



MOHCAM ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2023

INTRODUCTION

- Mother of Hope Cameroon with acronym MOHCAM is a non-profit Women and Youths rights led organization is located in the North West Region of Cameroon. MOHCAM is an organization in special consultative status with the ECOSOC. MOHCAM advocates against child marriage and gender based violence in homes, schools and communities. MOHCAM promotes and foster programs on menstrual hygiene management and the sexual reproductive health rights of adolescents and young women economically through income generating activities to build resilience and sustainable development. MOHCAM has experience for 15 years of implementing diverse projects on the promotion of gender justice and human rights, policy development, advocacy on women and girls rights, sexual and reproductive health rights, education and peace building in conflict-affected regions in Cameroon. MOHCAM works in communities and schools.



OUR VALUES

- Dignity and respect
- Creativity
- Education
- Volunteerism

PILLAR OF INTERVENTION

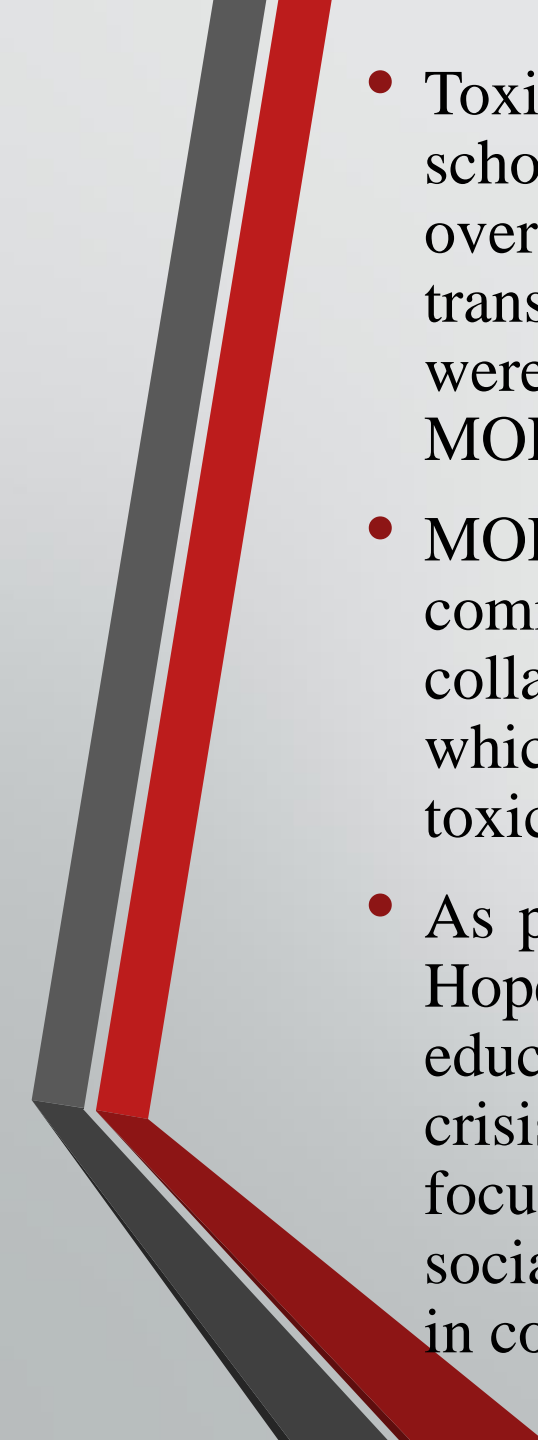
- **Human Rights** : Human Rights prevention, monitoring and promotion , gender based violence, child marriage, gender equality, sexual violence and intimate partner violence.
- **Peace and Security**: Peace-building and conflict prevention, countering mediators, implementation of UN Resolution 1325 and 2250
- **Education**: Rights of education , girls child education, peace education and educational stakeholder strengthening.
- **Health**: Provision of primary healthcare, awareness raising, water, hygiene and sanitation (WASH) and health stakeholder strengthening . MOHAM's main core focus issues are menstruation and body rights, HIV, Adolescent Sexual Reproductive health rights, malaria cholera and COVID-19.



