

The Millennium Group (TMGF) Foundation Press Release

TMGF advise (and to work with) Buea Diocese, Cameroon

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TMG Foundation announces it is providing key strategic advice to the Catholic Diocese of Buea, South West Provice, Cameroon

- Advice on maintenance using Diaspora Support to support 100+ schools in the Diocese.
- Advise on achieving an education resource centre for the Diocese.
- TMGF espousing new approach to Diaspora-Homeland collaboration facilitated by social networking web technology.
- TMGF facilitating the training of 2 key resources from the Diocese on securing grants and fund raising both nationally and internationally. TMGF identified the lack of a grant funding office in the Diocese of this size as a key lost opportunity

TMG Foundation has today announced it has committed to advising (and working with) the Catholic Diocese of Buea on a range of several issues. TMGF has despatched several thousands pounds sterling to the Diocese in order to do two core things: firstly, the help kick-start the rebuilding of the Education Resource Centre for primary teachers in the Diocese; and secondly, to help collate information primarily on the current state of primary schools infrastructure in the Diocese. These are priorities that have been identified by the progressive Catholic Education Secretary of the Diocese, the Reverend Father Dr George Nkeze – and sanctioned by the Diocese's Bishop – His Lordship Immanuel Bushu.

The key logic behind this TMGF initiative is one of promoting true Diaspora-Homeland cooperation and collaboration: e.g. in how TMGF may help kickstart ex-students in the Diaspora to help improve the poor state of infrastructure of their alumni schools – and how social web technology (social networking) may help achieve the latter; or help set up the Learning Resource Centre or a grant office in for the Diocese.

Reverend Father Dr George Nkeze, Catholic Education Secretary for Buea Diocese, wrote: "I have already posted a letter to Dr Atungsiri² from Bishop Immanuel Bushu accepting the terms of your recommendations for the Diocese of Buea. We have already got two names - Sr Mary Kombe, principal of CKC and Mbiatem Collins, my present webmaster and project assistant coordinator³".

Prof Sama Nwana of TMG Foundation noted: "The TMGF trustees are very pleased to be pioneering with Buea Diocese a new and *practical* approach to Diaspora-Homeland collaboration. We truly want to do this step-by-step in order to achieve not only the direct goals, e.g. setting up a grant office and staff training, but also the core intangible benefits of true and diverse Diaspora collaboration for the benefit of our beloved Homeland – irrespective of our ethnic and/or religious background. This project is also key to TMGF's key goal of helping alleviate poverty alleviation and drive community development in Cameroon".

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¹ www.tmg-foundation.org

² Dr Sam Atungsiri is the CEO of the parent TMG, whose charitable arm is TMG Foundation

³ These are suggested names to be trained for the Diocesan Grant Office to be set up