



## CAMEROON

### COUNTRY PROFILE

The American people, through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), invest in Cameroon's greatest resource - its people. USAID programs further its global mission of promoting and demonstrating democratic values abroad, and advancing a free, peaceful, and prosperous world. Our work ranges from supporting economic growth and trade, addressing pressing health concerns and countering violent extremism.

#### **OUR WORK**

##### **COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM**

USAID is working to undermine Boko Haram and ISIS-WA's ability to operate and recruit by supporting local efforts that build resilience against violent extremism. By directly supporting positive local actors and leveraging USAID and other donor initiatives, USAID is stabilizing communities most affected by violent extremism and enabling the return of internally displaced persons. USAID's regional program, Voices for Peace, is a community led project which aims to reduce vulnerability to extremism by amplifying local voices and encouraging dialogue of peace and tolerance, by identifying drivers of conflict and promoting positive narratives.

##### **ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE**

The West Africa Trade and Investment Hub helps farmers and firms compete and attract investments to the region to boost regional and global trade. The Trade Hub offers training regarding exports to government officials, business associations, and Cameroonian companies on the documentation and procedures required for export to the United States.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

The Central Africa Regional Program for the Environment (CARPE) fosters conservation of the tropical forest in Cameroon and other countries in Central Africa, by providing technical assistance to government institutions for strengthening forest resource management capacity. Specifically, this program support aims to: 1) strengthen the policy and regulatory framework supporting sustainable forest management and biodiversity conservation; 2) build and strengthen capacity at local, national and regional levels to monitor forest cover change, greenhouse emissions and biodiversity.

## **GLOBAL HEALTH**

The Government of Cameroon (GoC) has made significant commitments to reducing new HIV/AIDS infections and providing treatment to those living with the disease. Through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), USAID activities build partnerships to provide HIV prevention, care, and treatment throughout Cameroon with a focus on key and vulnerable populations including orphans and adolescent girls. As a Presidential Malaria Initiative (PMI) focus country, interventions center around strengthening health facility service delivery, routine net distribution, support for training, strengthening pharmaceutical management, supply chain and procurement of Insecticide Treated Nets, Rapid Diagnostic Tests, antimalarial, and preventive treatments. In health financing, PEPFAR, PMI, and other resources provide targeted technical assistance to the GoC in support of its sustainable health financing strategy and efforts to reduce or eliminate the impact of user fees as a barrier to accessing health services. Programs also promote the Global Health Security Agenda and assist the GoC to prevent, detect, and rapidly respond to infectious disease threats, and emerging pandemics including those that originate from animals.

## **WORKING IN CRISES AND CONFLICT**

USAID is Cameroon's leading donor of humanitarian assistance. We provide emergency food and nutrition assistance through market-based interventions that reduce acute food insecurity among the most vulnerable populations. We help build resilient households and communities by supporting disaster risk reduction activities designed to protect and restore livelihood assets. We assist humanitarian partners working in health, nutrition, water, sanitation, and hygiene, as well as in agriculture, food security, protection, humanitarian coordination, and critical air services.

## **YOUTH**

USAID also invests in Cameroon through the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI). Based at the Regional Leadership Center (RLC) in Ghana, West Africa, the YALI RLC, offers interactive and experiential training to participants from Cameroon. The program has three study tracks: Business & Entrepreneurship, Civic Leadership, and Public Management, facilitated through hybrid and purely online models. The RLC is run as a public-private partnership, with the MasterCard Foundation, Africa 2.0, the Ghana Private Enterprise Federation, The DOW Chemical Company, Ecobank, and Microsoft among the key partners. Currently there are 405 Cameroon graduates.

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