

# FITCAM REPORT FOR THE IGI ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY (AGM) 2014.

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# INTRODUCTION

To achieve and consolidate a steady development process in Cameroon, FITCAM have totally been involved in fostering the development program in the country throughout the assurance and orientation of its activities and operations. Subsequently, the achievements of this actions piloted by our team during the past 5 years result from the main objective combat: Strategies and factors establishment in eradicating irregularities, influencing public services to exercising good governance, transparency and accountability, and to make Cameroon Nation a better place of living for the ordinary citizens.

The success of these activities depends on many dynamics put together, leading us to a learning and understanding platform of corruption issues. From this platform, the FITCAM team has developed more ability, expertise and experience that can also benefit the IGI family. Even though most of the activities are successfully realized with the support of some donors and promoters, it's relevant to remind that, we still encountered many challenges and difficulties, pushing us to look forward for better plans in the future and in our methods of work and projects oncoming.

# 1. ACHIEVEMENTS FROM THE ACTIVITIES INITIATED SINCE 2009 TO 2014

The establishment of the Focal Integrity Team for Cameroon (FITCAM) marks the beginning of big accomplishments with the Cameroon Society. FITCAM activities have permitted communities and public services to benefit and gain experience, transformation and changes in many areas and domains within the year 2009- 2014. For instance, the Public Education, the Human Rights, Public services, the Public Ethics and research are the various sectors in which the organization have achieved solutions in curbing corruption.

## A. REALIZATIONS OF 2009-2011

FITCAM has:

- A track record supporting educational establishment in Cameroon such as secondary and high schools, build effective internal control and management systems in 2009, 2010, and 2011.

- Has carry out anti-corruption and participatory governance support activities in both public and private education establishments in Cameroon.

- Has carried out projects on Building the integrity in the Cameroon Public Institution in 2009.

- Has equally managed and realised an Education Expenditure Monitoring in, centred on the improvement of service delivery and fight against corruption in the education sector in 2009.

- Has also conducted elections monitoring, voters' education and public ethics related projects in 2011. [See Ref, web page, Reports and News, <https://www.fitcameroon.org> ]



## B. REALIZATIONS OF 2012-2013

FITCAM has fulfilled through numerous project by:

-training civil servants on anti-corruption and good governance in 2012 and 2013.

-The result of our activities and good work have granted us an appointment from the Presidency of Cameroon Republic to act as Focal Representatives of the Cameroon National Anti-corruption Commission (CONAC) for the south west region, cumulatively act as an active member of Cameroon's National Anti-Corruption Commission's civil society coalition in the Cameroon Public Contract Ministry in 2013,

-therefore an overview data on perception of corruption in public procurement process of South West Region to support the CONAC board in New establishment of strategies in curbing corruption was carry out.

-permitted the citizens to access the budget and community budget program in published data on all public investments projects. [See Ref, web page, Reports and News, <https://www.fitcameroon.org> ]



## C. REALIZATIONS OF 2014

Based on the quarterly report we forwarded in July, -FITCAM has achieved so many this year in Cameroon. Numerous investigations cases in the public service have permitted to materialize and restore the rights of ordinary citizens. -The implementation of the Rapid Result Initiative (IRR) program has permitted to reduce corruption in public institution for 20 to 30%. -Information Communication Technology (ICT) projects on Civil Resistance and Nonviolent movements; and on educational resources monitoring for investment, allocation of budget, Basic Education Project Mapping (BE- PRO- MAP), which have respectively permitted build and strengthen the capacity of secondary , high and university institutions students, also have given the opportunity to the school head and teams of the school management board and Parent Teachers Associations to carry out inventory and control of schools construction projects, delivery of didactic material, this has reduce corruption for 60% in the schools where this project was implemented. As active members of the CONAC unit, -FITCAM have established the plan strategy to fight against corruption in the Cameroon public system for the year 2014 and 2015. . [See Ref, web page, Reports and News, <https://www.fitcameroon.org> ]



## 2. SUCCESSFUL EVENTS

FITCAM have achieved many other activities which has successfully made our efforts effective. One of the particular success stories of our organization is the:

-appointment by the Cameroon Presidency to be the focal representative, coordinating the activities of the Cameroon National Anti-corruption commission for the South West Region and also an active member of Cameroon's National Anti-Corruption Commission's civil society coalition in the Cameroon Public Contract Ministry.

