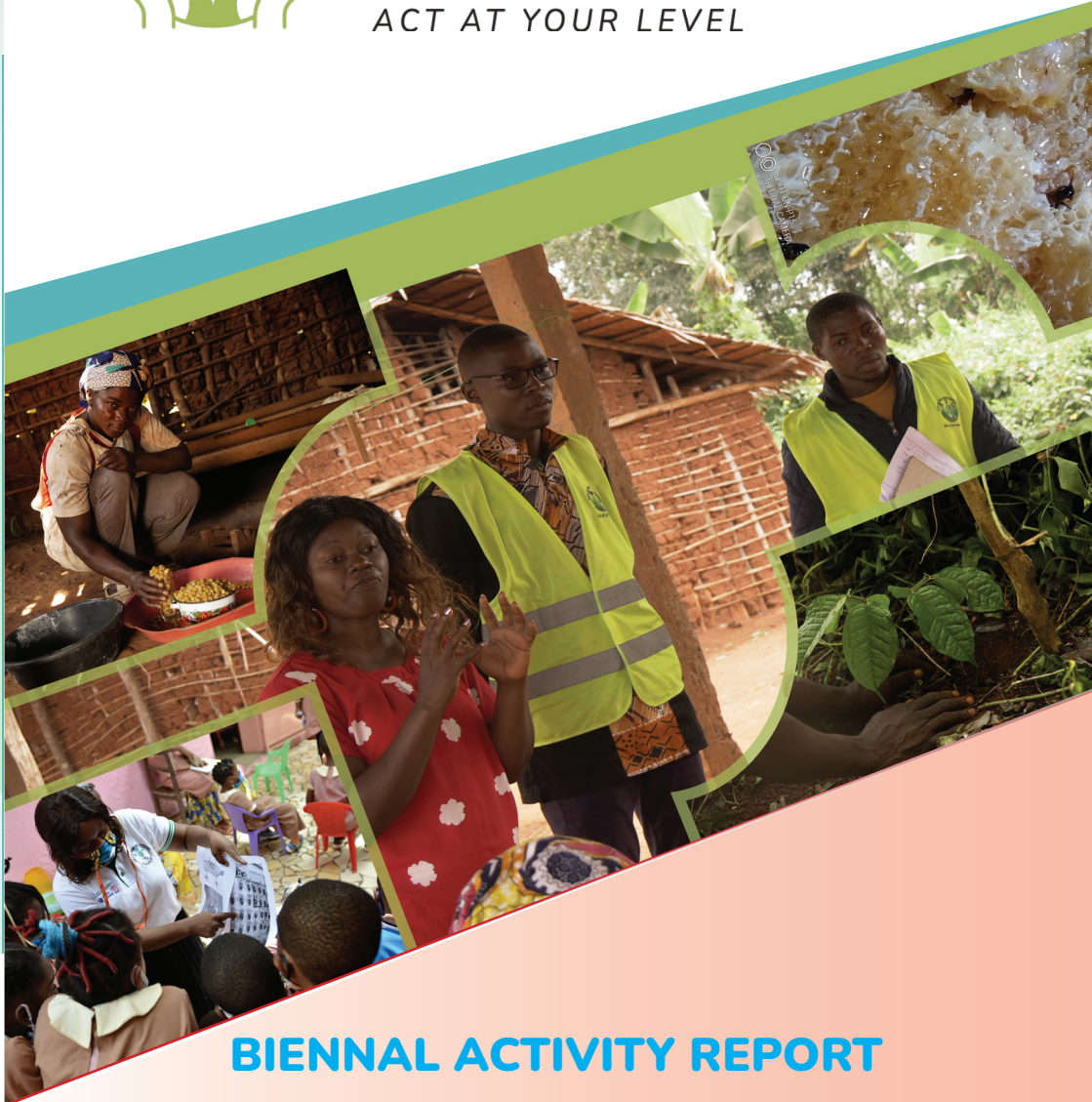




# ACTION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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**BIENNAL ACTIVITY REPORT**

**2020 - 2021**



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## Introduction from the president



NDJIKI WELADJI Génévieve

Two big words can help us describe what the years 2020 and 2021 have been for us: **Resilience and Perseverance**. Since the advent of the global pandemic which is Covid-19, the activities of our association have taken a hit due to the scarcity of financial partners and calls for projects.

As ASD is 90% dependent on external donations and subsidies, we had to develop our resilience to deal with this situation. We have devoted our efforts to testing a few IGAs (training, incubator, etc.) to enable us to meet the association's operating costs. Unfortunately, these tests were not conclusive, but we did not give up!

