

Editorial

SHUMAS produces results

As a project tailored development non-governmental organisation (DNGO), SHUMAS has maintained her ace tradition of merging activity and result oriented paradigms. While most observers still work from the premise of the “suitcase NGO” hypothesis for NGOs in Cameroon, SHUMAS makes the difference that deflates this hypothesis. It has not been a quick and smooth fix, but SHUMAS has over the years produced outstanding results in developing rural communities of Cameroon. Within 2013, SHUMAS has enhanced capacities of rural women, whose network has jumped from 52-56 women groups with micro finance loans, and workshops on starting small businesses. 2013 has witnessed the training of 64 participants and 70 youths in long-term courses in mixed organic agriculture. The mondial potato seeds have been multiplied from 3 to 9 tons, and the SHUMAS biofarm is striving for the 2nd generation agriculture agenda. In 2013, SHUMAS has equipped 1 village health centre and is funding the training of 15 community nurses. During 2013 SHUMAS has constructed and equipped 12 classrooms, refurbished 11 and 34 are in progress in 16 rural communities. The drive for a carbon free environment and alternative clean energy sources has caused SHUMAS and her partners to covert falling wasting water into hydroelectric energy, which now lights the SHUMAS biofarm, and a fixed biogas digester has been installed alongside the existing floating one. In 2013, SHUMAS has provided 13 communities with potable water. The awaited graduation of the 3rd batch of students of the SHUMAS Rehabilitation Centre will increase the number of ex trainees to 27. In SHUMAS, volunteers and interns come and go, and more volunteers and interns come, all drawn by the results of SHUMAS to which they freely serve to swell.

We wish our partners and beneficiaries a happy and more prosperous New Year 2014.



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