

JICA Cameroon





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About Us

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), an incorporated administrative agency in charge of administering Japan's ODA, is one of the world's largest bilateral agencies supporting socioeconomic development in developing countries in different regions of the world. Japan's cooperation with Cameroon began in 2006 with the dispatch of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV). Since then, a number of technical cooperation, grant projects, and loan projects have been carried out across a wide range of sectors.

Today, JICA Cameroon Office is providing international cooperation in the following priority areas:

- ① Promotion of Agriculture
- ② Promotion of Fisheries
- ③ Support for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)
- ④ Infrastructure Development
- ⑤ Conservation of Forest and Natural Environment

In addition to the cooperation for Cameroon, JICA Cameroon office covers Chad, and Central African Republic. Thus, JICA Cameroon office will contribute to the further development of Cameroon and the surrounding region.

MISSION

JICA, in accordance with the Development Cooperation Charter, will work on human security(*) and quality growth.

*A concept that focuses on each and every individual through protection of individuals from serious and wide-ranging threats to their survival, daily lives, and dignity and empowerment of people for sustainable self-reliance and community building, so that all people can reach their full potential.

VISION

Leading the world with trust

JICA, with its partners, will take the lead in forging bonds of trust across the world, aspiring for a free, peaceful and prosperous world where people can hope for a better future and explore their diverse potentials.

TECHNICAL COOPERATION

People-to-people cooperation

FINANCE AND INVESTMENT COOPERATION

Lending or investing of funds under concessional terms to developing countries for their development

GRANTS

Core infrastructure development and equipment provision

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A broader base of international cooperation

Official
Development
Assistance
(ODA)

Bilateral
Assistance

Multilateral
Assistance

JICA

Director of North-South Cooperation and Multilateral Organizations, MINEPAT - Mr NJIE Thomas KINGE



Over the years, I've been in charge of the Japanese cooperation with Cameroon, and I've seen the cooperation get deeper and more diverse day by day. JICA's projects in various sectors such as Infrastructure Development, Agriculture, Fishery, SME Promotion, and Education contribute to fulfilling our National Development Strategy of Cameroon. I have the impression that Japanese cooperation is implemented smoothly, with few bottlenecks. Of course, we sometimes face challenges, but together, we always find a solution for a better way to cooperate.

JICA Cameroon's Cooperation Achievements in Figures



Start of the Japanese **cooperation** to Cameroon

2006-

Scale of operations in Cameroon (Until 2022)

646.56

million USD



More than

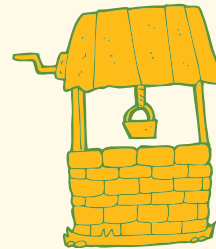
120 schools
1,500 classrooms



have been constructed by JICA throughout all 10 regions

More than

400
deep wells



have been constructed



508

Japanese experts

have been dispatched (Until 2022)



206

Japanese volunteers

have been dispatched (Until February 2024)



More than

1,400

Cameroonians participated in JICA's **Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)** (Until 2022)

39



Cameroonians received JICA's **scholarship** since 2015 (Until 2023)

36,000

farmers

have been **trained in rice cultivation** within the PRODERIP project (Until January 2024)



More than

1,500

companies and organizations

received Business Development Service (BDS) including **KAIZEN** (Until 2023)



AGRICULTURE

Although agriculture is the mainstay of Cameroon's economy, its productivity and income of farmers are still low. JICA is supporting to expand the production by technical cooperation such as training of farmers, selective breeding, developing processing technology, and building marketing networks.

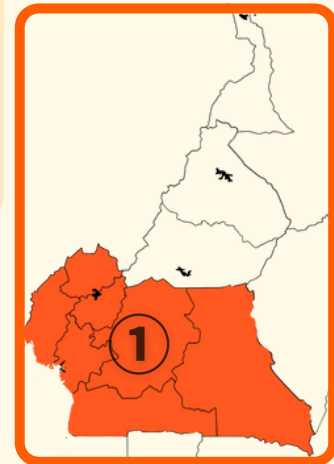


① Project for Irrigated and Rainfed Rice Development by Reinforcing the Value Chain (PRODERIP-RCV)

(From Oct 2022 to Sep 2027 (5 years) (Phase 3) ※Phase1: 2011~2016, Phase2: 2016~2022, Technical Cooperation)

For more than 10 years, JICA has been working for the quantitative and qualitative increase of local rice production including the purification of varieties through farmers trainings as well as improving machining techniques. The effort has also been to strengthen the value chain of the rice, and the rice of the target farmers is sold in supermarkets including Carrefour Warda.

