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Target Group:
⇒ Women
⇒ Youths
⇒ Community

Staff Strength
FORUDEF has a staff force that is made up of dynamic youths and old hands in the field. Its strength continues to grow both in number and quality.

Volunteer Options
Volunteers from in and out of the country are welcome to be part of FORUDEF. Official procedures are contained on our website.

Our Values
- Integrity in Service
- Excellence in Results.
- Accountability and Transparency

FORUDEF is a catalyst in rural development, with particular emphasis on empowering women, youths, and local communities in SWR and beyond.
BACKGROUND
Over the centuries, humanity has acknowledged that life is precious, yet though many swim in plenty, many more are trapped in poverty, misery and hopelessness. In the Akwaya Subdivision of Cameroon, poverty, illiteracy, unwise use of natural resources, especially the fauna and flora and under development are some of the ordeals experienced by the masses till this day.

After declaring it a subdivision in Mamfe, now Manyu Division in 1963, the government is yet to link the ninety-nine villages making up the area with motorable roads. Footpaths are the only means of transportation though one can go to the Administrative headquarters—Akwaya Town, through Nigeria and the NWR by vehicle in the dry season. The school-going population trek a distance of three to twenty-four miles away depending on which village the pupil/student is coming from. In view of the foregoing FORUDEF was set up in 1998 as catalyst and facilitator towards conservation the natural resources, reducing poverty, and improving livelihood. This cannot be achieved by planned single efforts, but collective actions.

“It is not being an organisation, it is fulfilling what the organisation is established to fulfil.”

VISION
FORUDEF envision communities in Cameroon living Improved lives and in harmony with nature

MISSION
FORUDEF is devoted to promote the sustainable use of natural resources through protected areas management, livelihood support, community health and strategic partnerships in the SWR and beyond.

OBJECTIVES
• To enhance access and benefit from participatory natural resource management and agriculture by the local people for improved living standards;
• To enhance local capacities in the management of natural resources and agriculture for improved resource base and living standards;
• To sensitize and empower local communities for improved health [hygiene/sanitation, malaria, prevention, care and support to PLWHA, orphans and vulnerable children, nutrition and other primary health care issues].
• To promote partnership and networking for institutional sustainability;
• To add voice and contribute to social change in

AREAS OF INTERVENTION
1. Livelihood Support/Skill Building
• Formation of cooperatives in micro enterprises
• Proposal writing, basic management skills and Accounting for groups;
• Micro project development;
• Participatory Approach to Community Development
• Gender mainstreaming

2. Conservation
• Protected Area Mgt—Co-Management
• Establishing nurseries for NTFPs
• Formation of cooperatives for NTFPs;
• Facilitate forest good governance approaches
• Empower rural communities on sustainable agricultural practices for food production;
• Agro-Forestry;
• Bee keeping

3. Community Health
Sensitize and coach local communities on:
• Hygiene/sanitation, prevention of HIV/AIDS, STDs, care of orphans and vulnerable children, and malaria
• Nutrition
• Advocacy and Human Rights activities

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