SECTION 2
ACTIVITIES OF 2023

Menengage Activities On Toxic Masculinity

- MOHCAM joined other members in the Men Engage Cameroon Network with the coordination from ReachOut Organization in a two days working session on the 30th and 31st of January 2023 to coin advocacy messages engaging men as champion for Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights in Cameroon in which it provided an inclusive space for open dialogue, reflection and education on diverse expression on masculinity.
- MOHCAM and other organizations held a dialogue session with over 100 boys and girls in GBHS Bamendakwe on the 4th March 2023 to combat toxic masculinity and promote gender equality. The students learn some gender values . they were also encourage not to use violence measures to solve misunderstanding.

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- Toxic masculinity is a leading cause of violence in homes, churches and schools and in the community at large. It was a fun fulfilling session with over 1000 SAHECO boys on the 7th March 2023 who saw reasons to transform their mindsets and avoid being violent for self-defense. The boys were really grateful for this opportunity for them to be able to learn from MOHCAM and other organizations of the MenEngage Network.
 - MOHCAM and other organizations of the MenEngage network carried out a community dialogue and a training session with 80 bike riders with collaboration of the Bamenda II municipality on the 21st of March 2023 in which the objective of the activity was to engage boys and men to combat toxic masculinity in the North West region.
 - As part of another awareness raising and sensitization campaign, Mother of Hope Cameroon as well as other member organizations carried out an educative training session with 20 adolescent boys affected by the ongoing crisis from different communities on the 23rd of March 2023. The training was focused on promoting positive masculinity and preventing discriminatory social norms, affecting affecting women and girls rights and gender equality in communities