(Counterpart: Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MINADER) and Vallée du Noun Upper Noun Valley Development (UNVDA))



② Project for Upgrading Cassava Value Chain for Small-scale Farmers (From 2024 to 2028 (4 years))

(Target area to be fixed in 2025, Technical Cooperation)

This project will contribute to increasing the income of the targeted small-scale farmers from cassava and cassava products through integration of the cassava value chain. The project will clarify and improve issues in each process of the value chain (production methods, quality control, processing technology, and marketing methods) to add value to cassava and processed cassava products, while strengthening the capacity of IRAD.

(Counterpart: Ministry of Scientific Research and Innovation (MINRESI) and Institute of Agricultural Research for Development (IRAD))



FISHERIES

To achieve sustainable resource management and self-sufficiency in fisheries products in Cameroon, JICA contributes to enhancing the productivity and competitiveness of domestic products, and to strengthening the capacity in resource management.

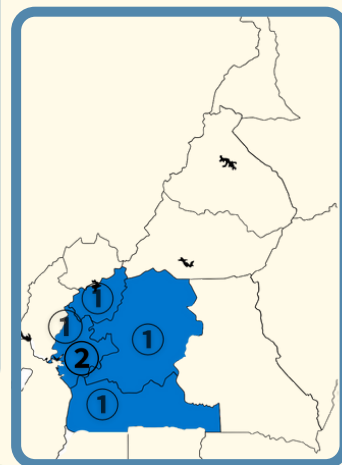


① Inland Aquaculture Promotion Project in Cameroon

(From 2024 to 2029 (5 years) , Technical Cooperation)

Cameroon relies heavily on fish imports, while having a rich environment suitable for inland aquaculture, such as rivers and swamps, where aquaculture development is expected to increase self-sufficiency in fishery products. This project aims to contribute to the promotion of the inland aquaculture industry through collaboration with the private sector and to increase aquaculture production by providing a detailed analysis of the current aquaculture industry and market, improving the technical skills of aquaculture farmers, and promoting consumption of domestic aquaculture fish.

(Counterpart: Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Animal Industries (MINEPIA))



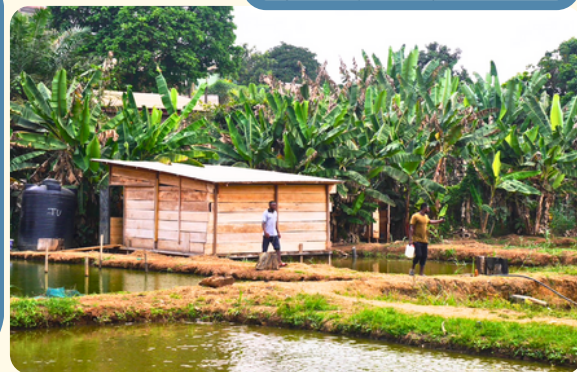
Manager and co-owner of Aquaculture Farm - Mr Basile NGADAMOUN NJANKOUD



I had a chance to join the JICA training in the prior project. It was very practical as we learned by doing, and our productivity increased by about 25-40% after attending the training. During the training, I learned a lot by sharing experiences with the Japanese experts and other fish farmers. Even after the training ended, we are still in regular communication via phone calls and messages, and if I have any questions, I ask them.

Engineer of Aquaculture Farm - Mr Yannick EKANGO EPANDE

I have learned many useful techniques during the training. Technical cooperation between Japan and Cameroon will strengthen the industrial base to support Cameroon's further development.



