

# Fonfuka Council Newsletter

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## EDITORIAL



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Accept greetings from Fonfuka Council .The coming of this council news letter is a saluted initiative. This is one of the greatest tools we have longed for in this municipality to tell the world of the great job we are doing daily to better our lives and the lives of those who look up to our council for survival. Through this council news letter we can be able to reach out to thousands in their meeting houses, in their quarters, and in the various carved out constituencies of our councillors. Through this medium, councillors will have to merely dish out copies to the people in their constituencies and everyone shall get to be informed on the various activities of the mayor and the council. This news letter that shall be coming up quarterly shall play a great deal in curbing rumour mongering. You shall know everything first hand. You shall know what project is going on, who is executing it and who is to benefit as well as when it starts and when it shall finished.

Before now, we have been heard through the public and the private media. Today we are upbeat by this platform which from now hence will act as one of our official channels for information dissemination particularly at this time when we are building a synergy for community involvement in the development process of the council. This magazine is expected to be our information vehicle to bring to fulfilment this ultimate vision.

We are building Balikumbat Council with the people at the centre of all actions as reflected in the development process in our municipality. A majority of projects are chosen by the people through our development committees and forwarded via their councillors for prioritization and execution. Good quality Drinkable Water, municipal layout, road (tarring, maintenance and rehabilitation), construction of schools, bridges, employment, win-win cooperation and partnerships and many others have emerged from this approach and meeting our people at their point of need. It is a people oriented structure we are moving forward into.

I therefore encourage everybody to get on board, put hands on deck and lets develop this most cherished municipality of ours. As we are all happy to have seen another year let's hope that may the blessings that come with the coming of the New Year visits everybody in this municipality and together we board one train and drive the municipality to greater glory.

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**GS Chong kang**

*Nwa council at the centre of local development*

# Jangali Tax Drive Yields Dividends

The successful assessment and collection of Communal Cattle Tax (Jangali) in the Fonfuka municipality has been a success despite all the huddles that characterised that come with such exercise. Despite this, the Fonfuka Council managed to conduct the process of revenue collection from the Graziers hitch free. This achievement came after a series of mass sensitisation and education campaigns with all the stakeholders involved in the process. The strategic move of the Lord Mayor to handle this situation was inductive. Communal Cattle Taxes (Jangali, Transit tax, Transhumance, Slaughters, Hygiene and sanitation inspection tax and Impoundment tax. The major source of Fonfuka Council revenue remains proceeds from Communal Cattle Tax, this tax constitutes about 70 per cent of the Councils' direct revenue, but for the past years, the assessment and collection of this tax was slow because of obstacles to the optimal recovery of this tax. As such the Council has resolutely engaged in the mobilisation of resources to ensure

good practical experiences that can be shared in terms of revenue recovery. Therefore to maximise the collection of this tax, strategies were put in place to boost the assessment and collection of this tax. The major problem plaguing the implementation of these practices stems from the fact that 94 % of cattle Graziers are of Islamic community who don't understand

that tax is a civic duty and social requirement belonging to the community. These problems exist in two dimensions; tax fraud and tax evasion generally provoked by; Illegal transfer of cattle, cattle smuggling, Unauthorised transit and transhumance. With this milestone achievement, its believed that future tax drives shall continue to yield much more



## INVESTMENT

# Budget Gives Priority to Education, Builds Classrooms

The Fonfuka Council through its investment budget for 2017 has given priority some priority projects amongst which is the Construction of a block of 02 classrooms, supply of benches and office equipment at GS Chong kang, financed by public investment budget 2017. The project is still on-going and it is currently at roofing level. The benches and office equipment are already supplied and received.

In the same line the Fonfuka community also benefited a modern block of two class rooms structure. Financed with funds from the

common decentralization fund, the Council was able to construct a modern block of two class rooms and VIP Toilets at GNS

Fonfuka. The project has been completed and received. in the domain of hygiene and sanitation ,Fio village, the



Fonfuka Council still with the public investment budget for 2017 is currently extending water to the said village. The indigenes of Fio village will soon be endowed with sustainable water supply. The Extension of water supply to Fio village is in progress, digging and laying of Pipes along the pipeline almost through, stands taps are already constructed pending connection.

Fonfuka-Kichako village is being

linked up with a motorway road thanks to state transfer credit under the ministry of public works. Opening and bulldozing of the road stretch has already been done pending grading and construction of culverts. Works are temporary suspended due to heavy rains.

The nightmare of Bum Sub Divisions gradually becoming bright. With the support from the

State through Road Fund 2016, has enabled the opening of the Saff-Fonfuka and Fonfuka –Ngunakimbi stretches of roads by 25km. these projects contracted to Joe Corner water enterprise are ongoing.

