

ULO CAMEROON

WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S RESILIENCE AND EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

Project Brief

Implementing Organisation	Universe of Life Organization (ULO)
Country	Cameroon
Initial Implementation Location	Bafoussam, West Region, Cameroon
Programme Duration	12-month pilot project
Target Beneficiaries	50 vulnerable women and 60 vulnerable children aged 5–15

1. Project Overview

Universe of Life Organization (ULO) has developed a 12-month pilot programme designed to support vulnerable women and children affected by conflict, displacement, loss of family support, disruption to education and significant socioeconomic difficulties.

The initial implementation is planned in Bafoussam, West Region, where ULO Cameroon is established and where vulnerable and displaced populations can be supported.

The programme adopts an integrated, community-based and empowerment-focused approach, combining economic empowerment, education, psychosocial support, child protection and community resilience.

2. Target Beneficiaries

The pilot programme will initially support **50 vulnerable women** and **60 vulnerable children aged 5–15**.

Beneficiaries will be identified through appropriate vulnerability and eligibility criteria, with attention to protection, safeguarding and inclusion.

3. Main Programme Components

A. Women's Economic Empowerment and Livelihoods

Skills development and practical training;

Livelihood and entrepreneurship support;

Support for income-generating activities and self-reliance;

Mentoring and follow-up.

B. Education and Support for Children

Support for school enrolment or re-enrolment;

Educational support and learning activities;

Activities supporting children's development and well-being;

Support for school retention.

C. Psychosocial and Emotional Well-Being

Psychosocial and emotional support;

Safe and supportive activities for children and women;

Referral to appropriate specialised services where required.

D. Child Protection and Safeguarding

Protection and safeguarding systems;
Identification and referral of protection concerns;
Safe implementation of activities;
Community awareness and safeguarding measures.

E. Community Resilience and Empowerment Centre

Development of a Community Resilience and Empowerment Centre in Bafoussam;
Provision of a safe community-based space for programme activities;
Support for education, empowerment, psychosocial well-being and community engagement.

F. Community Engagement and Partnerships

Community outreach and participation;
Development of partnerships with relevant local and institutional stakeholders;
Collaboration to strengthen referrals, services and sustainability.

4. Implementation Approach

The pilot will be implemented through a structured 12-month approach covering programme preparation, needs assessment, beneficiary identification, centre preparation, protection systems, education and empowerment activities, community engagement, monitoring and evaluation.

ULO intends to apply the principles of **Do No Harm, child-centred practice, participation, accountability, transparency and sustainability**.

5. Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning

A Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) framework has been developed to track activities, outputs, outcomes and learning throughout the pilot.

Monitoring will include an initial assessment/baseline, regular monitoring, a mid-term review, a final evaluation/endline, beneficiary feedback and appropriate data protection and confidentiality measures.

6. Sustainability and Long-Term Vision

The programme is designed as a foundation for longer-term community resilience and empowerment.

Sustainability will be supported through women's economic empowerment, children's education, psychosocial support, community participation, local partnerships, organisational strengthening, responsible resource management and continued monitoring and learning.

The pilot is intended to generate evidence, lessons and partnerships that can inform future programme development and potential expansion.

7. Funding Requirement

A detailed project budget and funding proposal have been developed and will be shared with the selected volunteer as part of the full project documentation.

8. Purpose of the Pilot Project

The pilot aims to establish a practical and sustainable model through which vulnerable women and children can access support, develop resilience, strengthen their opportunities and move towards greater dignity and self-reliance.

9. Opportunity for a Reach Volunteer

The selected volunteer will have the opportunity to contribute to the development and strengthening of the programme and its readiness for future funding and partnerships.

Potential areas of contribution include:

- reviewing and strengthening the project proposal and programme framework;
- supporting the formulation of objectives, indicators and expected results;
- strengthening the MEL framework;
- reviewing donor and funder readiness;
- supporting the funding narrative and budget framework;
- strengthening safeguarding and governance elements;
- identifying relevant funding and partnership opportunities; and
- supporting the presentation of the project to potential donors and institutional partners.

The full project documentation will be made available to the selected volunteer, including the programme design, implementation framework, indicators, safeguarding framework, sustainability plan and detailed funding proposal.

ULO's Guiding Vision

From vulnerability towards resilience, dignity and self-reliance.

ULO — Serving humanity with love, dignity and solidarity.