

Economic Justice in the Extractive Industries



Terminal off the coast of Kribi

RELUFA joins national and international efforts to advocate changes in the current inequitable and disastrous trends of the extractive industries in the Central African region. With the Chad Cameroon Oil and Pipeline Project as case study, the network:

- Follows-up on unresolved compensation issues;
- Monitors changes in living standards of the population living in the vicinity of the pipeline;
- Facilitates the exchange of experiences between affected communities;
- Assists the population in rebuilding their livelihoods;
- Sensitizes religious communities on the unjust tendencies of the global economy;
- Calls for transparency in extractive industries by joining the international "Publish What You Pay" coalition .

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Association d'Auditeurs, d'Assistants et de Formateurs Coopératifs (AAFCCOOP)

Agyati Mixed Farmers Association (AMFA)

Association Teresita Compassion (ASTECC)

Association Chrétienne de Développement pour le Sahel (ACD-Sahel)

Centre pour l'Environnement et le Développement (CED)

National Episcopal Conference of Cameroon (CENC)

Conseil des Eglises Protestantes du Cameroun (CEPCA)

Changing Minds and Empowering Groups through Small Business Enterprises (CHAMEGSBI)

Club des Jeunes Aveugles Réhabilités du Cameroun (CJARCC)

Catholic Women Association (CWA) Douala

Femmes Santé et Développement (FESADE)

Forum Educatif et Social pour la Promotion de l'Aide aux Communautés (FESPAC)

Fondation Salaaman (FoSal)

GroupAvenir

Programme d'Animation Rurale pour la Vie en Abondance (KTM)

National Center for Councelling and Women Entrepreneurship Development (NCCWEDT)

Secours et Espoir

Service Oecuménique pour la Paix (SeP)

Territoire et Développement Local (TerDel)

Terrespoir

PARTNERS AND COMPANIONS

The Presbyterian Church (USA) is RELUFA's main partner through the Joining Hands Against Hunger Program. The Presbyteries of Chicago and the Twin Cities Area accompany the network in its programs through solidarity actions.

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ABOUT US

RELUFA is a national network of Cameroonian churches, and ecumenical and secular non-profit organizations. Our 20 member organizations have joined forces for common action against hunger, poverty, and socio-, economic- and environmental injustice. RELUFA gained legal status in 2001, is non-partisan and not for profit.

Vision

The network intends to promote a society of justice, in which the members participate actively to improve the general living conditions, in harmony with each other and with respect to the divine plan, which places humankind as creation's steward.

Logo

The full calabash, central in our logo, stands for Life in Abundance for All. The decorations on the calabash are traditional Adinkra symbols. Branches of Life signify our reliance on the Grace of God as Provider. Reminiscent of slavery, the chains have become symbols of justice and denounce all forms of bondage, be it in the past or modern-day. The calabash is held up in a joint effort by people from all regions in Cameroon. Men and women are equal in number to imply equity between the genders, while the blind woman and the Bagyeli ("pygmy") in the middle represent the marginalized of society.



Organization

RELUFA has structured its processes for decision-making, planning and implementation through different constituencies.

The **General Assembly** of member organizations sets the general orientations for programs and policies.

The **Board of Directors** specifies directions for the network's programs following the GA's decisions

The **Coordination** develops an action plan by inviting member organizations to participate in Task Forces. After approval of the action plan by the GA, and in collaboration with Task Force members, the coordinator assures the day-to-day execution of the activities.

Task Forces set up a framework for in-depth studies, and design collaborative and coordinated actions.



The General Assembly of members

Main Orientations

Hunger and poverty are often rooted in structural problems at societal and global levels. To address symptoms as well as causes, the network strategizes its actions around the two main themes of *Economic Development* and *Just Relations*. Under Economic Development resorts RELUFA's Micro-Finance initiative "Credit Against Poverty", while the network tackles more systemic inequities in its programs on Economic Justice and Gender Justice.

Programs

Credit Against Poverty



Credit Against Poverty (CAP) is a micro-finance program for groups affiliated with network member organizations. Through CAP, RELUFA:

- Grants loans to poor communities for income generating and other useful projects;
- Provides flexible lending mechanisms against low interest rates;
- Sensitizes on loans and savings practices;
- Teaches bookkeeping skills;
- Offers accompaniment in the field;
- Gives vocational training;
- Facilitates the exchange of experiences.

Gender Justice

RELUFA seeks to break down barriers by capacitating women at the cultural, religious, juridical, political and economical levels through:

- Studies and publications on cultural and religious customs related to gender;
- Opening up theological training institutions to the notion of gender;
- Sensitization campaigns on women's rights;
- Dissemination and amendment of the draft Family Code;
- Partnering with other entities to lobby for its passing in Parliament;



Rural women : A marginalized productive force