



SCHOOL SAFETY OUTREACH

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



Building Safer School Communities

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Letter from the Executive Director

Dear supporter,

2023 has been a transformative year for School Safety Outreach. Our commitment to creating safe and secure learning environments has never been stronger. We have expanded our programs, forged new partnerships, and impacted more lives than ever before. The challenges we faced, including addressing emerging safety concerns, navigating the post-pandemic recovery and the socio-political crisis, have only strengthened our resolve.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the potential for growth and innovation. Together, we will continue to ensure that every learner and staff has access to a safe and supportive learning environment.

Thank you for your unwavering support

Sincerely,

KONGNYUY BANSEKA FONLON

Executive Director, School Safety Outreach.



Mission and Vision Statements

Mission Statement:

Ensure the health and safety of learners and staff in schools and learning communities.

Vision Statement:

Build resilient schools and communities to secure a future with safer schools in Cameroon by the year 2035 and in Africa by the year 2063(Agenda 2063)

Executive Summary

In 2023, School Safety Outreach successfully implemented various programs aimed at disaster risk management, disaster response, and education in emergencies. We strengthened our partnerships, expanded our reach, and saw positive outcomes in schools and communities.

Our financial performance remained robust, with a slight increase in donor contributions. Major initiatives included the rollout of a comprehensive toilet hygiene campaign and the establishment of a disinfection team.

Year in review

Highlights:

- Disinfected selected schools in preparation for school resumption.
- Successful Education in Emergency programs in Wokaka, Lysoka, and Upper Bolifamba.
- Conducted a workshop on psychosocial support in Meme.
- Launched a cholera awareness campaign in Fako Division.

Stories:

- “After attending the Cholera Awareness campaign, we have noticed a rapid increase in the observation of cholera prevention measures by our students and staff.”
 - The principal, Summerset Bilingual College, Buea.
- “The Road Safety activity carried out by School Safety Outreach had a major impact on our pupils. We now notice them respecting road safety measures even when the Road Safety Team is not around.”
 - The Head Teacher, Diligent Nursery & Primary School Buea Road, Kumba.
- “We can now use practical examples when teaching our students about Climate Change and Global Warming prevention measures using the trees School Safety Outreach provided us with.”
 - Geography teacher, Government Secondary School Dibanda, South West Region.

- “There has been a drastic drop in complains about transmissible diseases and infections ever since School Safety Outreach started cleaning and disinfecting our toilets regularly.”
 - The infirmarian, Government Bilingual High School (GBHS) Muea.

Photos and Graphics:



SSO Team out for school toilets cleaning and disinfection.

Program Descriptions and Outcomes

Cholera awareness campaign:

- Carried out sensitization on cholera prevention measures in 63 schools and communities affected by the 2022 cholera outbreak in Fako Division.
- Donated 63 WASH kits to vulnerable schools.
- Distributed 601 SSO Cholera Prevention Tips flyers in 63 schools.
- Organized seminars and workshops in 23 schools.



SSO Team out for Cholera Awareness Campaign.

Road safety campaign:

- Carried out safety awareness raising among road users and the student population in 28 schools located along the roadside.

- Assisted under 11 (pupils) to safely cross the road before and after school in 15 primary schools located along the roadside.
- Assisted students to safely cross the road before and after school in 13 secondary schools located along the roadside.
- Worked in cooperation with 5 municipal councils to develop road safety signs on roads located around schools.
- Trained 150 taxi drivers on road safety measures.



SSO Team ensuring pupils respect road safety measures.

Climate Friendly Schools:

- Organized seminars and workshops with learners and staff on climate change and its impacts on education in 47 schools.

- Carried out environmental awareness campaign prior to the planting of oak trees in 47 schools.
- Trained 239 students on how to raise tree nurseries, plant and care for trees.
- Monitoring and evaluation of indicators



Climate Change and Global Warming Awareness Campaign in Schools.

Education in Emergency:

- Provided access to education in 5 communities affected by the anglophone crises.
- Carried out monitoring and impartial evaluation of education response activities in 13 schools.



SSO Team Promoting Education in Conflict Affected Zones.

