

INTEGRATED AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION (IAA)

2023 ANNUAL REPORT.

1.) GALERY





2.) PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS:

- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.
- Ministry of Livestock Fisheries and Animal Industries
- Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife
- Ministry of Environment and Nature protection
- Ministry of Youth Affairs and Civic Education
- Ministry of Women Empowerment and the Family.
- Ministry of Social Affairs
- Ministry of Public Health
- Global Youth Mobilization
- The Vegan Society
- Proveg International
- Seed Programs International
- The Pollination Project
- Karuna Foundation
- Lush Charity Pot
- Future In Our Hands
- AstraZeneca
- Global Giving
- United People Global
- Our Kids Climate
- Earth Rising Foundation
- Peace Direct
- Partners for World Health
- EM Cameroon
- Swiss Embassy in Cameroon
- Green Care
- Local Councils and Traditional and Religious Leaders

3.) REPORT SUMMARY.

- ❖ 1500 kitchen gardens planted for to fight malnutrition and hunger among 1500 households (5 members per household).
- ❖ 200 CSOs, CBOs, NGOs, health providers and other health actors trained on drugs control framework health advocacy.
- ❖ 1500 women and smallholder farmers trained on regenerative agriculture practices, agroforestry techniques and bio-fertilizer production.
- ❖ 840 youths and community adults trained on tree nursery development, indigenous vegetables seed management and ecological farming and integrated pest management
- ❖ 300 student nurses trained on risk factors of non-communicable diseases and prevention strategies.
- ❖ 714 people trained on veganism and how to prepare African vegan dishes.

Total number of direct beneficiaries reached: 11,054 people

Women beneficiaries: 6013 women=54.4%

Men beneficiaries: 5041 men=46%

Total number of indirect beneficiaries: 35,000 people

4.) I.A.A INTRODUCTION.

Integrated Agricultural Association (IAA) is a development and humanitarian non-profit organization which aims to address environmental and social issues by helping to promote sustainable environmental practices, economic and social well-being for the most vulnerable groups, while building sustainable food systems and ensures community buy-in. IAA seeks to do environmental protection and promote sustainable agriculture, by strengthening the capacity of community members, especially women and young people in regenerative agriculture and green economy. Her aim is to enhance the quality of life, support and promote integrated sustainable community development, by contributing to the improvement of livelihood of communities through the enhancement of knowledge, sustainable practices and services in the areas of; Agriculture, Environment, Climate change, Health, Education, Women empowerment, Water & Sanitation and Human rights in Cameroon.

The I.A.A also transforms subsistence farms into profitable businesses by helping smallholder farmers access good training, affordable capital, quality inputs and better crop prices. Work in remote rural areas of Cameroon to help families grow enough food so that they can be well fed, to strengthen their voice so that they can speak out against injustice, and to earn enough money so that they can be free from poverty. I.A.A believes that empowering people to take control of their own development is the best way to provide a long-term solution to hunger and poverty, which truly meets the needs of the people she seeks to help. I.A.A targets communities who truly are the most neglected in their societies, living in places where daily life is a struggle that is made worse by discrimination and exclusion, to teach people about sustainable farming practices to fight hunger, to support poor rural women to set up small

businesses to provide for their families, to teach indigenous families about their rights to land and basic services like education, health, nutrition, water & sanitation and entrepreneurship opportunities. I.A.A targets youths, women, children, the elderly, and persons living with disabilities, refugees and people on forced displacement, Orphans and other vulnerable children (OVCs).

5.) BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITIES:



Family Empowerment on Kitchen Garden and Adequate Nutrition: We believe change can only come from within and on the power of people being able to tackle their challenges. Integrated Agricultural Association (IAA) invested in families by training and supporting in sustainable vegetable production and consumption to improve family nutrition and economic capacity. This resulted in the training of 1500 households on adequate nutrition and balance diet and planting of 1500 kitchen gardens, increasing food security for over 7500 people in 2023.



Conservation and regenerative agriculture: In response to global climate change in the agriculture sector, promoted conservation and regenerative approaches; this is the foundation of climate smart agriculture. Integrated Agricultural Association (IAA) trained smallholder farmers on techniques like using cover crops, planting with green manure and “no till” practices, conserving water and using native varieties of crops and trees to manage pests, mulching, composting and rotating crops each year, sustainable agroforestry and the value of tree species and how to make and use organic fertilizer. These approaches increase productivity, decrease costs and improve soil fertility, all of which strengthens. This resulted in the training of over 1500 women and smallholder farmers in 2023 that strengthened their capacities to respond to climate shocks in the food sector.



Food system and diet change advocacy: Animal agriculture is arguably the most damaging activity that we undertake. It is one of the most significant contributors to climate change, responsible for at least 14.5% of global greenhouse gas emissions. It is also the leading cause of species extinction, ocean death zones, water pollution and habitat destruction. We need to tackle these issues at their root by examining the hidden costs of food we eat. With more people to feed than ever before, it's vital that we begin to distribute resources fairly, and ensure that everyone has enough to eat and drink. We could easily feed everyone on earth by switching over to a less wasteful method of food production – crop farming, rather than animal farming. Integrated Agricultural Association (IAA) trained women on the importance of plant based agriculture and veganism to reduce animal exploitation and farming. IAA trained young people on vegan advocacy and how to prepare African vegan dishes through vegan outreach kitchen campaign. This resulted in the training of 714 people and restaurants.