Activity GBHS Bamendankwe



Activity at Sacred Heart College



Activity with Bike riders at Bamenda II council

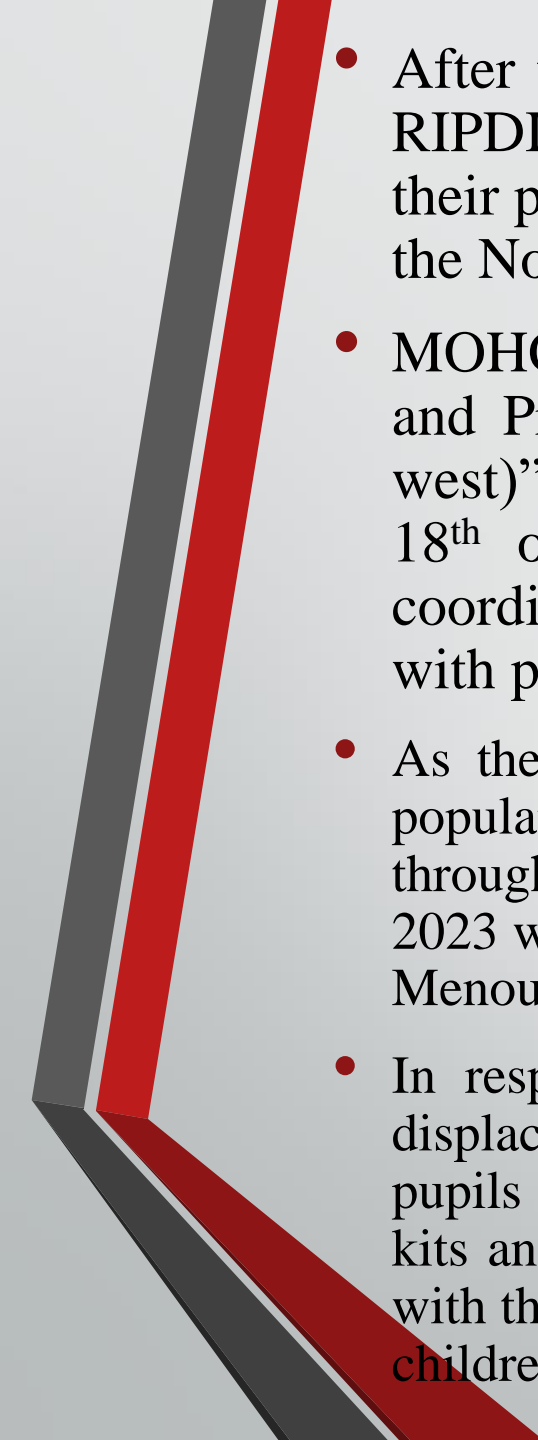


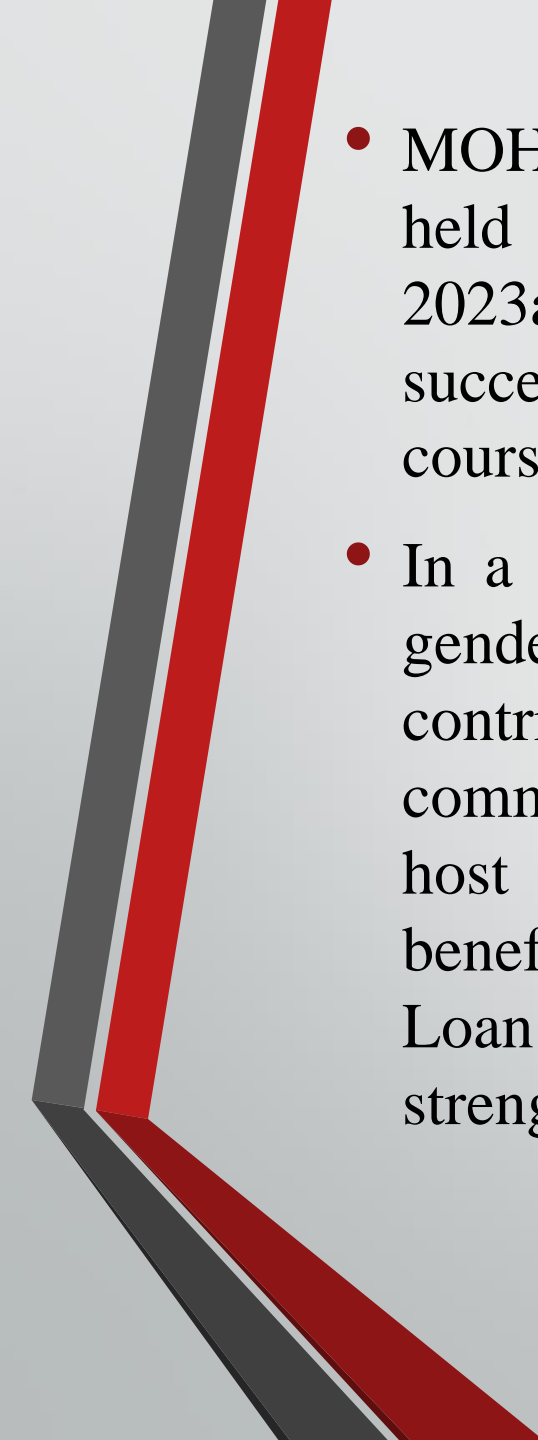
Activity with adolescent boys at Savannah Street Bamenda

Activities with the RIPDI Project

- In implementing the RIPDI Project, MOHCAM on the 1st of March 2023 embarked on the training of 28 internally displaced men and women. The objective of this training been to empower IDP Households by strengthening their economic capital and facilitate their integration into the host communities.
- Again, on the 14th and 15th of March, MOHCAM and its partners with the financial assistance from the European Union, empowered 22 internally displaced persons with a training on income generating activities and agricultural activities in Bamenda I, Bamenda II and Bamenda III in which the training was to strengthen the capacities of this persons on the management of income generating activities , food crop production and the marketing of the resulting products and development of thee business.
- In implementing the RIPDI Project, MOHCAM alongside its implementing partners took upon themselves to train the second group of community mobilizers on the 22th of March 2023. The community mobilizers were trained on the importance of raising awareness on issues of human rights, peace social cohesion and protection. The presence and functioning of the community social cohesion (3Cs) in nine communities in the Bamenda I, II, III for the past two years had being a remarkable experience with the implementation of the RIPDI Project.