-FITCAM have had several experience in facilitating, training programs and attendance of meetings. For instance the Country Director was the Guest speaker of the 2011 Graduation Ceremony of the University of Buea and has also been chairman of many other ceremony meetings...

## 2.SUCCESSFUL EVENTS , CONT...

-FITCAM took part and acted as canal to disseminate on the launching and standard of the Extractive Industry for Transparency Initiative (EITI) in Cameroon February 2014.

-Have also succeeded to implement an appraisal report and enforcement of United Nation Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) in Cameroon. This report has contributed towards enhancing the role of civil society in the review process of Cameroon government's implementation of UNCAC articles in 2013.

-Our staff member had a expedition to Turkey for the sustainability and long term impact with material and tools of the project on nonviolent movements and civil resistance (the NING and LIN program.) organized by the International Center for Nonviolence Conflict (ICNC) in October 2014.

-Access of information and Network platform for information dissemination we have put in place through the canal of our social media (Facebook account, link [Focal Integrity Team Cameroon FITCAM](#), Website: <https://www.fitcameroon.org>)



### 3. LESSONS LEARN FROM FITCAM'S ACTIVITIES

The essence of FITCAM in learning process is focused in the approaches and tactics of work. Bases on all the cases and activities we have encountered, methods in addressing and intervening in curbing corruption issues matters a lot.

-Therefore handling corruption within the aspect of participatory approach is very relevant. Bringing both parties, the victims and particularly the perpetrator to understand the negative consequences and effects corruption can cause to the progress and development of a Nation. This is done throughout counseling, vocational training, sensitization, then sanctions or/and asset recovering can take place.

-Other lesson, it's important to protect the internal and external security of our activists for staffs facing death, physical injury, office shut-down and organization registration cancellations threats, because of the nature of our work.

## 4. SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE FITCAM HAVE DEVELOPED

In terms of abilities and involvement, FITCAM have had during this past years.

-experience in project management and evaluation, expertise in project management, implementation and evaluation -including for example, the management and realization of an Education Expenditure Monitoring, centered on the improvement of service delivery and fight against corruption in the education sector. Therefore the IGI family will benefit of the Mobile-SMS, twitter blogging and other ICT methods as tools in fighting corruption.

## **5. FITCAM'S SPONSORSHIP AND PROMOTERS.**

Fund-raising have always been a major factor in the realization of goals and projects. Therefore to effectively achieve its activities, FITCAM have received during this past 3 years, finances from generous donations and supporters. Some reference of international philanthropist who have been very instrumental to the development of the organisation work. In 2012 Partnership Transparency fund (PTF) sponsored FITCAM project with 20.000 US Dollars; in 2013 The United Nation Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) supported us in a review project of 2278 Euro; and in 2014 we received a funding of 12.000 pound from Indigo Trust for the ICT BE-PRO-MAP project, and 4.200 US Dollar from Frontline Deffenders for a security project.

## **6. DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED AND FUTURE PLANS FOR FITCAM.**

FITCAM challenges are many, due to limits resources (finances), because it can permit a large number of personnel, a larger office space to exercise and also expand our activities. In the other hand, the determination of our work depends some times on the absolute collaboration and partnership of the public institutions, but these institutions in some cases are reluctant in sharing information, this is considered and it's an hindrance in fostering good governance and fighting corruption. Another challenge is noticed at the level of external and internal security of the organization due to the nature of activities denouncing and exposing sometimes high authorities of the Nation.

Concerning FITCAM's future, we are planning to move out from our present office for a bigger and comfortable office space. Activities of sensitization, March passing and distribution of tracks with anti-corruption messages are planned with the collaboration of CONAC for the International day for the fight against corruption on the 09 December 2014. Also in the future, FITCAM have plan to pilot many projects that's will foster community development and anti-corruption. For instance we are expecting to analysis for a Result for Development (R4D's) in Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) INNOATION in Cameroon.

## CONCLUSION:

Being aware corruption limits opportunities, creates inefficiencies and forms additional barriers to the smooth delivery of public services. It cumulatively undermines the moral fabric of society and stifles any progress towards achievement development goals. And even though FITCAM have succeeded and engaged many activities in fostering good governance, transparency and accountability in the Cameroon society, but they is still so mush to be done in our efforts in curbing corruption. Therefore FITCAM believes that working together with a grounded and solid Networking of the IGI family, this social epidemic will be defeated.



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