The Construction of 3 culverts along the Fonfuka-Balamua-Misaje road that received funding from the Decentralized funds is equally ongoing.

## FOCUS

### Spotlighting Rural Electrification

Fonfuka municipality will soon boom in business; the electrification of Fonfuka urban area and Buabua village, within the Sino-Cameroon convention framework to electrify some Council areas, Fonfuka urban area and Buabua village are privileged to be selected as potential beneficiary of this programme. This is really a dream come true.

Since the creation of Bum Sub Division in early 1993, the population of Bum Sub Division have been living in darkness for several years. The quest for electrical energy was becoming the order of the day. It is from this pressing demand that the Mayor of Fonfuka Council GWE Philip CHIA and the

Honourable Senator CHIAMUA WANLO John placed this basic necessity as their top priority. The Fonfuka Council technical services as well did not relent its' efforts in writing up electrification projects amongst which was hydro electrical energy, but despite the lobbies and multiple feasibility studies conducted over the years, the Chino-Cameroon cooperation finally comes to wipe the tears of the Bum people. The nightmare is gradually coming to pass, this project which is under the Ministry of Water and Energy was contracted to Huawei

Company China who is the contracting firm for the supply of solar equipment and execution works and at the same time pre-financing the project.

Today the Fonfuka urban area and Buabua village are privileged to have a solar power plan capable of supply 200 private premises, public institutions and streets around the concern areas. At the moment all the two solar power stations to generate the electrical energy has been constructed and tested, now the works are currently at the distribution phase, electric poles are being placed and cable being connected for distribution.



**Get information from the right source :**

- If you encounter difficulties in executing your activities ;
- If you notice any shortcomings in the implementation of your micro-projects ;
- If you wish to be informed about our missions and achievements.

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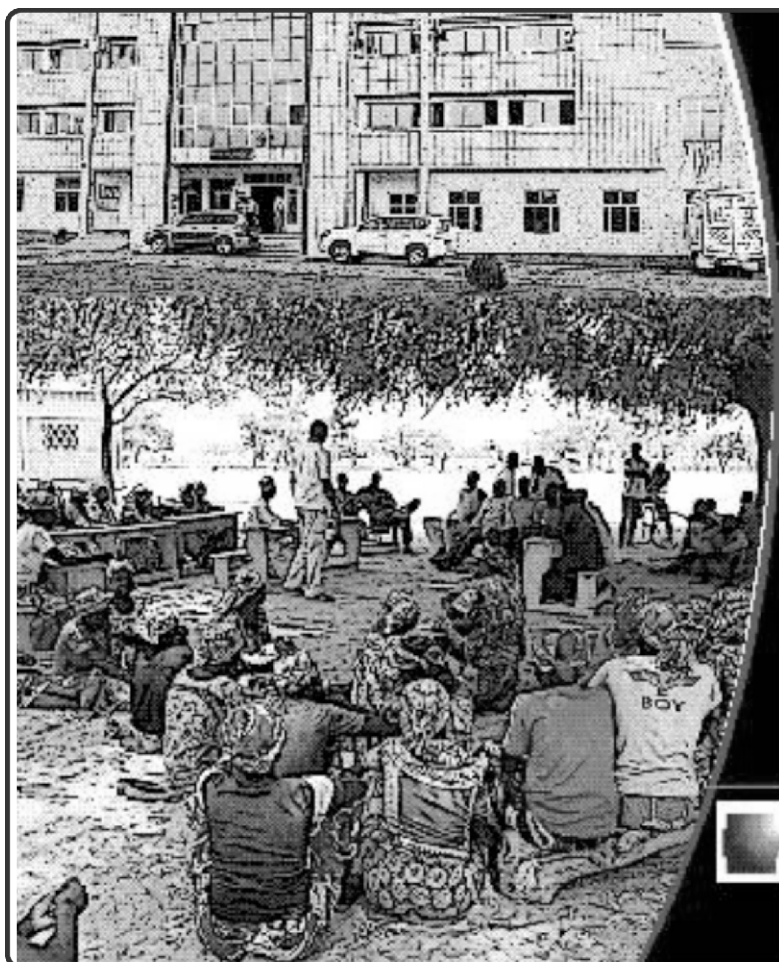
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## I am involved in the development of my municipality

- ★ By participating in the activities of the council ;
- ★ By taking part in village development meeting ;
- ★ By taking part in community work ;
- ★ By paying taxes ;
- ★ By following up the accountability of municipal councillors and the Mayor

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