- On the 24th March, MOHCAM had a community conversation with some of the beneficiaries of the income generating activities of the RIPDI Project . It was so fulfilling observing these women and young person's share their business plans and progress. It was indeed an interactive and a participatory session. Even the rain fall couldn't stop them from coming. It was fulfilling to see the women interacting positively among themselves. We remain grateful to our partners.
- In an air to create a community and institutional structures that is favourable to socio-economic development, the RIPDI project has enhance the protection of IDPs, the promotion of social cohesion and peace. MOHCAM started a radio program on the 27th of March 2023 that was aimed at reaching out to the conflict affected people by broadcasting in two different radio stations (CBC Radio and Abakwa Radio) and creating a community and institutional structure favourable to economic development.
- On the 28th of April 2023,MOHCAM organized the final evaluation meetings of the 3Cs community activities held in Bamenda I,II and III. It was a question for MOHCAM to appreciate together with the members of the communities, the implementation of their different actions since the beginning of the project.

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- After two days of brainstorming and presentation of the midterm evaluation of the RIPDI project in Mbouda on the 11th and 12th of May 2023, MOHCAM alongside their partners remain committed in finalizing their engagement in the lives of IDPs in the North West and West Region of Cameroon.
 - MOHCAM in the implementation of the RIPDI project “Strengthening the Inclusion and Protection of the Internally Displaced Persons in Cameroon (west and north west)” carried out community engagement in 9 different communities on the 17th and 18th of July 2023. MOHCAM community engagement officer supervised and coordinated the community mobilizers as they carried out a focus group discussion with people who shared the same traumatic experience.
 - As the commitment of MOHCAM to the right of education for the internally displaced population (IDP children) for the academic year 2023-2024, MOHCAM and her partners through the RIPDI project carried out an advocacy on education in Dschang on August 31, 2023 with the press, civil society organizations and the authority in charge of education in the Menoua, Bamboutos, and the mezam division.
 - In respond to the immediate need and building resilience for the vulnerable internally displaced children has been the focus of the RIPDI project for the past three years. Over 300 pupils from two primary schools benefited from the last phase of the distribution of school kits and didactic materials on the 3rd of October 2023. Mother of Hope has worked closely with their partners to ensure that quality, inclusive and equitable education be provided to this children living in very difficult situations.

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- MOHCAM being one of the implementing partners of the RIPDI Project, held a capitalization workshop in DSCHANG on the 30th of November 2023 alongside other partners to discuss with the stakeholders about their successes, challenges as well as the lessons they had learned so far in the course of running the project.
 - In a way to combat and reduce discrimination, poverty and prevention of gender based violence in IDP communities, MOHCAM have been able to contribute and set up over 100 income generating activities in host communities. As part of implementing the RIPDI Project, 50 IDPs and some host communities were supported to start up a livelihood activities. The beneficiaries were led to form Community group called Village Savings and Loan Association which will help them to cultivate a saving attitude and strengthen household financial Security.







Fight Against GBV

- MOHCAM also participated on the 31st of March 2023 in an activity aimed at Preventing and responding to gender based violence and providing psycho-social support to women and girls in the NW and SW regions of Cameroon, civil society organizations, community service providers acquire training in preventing and responding to gender based violence affecting women and girls.
- MOHCAM brought together women of all grassroots communities, women peacebuilders' network and young women on the 26th May 2023 to officially launch the NO MORE campaign in Cameroon. The NO MORE Campaign is aimed at rallying the voices of women and girls against all forms of sexual abuse



Commemoration of Menstrual Hygiene Day and International day of the Girl Child

- In commemoration of the 28th May that's World menstrual hygiene day, MOHCAM carried out a sensitization and awareness campaign secondary schools on the 17th of May 2023 to educate and empower vulnerable and internally displaced girls on how to manage menstruation frustration more effectively.
- In commemoration of the international day of the girl child on the 11th October 2023. MOHCAM came together with over 50 young adolescent girls to celebrate them a unique way by engaging them in the decision making process but also advocate for their rights.



