



CDVTA Cameroon PROJECT PROPOSAL

Improving Hygiene and Sanitation for Girls in Cameroonian Schools

An estimated 40 percent of the population in Cameroon lives below the poverty line. Of those living in poverty, 87 percent live in the northwestern rural areas with a significant number being elderly women and girls. As a result of HIV/AIDS, many elderly women are now the head of households and must provide for their young grandchildren. Until recently, due to cultural mores and traditions Cameroonian women had been denied reliable access to education, which would allow them to improve their earning potential and the quality of life for themselves and that of their families. To end this cycle of poverty, the country has implemented programs that have increased the primary education completion rate and has actively strived to increase the school enrollment rate for girls. Unfortunately, ongoing poverty, as well as the lack of access to sanitary facilities in schools and feminine pads have impeded or dissuaded many girls from attending school once they reach puberty. By dropping out of school so young, these girls will be subjected to the same cycle of poverty that their grandmothers currently experience.

To end this cycle, CDVTA Cameroon is looking to help school age girls in 10 villages stay in school by providing access to sanitary facilities and hygiene education. The goal of the CDVTA is to facilitate partnerships between states and/or senior living communities in the U.S. with the villages to raise funding for this project. The funds will be dispersed through CDVTA to ensure the program's successful completion.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Improve learning conditions for over 1,900 girls in ten villages in Northwest Cameroon through hygiene education and access to safe and private lavatories
- Construct a *VIP Toilet* (private, latrine-style lavatory) in 10 schools
- Improve hygiene and sanitation for female students and reduce the risks of infectious diseases like cholera, diarrhea and dysentery
- Provide reusable sanitary pads for personal hygiene and sanitation

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Increased number of girls attending school due to improved hygiene and sanitation conditions
- 10 VIP toilets are constructed for girls according to improved standards of hygiene
- Good hygiene and sanitation best practices are mainstreamed for thousands of young girls
- Reduction of the number of girls suffering from diarrhea, dysentery, cholera and other infectious diseases
- Girls in 10 schools are trained on the production of reusable sanitary pads, production of powder soap and medicated soap for improved personal hygiene and sanitation.
- Girls in 10 schools are provided with reusable sanitary pads

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

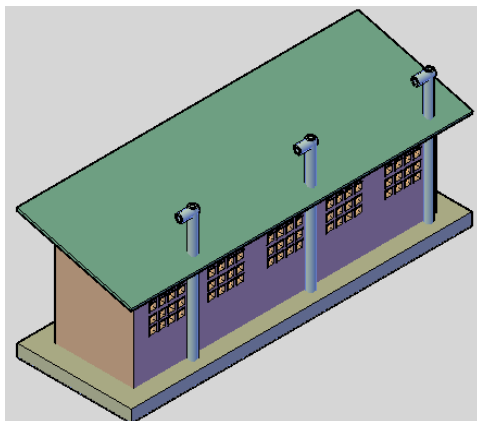
Each school will have one (1) VIP latrine constructed, two (2) training workshops organized for various hygiene and sanitation best practices for 100 girls in each school. Girls will also be given sanitary pads for their personal hygiene and sanitation.

School selection criteria—section was based on a request by the school authorities and their local

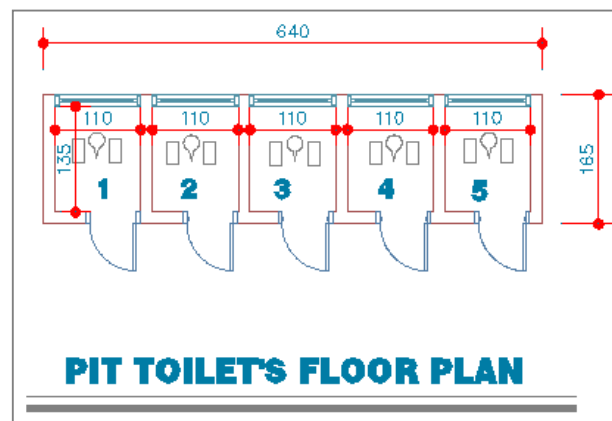
communities. CDVTA has been supporting elderly groups in these communities for the past five years.

	Village	School	# of Girls
1	Twalatwal	Secondary school	241
2	Tumuku	Secondary technical school	301
3	Chuaku	Primary school	147
4	Acha	Secondary school	200
4	Sowi	Primary School	162
6	Afua	Primary school	186
7	Mbingo	Secondary school	280
8	Baingo	Primary school	149
9	Djichami	Primary school	159
10	Elemighong	Primary school	148
Total number of students			1,973

THE VIP TOILET PLAN



Elevation Rendering



Blueprint Rendering

SUMMARY

The goals of the project are to 1) build latrines and 2) provide education for school-age girls living in 10 villages in Northwest Cameroon. The cost of the project will be \$16,650 per village school (detailed budgets for the project available upon request). The project will be overseen by CDVTA, an internationally respected organization with over 15 years of experience working in Cameroon to benefit women and the elderly. CDVTA is partnering with It's Never 2 Late in Centennial, Colorado, and Western Home Foundation, in Cedar Falls, Iowa, which will serve as the program's fundraising agents in the U.S. Francis Njuakom Nchii, Executive Director of CDVTA, will be travelling throughout the U.S. in 2017 and 2018 to help drive support for this project.

If you and/or your organization are interested in partnering with one of the villages that will benefit from this program, please contact Juliet Kerlin, Director of Research and Program Partnerships at iN2L—Juliet@iN2L.com or 303-222.6661.

Thank you for your interest.