

## PROJECT INFORMATION

### **CAMEROON: HUMANITARIAN AID AND TRAUMA RELIEF**

Help now. Your donation helps supply refugees in Cameroon with essentials – and to give them new prospects.

**Cameroon is located on the border between the anglophone part of West Africa and francophone Central Africa. A bloody conflict rages in the southwest of the country, caused by the political repression of the English-speaking minority. Together with Mission 21, the Basel Mission German Branch (BMDZ) is committed to providing emergency aid and rebuilding in the affected areas.**

Since 2016, separatist groups in the anglophone part of Cameroon have been fighting against the francophone central government. They are demanding greater political involvement and equal rights. What started entirely peacefully, with strikes by teachers and lawyers, is always threatening to escalate. There is no end in sight. The police and military are cracking down on the rebels. It is primarily the anglophone population that is suffering. Hundreds of thousands of people have been forcibly displaced or have fled from the conflicts. Many of them camp in woodland without protection or shelter. Others are muddling through in the

provincial capitals Buea and Bamenda.

#### **Creating new livelihoods**

Together with local partners, BMDZ and Mission 21 are combining rapid emergency aid with long-term measures: first of all, the refugees are given food, drinking water, tents and medication. To support them beyond their greatest needs, they receive building materials, tools and seeds. This allows the people to independently establish new livelihoods. Direct aid remains necessary, but is increasingly complemented by education and training. The topic of trauma healing is becoming more and more important. Many are severely traumatised by their experiences and need psychosocial support to get back on their feet.

#### **Long-term rebuilding**

The destruction of the infrastructure has set the economy in the affected areas back dramatically. For this reason, the Basel Mission German Branch and its partners are also involved in vocational training and education. As well as carpenters and construction specialists, IT experts are also trained. With their new qualifications, the graduates can provide for their families and help rebuild the country after the crisis.

## DONATE

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