MenEngage Activities for Amplified Change in Babadjou and Mbouda June to July 2023

- As part of the activities of the MenEngage project that was funded by Amplified changes through ReachOut, MOHCAM's community mobilizers and community based counselors were supervised by MOHCAM field coordinator representative on how to fill their door to door sensitization as well as their monthly reports. MOHCAM field coordinator representative held a supervision meeting with all the community mobilizers and community based counselors of Mbouda and Babadjou. This meeting was to get the challenges of the community workers and address them as a team.
- Men Engage project titled “transforming mindset against toxic masculinities and building community – based champions for women’s SRHR in Cameroon” MOHCAM's community mobilizers and community based counselors, held a community dialogue meetings on GBV with community leaders in Mbouda and Babadjou. They carried out sensitization on toxic masculinity and also raised awareness on harmful traditional norms practiced by men to girls and women in their communities. Also, they also sensitized an raised awareness on menstrual hygiene and personal hygiene on adolescent girls. The mobilizers also made the boys and girls to understand their systems as adolescent.

- With the existence of some GBV in schools like rape and sexual harassment, it is very important to educate students so they can be aware of these forms of GBV and the importance of speaking it out. On this note, MOHCAM community mobilizers on the MenEngage project carried out a community sensitization and awareness raising in schools on GBV, its forms and the importance of speaking out.
- As MOHCAM continued with their implementation of their MenEngaged project, the mobilizers in Mbouda and Babadjou continued with their door to door sensitization on gender based violence GBV they also raise awareness on the different forms of GBV that exist and how they manifest.
- MOHCAM community mobilizers and community based counselors in Babadjou carried out a community dialogue session on sexual reproductive health and rights (SRHR) with the community members and opinion leaders. The session was indeed an interactive session as the community members pointed out by themselves that there is a lot of stigma in their community when talking about contraceptives as one of the family planning method.



Community Dialogue With Community Leaders In Mbouda And Babajou



Community mobilizers and community based counselor supervision with MOHCAM field supervisor's representative



Sensitization In School On The Danger Of GBV



Door to Door Sensitization On GBV

Activities with UNAIDS geared toward developing youth-led country Uproot Scorecard for Cameroon

- In collaboration with “The Pact” and UNAIDS, Mother of Hope Cameroon-MOHCAM led an activity on the 4th September 2023, that was aimed to geared toward developing youth-led country Uproot Scorecard for Cameroon. Our young consultant and project team were engaged in conducting community consultation with over 20 young people and stakeholders in the HIV response through focus group discussion and key informant interview with other organizations.
- MOHCAM organized a stakeholder debriefing and consensus meeting to discuss their finding of the Uproot Scorecard process in Cameroon. The event took place at the Muna Foundation in Yaounde. This brought together stakeholders from the Ministry of public health, the national AIDS committee (NAC), the UNAIDS country office and other youth-led and youth-serving organizations working in the HIV response. this meeting was aimed at identifying gaps and also bringing out some possible recommendations toward addressing such gaps.



MOHCAM's Activities aimed at combating child marriages in conflict affected communities in the North West Region with the "The right to be a Girl" Project

- MOHCAM in collaboration with Mundo Cooperante was pleased to share her in contribution in combating child marriage in conflict affected communities through their implementation of the project on the "Protection on the Rights of Adolescent girls in Mezam North West Region". The first Activity that was carried out on the 7th September 2023 consisted of seeking permission from the head quarters of the various communities and doing a survey in the community so as to determine 60 girls in the communities that fit the criteria required.
- In fostering the implementation of the Girls Not Bride project by MOHCAM in the three Municipalities they are working on in the Mezam division, MOHCAM carried out a community sensitization on the 28th to the 30th of November 2023 with the community members and some leaders in these communities. They sensitized on what child marriage is all about, what the Cameroon law says about child marriage and lastly what community members and their leaders needs to do in order to prevent child marriage.
- In responding to gender based violence and early child marriage, MOHCAM launched a project titled "the Right to be a Girl" on the 13th of October 2023. The project was aimed at ensuring the protection and rights of adolescent girls in response to child marriage in the conflict affected communities in the Mezam division of the North West region. The objective of the Launch was to inform and share the results of the survey carried out with the adolescent girls living in the fragile communities.