② Project for Improvement in Fish Landing Facility and Fish Market of Youpwe in Douala City

(From Dec 2017, Grant Aid)

This project aims to, by building the unloading facilities and fish market, contribute to improve the safety and efficiency of unloading of fishery products, and to improve the working environment of fishery workers and create an appropriate environment for selling marine products while respecting good hygiene practices.

(Counterpart: Ministry of Livestock Fisheries and Animal Industries (MINEPIA))



PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

In Cameroon, about 99% of enterprises are classified as Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), but the share of economic activity of SMEs in GDP is limited at around 30%. In light of this, the Cameroonian government has called for the promotion of SMEs in its National Development Plan (SND30) to promote industrialization with economic growth, and JICA supports this in strengthening BDS delivery.

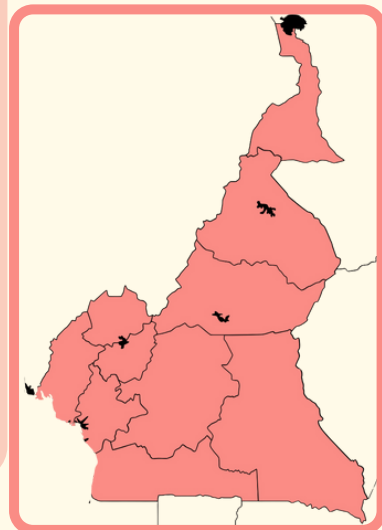


Project on Strengthening SME Competitiveness through Facilitating Access to KAIZEN/BDS

(From Jun 2023 to May 2027 (4 years) (Phase 3) ※Phase 1: 2015~2017, Phase 2: 2019~2023, Technical Cooperation)

To promote Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SME) development, JICA has been implementing KAIZEN projects in Cameroon since 2015. “Kaizen” is a method developed and evolved at Japanese manufacturing factory sites for improving quality and productivity. This project aims to contribute to enhancing the competitiveness of Cameroonian SMEs by training KAIZEN consultants throughout Cameroon and strengthening the government's Business Development Services (BDS) delivery system.

(Counterpart: Ministry of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, Social Economy and Handicraft (MINPMEEESA) / The SME Promotion Agency (APME))



Senior KAIZEN consultant and local lead trainer - Mr Isidore KEMAWOU FOTABONG

I started taking the KAIZEN training in 2016 and I later on created my own company “KAIZEN Consulting and Services” in 2017. I'm currently using multiple media to promote the KAIZEN concept. I have also given KAIZEN trainings not only in Cameroon but also in other African countries such as Central African Republic, Senegal, Mali and Madagascar. I believe this will lead to an improvement in the economic situation in Cameroon and in Africa.

Branch Manager of Elegance Pressing YASSA - Mr Pierre Henri ESSOME

I had the opportunity to receive the KAIZEN training at another branch office. So when I was newly transferred to this branch, I applied to receive the KAIZEN training because I had already experienced its advantages. KAIZEN brought a positive impact on the productivity and mentality of workers and it's clear that we will continue to benefit from it.



INFRASTRUCTURE

As Cameroon acts as a key logistics hub in the Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (CEMAC), infrastructure development is an urgent issue to promote economic growth and to reduce regional disparities. JICA contributes by supporting the reduction of transportation costs through regional transportation network improvement, and by improving access to electricity.



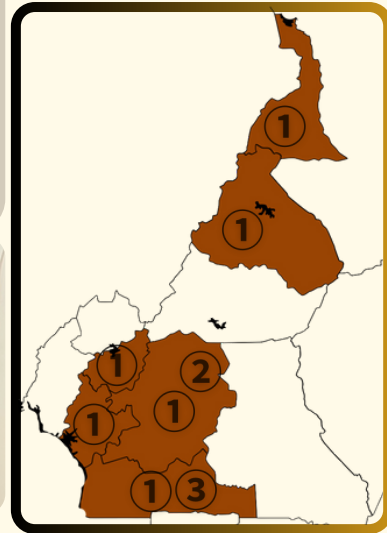
- ALL of 3 projects below are Concessional Loans (Joint Co-financing with African Development Bank)

① Project to Strengthen and Extend the Electricity Transmission and Distribution Networks (PRERETD)

(From Mar 2011 to Aug 2023)

The project supported the construction of power distribution facilities, such as substations and high-voltage transmission lines and medium-voltage and low-voltage lines, to improve the rural electrification rate, thereby contributing to stimulating economic activities of rural populations.

