

CameroonImproving the quality of girls' education



In the area of La Briqueterie in Yaoundé, the capital city of Cameroon, only 42% of schoolaged children are effectively attending school. Most of the parents are illiterate and attach very little importance to girls' education. Only a third of them are ready to support their daughter's schooling until the end of the primary cycle. For girls coming from poor families living in the area, access to primary education and completion of primary education are among the most important stakes of development.

The overall Plan's programme goal is to improve access to quality education for girls – mainly from the Haoussa minority, increasing by 15% the number of girls enrolled in schools and successfully completing the primary cycle.

The **action** will be implemented through:

- Awareness activities regarding the importance of girls' education
- Improvement of learning conditions (drinking water, separate toilets, educational material, etc.)
- Remedial classes
- Provision of scholarships

Direct beneficiaries: 3,500 girls under 15 years old, mainly from the Hassoua minority. **Indirect beneficiaries:** more than 10,000 women and 3,500 boys under 15.

Partners: Haoussa Women Association for Development (Association des Femmes Haoussa pour le Développement, AFHADEV)

Localisation: area of La Briqueterie, in Yaoundé

Duration: 3 years (November 2010 – December 2013)

Budget: €300,000

Funds needed: €200,000