- MOHCAM launched the Girls Not Bride Safe Conner in three municipalities of Bamenda I, II, and III from the 22nd to the 24th of November 2023. These space was created in order to help these girls to come out of any trauma and violence they were facing by talking about it with experts best equipped to help them. These safe space was coordinated by the various girl coaches.
- MOHCAM staffs carried out an end of year food giveaway activity at Ndamukong Baptist church hall on the 19th December 2023 with the girls of the safe space. They also organized an interactive session with these girls MOHCAM in a special way celebrated Christmas with the girls by doing a special giveaway activity by providing them with foodstuffs as well as dresses for them to be able to celebrate their Christmas. This little effort was indeed recognized by the girls in the safe space as they expressed their gratitude and also wished the MOHCAM team well.
- In Amplifying our voices against child marriage, our girl coaches were engaged by using the community radio stations on the 27th and 29th of December 2023 to share their progress on how they are able to fight against child marriage through our project “the right to be a girl”. This project aimed at ensuring the protection and rights of adolescent girls in response to child marriage in conflict affected communities in the Mezam division of the North West Region.



Bamenda I Safe Space



Bamenda II Safe Space



Bamenda III Safe Space



MOHCAM's Activities For the 16 days Activism

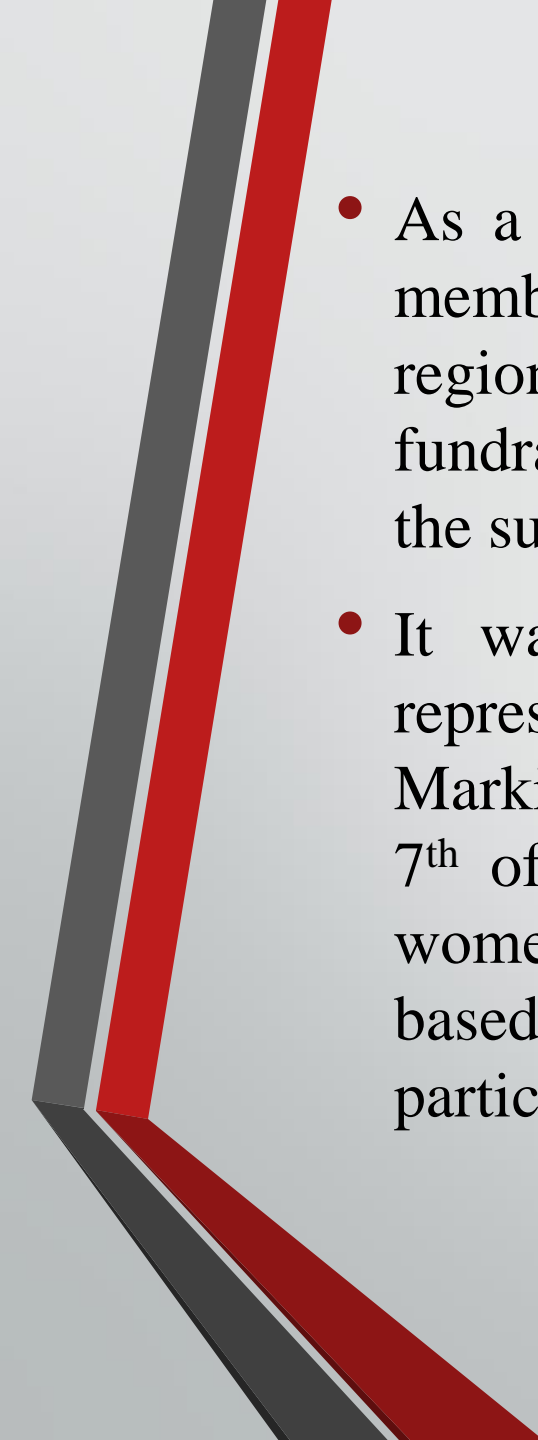
- MOHCAM was represented in Yaoundé at the official ceremony to kick off the 16 days of activism campaign to end violence against women and girls on the 27 November with this year theme being “invest to prevent violence against women and girls”. This activity was over by H.E Marie Therese Abena Ondo of MINPROFF with participation from UN Cameroon.
- With aim of lending their voices to others during the 16 days of Activism against GBV, MOHCAM engaged boys in combating GBV in schools and communities in the Mezam division of the north west region of Cameroon on their day 13 of the awareness raising campaign in crisis afflicted schools and communities to fight against gender based violence.
- As a member of the CSO Gender task force, MOHCAM participated with other CSOs and their partners in a silent white march in Yaounde on the 10th of December 2023, to take action against Femicide and to put an end to rampant killing and suicide of adolescent girls and women in Cameroon

