

GREENING FORWARD

2019 Cameroon Annual Report

Greening Forward looks back on another eventful and successful year.

What began as a small group of young passionate individuals is growing into a large network of environmental enthusiasts thanks to the continuous efforts of our volunteers and team members.

In 2019 we reached over **3,000** students in **15** schools around Cameroon.

Our efforts connect with young people and empower, inspire and engage them into environmental activism. During our community outreach campaigns and visits to schools we share with young people the most pressing issues that our planet is facing and show them how they can join in the fight. We are also helping youth to take action about the things they are passionate about.

We work closely with other organizations that pursue similar goals. In this annual report, we are thrilled to give our sponsors, partners and thousands of changemakers across the world an insight into what we are doing.



The last five years have been the hottest years on record and the planet is continuing to warm up with no sign of stopping. **Communities are facing the real and immediate impact of climate change** and we can't wait for change from anyone else but ourselves. So for the young people that want to be a part of the solution, where do they turn to?

Greening Forward.

Our world and planet depends on the choice that young people of today are making and willing to make. Thankfully, there are many young people of this generation who are open-minded and are willing enough to take on the challenge; unfortunately, however, so much energy of the energy that young people possess remains heavily unused.

Many young people are waiting and seeking for an opportunity to start making a change. **Greening Forward is here to give young people the opportunity, resources, skills, education and platform to make a difference in world.** I strongly believe that we can all put our hands together to make the world a better place. This year, Greening Forward Cameroon has amplified its efforts to get the message to as many young people as possible.

We are paving the way for young people everywhere to learn and utilize leadership in shaping the world. Our work throughout the year remained consistent with our mission, and we are excited to see that so much is changing due to youth engagement and activism

I am looking forward to pushing forward our mission together.

Sincerely,

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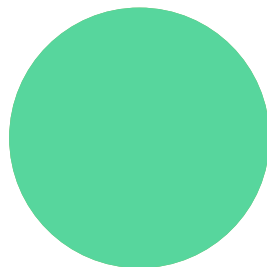
Earth Savers Club Program

The Earth Savers Club:

- Educates young people about sustainability challenges
- Engages young people in leading positive social change
- Empowers young people to take action with resources to realize their projects

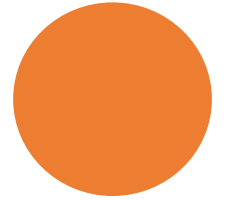
Schools have been our main focus, since it provides a platform to connect with many students. Through school partnerships, the Earth Savers Club program cultivates young leaders who can be a major resource in the movement for sustainable change.

For example, Justin Sathers developed his **frog project, which taught kids in a local primary school about conservation values**. Kids drew animals they cared about and would love to protect. Discussions took place about how to protect these animals.



Comic Contest

Using arts as a tool for young people to share their own thoughts and stories about environmental issues can be effective. Given the local realities in Cameroon it could be difficult for some young people to take action and express how they feel about environmental issues when older peers, family and society don't care.



The Comic Contest engaged over 70 students. The project was given all the support it deserved, with both local and international support coming in to make it a success. The contest had a wide range of strong proponents from the parents of participants, government officials, school administrators, other non-profits and community leaders. The **winners of the contest earned cash prizes, environmental text books for their schools and certificates.**



Beat The Bottle Campaign

The #BeatTheBottle Campaign principally targets plastic bottles, because in Cameroon only plastic bottles are recycled by private firms. Plastic bottles are common trash found around, because many drinks are produced in plastic bottles. This campaign focuses on community engagement, sensitization and awareness raising as a tool to **curb plastic pollution in the town of Buea, Cameroon.**

Volunteers conduct door-to-door sensitization and ask members of the community to turn in their plastic bottles. They are also advised to use cages put in the community by project organizers to collect all the plastics bottles. This will prevent this bottles from clogging fresh water bodies around town and eventually the ocean. The Beat the Bottle Campaign was initiated by Ada Acobta who is the founder of Green Earth Environmental, a youth led non-profit organization. Green Earth Environmental partnered with Greening Forward to carryout this project.



Workshop on Environmental Protection



In order to promote Greening Forward's mission to **establish, engage and empower a diverse global green movement of people** to form a protection of the environment, Greening Forward Cameroon organized a one day workshop.

Sustainable peace became part of Greening Forward's agenda for the workshop as a result of the present security challenges that the country faces. **The workshop had more than 20 youth leaders in attendance, 5 speakers and other young people.**

Participants increased understanding of climate change, sustainability, personal confidence, leadership capacity for change making, peace building and non- violent communication. The workshop was an initiative facilitated by Enie Valerie, our legal officer.

World Biodiversity Day

On the 22nd of May, 2019, our Cameroon Coordinator led a presentation on the relationship between agroforestry and biodiversity conservation. The regional delegation of environment, protection of nature and sustainable development organized the event in commemoration of the International Day for Biological Diversity.

His presentation utilized the agroforestry comic from the 'Save the Earth' comic contest. Agroforestry maintains higher plant and animal diversity than conventional agricultural methods, thus enhancing biodiversity, providing more food and medicine to boost our health. The international day for biodiversity is a day set aside by the United Nations to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues.

This year's edition was held on the theme of: **our biodiversity, our food, our health.**



World Environment Day

During World Environment Day 2019, Greening Forward Cameroon organized an event to share with young people information regarding air pollution and its impact on human health.

Participants at the event wore face masks and held cardboard signs carrying messages and slogans of the World Environment Day coined by the UNEP in an effort to raise public awareness.

Participants in this event brainstormed on possible ways to reduce indoor air pollution in rural communities. The take home message from the event was that our battle against air pollution doesn't end in a day; if we envision a future without needing a mask to breath, we must beat air pollution.



Meet Sandra

Meet Sandra, an Environmental science student in Cameroon!

She joined the Greening Forward Cameroon branch in April, and has become very engaged with environmental work since then. This includes two months of volunteering at the Limbe Wildlife Centre, where she has been learning about conservation and endangered species!

She hopes to use the platform provided by Greening Forward to engage more young people in environmental activism, teach others about conservation, and teach about how we can work towards a healthy planet.





Partners & Sponsors

Our goal for the next three years is to create an ever-stronger network of environmentally minded individuals with our partners and sponsors. We anticipate reaching **5,000** students in over **30** schools in Cameroon.

We hope to provide young people with resources, training, and mentorship so they will be able to face the present challenges of our planet and find possible solutions to problems in their communities and the world at large.

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