

Community Assistance in Development COMAID ANNUAL REPORT, 2015

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Executive Summary.

In 2015, Community Assistance In Development, COMAID executed more than 95 % of her planned activities in all of the objective areas of the organization. The year witnessed more actions and successes the areas of land governance, nature conservation and biodiversity protection, income generation and livelihoods, partnerships and the integration of GIS for environment and development.

In the area of ensuring equitable access and control over land by local communities, COMAID's role within the regional, national and international structures and bodies involved in land governance was recognized and appreciated with the granting membership into the International Land Coalition. This membership paved the way for participation of COMAID in the International Land Coalition Africa Regional Assembly in Uganda. COMAID also played key role in the consolidation of the policy reform suggestions from CSOs in Cameroon that was submitted to different structures involved in the receipt of these suggestions to reform the Cameroon Land Tenure Law.

In 2015, the nature conservation and biodiversity protection component of the COMAID continued to provide relevant support to some communities in the North West Region to improve on the diverse ecosystems of the region. COMAID began a new partnership with the Dom community to help this community plant a buffer food forest around their community forest. The community of Ntem also benefited from some capacity building on community forestry and the groundwork was established for this community to begin the community forest process.

The areas of supporting communities to improve on their standards of living through income generation/livelihood, GIS and Capacity build/partnerships observed many actions towards achieving the set objectives of the organization. The use of GIS to support many of COMAID's partners in different fields increased in 2015. COMAID provided technical assistance to MINFOF to map the Kimbi-Fungom-Kilum Technical Operations Unit of the North West Region.

The year 2015, ended with major achievements and renewed energy and determination by the organization to continue providing relevant support to the rural poor communities in an attempt to provide and ensure sustainable solutions and development. The year also witnessed the broadening of partnerships with international parters and government departments in Cameroon. Despite the challenges and problems encountered in 2015, COMAID is committed to stepping up her actions at higher levels to reach more communities and partners. This report provides detail of the activities carried out in 2015, as well as the successes and challenges encountered.