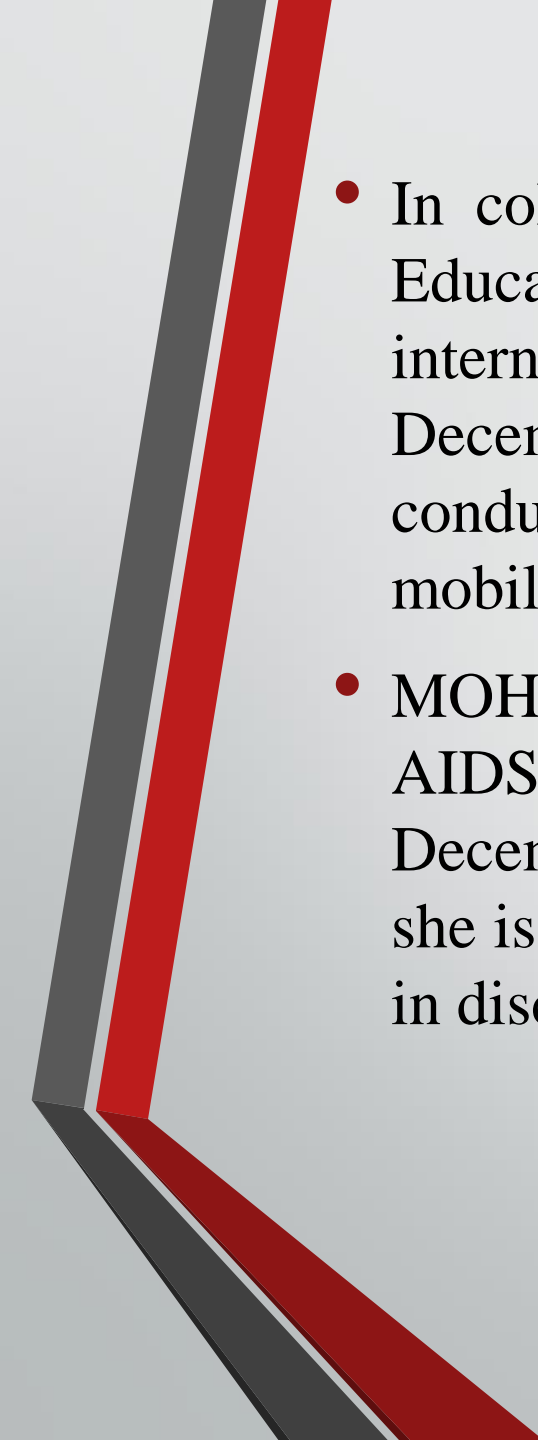


Activities in 2023 in which MOHCAM was Invited

- It was on the 6th and 8th of February, MOHCAM with the guidance of their program director led a delegation of five youths from their member organization(UNOY) and other organizations working on the youth peace and security agenda on an advocacy mission to Yaoundé in her capacity as the project coordinator and UNOY ISG for West and Central Africa. The young people were opportune to take part in attending the intergenerational dialogue for the promotion of the youth peace and security agenda in Cameroon that was organized by the ministry of youth affairs and civic education in partnership with UNFPA, Plan International Cameroon. MOHCAM has been doing a great work in promoting the participation of young people in the peace and security agenda in Cameroon.
- MOHCAM was privilege to attend a two days training session with NRC on the “Training of Humanitarian Community on HLP due diligence”. The training which was carried out on the 2nd and 3rd of March 2023 constituted 25 participants who were all representatives of different organizations. The training was so enriching as participants were able to enhance their knowledge in HLP in which the participants agreed to carryout sensitization on HLP rights and also produce small documents on the various HLP rights to sensitize their various communities

- MOHCAM was Privileged to be part of a two days training on “Training the Humanitarian Actor in Mezam Division of NWR on Civil Registration in Cameroon and the Legal Frame work” by NRC, ICLA department in collaboration with BUNEC from the 15th to the 16th of February 2023.
- MOHCAM being a member organization of the Young peacebuilders forum, was invited to take part in a 4 days experience sharing in Nairobi from the 28th of September 2023. Youths from all continent discussed issues surrounding youths in peace and security. It was indeed a great opportunity for MOHCAM to learn from shared experiences and best practices to keep pushing through the YPS agenda in Cameroon and at the regional level given the critical context we find ourselves.
- MOHCAM also took part in a two days event on the first ever edition of the Days of Localization that took place in Yaounde at Fount Febe on the 28 – 29 of November 2023. this event was aimed at enhancing sustainable collaboration and recognition of the role local actors in the localization their actions as humanitarian, development agents and peace actors in the peace process in Cameroon.

