND NUTRITION	Activity	Results
1. UNICEF Nutrition Project in the Far North.	- Community Engagements and screening for Malnutrition	Significantly curb malnutrition in children between 6 - 59 months in the Far North Region of Cameroon.
2. Training of Nurses in rural and poor communities of the North West Region.	- Active participation of over 100 trained nurses in their various communities and meeting with spreading health students.	Improved medical assistance in poor and rural communities of the North West Region.
WASH	Activity	Results
1. WASH Distribution Project in Health Facilities in the NWR.	- Distribution of WASH kits to 2 Health facilities in Bamenda and Santa. Hold weekly spreading health sessions with students on training.	Health Facilities in 7 Divisions receive standard WASH kits as a response to the fight against Covid-19 and other WASH related diseases.
FOOD SECURITY	Activity	Results
1. WFP Emergency Project to Combat Food Crisis in the NWR / Food For Asset For Resilience (FFA) .	- Continuation of land preparation and Handing over FFA assets (Culverts, Warehouses, Fishponds and Community Farms) to 9 communities and harvesting of Fish.	5435+ persons in 9 communities of the crisis stricken NWR receive sustainable agriculture assets to mitigate food insecurity and improve on their livelihoods.
2. WFP Emergency Project to Combat Food Crisis in the NWR / Small Agricultural Market Support(SAMS)	- Handing over of production equipment to Santa Dairy Farmers, continuation of land preparation, Follow up of Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA) and handing over of NNFisto cooperatives.	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.
3. WFP Emergency Project to Combat Food Crisis in the NWR / Nutrition.	- Screenings for Malnutrition, home visits, and positive deviance sessions.	1000+ screened, 500+ persons received nutritious diets and 3000+ sensitized with nutrition sensitive messages.

## OUR PARTNERS



# SOME SUCCESS STORIES / TESTIMONIES

As the breadwinner of a family of 12, life was a constant struggle. Insufficient food and financial resources took a toll on our livelihood. However, thanks to the intervention of WFP and SHUMAS, our lives have transformed. The construction of a culvert linking our farm to the market, a fishpond, and a community farm have been game-changers. Training on compost manure production has improved crop yields, increasing food availability and income for us and the community. Thanks to the 29,000CFA cash for work, our children too can go to school. I'm forever grateful to SHUMAS and WFP.



I fled Ndop for Bamenda, seeking refuge from the armed conflict ravaging Cameroon's North West and South West Regions. I arrived in Bamenda with no one to turn to and nowhere to call home. Me and my children endured countless nights on the floor, often going hungry for days. But then, a glimmer of hope emerged. A friend introduced me to SHUMAS, and my life took a dramatic turn. Thanks to SHUMAS and Building Schools for Africa, I received training in producing flour products and startup materials to launch my own business. Today, I proudly sell puff-puff and local accra beans, earning a steady income that's transformed our lives. We've secured a rented home, fed our bellies, and sent our kids to school. I've regained my dignity and independence, thanks to the unwavering support of SHUMAS and Building Schools for Africa.



My household was once trapped in abject poverty, struggling to make ends meet. But our fortunes changed with the launch of the Bui Livelihood Project, a joint initiative by SHUMAS and Manos UNIDAS. Through this project, I received training on best agricultural practices and compost manure production. I was also gifted two standard rams, marking the beginning of our journey to self-sufficiency. Today, I proudly own a thriving farm and a small animal husbandry business. My family's nutritional needs are met, and we're grateful for the transformative impact of the Bui Livelihood Project. I extend my heartfelt thanks to SHUMAS and Manos UNIDAS for empowering me to break the cycle of poverty and build a brighter future for my loved ones.




I'm 10 years old now, but my education was interrupted when I was just in Primary One. The sound of gunfire in my community became too much to bear, and I was even caught in the crossfire one day while on my way to school. My father, fearful for my safety, made the difficult decision to keep me home. Even when the violence subsided, financial constraints prevented me from returning to school. But thanks to the Neighborhood Learning Corner project, I've been given a second chance at education. Not only can I attend school again, but I've also received free educational materials, helping me to catch up on lost time. I'm grateful for this opportunity to learn and grow.



# 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**  
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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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Our family is grateful for your prayers, support and sacrifices of love during this trying period. May God bless you abundantly.

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