Our resilience has allowed us to promote telework through the improvement of aspects related to communication. Thus, with the help of Webassoc volunteers to whom we say thank you, our logo and website have been revamped, as well, our graphic charter has been defined. All these elements will allow us to better communicate of our actions and improve our visibility as well as that of our partners and donors.

“When you strive to become better, everything around you also improves”. We will continue to persevere in order to improve the effectiveness of our actions in the field. We take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all our current partners and reach out to those who would like to join us for new challenges.



# PRESENTATION OF OUR ASSOCIATION

Action for Sustainable Development, abbreviated as ASD, is a non-profit Cameroonian association legalized in 2012 and which works in the field of environmental protection and sustainable development.



## Our Vision

We want to help maintain a stable balance between economic profitability, nature preservation and social equity in the natural resources management.



## Our Mission

We support sustainable development through a participatory approach to promote and enhance natural resources while contributing to improving the living conditions of communities and helping different social groups to solve their environmental problems.



## Our Philosophy

Our actions are based on everyone's participation. This collaboration allows everyone at their level to participate in sustainable development, hence our leitmotif **Act at your level!**

## Our intervention approach

We use a participatory approach of all social group. In other words, improving livelihoods goes through everyone! This involvement of the beneficiaries allows the sustainability of our actions. In addition, our approach emphasizes the gender aspect. In other words, we take into account minorities (women, young people, indigenous peoples, disabled people, etc.) in our actions.

## Our fields of action

- Agroecology
- Forest governance
- Sustainable management of natural resources
- Water Hygiene and Sanitation (WASH)



# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

## Support for SMEs in the wood sector to work legally



Since 2016, ASD has been supporting SMEs in the timber sector to work legally by obtaining legality documents. These actions are carried out primarily in the eastern and southern regions of the country.

During 2020, our support made it possible to maintain and support 12 SMEs in obtaining registration certificates as processors, waybills for transporting processed wood to markets. And also to facilitate networking and the facilitation of business partnerships between holders of the wood resource (council forest, community forest, wood processing units, etc.) and SMEs. All this was made possible thanks to the financial and technical support of the FAO EU FLEGT program through the project «Strengthening Legality in the Domestic and Cross-Border Timber Market in the Forest Regions of Eastern and Southern Cameroon» (RELEMDOT). Activity reports are available on our website <https://www.asd.contact/publications/>

## Some key figures

- **140** SMEs, including **26** women, informed and made aware of the legal and regulatory requirements relating to forest management and the implementation of their processing activity
- **24** supply contracts signed with legal timber holders (community forests, council forests and industrial sawmills)
- **12** SMEs, including **1** woman, obtained their certificate of registration as a timber processor (CEQTB)
- **5** SMEs have obtained their Certification of registration as a timber exporter (CEQEBT)
- **2** smes have obtained an authorization for the recovery of logging waste (AVREF) with a council forest
- **9** SMEs, including **1** woman, obtained consignment note books to transport the sawn wood (LVD)
- **1** study on the involvement of women in the internal timber market in the Eastern and Southern regions has been produced
- Development of a chatbot for step-by-step information for SMEs on obtaining legality documents





## Legal timber forum! Second edition



The second edition of the legal timber forum was held in the context of a health crisis. We had to adapt to new methods. This is why this edition of the legal timber forum was held online from November 23 to 25, 2020 under the theme “Health crisis and promotion of legal timber in the domestic market”. The Legal Timber Forum was organized by a Task Force made up of CSOs working in the field of forest governance (ASD, SAILD, FLAG), the group of small and medium-sized craftsmen (FECAPROBOIS) and an independent consultant (Patrice Kamkuimo). with the facilitation of an international NGO (Well Grounded), beneficiary of financial support from FGMC. The forum saw the participation of a hundred people during the 3 days online. Apart from the co-organization of this forum, we had the honor of making a presentation on our support for the formalization of SMEs in their wood processing activities in Cameroon.

## Contribution of our association to the preservation of the forest



We have devoted part of our efforts to supporting communities in preserving the forest ecosystem through their involvement in the sustainable management of their forest. Thus, thanks to the support of the OIF Regional Office for Central Africa (BRAC) and the Francophonie Institute for Sustainable Development, and the GEF SGP Cameroon, ASD has accompanied the populations of Abonis in the district of Angossas, department of Abong-Mbang, Eastern region and those of Fifinda in the department of the Ocean, southern region in the restitution of degraded forest areas and the creation of agroforestry plots. This community has also benefited from training in beekeeping and beehives have been installed in the plots of the beneficiaries. The first honey harvests have already yielded more than 30 liters of honey. Our association also produced seedlings of fruit trees and *Gnetum africanum* which were used for the restoration.

