

## **PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE ABC ROAD FUND MANAGEMENT TEAM**

*The above team effectively started work on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, 2014.*

### **A/ ACTIVITIES SINCE THAT DATE:**

- 1) The first meeting of the team took place on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, 2014, during which responsibilities were shared out, and a plan of action defined.*
- 2) After that all efforts were initially concentrated on raising awareness about the project within Bangem and Tombel sub-divisions. Concurrently, receipt booklets of SUMFI (Sumediang finance), were distributed to all Bakossi villages, and to some social groups, and a saving account was opened in SUMFI; (account No30110001601.)*
- 3) In pursuit of the same goal, the ABC machine (Backhoe) was paraded during the 20<sup>th</sup> May celebrations in Bangem.*
- 4) Road maintenance work started on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, (clearing and opening of gutters, on the Bangem- Manjo road). The choice of this particular outlet from Mangem, was motivated by the fact that a government contractor had just come in two days earlier to work on the Bangem –Melong outlet. Our efforts were therefore geared towards providing a second outlet.*
- 5) Shortly after that, a 20 ton four wheel drive truck was hired from Bamenda, and was used to transport volcanic ash from Njom (Bangem) to fill pot holes on the Bangem- Manjo road, Bangem-Eyandong road and Bangem Ekambemg- road.*

### **B/ FINANCES**

- 1) The Bangem municipal council made a contribution of 1000.000frs. cfa.
- 2) Some villages in Bangem sub- division and some individuals made a total contribution of 1.167.000frs.
- 3) That is all the money that has come in up to now, and that permitted us do all the work indicated above. N.B. Details of all contributions are attached as appendix.

#### **C/ INITIAL REMARKS**

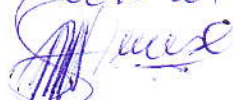
- 1) The populace has in general misunderstood the whole endeavor. First, they believe that with this one machine, all the road problems should be solved. In the same vein, they believe that when they pay in their 1000 FRS, the particular road leading to their area of residence should be repaired. Thirdly, some chiefs have been so conditioned to receiving hand-outs from politicians, that, they simply cannot understand that they should be asked to collect contributions from their people.
- 2) Those who were chosen to manage the whole exercise have all absconded, except for the 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant mayor of Bangem. Given that the latter also has official responsibilities to fulfill daily, the chairman of the team (retired Chief colonel Ngwese), is virtually left to doing everything alone. This first one month of trial, has clearly indicated that we need to put in place a better way of functioning, because presently I am obliged to abandon all my personal activities.
- 3) The rate at which the financial resources are coming in, even at this period of relative enthusiasm, does not permit us to do any reasonable work on the roads. We needed at least six millions to make any meaningful start, and maintain the equipment.



- 4) So far, not a single franc has been received from elites!!!

#### **D/ SUGGESTIONS FOR THE WAY FORWARD**

- 1) The machine (backhoe) is clearly not adapted to our needs. This machine is in fact made for very light work, hence lots of problems have been encountered so far during this first month of usage: examples; it could do only very light clearing; could not remove thick mud; it takes 15 fills of front hoe to fill a 20ton truck, whereas the smallest front head loader does same in 3 fills. These handicaps make the machine unattractive for hire; all attempts to hire out the machine so as to generate some funds have so far failed.
- 2) The machine was not serviced before being shipped to Cameroon. Consequently just during this short period, we have had to change several hydraulic tubes, repair tires, change engine filters and grease the entire machine. This has consumed a good chunk of our meager resources and made us loose several days of work especially as all these things are only available in Douala.
- 3) Our recommendation is therefore that this machine be sold if possible and buy a front head loader in its place.
- 4) Given the slow and unsure manner at which our revenues are coming in, all future investment in equipment should be directed towards machines that can be relatively self-supporting. That is, machines that can easily be hired out. The funds generated thereof, will then be added to our contributions for our own work.

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## A B C ROAD FUND ACCOUNT AS OF 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2014

DATE	INCOME	SOURCE
14/05/2014	179.000 Frs	Village contributions.
17/05/2014	1.000.000 Frs	Bangem Council Contribution.
19/05/2014	100.000	Madam Senator for K/M.
21/05/2014	20.000	Nhon Mesumbe principal GTTC.
22/05/2014	11.000	Mr and Mrs Makei (MINPAT).
22/05/2014	50.000	SDO K/M.
27/05/2014	100.000	Brasseries Bafang.
27/05/2014	5.000	Andang Samuel and wife.
06/06/2014	28.000	Receipt sales to women by Mrs Nzumewang.
07/06/2014	6.000	Receipt sales by Espoir Kango
07/06/2014	515.000	Village contributions brought in by chiefs
30/05/2014	138.000	Village contributions brought in by chiefs
01/05/2014	105.000	Village contributions brought in by chiefs
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2.257.000 Frs</b>	

### NB

We got 200.000 frs for two days when we had to hire out the truck because our machine was down. Hence the balance is positive = **50.000 frs**



## A B C ROAD FUND ACCOUNT AS OF 25/06/2014

DATE	EXPENDITURE	PURPOSE
16/05/2014	16.000 frs	Given to 02 drivers Che and Fru for travel fare from Bamenda to Bangem.
16/05/2014	8.000 frs	To make ABC sign boards.
20/05/2014	6.000	Travel fare back to Bamenda for Che.
21/05/2014	3.000	To open account at SUMFI.
24/05/2014	15.000	Fuel for movement on road site and food for the whole team for five days.
25/05/2014	310.000	For 560 litres of fuel.
26/05/2014	605.000	To hire truck from Bamenda for five days.
26/05/2014	10.000	To hire helper to cat driver.
29/05/2014	10.000	To transport and repair tyre.
02/06/2014	209.000	To buy 380 litres of fuel.
03/06/2014	150.000	To buy 20 litres hydraulic fluid, send driver to Douala, buy new hydraulic tube and ingredients for hydraulic system.
07/06/2014	500.000	Spent to extend truck hire.
10/06/2014	50.000	For more hydraulic fluid.
14/06/2014	185.000	Transport to Douala for driver, buy two big hydraulic tubes, buy second hand greasing pump and some maintenance tools.
18/06/2014	110.000	For 200 litres of fuel.
20/06/2014	200.000	Paid to driver as had been agreed.
19/06/2014	20.000	Transport and purchase of fuel filter.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2.407.000 Frs</b>	