

# Project Plan

## Addressing Homelessness in conflict ravaged Anglophone Cameroon

**Project Title:** Shelter is a human right, “*AHome is for All: Addressing Homelessness in conflict ravaged Anglophone Cameroon*”

**Project Duration:** 2 years

### Project Overview:

This project aims to address homelessness in conflict ravaged Anglophone Cameroon by providing both immediate relief and long-term sustainable solutions. The focus will be on urban towns with high concentrations of homeless populations such as Mamfe, Mudemba, Muyuka and Kumba, while also addressing rural areas with growing needs.

The plan will take a multi-phase approach that integrates emergency shelter, healthcare, vocational training, and community reintegration. The project will involve local government, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), community leaders, and other stakeholders to build a comprehensive response to homelessness.

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## I. Objectives

### 1. Short-term Objectives (0-12 months):

- Provide immediate emergency shelter and food to homeless individuals.
- Conduct needs assessments to understand the scale of homelessness and the challenges faced by IDPs.
- Offer health care services, including mental health support and substance abuse programs.
- Establish a central coordination hub for resources and support services.

### 2. Medium-term Objectives (12-18 months):

- Develop permanent or semi-permanent housing solutions.
- Implement vocational training and capacity-building programs for homeless individuals.
- Facilitate reintegration programs to connect the homeless with local communities.
- Strengthen partnerships with local authorities and international organizations for resource mobilization.

### 3. Long-term Objectives (18-24 months):

- Ensure sustainable income-generating opportunities through microfinance programs.
- Establish permanent shelters and rehabilitation centers in key urban areas.
- Advocate for policy reform and local government support to address homelessness.

- Develop and institutionalize systems for ongoing homeless services post-project.
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## II. Target Population

- **Primary Target:** Homeless individuals or internally displaced persons (IDPs) living in urban and peri-urban areas of conflict ravaged Anglophone Cameroon (Mamfe, Kumba, Muyuka, etc.)
  - **Secondary Target:** Vulnerable groups including women, children, displaced persons due to the Anglophone crisis, refugees, and persons with disabilities who are at risk of homelessness.
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## III. Needs Assessment and Situation Analysis

- **Current Homelessness Situation:** The conflict ravaged Anglophone region of Cameroon faces a significant homelessness problem, exacerbated by the ongoing Anglophone crisis and economic hardship. According to local reports, thousands of individuals and families have been displaced due to violence, lack of employment, and deteriorating living conditions.
  - **Key Challenges:**
    - **Lack of affordable housing:** Rising rents, destruction of property during the crisis, and an increase in informal settlements.
    - **Economic hardships:** High unemployment rates, lack of job opportunities, loss in small businesses and limited access to education.
    - **Mental health and substance abuse:** Many homeless individuals suffer from untreated mental health issues or substance dependencies.
    - **Access to healthcare:** Limited access to essential healthcare services for homeless populations due to hardship.
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## IV. Key Activities

### 1. Emergency Shelter and Food Distribution

- Identify and set up temporary shelters in safe areas with basic facilities.
- Provide daily meals and sanitary provisions (toiletries, bedding, etc.).
- Coordinate with local restaurants, businesses, and individuals for food donations.

### 2. Health and Psychological Support

- Deploy medical teams to provide basic health care services (e.g., immunization, vaccination, general care).
- Set up a mobile clinic for mental health support and substance abuse counseling.
- Collaborate with local hospitals for emergency healthcare services.

### 3. Vocational Training and Capacity Building

- Offer training programs in trades like tailoring, carpentry, plumbing, and food processing.
- Provide educational opportunities for children and adults to acquire literacy skills.
- Establish partnerships with local businesses for internships and apprenticeships.

### 4. Reintegration and Community Outreach

- Develop social programs aimed at reintegrating the homeless back into communities (e.g., community kitchens, clean-up projects).
- Create awareness campaigns to reduce the stigma associated with homelessness.
- Build a network of support groups to assist individuals in transitioning out of homelessness.

### 5. Affordable Housing Development

- Work with local governments and partners to construct or refurbish affordable housing units.
- Explore partnership opportunities with international donors and NGOs to fund housing projects.
- Investigate long-term models such as cooperative housing or shared ownership schemes.

### 6. Policy Advocacy and Stakeholder Engagement

- Lobby for policy reforms to improve the legal and economic conditions for homeless people.
- Engage local governments to include homelessness in municipal development plans.
- Strengthen partnerships with local authorities, NGOs, and international bodies to coordinate efforts.

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## V. Project Team and Key Roles

1. **Project Manager:** Responsible for overall project coordination, reporting, and resource allocation.
2. **Field Operations Officer:** Manages the setup and running of shelters, food distribution, and emergency response.
3. **Healthcare Coordinator:** Coordinates the delivery of medical and psychological support services.
4. **Vocational Training Officer:** Designs and implements vocational training programs.
5. **Community Liaison Officer:** Engages with local communities, government officials, and partners.
6. **Finance and Grants Officer:** Manages the project's financial resources, ensures transparency, and applies for funding.
7. **Monitoring and Evaluation Officer:** Tracks project progress, collects data, and evaluates outcomes.

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## VI. Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting

- **Monitoring:** Weekly reports on the number of homeless individuals served, shelter capacity, food distribution, and health outcomes.
- **Evaluation:** Regular mid-term and end-of-project evaluations to assess the impact of the program.
- **Impact Indicators:**
  - Number of individuals moved to permanent housing.
  - Percentage of individuals enrolled in vocational training programs.
  - Reduction in health complications (mental health, substance abuse, physical ailments).
  - Employment rates among formerly homeless individuals.
- **Feedback Mechanism:** Regular feedback sessions with homeless individuals to assess their needs and adjust services.

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## VII. Budget Estimate

1. **Personnel Costs:** \$200,000
2. **Shelter Infrastructure & Maintenance:** \$250,000
3. **Healthcare Services:** \$100,000
4. **Food and Sanitation Supplies:** \$75,000
5. **Vocational Training Programs:** \$50,000
6. **Community Outreach & Advocacy:** \$30,000
7. **Miscellaneous Costs (transport, admin, etc.):** \$45,000
8. **Contingency Fund:** \$50,000

**Total Budget Estimated:** \$800,000

*Note:* Funding will be sought through grants from international organizations, government partners, private sector donations, and crowdfunding campaigns.

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## VIII. Risk Management Plan

1. **Political Instability:** Due to the ongoing Anglophone crisis, the project will ensure flexibility and adjust implementation as needed. Regular communication with government and security agencies will be essential.
2. **Resource Shortages:** Diversify funding sources, including partnerships with international donors and local fundraising.

3. **Stigma and Social Integration:** Conduct awareness campaigns and involve community leaders to reduce stigma around homelessness.
  4. **Health Crises:** In case of an outbreak, adhere to public health guidelines and ensure that health services can continue with the necessary precautions.
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## **IX. Conclusion**

A "Home is for All" project will have a lasting impact on addressing homelessness in conflict-ravaged Anglophone Cameroon by combining immediate relief with sustainable development initiatives. By providing shelter, healthcare, vocational training, and advocacy, this project aims to restore dignity and self-reliance to homeless individuals and IDPS, while also promoting long-term social and economic stability in the region.

This initiative will require collaboration, resources, and the collective efforts of local and international stakeholders, but its success will demonstrate a viable model for tackling homelessness in other regions of Cameroon and beyond.