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- As a member of the MenEngage Alliance Network, MOHCAM and other members were thrilled to have taken part in a workshop in Limbe, South West region of Cameroon in which this workshop was on grant writing and fundraising on the 29th and 30th November 2023. the training is essential for the sustainability of Local actions in our communities and organizations.
 - It was indeed a privilege for MOHCAM as their financial assistant represented them at the insightful Chevening in Cameroon Symposium Marking the 40th Anniversary of the Chevening Award that took place on the 7th of December 2023. The symposium delved into crucial discussion on women's and Girl's right and also addressing the pressing issues of gender based violence, proposing strategies to enhance women's political participation.

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- In collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Affairs (MINJEC) and Civic Education, MOHCAM was fortunate to be part of the 38th edition of the international Volunteer Day celebration which took place on the 5th of December 2023. The main mission of the celebration was to create a conducive and inclusive environment for volunteering through the social mobilization of both human and capital resources for local development.
 - MOHCAM program director attended the 22nd international conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA) in Harare, Zimbabwe on the 8th of December 2023. In her capacity as the ambassador of HER VOICE FUND, she is representing the adolescent girls and young women in all their diversity in discussion on their ethical engagement and meaningful representation.





CHALLENGES

- The Insecurity caused by the Ongoing crisis in the North West Region makes it difficult for us to access certain interior communities who are in desperate need of help.
- Limited funds to reach out to more vulnerable persons
- Resources available are limited as such we cannot help more people

RECOMMENDATION

- More collaboration and partnership with local, national and international organization should be encouraged
- Allocation of more funds in other to carry out more work in the communities most effectively

CONCLUSION

- Despite the challenges that MOHCAM faced, they were able to help a lot of people and succeed in their work. They were also able to push through with so many activities. MOHCAM created lasting impacts in the lives of the beneficiaries within the North West and West region of Cameroon. MOHCAM in its on little way wish to thank all the parents/ collaborators for their financial as well as their technical support they rendered to us. MOHCAM team could not make it through this journey if not of your support. We remain grateful and stronger together.

MOHCAM'S TEAM

