





Located at the crossroads of West and Central Africa, Cameroon has historically been one of AFD Group's main countries of intervention. Most recently, AFD has supported Cameroon through major infrastructure projects such as the Regional Capitals program, aimed at modernizing five secondary cities, and food security projects that introduce a range of services for rural entrepreneurs.

* as of 12/31/2023, including €198.1 million in commitments in 2022.

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OUR ACTION IN Cameroon



Support food security and family farming

AFD supports rural development through a range of ecosystem support services with the following aims:

- Develop initiatives to improve the integration of young agripreneurs and the economic performance of the key agro-pastoral sectors;
- Support the research, development and dissemination of agro-ecological farming techniques suitable for desertification conditions in the Septentrion;
- Develop the onion and rice sectors by strengthening seed production and certification as well as the yield of cultivated land, while also increasing the involvement of women members of the cooperatives supported.
- Provide farm businesses with a comprehensive range of financial, technical and consulting services in five identified regions (Far North, North, Littoral, West, Centre).



Rethink cities and balance regional development

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AFD supports the sustainable development of the country's major cities* through urban planning and by enhancing their attractiveness. The projects aim to:

- Improve transport infrastructure to facilitate mobility;
- Increase market facilities to boost the local economy;
- Develop local urban services with the aim of improving the living conditions of residents;
- Reduce the risk of floods and the vulnerability of residents to these risks by constructing drainage structures in Yaoundé and Douala.
- Open up rural areas on the Belabo-Ngaoundéré line by renovating the railway to strengthen the economy, facilitate the transport of goods and passengers, reduce logistical costs and boost domestic and foreign trade.

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Promote the inclusive and sustainable development of public administration

AFD's support aims to strengthen the efficiency, accountability and transparency of government services and public administration. The aim is to:

- Establish and support public policies providing essential services for residents;
- Facilitate the transfer of skills and funding to municipalities;
- Support financial governance reform



Address climate challenges

AFD is taking the following actions to address climate challenges and help reduce Cameroon's contribution to global greenhouse gas emissions by 0.4%:

- Develop Cameroon's hydropower potential by financing dams in the Sanaga basin;
- Ensure the sustainable management of forests and biodiversity;
- Prevent risks of flooding;

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• Support the development of national strategies to prevent global warming.

Support entrepreneurship and job creation

To boost growth, improve business productivity and create skilled jobs, AFD supports private-sector stakeholders in order to:

- Modernize and professionalize agricultural and agri-food SMEs by providing access to both financial and nonfinancial services;
- Facilitate their access to financing in concertation with local financial institutions;
- Strengthen vocational training to adapt skills to the needs of SMEs and promote youth employment.

OUR KEY FIGURES IN Cameroon

Trends in financial commitments

from 2016 to 2023 (in millions of Euros)





Breakdown of commitments

Amount committed at 31/12/2023



37,200

teachers recruited as part of the C2D Education project.

571,006

women signed up for the Health Voucher program offering better pregnancy, birth and post-natal care for mothers and babies.

1,800,000

urban residents saw their quality of life improved thanks to the construction of urban infrastructures and facilities.

Agence Française de Développement (AFD) implements France's policy on international development and solidarity. Through its financing of NGOs and the public sector, as well as its research and publications, AFD supports and accelerates transitions towards a fairer, more resilient world. It also provides training in sustainable development (at AFD Campus) and other awareness-raising activities in France.

With our partners, we are building shared solutions with and for the people of the Global South. Our teams are at work on more than 3,250 projects in the field, in the French Overseas Departments and Territories, in 115 countries and in regions in crisis. We strive to protect global public goods – promoting a stable climate, biodiversity and peace, as well as gender equality, education and healthcare. In this way, we contribute to the commitment of France and the French people to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Towards a world in common.

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