



LUKMEF *This Month*

Monthly Review of the Foundation's Activities

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LUKMEF gets an International Board of Directors



Andrea Horner, Chairwoman

As part of some sweeping reforms taking place within the organization since 2007, LUKMEF now has a new Board of directors. The Board is made up of inspirational, high profile individuals from Cameroon, France, Germany, Holland, USA and Australia. It has started scrutinizing how the organization's activities are conducted. Ranging from strict organizational and financial management, the Board is devoted to draw from the over ten years of the organization's work to make LUKMEF an organization of reference. During the second Board meeting held on the 1st of November 2009, the new constitution and policies of the organization were reviewed. During that meeting, the Board elected a bureau:

- **Chairwoman:** Andrea Horner (France),
- **Vice Chairwoman:** Lynette Turner (USA),
- **Financial Director:** Julien Cristiani (France),
- **CEO:** Tanyi Christian (Cameroon)

LUKMEF to receive \$9,000 Grant from the GAPW towards a Regional Peace Conference 2010:



In February 2010, Cameroon will be the venue for an international workshop for government policymakers and civil society leaders focused on regional responses to **Civilian Protection, Responsibility to Protect (R2P)** and prospects for a **United Nations Emergency Peace Service (UNEPS)**.

Again and again, the international community has been unable to adequately protect victims of mass atrocities. This evolving norm of "Responsibility to Protect" spells out what the states and the international community should and must do to prevent future atrocity crimes. The United Nations and other international institutions were established to prevent or adjudicate conflict between states. But with the end of the Cold War, inter-state aggression largely gave way to war and violence inside states. And when, in the 1990s, horrific violence broke out inside the borders of Somalia, Rwanda, Bosnia and elsewhere, the world was ill-prepared to act, paralyzed by disagreements over the limits of sovereignty and the role of the UN. We are living witnesses to events in those countries and we share responsibility for not doing enough to prevent those crimes.

The United Nations Emergency Peace Service (UNEPS) is one tool being designed to help the international community fulfil its responsibility to protect civilians when robust diplomacy fails to stem the violence. UNEPS is a standing, rapidly deployable, complementary UN peacekeeping service to provide effective, prevention-based response to the four crimes identified under R2P. Often described as an international "911," UNEPS could deploy within 48 hours of UN authorization to stabilize a potentially dangerous emergency situation.

To find out more about participating in the workshop or to download important documents relating to the workshop, click here <http://www.lukmefcameroon.org/yaounde2010/index.html>

LUKMEF signs a \$942 partnership agreement to support Rayon de Soleil Orphanage in the Western Region of Cameroon:



As part of our ongoing efforts to improve the living condition of orphans in Cameroon, LUKMEF has signed a five year partnership agreement with the Rayon de Soleil orphanage in Bafoussam. Within the framework of the agreement, LUKMEF seeks to place two additional staff at the orphanage to help improve the health, nutrition, education, children's rights, and hygiene and sanitation situation within the orphanage for the next five years. To finance the salary of the staff as well as generate funds to provide basic needs of the over 47 orphans living within this orphanage, LUKMEF will be financing a poultry farm as an income generating activity for the orphanage. Proceeds from the poultry farm will pay salary, pay school fees, clothing and food for the orphans.

We are actively seeking more funds to expand on this initiative. We thank you in advance for whatever donation you wish to make towards this noble project.

To donate: write to Christian@lukmefcameroon.org Tel 237 77947449, www.lukmefcameroon.org

LUKMEF Gets a new Volunteer from Canada – Sharon Martin



Sharon Martin is our new volunteer. Apparently tricked by someone impersonating LUKMEF staff and was cheated to the sum of €850, she later got in touch with us and after we failed to identify who these scammers were, Sharon gained courage and decided that she will still come to render her services to the organization in defiance of such unacceptable acts of some individuals who seriously undermine the desire of persons to do good to others. The organization supports her accommodation because much of her money was taken away by these crooks. Her stay within the organization will last only for six weeks.

Sharon and Eileen (both Volunteers) will engage in local fundraising to finance part of the Orphans support project.

LUKMEF to get a donation of 100 computers from “ICT4D in Africa” -a Canadian based organization managed by Michael MacKinnon



The donation of computers will help re-equip the LUKMEF computer centre, open new community computer Literacy centres in the North West and South western regions. It is widely hoped that this partnership will be a long term partnership likely to ship same or more numbers of refurbished computers to Cameroon yearly. Within this partnership, both LUKMEF and “ICT4D in Africa” will actively fundraise to pay for the transportation and custom clearance of the shipments in Cameroon. Some of the computers will go to other charity organizations with focus on women and children. www.lukmefcameroon.org/ICT4D.htm

LUKMEF Hosted Allen Hayes- Digital Projects coordinator, US Library of Congress, Washington DC



In line with our effort to promote reading and information research within the Limbe community, we hosted the Digital Projects Coordinator, US Library of Congress, Washington DC at the conference hall of the organization on the 9/10/2009.

The two hours presentations centered around available information within the Library of congress, how to research and use such information for educational, informative and developmental purposes.

Allen Hayes was accompanied by Yolonda KERNEY, the Cultural Affairs Officer at the US Embassy in Cameroon.

It was also an opportunity for the organization to introduce some of the work we do, what we are planning especially the planed African Peace and Democratic Institute. The event was attended by over 50 persons

How to get involved: Thank you for helping

There are many ways to get involve in our work:

1. Online engagement:

- a. Spread the word about what we do in all your social networks, invite friends to do the same.
- b. If you wish to donate online, contact us at Christian@lukmefcameroon.org
- c. Help us research potential donors towards our different programs and projects
- d. Join our online volunteers
- e. You can also join our different social networks, invite friends to donate online

2. Offline engagement:

- a. Form local LUKMEF support groups within your community
- b. Collect material donations towards our programs and projects
- c. Come and volunteer with us in Cameroon
- d. Donate towards our projects

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“So long as there is pain and suffering in any part of this world, no upright minded citizen can be rich and happy, even if they have bank accounts overflowing with money ”
Tanyi Christian