## Some key figures

- **900** people (including **350** women, **150** young people) were made aware of the importance of preserving the forest
- **200** people, **50%** of whom are women, trained in the production of non-timber forest product (NTFP) seedlings and melliferous species in nurseries
- **50** individual nurseries of fruit trees set up containing butternut trees, avocado trees, lemon trees, casmangot trees, etc.)
- **8000** fruit tree seedlings produced
- **3000** PIF of plantains produced
- **10** ha of agroforestry plots enriched thanks to the fruit trees produced
- **50** people (**25** women) trained in sustainable beekeeping
- **20** hives installed
- **30** liters of honey already harvested





## Initiation of youth to resilience agriculture in urban areas



The health crisis linked to covid-19 that all of humanity is currently experiencing leads us to promote resilient practices such as urban agriculture to ensure food security in times of confinement and when limiting frequentation of public places. such as markets. Urban agriculture is also the beginning of a solution for reducing the effects of climate change because it helps to reduce deforestation in favor of extensive agriculture.

In collaboration with another association, Youth for Promotion of Development (YPD) we have undertaken to raise the awareness of students through the project «Initiation of young people to resilient agriculture» This project is part of achieving the SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) SDG 4 (Quality Education). The results of this activity were presented at the French Cultural Center during the celebration of the International Day of Biodiversity on May 22, 2021 in Yaoundé.

## Some key figures:

- **2** beneficiary primary schools
- **600** people including **500** students made aware of resilience to climate change
- **200** students trained in resilience agriculture in urban areas
- **2** school vegetable gardens installed
- Celebration of the international day of biodiversity **2021**
- Presentation of the results of work with students at the French cultural center.



## Improvement of our visibility



Logo before



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New logo

We must improve communication on the results of our actions. For this, we made some changes for better visibility worldwide. The following actions were taken in this regard with the support of 4 volunteers :

- Modification of the association's logo
- Defining a graphic charter
- Website revamp

The association's new logo, which will be used from 2022, is presented above.

Our graphic charter is available on our website at <https://www.asd.contact/documentation/>

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## Building internal capacities



In order to strengthen our internal skills, 2 people from the association took part in a training course on the independent monitoring of mining activities. This training workshop was organized by another Cameroonian civil society organization (FODER) from August 3 to 7, 2021 in Batouri.

The training provided participants with an understanding :

- 1) Documenting a denunciation in a relevant and objective way ;
- 2) Carry out logical and relevant legal analyzes of observable mining illegalities;
- 3) Use GIS software and apply cartographic concepts ;
- 4) Plan an OIE mission and assess underlying risks ;
- 5) Understand and properly apply the processes, procedures and tools of the SNOIE

# FINANCIAL REPORT

2020 ASD OPERATING ACCOUNT and 2021

<b>Numero de compte</b>	<b>intitulé des comptes</b>	<b>EMPLOIS</b>	<b>RES-SOURCES</b>
6053000	AUTRES ENERGIES	909 046	
6054000	FOURNITURE D'ENTRETIEN	20 000	
6055000	ACHAT DE FOURNITURES DE BUREAU	51 200	
6058000	ACHAT TRAVAUX MATERIEL ET E	3	
6183000	TRANSPORT ADMINISTRATIF-TAXI	200 000	
6222000	LOCATION DES BATIMENTS	2 250 000	
6228100	LOCATION DES VEHICULES	3 375 000	
6243000	MAINTENANCE	514 800	
6266000	DOCUMENTS TECHNIQUES	240 000	
6271000	ANNONCES ET INSERTIONS <sup>w</sup>	1 760 000	
6277000	FRAIS DE COLLOQUES SEMINA	4 807 500	
6281000	FRAIS DE TELEPHONE	200 000	
6288000	AUTRE FRAIS DE TELECOMMUNICATION	259 000	
6318000	AUTRE FRAIS BANCAIRES	448 616	
6327000	REM DES AUTRES PRESTATAIRES	4 790 000	
6328000	FRAIS ADMINISTRATIFS DIVERS	2 500	
6358000	CONCOURS DIVERS	1 375 000	
6581100	PERDIEME	2 990 000	

6611000	SALAIRE ET COMMISSIONS	3 047 559	
6641000	CHARGES SOCIALES SUR SALAIRE	260 061	
7182010	SUBV VERSE PAR AUTRES BAIL		1 303 930
7182100	SUBV CONSOMMEE FAO		16 990 084
7182200	SUBV CONSOMMEE GIZ		-
7182300	SUBV CONSOMMEE GEF		5 994 500
7182400	SUBV CONSOMMEE OIF		6 526 768
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>30 815 282</b>	<b>30 815 282</b>

ASD currently depends on external grants obtained through the financing of the projects it carries out. The main challenge to reverse this trend would be to diversify its sources of reviews in future years so as not to disappear when there are no more subsidies.

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