Young Health Advocacy and Education on Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs): There are 1.2 billion adolescents living around the world today, and almost nine out of 10 live in low- to middle-income countries where access to health services, jobs and livelihoods is strained. The burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) bears down hardest on these communities, as according to the WHO, 86% of premature deaths associated with NCDs occur in low- and middle-income countries including Cameroon. IAA aimed at preventing the most common NCDs such as cancer, diabetes, heart disease, and respiratory disease through empowering young people to manage their health.

To help shape the future, IAA raised awareness of non-communicable disease (NCD) risk factors by leading mobile NCD therapy interventions and health ambassador training workshops to build the capacity of community health workers and empowering community leaders on NCD prevention framework in Cameroon. 200 CSOs, NGOs, CBOs and health providers were trained while 300 student

nurses were trained on NCD risk factors and prevention strategies in Cameroon. IAA empowered young people and leaders to advocate for health issues that are within their communities.



Tree Nursery and Seed management and Ecological Farming: Integrated Agricultural Association (IAA) trained community adults and youths on indigenous vegetables seeds and plant genetic resource management, importance of agro ecology and biodiversity, tree nursery and care. Community members from diverse groups participated actively from attending class room environmental lectures to collecting of seeds, filling of nursery bags with the soil and manure and placing seeds and plants on polythene bags aimed at developing environmental sustainability and soil conservation skills through learning by doing. This resulted in the training of 840 community adults and young people on environmental sustainability and soil conservation in 2023.



Meeting with the British High Commissioner to Cameroon: As a One Young World Ambassador in Cameroon, Dungrila Pascal Mbimenyuy, the Founder and Executive Director of Integrated Agricultural Association (IAA) and other One Young World Ambassadors from Cameroon had a meeting with The British High Commissioner to Cameroon, on the 9th of November 2023, at his residence in Bastos, Yaounde. One Young World Ambassadors spent a great moment together with the British High Commissioner, and shared ideas and experiences of their organizations and activities in their respective communities.

Dungrila had the opportunity to have a site meeting with the British High Commissioner, where he discussed the mission, objectives and activities of IAA with the BHC and explored opportunities for possible collaboration and to secure support for Integrated Agricultural Association (IAA).

6.) CHALLENGES:

While progress has been made throughout 2023, IAA faced some challenges including:

- ❖ Funding is a challenge because our program is for the pro-poor and financial resources cannot be raised by the beneficiaries
- ❖ Lack of monitoring tools to effectively track progress and balance resources and impact.
- ❖ Lack of steady technical and financial support to sustain the organization's mission and objectives
- ❖ Lack of financial instruments to assist smallholder farmers to adapt to climate change and recover losses/damages resulting from climate events like weather, drought and flood.
- ❖ Lack of digital tools to adapt operations and activities to the digital ecosystem
- ❖ Lack of adapted transport means to facilitate team transportation and accelerate program activities.
- ❖ Poor organization of farmers into groups and cooperatives leading to poor production and lack of market
- ❖ Follow up of beneficiaries is strained due to the fact that most of them live in remote communities with bad roads and poor communication network.

7.) WAY FORWARD:

Integrated Agricultural Association (IAA) will not only depend on membership funding and grants, but will create a vegetable and honey supply chain to collect and market their produce. This will be a self-sustaining social component which will continuously generate income to sustain the organization. IAA will continue to apply for many grant opportunities while joining networks of like-minded organizations to build strong partnership that would enable us have access to technical and financial support. IAA will step up efforts to organize smallholder farmers into producer and marketing cooperatives and saving/loan groups which will be a local financial backing for farmers without the capacity to obtain loan from banks.

IAA will reach out to the international community to request for general, digital and transport support to adapt its activities on the current environment. IAA has been working in West, Northwest, Center and Southwest since it was created in 2017. In the next 2-5 years, IAA will scale up its activities in the East, South and Adamawa regions of Cameroon to impact millions of people across Cameroon in the coming years.

Integrated Agricultural Association (I.A.A) will create seed multiplication and demonstration farms in different communities of need and supply seeds at subsidize rate to smallholder farmers. Proceed from these farms will cover some of the funding gaps while increasing production capacity. IAA will use motor bikes to provide follow up support to beneficiaries coming from hinterlands (hard to reach communities).

10.) A WORD FROM IAA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

It is with great joy and enthusiasm to be doing what we do for our community. We love our work and we celebrate everyone who is part of this incredible mission. I thank our donors, board members, staff, volunteers, supporters and beneficiaries for working with us throughout 2022. You are our heroes because you make the change we seek to happen. Once again, congratulations on being part of our work. I.A.A has prepared this report to share her successes and challenges to the public. We learn much by doing in this work and there is a high possibility of replication and scale-up of its activities. It will be our joy to learn that our activities have been replicated in other areas. We are ready to provide more information on our activities to anyone to use and to assist in field work. We are also open to create partnership with anybody or institution interested in this work. We will gladly welcome support to continue this work in the targeted communities and in other areas. Feel free to contact us for details information. We have periodic training and regular interventions in different areas of development and humanitarian activities across different communities of Cameroon. After executing these activities in 2022, I feel strong, as I have grown in knowledge, skills and experience. I.A.A is ready to learn and do more from its tangible experience.



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