A Brief Description of Mutegene primary school

Mutengene is a farming community in the Southwest Region of Cameroon with a growing population of over 10,000 inhabitants. The majority are poor peasant farmers who mainly rely on subsistence agriculture or work as farm laborers on large plantations producing food for export. Most families earn less than two dollars per day and live below the UN poverty line. Illiteracy and birth rates in the community are quite high, with girls being most vulnerable. Mutengene community is one of the host communities for internally displaced persons (IDPs) who have fled from an ethnic-based civil war affecting other parts of the country. Their living conditions are deplorable as families typically share a single room in wooden hovels that have neither electricity nor running water. As a result, they have little food security and are plagued by constant health problems. Those mostly affected are women and children who have come to the community for safety and the education of their children.

Very poor village children aged 5-13 years, many of whom are orphans, girls and internally displaced children attending Mutengene primary school. A total of 432 children attend Mutengene primary school of which 228 are girls and 204 boys based on the head teacher. 340 of these poor and needy children do not have school supplies, most of whom are orphans or internally displaced children living with local relatives. Due to extreme poverty, children frequently attend school without basic learning materials. It is common to see students sharing a single exercise book across four different subjects without a pen, pencil, eraser, or sharpeners. Others miss months of school simply because they lack supplies. Providing basic school supplies—such as exercise books, pens, pencils, rulers, erasers, and sharpeners—will immediately improve their learning capabilities, restore hope, and offer a vital lifeline out of poverty.

Number of beneficiaries students: 340