



THE IFSPD PRESIDENTIAL FELLOWSHIP 2022

**"The role of Youths in
Peacebuilding and sustainable
development"**





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IFSPD Presidential Fellows - an internship program for exceptional youth across the world - to drive projects that would promote peace, sustainability, and development.

To reinvigorate the youth & reinforce positivity in the world, we assembled together a handful of the best-talented youth from across the world.

During the course of a few months, these youth have been implementing projects of critical importance to help rebuild our world - under the umbrella of our esteemed foundation IFSPD.

We are happy to release the regular IFSPD project report - done by Etape Ngole a Masters's degree holder in Journalism and Mass Communication from the University of Buea in Cameroon. He worked on the project "The role of Youths in Peacebuilding and sustainable development".

I am sure you would find this report insightful, and keep our flag flying as we strive to build a Greater IFSPD.

Best Wishes,



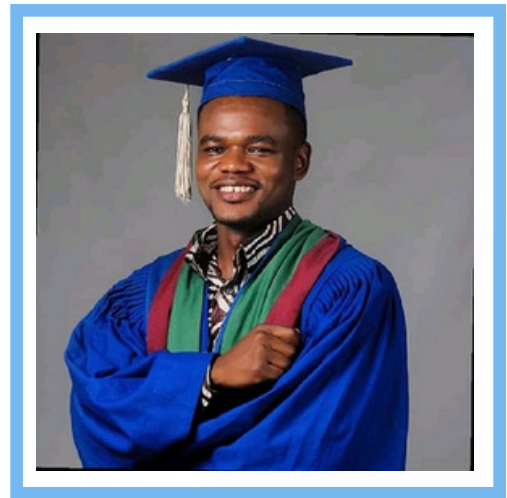
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Project:

Promoting Peace Awareness and Civic Engagement Secondary Schools in Cameroon.

Background

For over 5 years now and counting, Cameroon is being faced with serious civil arm conflict in the English-speaking parts (Regions) of the country. This armed conflict has led to total unrest, killing, destruction of properties, burning of schools, and disruption. Most of the perpetrators of these violent acts are youths who have little or no knowledge about peace and most especially civic education. The project is also in line with the upcoming Cameroon 2025 presidential elections whose outcome is unknown and is a remarkable election in Cameroon History. Will there be violence? Will it be a peaceful election? Will it bring the birth of the third republic (change of Government, or Transition?)

Through the IFSPD Fellowship Program, I selected 3 secondary schools within my community to educate them on positive peace, civic education, leadership, and governance. The project was executed by Etape Ngole in Collaboration with the Cameroon Youth Initiative for Development while taking into full consideration different pillars of peace which are 1) low level of corruption, 2) free flow of information, 3) Good relations with neighbors and 4) Acceptance of the right of others.



Objectives

- 1) To reinforce the values of peace and civic education among youths in secondary schools in the southwest region of Cameroon who has been affected by a 5-year-long Cameroon Anglophone Civil Arm Conflict.
- 2) To enhance the spirit of living together in diversity at schools and community levels
- 3) To increase the knowledge of civic education and human right among youths
- 4) To build a peaceful engaging youth environment for the upcoming Cameroon 2025 presidential election.

Method

This project is designed to help youths better understand the core values of peace, civic engagement, and governance as well as give them a sense of direction

This project was done through school talk presentations which saw the grouping of students in particular halls. The peace and civic education talk presentation started on 09 September 2022. A total of 3 secondary schools were visited on separate days with a total student population of 147 trained. The presentations were done using case studies and accompanied by questions and answer sessions from students who wanted to better understand their role in peacebuilding and civic engagement.



Based on a survey done during the training, it was noticed that a greater number of students did not know much about peacebuilding and civic engagement, especially in the school milieu and in the community. The project is timely given the socio-political situation in Cameroon and what awaits her by 2025.

The project was completed with support from the school administration, which I visited, and the Cameroon Youth Initiative for Development a youth-led nongovernmental organization.

Outcomes

- 1) The project empowered its participants on how to use conflict management techniques in the school milieu in other to maintain peace.
- 2) It will help youths refrain from all possible forms of violence which may occur during the upcoming 2025 presidential elections.
- 3) It will build a more developmental and engaging youth spirit towards an emerging nation.
- 4) It will prepare youths to be collaborative with a new vision and respect state institutions, national symbols, and national unity.





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