

CAPACITIES

CHAMEG maintains a permanent staff of four headed by a woman who is very competent in CHAMEG'S major domain of intervention. We also have a pool of consultants and temporal field workers.



*INTERGRATING
WOMEN IN
DEVELOPMENT*

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

- Insufficient Funds to meet up with the credit demands of beneficiaries,
- Lack of transportation means to effectively serve the populations in the hinter land faced with very poor road network.
- Alarming rate of loan beneficiaries testing HIV/AIDS positive.
- Insufficient expertise and lack of equipment on information and communication technology of CHAMEG field staff limits our ability to exploit available opportunity.

PERSPECTIVES

2005-2007

- Sourcing for financial resources to sustain credit scheme.
- Institutionalization of skills training (construction of structures).
- Organisation of exchange visits
- Training and networking

STRUCTURE

- General Assembly
- Management Board/Committee
- CHAMEG – Director/Staff

TARGET GROUP
WOMEN

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CHAMEG

**FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION
BY THE POOR**

CHAMEG (CHAnging Mentalities and Empowering Groups) operates in four divisions in the South West Province of Cameroon. Initiated in 1994 and legalized in 1996, CHAMEG currently provides capacity building and micro-credit to the disadvantaged and marginalized in our communities – especially women.



*Women harvesting palm
nuts*

OUR MISSION

CHAMEG is dedicated to the idea and actual search for a type of sustainable development designed and managed by its beneficiaries according to their collective spirit and their culture, directed towards a freely chosen future and in a partnership type of relationship involving other actors.

HOW ?

- By offering disadvantaged population groups micro-credit means which are indeed modest but nonetheless effective for satisfying their fundamental needs and improving their living conditions.



LOAN IN THE FORM OF CASH BEING DISBURSED TO FARMERS

- By offering education for the change of mentality, build courage and harness collective decisions.
- By providing skills training to facilitate the initiation and effective

management of sustainable income generating projects.



Workshop on the cultivation, processing and marketing of cassava



ACHIEVEMENTS

- Have disbursed thirty three million francs as credit to the rural poor. Thirty million francs provided by the National Employment Fund (NEF) and three million from **CHAMEG**.



Cash and Farm tools worth 7 million were disbursed

- Trained a total of 186 women from four communities – Bova, Bonakanda, Mamu and Bakingili – sponsored by the USA special grants.

- Organised the International Rural Womens' Day in collaboration with the Delegation of Womens' Affairs Muyuka in 2003 at Lylaly Muyuka and initiated a snailery.

- Participated twice in exhibitions organized by the delegation of agriculture and came out first in both cases in year 2000 and 20003.

- Have hosted a total of 15 students from the University of Buea, one from the School of Youths and Sports Yaounde, four from the Pan African Institute for development Buea and six from the Community Development Institute Kumba on internship.

- Organized two demonstration farms – one in Bova on vegetable farming and another in Muyuka on bee farming



BEE FARMING

- Carrying out educational campaigns on the HIV/AIDS and also engaged in providing psychosocial care to the infected, affected and orphans – partly sponsored by the South West Provincial Technical Group (PTG) for the fight against the HIV/AIDS Virus.

Internship Students on field work at the Bakingili area.