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### REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

**Date:** Du 7th to 9th August 2009

**Place:** Mintom (South Cameroon)

**Team on mission:** Noubissi paulette and Moutoni Luc

#### **Background and justification**

The Fondation Kana is a non profit-making, humanitarian and private social organization. Legalized since 16th March 2009, it aims to perpetuate the works of Mrs Suzanne Kana who, in her lifetime, did so much work in the social and disfavoured sectors.

For almost 10 years, the Fondation Kana has been caring for vulnerable children by donating gifts and legacies, to these children not counting the various activities it undertakes. It offers to anyone interested in social issues, self development, a platform of exchange and other actions to improve living conditions of disadvantaged people in Cameroon.

If these activities are confined to the Centre and mostly in the West regions, we must recognize that its targets may be recruited equally in other regions of the country, first and foremost the South region. This region was integrated into the intervention zone of the Foundation through the "Les samaritains" orphanage which provides support the Baka pygmy children.

On 9th August 2009, Cameroon joined the international community to celebrate the 3rd edition of the International Day of Indigenous People (IDIP) under the highly evocative theme: Indigenous peoples: cultural and traditional diversity for development in a globalised world. It is against this background that the Foundation through its contacts within the project was called to participate in this great event from 7th to 9th August.

## Mission objectives

The main aim of this mission in this decade is to strengthen international cooperation to resolve problems encountered by indigenous peoples in domains such as human rights, environment, development, education and health. The coordinator of the Decade is the United Nations High Commission for Human Rights.

- Participate in the celebration of the IDIP
- Have knowledge of the intervention zone and pygmies.
- Organise a socio-educational day with pygmy children
- offer school equipments to parents of pygmy children
- Make known the organisation
- Build relationships with other partners

Also, as provided by international cooperation, to provide solutions to problems faced by indigenous people in areas such as human rights, environment, development, education and health.

## Expected results

- Effective participation in the 2009 IDIP
- The organisation has knowledge about the area and the Baka pygmies.
- The socio-educative day is organised and through it, children are edified through various games.
- The entire public now knows about the existence of the organisation
- A directory of addresses is drawn.

## Sequence of the mission

- The mission began on Friday, 7th August 2009 with Paulette and Luc traveling from Yaounde to meet on the field. The 8th and 9th of August 2009 were reserved essentially for activities. These activities were divided into two: activities according to the programme for the celebration and activities of the organization itself.
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## Results

Generally, activities were carried out in the following manner

**08/08/09**

The day began with a cross country race which pitted young Baka boys and girls. It was followed by a conference – a debate on the theme intercommunity dialogue as a basis of development of the Baka tradition. The afternoon was marked by the female handball final played by the Djoum girls against those of Mintom. The Mintom girls came out victorious. In the evening, there were cultural activities (Baka songs and dances).

**09/08/09**

This day was marked by the reading of the declaration of the indigenous people, read by two young Baka, followed by the great march in all the main roads of the city and in the evening, the men's football final pitting the youths of Djoum against those of Mintom.

It should be noted that throughout these activities, we got the opportunity to distribute prospectus of the organization which had been previously distributed to us. In addition, more comprehensive explanations of the aims of the association were given to interested people.

T-shirts of the international day of the African child were distributed to some Baka children and pictures were equally taken.

One day is not sufficient to be known but then, it is a good start. It is left for us to continue in this manner.

Each person returned successfully despite the poor condition of the road coupled with rain that made their work so difficult on the field.

### **Financial summary of the international day of indigenous people.**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Total price</b>	<b>observation</b>
Per diem technical commission	2	15,000 FCFA	30,000 FCFA	Amount given to those who travelled to participate at the event
Transport	2	20,000FCFA	40,000FCFA	To and fro transportation means
Accommodation	2	10,000FCFA	20,000FCFA	Accommodation Means
Report	RAS	RAS	RAS	The organisation used it camera to take some pictures of the event.
Equipments for the organisation of the socio-educational day	100	1,500 FCFA	150,000 FCFA	To organise this day, the organisation planned to provide polo t-shirts to dress the children, music for

School supplies	100	2,500 FCFA	250,000 FCFA	entertainment, and entertainment and school supply
feeding	150	2,000 FCFA	300,000 FCFA	Food was distributed at the end of the ceremony to make the children happy. It contained bread with a fruit juice.
The organisation and implementation of the international day of indigenous people cost seven hundred and ninety thousand francs (790,000FCFA)				

**Report by Luc Moutoni and Paulette Noubissi For the Fondation Kana**  
**Some pictures with the children**

