

## **ANNEX II: Activities carried out within the framework of the National**

### **Education Programme on Human Rights in Cameroon**

In order to answer to the call of two UN decades on human rights education, Cameroon's National Commission on Human Rights and Freedom (NCHRF), the Ministry of Basic Education (MINEDUB), the Ministry of Secondary Education (MINSEC) as well as other ministries and institutions working for education in Cameroon undertook, since 2004, to develop a National Human Rights Education Programme.

With the financial support of UNDP and the contribution of the Government of Cameroon (MINEPAT), this initiative resulted in the production of teachers' manuals, the training of teachers and the establishment of a pilot phase of the said programme. Summarily, key activities of this initiative include:

- **2004-2006:** Drafting of teaching aids on human rights in English and French:
  - **June 9-11, 2004:** Pre-validation workshop of teaching aids on human rights education;
  - **7-9 February 2006:** Workshop for the validation of teaching aids on human rights education;
  - **18-19 and 20-21 December 2006:** Training of trainers and 100 National Pedagogic Inspectors of MINEDUB and MINESEC on the use of teaching aids in human rights education;
- **23-25 November 2007:** Development of modules on the use of teaching aids and selection of 80 pilot schools in the 10 Regions of Cameroon, corresponding to 30 for Secondary schools and 50 for Primary schools with 3 and 5 per Region respectively;
- **August-September 2008:** Development of teacher's guides in English and French for MINEDUB and MINESEC on the use of teaching aids on human rights education;
- **17-18 December 2008:** Training of 60 Regional Pedagogic Inspectors (30 for MINEDUB and 30 for MINESEC) on the use of teaching aids and teacher's guide on human rights education;
- **December 23, 2008:** Official Launching of the National Education Programme on Human Rights in Cameroon for MINEDUB and MINESEC by the Minister of Secondary Education and handing over of textbooks to both ministries (1450 copies) by the NCHRF;

It is also worthy to note that the distribution of textbooks continues daily during other events such as training workshops organised by the NCHRF for teachers and those organised by some civil society organizations with the support of the NCHRF.

- **January 2009:** Launching of the programme in pilot schools;
- **June 5, 2009:** Assessment of the pilot phase of the programme in the presence of a Representative of the British High Commissioner in Cameroon, some officials of central and regional services of MINEDUB and MINESEC as well as those of the NCHRF including its Chairperson;
- **7 February - 5 April 2011:** Training of five hundred and sixty five (565) teachers and administrative officials of pilot schools and others in the 10 regions of Cameroon thanks to compensation funds paid by the State in 2009 and 2010;
- **September 2011 - February 2012:** Within the framework of 2011-2012 pedagogic days, MINEDUB laid emphasis on human rights education. This operation resulted in the training of thousands of teachers across the country in the domain of human rights education. In the Centre Region, for example, more than 6,000 teachers were trained.
- **Teaching aids and teacher's guide were reproduced as follows:**
  - 1000 teaching aids with 400 in English and 600 in French;
  - 3000 teacher's guides with 1500 for MINEDUB and 1500 for MINESEC and a quota of 500 in English and 1,000 in French for each level.

The NCHRF plans to continue training teachers across the country at the initiative of Regional administrative officials of MINEDUB and MINESEC, printing of textbooks and advocating for the taking into consideration of human rights education in future budgets of ministries for a better implementation of the programme.

To facilitate this process, the NCHRF began in May 2010 to train officials in charge of budgeting and planning in all ministries on human rights.

Thus, the next phases of the programme will include generalisation of human rights education for MINEDUB and MINESEC, overall assessment of the training carried out within these two ministries till date, and continuation of the Programme in universities and professional school.

Source: NCHRF