(Counterpart: Electricity Development Corporation (EDC))



② Batchenga-Lena Road Project

(From Mar 2015 to Dec 2025)

Of the unpaved road linking Batchenga to Lena in the Centre Region, this project supported the pavement of approximately 62km of the road between Mankim and Metein. This is expected to increase road transport capacity and contribute to the revitalization of the regional economy especially of the landlocked neighboring countries

(Counterpart: Ministry of Public Works (MINTP))

③ Yaounde-Brazzaville International Corridor Development Project (Mintom-Lélé section)

(From May 2017 to Jan 2025)

JICA funded the development and paving of the 67.5 km long road section between Mintom and Lélé as a part of an international corridor connecting Cameroon and the Republic of the Congo, which was the last corridor to give access to its neighboring countries. This will contribute to the consolidation of regional integration in the CEMAC zone, which will further contribute to economic development both within Cameroon and the CEMAC region.

(Counterpart: Ministry of Public Works (MINTP))



ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Cameroon is located in the Congo Basin, which boasts the world's second largest area of tropical rainforest. However, deforestation and natural resource depletion are progressing due to lack of sustainable forest management, such as unregulated farmland development, overhunting of wild animals, and excessive use of timber. JICA supports sustainable use and management and conservation of forest resources while respecting the livelihoods of local people.

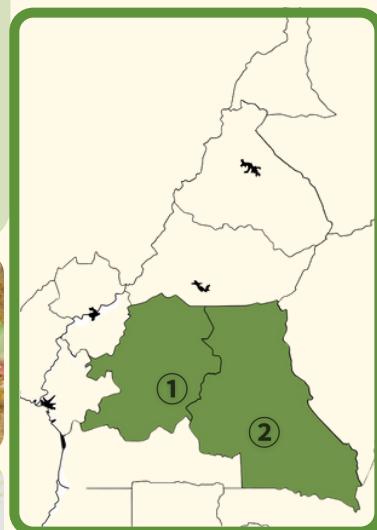


① Capacity Development Project for Sustainable Forest Eco-System Management (PROGEF)

(From Jan 2019 to Jan 2025 (6 years), Technical Cooperation)

The project aims to reinforce capacity of government in implementing national policies on REDD+ and National Determined Contribution (NDC), elaborating the emission reduction scenario and carrying emission reduction activities in accordance with Cameroon's National REDD+ Strategy developed in 2018. The project also has several pilot activities for emission reduction at the Centre Region of Cameroon, such as cacao, cassava, planting trees, and biochar.

(Counterpart: Ministry of Environment, Protection of the Nature and Sustainable Development (MINEPDED) / Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife (MINFOF))



② Co-creation of Innovative Forest Resources Management Combining Ecological Methods and Indigenous Knowledge (COMECA)

(From Jul 2018 to Jul 2024 (6 years), Technical Cooperation)

This project purposes are below. First "Using a combination of indigenous and scientific knowledge to design resource management model with ownership by residents". Secondly the "Preserve biodiversity with sustainable management of wildlife and non-timber forest products". As specific implementation matters, the project estimates wildlife densities using camera traps and design a sustainable management model. Based on the participation of the Baka and Bantu people, it will standardize production and processing methods, develop a sustainable model of promising non-timber forest products (NTFPs), and propose the same model to the Cameroonian government.

(Counterpart: Ministry of Scientific Research and Innovation (MINRESI) and Institute of Agricultural Research for Development (IRAD))



HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Through the dispatch of personnel between Japan and Cameroon, JICA contribute to the development of human resources to serve as a bridge between Cameroon and Japan.



Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV)

(Since 2006, Technical Cooperation)

JICA's volunteer program dispatches eager Japanese citizens who wish to participate in assisting partner countries. Since the first 6 volunteers were dispatched to Cameroon in 2006, the total number of volunteers has reached over 200 in 2023. JICA volunteers live and work at the grassroots level, speaking the official language of the country and carrying out activities with an emphasis on fostering self-reliance for sustainable change. In Cameroon, by dispatching more than one person to the same region, JICA aims to achieve a synergistic effect in the activities of the volunteers and to improve mutual understanding between Cameroon and Japan. Volunteers are dispatched in various fields such as education, community development and agriculture.

Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)

(Technical Cooperation)

JICA's Knowledge Co-Creation Programs (KCCP) are a form of technical cooperation that JICA carries out in Japan. KCCP aim to transmit Japanese strengths, knowledge and techniques to developing countries.

KCCP is composed of Group and Region Focus, Country Focus, Young Leaders, and Long-Term programs such as African Business Education Initiative for Youth (ABE Initiative), SDGs Global Leader and Agriculture Studies Networks for Food Security (Agri-Net).

There are two KCCP Alumni Associations in Cameroon: 1) Association Des Anciens Stagiaires de la JICA (ADAS-JICA) consists of short-term KCCP alumni 2) Kakehashi Africa Cameroon Initiative (KACAMI) consists of long-term alumni. To ensure that returning participants make the most out of the experience gained in Japan, JICA provides support for their activities.



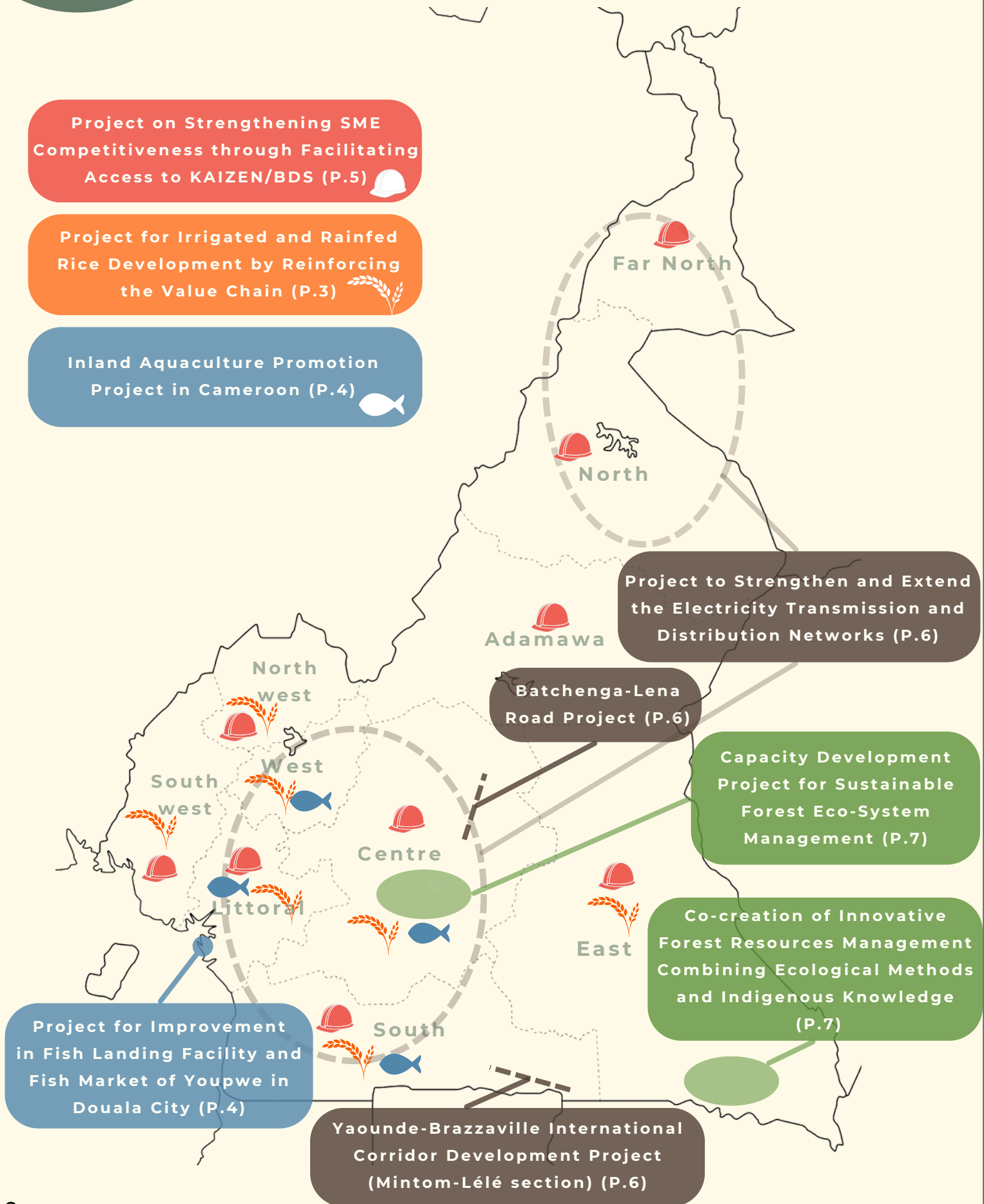
President of ADAS-JICA - Ms Michele MENGUE (Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development (MINEPDED))



