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(Chicken smoking)



## Assistance in the creation of micro-enterprises in chicken smoking for house wives in the Biyem-Assi neighbourhood

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The head office of PROTEGE QV is located in the Yaounde 6th District in a quarter called Biyem assi. This quarter falls amongst one of the densely populated quarters in the capital city of Cameroon "Yaounde". The activities of the occupants in this neighbourhood are diverse and varied. Looking attentively at the activities of the women especially the women homemakers in this locality and undertaking studies to make a review of the productivity and creativity of the housewives, it was realised that they need some assistance to associate themselves in common initiative groups so that they can operate certain income generating activities that could help them.



- to be self employed rather than folding their hands and depending on the single struggles of their husbands,
- empowering them to be able to independently withstands some of the daily challenges in life,
- Job creation thereby reducing poverty and improving lifestyles as stipulated by the MDGs

Thus on the 09th of January 2004, PROTEGE QV signed a subvention contract with FOURMI II (a European Union programme) in Cameroon after haven been selected in the project "**Assistance in the creation of micro-enterprise in chicken smoking for house wives**" to be realized in Biyem-Assi quarter in the Yaounde 6th District.

The objectives of the project were to train some 30-house wives in the Biyem-assi neighbourhood in chicken smoking and eventually the creation and management of micro-enterprise from this activity. This project brought together as partners

- \* FOURMI II as development partner with the financial assistance,
- \* Saint Marc Catholic church and Presbyterian Church Biyem-assi where they announced and preached to their Christians the necessity of participating in the project
- \* The Sud-Divisional delegation of women's affair, the sub-divisional office and the Yaounde 6th Urban council for archives, administrative backings and technical counselling respectively
- \* PROTEGE QV was the overall coordinator of the project

The activities carried out in the project were of two folds;



The Sub-Divisional Officer and assistant of the Yaounde 6th District presiding over the exhibition ceremony of smoked chicken organised by the

=The first phase was the training; where participants were introduced to the basic and necessary materials, the framework and different steps, smoking, conditioning, packaging, and conserving, calculating the cost price, fixing the selling price, marketing, targeting customers, selling and distribution.

=The second phase was the creation of a Common Initiative Group (CIG), management of the activities, organising production and labour force, how to control the demand and accountability in the activity.

The training that started on the 10th of May 2004 at 9.00am lasted for two months. The hours between 09.00am to 12.00noon for the morning periods and 02.00 pm to 05.00 pm for the afternoon periods from Mondays through Fridays The participants alternately carried out theoretical and practical classes. Development Volunteers in PROTEGE QV assisted to carry out the practical part of the activity. The representative of MINAGRI in the sub-divisional office assist in the installation of these women in some common initiative groups by facilitating the processing of their documents and forwarding to the services in charge of COOP-GIC. Each common initiative group is registered to MUFA, a micro-bank for saving, and actually, they produce goods and services.

It is also worth noting that the financing of the project was as follows;

**Contribution of Development partner: 69%**

**Contribution of PROTEGE QV : 22%**

**Contribution of beneficiaries: 8.5%**

The problem encountered in the field during the process of evaluation was that certain leaders of the Common Initiative Groups turns to take possessions of the materials given to them for the creation of the CIG.



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