

# Support Programme for Municipal Development II (PROMUD II)

*The partner municipalities in the North, Southwest and Littoral regions fulfil their local development-related tasks more effectively in cooperation with Government, Civil Society and the Private Sector.*

## Context

The decentralization process, initiated in Cameroon by the Constitution of January 18, 1996, confers on local authorities the responsibility of promoting democracy and development at the local level. The major challenge being to promote sustainable development, the taking of initiatives at the local level, and the effective involvement of grassroots populations in the management of public affairs.

Several reforms have taken place and were aimed at boosting the implementation of decentralization. These include the three laws of July 22, 2004 relating respectively to the orientation of decentralization, rules applicable to municipalities and rules applicable to regions, the law of December 15, 2009 on local taxation, the law of July 10, 2009 on the financial system of Decentralized Territorial Collectivities, decrees of February 2010 on the transfer of powers to the local authorities, etc.

Since December 24, 2019, the general framework of decentralization in Cameroon is being governed by law n° 2019/024 relating to the General code of Regional and Local Authorities (LA), which defines the common provisions applicable to LA, the status of local elected officials, the specific regulations applicable to LA and finally the financial regime of LA.

Despite these advances, municipalities face a number of challenges, including the availability of sufficient resources to meet the growing needs of the populations in terms of basic infrastructure and services, the availability of human resources in quantity and quality, the effective involvement of the populations in local governance, etc.

In order to respond to this challenge and to move forward resolutely in the dynamic of developing local potentials by the local authorities, the government of Cameroon launched in September 2017 in partnership with the Federal Republic of Germany, the Support Programme for municipal development (PROMUD). Its second phase began in September 2020 for a period of three (03) years.

Placed under the supervision of the Ministry of Decentralization and Local Development (MINDDEVEL), PROMUD II provides support through four fields of action.

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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<b>Lead Executing Agency</b>	Ministry of Decentralisation and Local Development (MINDDEVEL)
<b>Targets</b>	Municipalities, Telecentres
<b>Partners</b>	Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications (MINPOSTEL), Government, CSO, Private sector
<b>Areas of Intervention</b>	Littoral, North and South-West
<b>Duration</b>	2020-2023

## Areas of intervention

1. Building the capacity of municipalities to shape national cooperation relations in the field of local finance;
2. Building the capacity of the councils for municipal infrastructure management;
3. Building the capacity of local development actors in using participation and dialogue formats within the framework of municipal development;
4. Implementing innovative solutions in information and communication technologies (ICT) especially in rural communities.



Simplified presentation of the municipal budget during a municipal council meeting



Access to drinking water and maintenance of infrastructure: repairing a water point



WIFI access point installed in a Mandama school



Capacity building of women on their active participation in governance areas in Limbe I Council



Young women practicing electronics at the Makerspace of the Garoua 2 Council MultiMedia Center



Capacity building of municipal councilors in Bibemi

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## Our services

In collaboration with MINDDEVEL, PRADEC II focuses on strengthening consultation mechanisms in the intervention regions, using different specific approaches conducive to the pooling of experiences in counseling, through national networks.

The Programme supports municipalities in promoting local development, as well as decentralized structures so that they can effectively exercise their functions related to local development. It also provides support to civil society actors as part of their missions to promote citizen participation in the municipal planning and budgeting process, in particular through increased use of information and communication tools (TIC). Its contribution also aims to promote digital inclusion and the contextualization of technological innovations for local development.

In collaboration with state institutions, decentralized state services, and other technical and financial partners, PRADEC II carries out activities aimed at:

- Consolidating the municipality as an institution and key actor in local and municipal development;
- Strengthening the consultation of actors at the local level;
- Capacity building for the preparation and implementation of programme based budgets ;
- Supporting the development of mature priority infrastructure projects, including submission to funding desks;
- going for the participatory implementation of sustainable and profitable management / operation models of infrastructure, including inter-municipal approaches;
- Implementating, through partner municipalities, inclusive and participatory formats to strengthen the participation of the population, grassroots organizations, civil society and local economic actors ;

- Capacity building of civil society actors (grassroots organizations, young "champions" of local development) in the areas of mobilizing the population for local development, in particular women and young people;
- Advice on the technical and organizational development of community and municipal Telecentres;
- The integration of learning experiences in the strategic advice of partners at the national level.

## Our approach

PRADEC relies on national and international experts, who provide direct advisory support to all partners. PRADEC II also relies on the skills of service providers. In addition, the expertise of civil society organizations is called upon.

The programme uses a systemic approach that strengthens networking and facilitates coordination between actors and addresses of different levels and categories. The multi-level approach also allows the results obtained at the municipal level to be fed back to the regional and national levels, and vice versa.



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