I participated in KCCP (Group and Region Focus) on Remote Sensing of Forest Resources in Japan. I learned organizational know-how and social systems of Japan and gained knowledge from Japanese engineers while going in a forest with them. After joining KCCP in Japan, I introduced a new GPS system to my workplace and now many of my colleagues use it to create a working map. My experience in Japan has brought new technology to the work environment in my home country. Now, I am a president of ADAS-JICA which is the alumni association of KCCP. We share experiences within the association as well as disseminate them externally by implementing some activities, aiming to contribute to the development of Cameroon, and to strengthen relations between Cameroon and Japan.

Map

JICA's Ongoing Projects in Cameroon



LIST OF ONGOING PROJECTS

Project Title	Project type	Period		C/P
		From	To	
Promotion of Primary Industry				
- Agriculture (P.3)				
Project for Irrigated and Rainfed Rice Development by Reinforcing the Value Chain (PRODERIP-RCV)	Technical Cooperation	2022	2027	MINADER/UNVDA
Project for Upgrading Cassava Value Chain for Small-scale Farmers	Technical Cooperation	2024	2028	MINRESI/IRAD
Agriculture Studies Networks for Food Security (Agri-Net)	Grant (Scholarship)	-	-	Government of Cameroon
- Fisheries (P.4)				
Project for Improvement in Fish Landing Facility and Fish Market of Youpwe in Douala City	Grant Aid	2017	2023	MINEPIA
Inland Aquaculture Promotion Project in Cameroon	Technical Cooperation	2024	2029	MINEPIA
Economic Development				
- Private Sector Development (P.5)				
Project on Strengthening SME Competitiveness through Facilitating Access to KAIZEN/BDS	Technical Cooperation	2023	2027	MINPMEESA/APME
ABE Initiative (Masters + Internship Program)	Grant (Scholarship)	-	-	Private
- Infrastructure (P.6)				
Project to Strengthen and Extend the Electricity Transmission and Distribution Networks (PRERETD)	Concessional Loan	2011	2023	EDC
Batchenga-Lena Road Project	Concessional Loan	2015	2025	MINTP
Yaounde-Brazzaville International Corridor Development Project (Mintom-Lélé section)	Concessional Loan	2017	2025	MINTP
Environmental Conservation (P.7)				
Capacity Development Project for Sustainable Forest Eco-System Management (PROGEF)	Technical Cooperation	2019	2025	MINEPDED/MINIOF
Co-creation of Innovative Forest Resources Management Combining Ecological Methods and Indigenous Knowledge (COMECA)	Technical Cooperation (SATREPS)	2018	2024	MINRESI/IRAD
Human Resource Development (P.8)				
SDGs Global Leader	Grant (Scholarship)	-	-	Government of Cameroon
Volunteers program	Technical Cooperation	-	-	Government of Cameroon



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Promotion Video