Child Protection:

- Set up child-friendly spaces to support children's mental health through safe play in 15 localities affected by the anglophone crisis.
- Implemented programs to help vulnerable children develop social and emotional skills.
- Supported 220 underprivileged children who are not going to school in crises affected communities.



SSO Team on their child protection campaign in local schools.

Testimonials:

- “Thank you, School Safety Outreach, we are happy!”
- The pupils of Grade A Red Zone within Fako Division, South West Region.



SSO putting smiles on the faces of pupils of Grade A Red Zone.

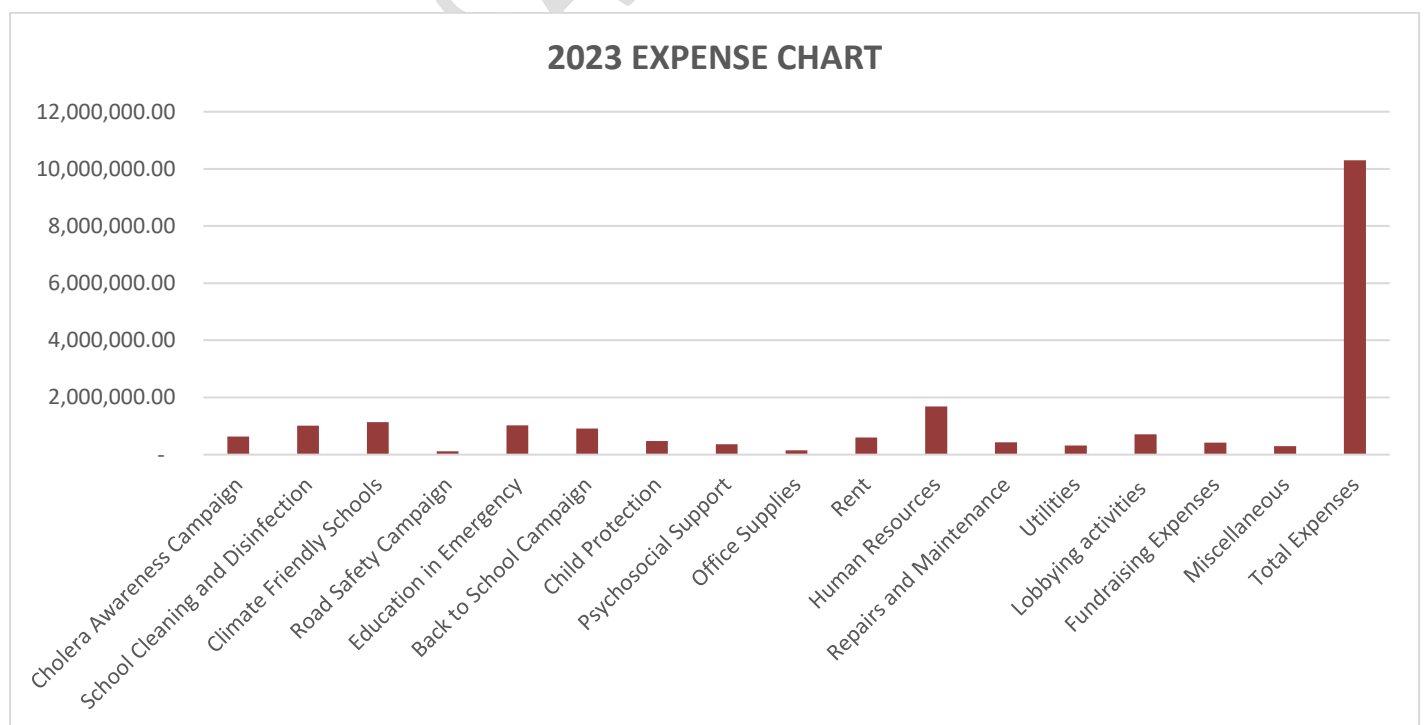
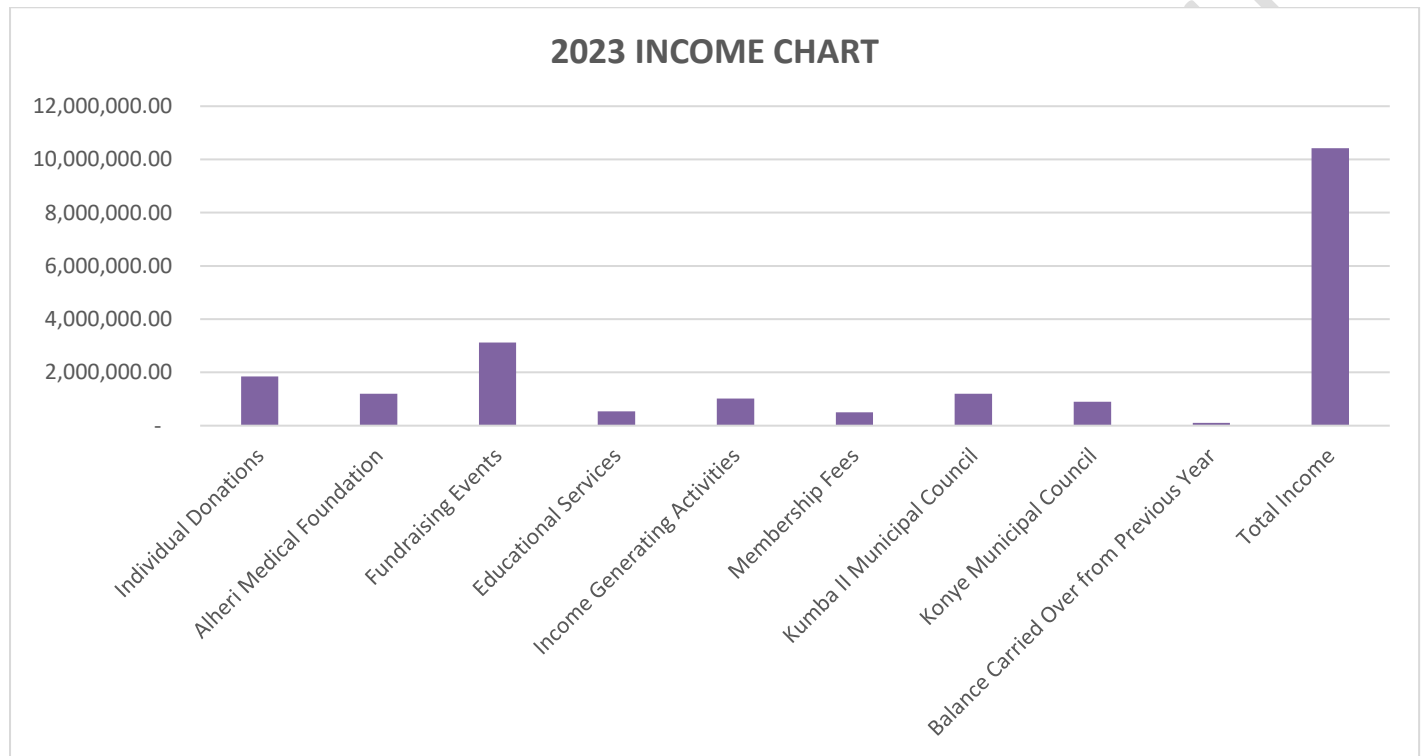
- “Jesus whispered to your heart because we have been trying to get the Principal to provide us with trees so that we can be able to plant but God has answered our prayers; we won’t need that anymore. We are saying thank you, we are going to take good care of the trees.”
 - Mr. Leonard, the Environmental Science Club master, Government Secondary School Dibanda, South West Region.



