

Pigs for Pikin project

Annex 1: Project Document

Project objectives

Underdevelopment of rural areas is a well-known and crucial problem in developing countries like Cameroon. Lack of economic means impedes that rural population invest on their productivity and overall quality of life. This, in its turn, foster the abandonment of rural areas by younger generations who crowd in bigger cities. One key problem that follows from this situation is that local communities are unable to sustain good education for their children: failure to do so determines that rural communities will remain, now and in the foreseeable future, unable to ameliorate their living conditions. For this reason, the PiFoPi project is focused on providing local communities with skills and assets that can easily be used to generate income sufficient to guarantee that good education is given to local children. The main objectives of the PiFoPi project are the following:

- **Objective 1:** Capacity building: livestock and piggery management, including financial aspects of the work of livestock managers.
- **Objective 2:** Generation of income through pig farming
- **Objective 3:** Improve schools and pay regular salaries to PTA teachers working in Lower Fungom

Project outcomes and outputs

Amongst the many different proposals we have heard about, we think that the most promising is to support the development of local pig farming involving new breeds of pigs that can generate more income through trade than other breeds. While we have no problem with the private breeding of pigs, we would want to support the development of cooperative associations which would raise pigs to be sold to support local schools.

Such a project would thus have the following **outcomes**:

1. establishment of 4 high-standard and fully functional pig pens in Lower Fungom, each managed collaboratively by a group of villages through their trained farmers. Each pig pen will have to reach self-sustainability in 1 year's time of activity.
2. trained farmers will train other villagers to the same task, including also financial and administrative skills. This process of knowledge transfer will be duly monitored by Relgnite Action for Development, the Monitoring and Evaluation partner to this project.

The Pigs For Pikin project will have the following **final outputs**:

1. successful training of 1 farmer per village through an intensive 3-week course, to be delivered in Bambui by teachers at the National Polytechnic Bambui;
2. construction of 4 pig pens in locations that facilitate collaborative management of the pig pens by groups of villages through their trained farmers (see Annex 2);
3. 6 to 10 high-yield breed pigs established in each of the 4 pig pens for local reproduction ;
4. medicines and vaccines for piglets until no later than April 30th 2017, i.e. one year's time after all the 4 pig pens have been populated with pigs (see Partnership Agreement and Annex 2);
5. other assistance as needed to make sure the piglets thrive in Lower Fungom;
6. establishing continued successful cooperation between villages.

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Project requirements

The KPAAM-CAM Board is ready to make available a sum of money for the PiFoPi project to be implemented if the following conditions are accepted by all the Lower Fungom villages:

1. that no less than one half of the trainees benefiting from the official training at the National Polytechnic Bambui are **women**;
2. that all the villages are represented in the training by one person;
3. that the pig pens built in Phase 4 of the project (see Annex 2) are not owned by anyone, but are treated as public property and are used to generate income **exclusively** for taking care of local children's education. The income could be used, for example, for building and restoring schools and for paying salaries to PTA teachers, or, if funds allow, even buying books, computers, etc.

Please note that people who want to start their private pig pen are welcome but they will have to wait until the number of piglets in the existing pig pens will be sufficient to ensure continued reproduction and trading of pigs for supporting children's education. Details on this aspect will have to be worked out at a later moment and, until at least April 30th 2017, no pigs will be sold to any private individual in Lower Fungom unless it is for consumption.