Students helping SSO plant trees in Government Secondary School Dibanda.

Financial Statements

Our financial health remains safe, with diversified sources of funding, including donations and fundraising events. The surplus has been reinvested into expanding our programs and improving on our school safety services.



Fundraising and Donor Recognition

Fundraising summary:

In 2023, we conducted several successful activities, including online donation drives and community events. These efforts resulted in a 10% increase in donor contributions.

Volunteer Acknowledgement:

We are grateful to our volunteers whose dedication and hard work have been instrumental in achieving our goals. Their contributions have made a significant impact on our programs and initiatives.

Governance and Leadership

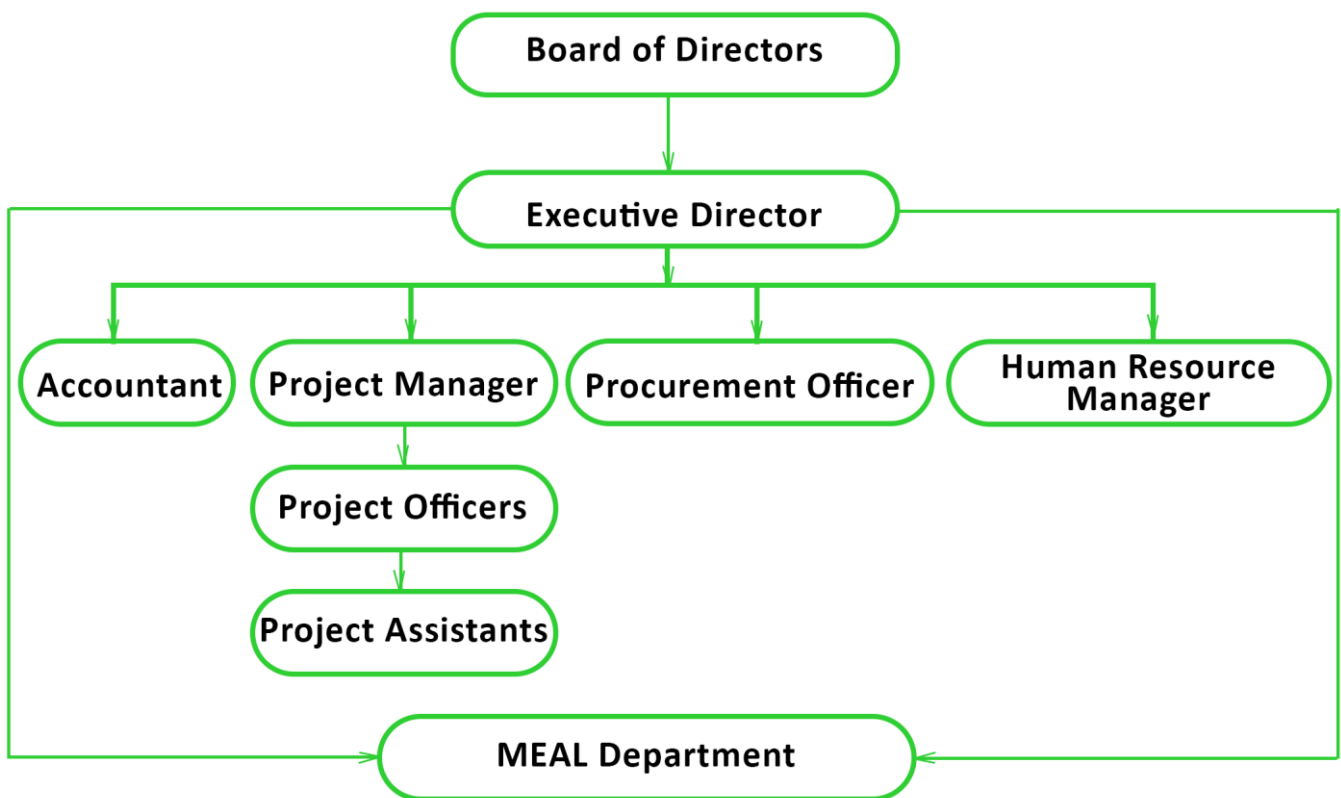
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- Kuki-nyuy Yaya Emeline, Vice President.
- Wirsungnin Killian Mbiydzengh, Secretary General.
- Fonlon Jaidzeka Mabel, Treasurer.
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Staff:

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- Marie Kelly Kiven, Education Project Coordinator.
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Organizational Structure:



School Safety Outreach Organizational Chart

Looking Ahead

Future Plans:

- Expand programs to new regions.
- Launch a new initiative focused on climate change adaptation in schools.

Challenges and Opportunities:

We anticipate challenges related to funding and evolving safety threats. However, with strategic planning and community support, we are confident in our ability to overcome these obstacles and continue making a positive impact.

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