

Abassakom Voice

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EDITORIAL



Denis Awoh Ndong, Mayor

Accept greetings from the Fundong council. Here we are once again to inform our community that the Fundong council Municipality is growing stronger by the day.

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.

I therefore encourage everybody to get on board, put hands on deck and let's 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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Councillors Adopt 2016 Administrative & Management Accounts

Councillors of Fundong municipal council have voted the administrative, management and stores accounts of the council for 2016 as satisfactory. This was May 11 at the conference hall of the council in a council session chaired by Mayor Denis Awo Ndong under the supervision of Boyo S.D.O, Joseph Oum II. Speaking at the event, Mayor Denis Awo Ndong presented the 2015 administrative, management and stores accounts one which had witness a steady rise from 2013 to 2015. He presented the 2015 accounts of the council to stand at CFA 439 million which had witnessed an increase of CFA 62 million scoring an execution rate of 84% compared to the previous year. According to Linus Ghangha, chairman of the finance committee, the council collected over CFA 441 million and consumed CFA 429 million carrying forward over one million. The municipal magistrate of the fundong council, Denis Awo Ndong, attributed the positive increase to the concerted effort of all the stakeholders of development of

his municipality. some projects realised within 2015 according to the mayor include rehabilitation of roads, construction of classrooms, provision of a sand bank in the Fundong-Njinikom road, extension of electricity, provision of portable water, recruitment and payment of council staff, payment of school fees to needy children, construction of Fundong town green as well as some social amenities. it was also an opportunity for the mayor of funding to announce to municipal councillors that his municipality have been chosen by ENEO for the tree for life project alongside jackiri through which some 100,000 eucalyptus trees shall be planted and by the ministry of water and energy resources for the trial of sustainable energy resources as well as the eminent involvement of the municipality in a poverty alleviation scheme by an NGO known as SAFETYNET.

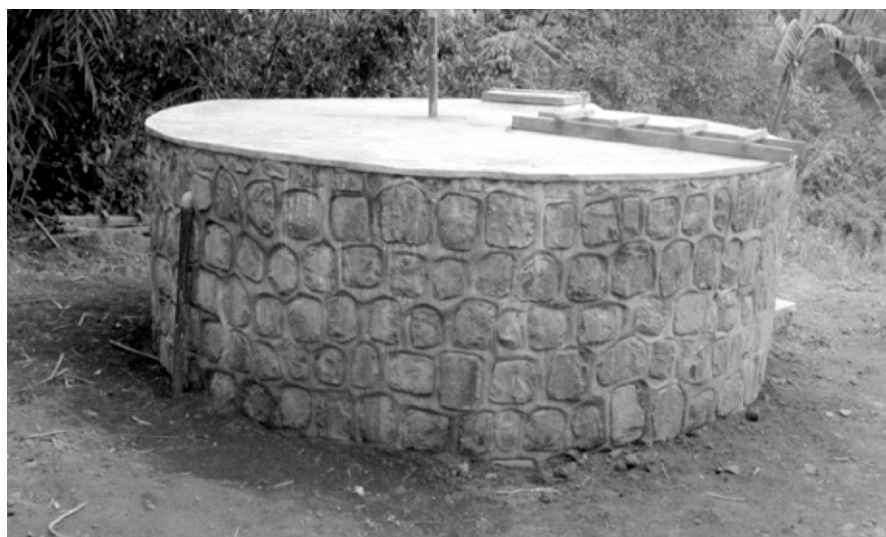
To the mayor, despite achievements

recorded in 2015, a lot still has to be done. "We are in a municipality where a lot was not done by previous administration for a long time. 2015 achievements are just a tip of an iceberg. We started with roads and a greater part of this municipality is still enslaved. We have succeeded only with five. We have a municipality with less than 10% electrification and we succeeded just to extend electricity only to one village out of 50 villages last year, most schools are not built despite the few by the parent teacher associations (PTA), the municipality still survives on self-initiated water schemes that cannot survive the long dry season. We are going to partner with village associations to kick all these out and provide social amenities to the people. This summer holidays, we shall provide holiday jobs and re-launch scholarships for youths within the municipality especially the underprivileged to access education." Said mayor Ndong

INVESTMENT

Ensuring Constant Supply Of Sustainable Water In 2017

It is very alarming to note nowadays in Fundong, that even in the rainy seasons, water scarcity is still very regular. Yet, to many who grew up around the municipality right up to the late eighties, this is not surprising. The river Juafieff which is the main stream supplying water to the Fundong urban area used to maintain both its volume and force right into the heart of the dry season. Today, river Juafieff is basically a skeleton of itself as soon as the dry



season strikes; and even then, it is no longer uncommon to have water basically supplied in irregular and unjustified doses in Fundong urban. And this is only for the urban area. Most villages in the Municipality had long identified potable water supply among their priorities, and through community effort have had water flowing. Yet with time, most have increasingly observed water fast disappearing from supply pipes as the attention

given to sustainable water supply slowly dwindled.

Records at the Fundong council level indicate that numerous conflicts were registered, and continue to flow in because of increasing water scarcity. In fact, it was becoming increasingly clear that water scarcity in the municipality could become a major reason for the immediate troubles ahead, socially, economically and politically. The Council had to take up its role in the matter. Placed alongside

other needs, sustainable water supply shouldered the main weight!

According to a study realized with the support of the Fundong Council in March 2015, the management of water catchments and Water schemes in general, clearly took front stage a few years back. Persistently however, this attention on water has significantly dropped. The present picture surrounding water resources is characterized by;

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One Thousand Destitutes To Leave Poverty Trap In Fundong

One thousand poor inhabitants within the Fundong municipality have been selected to benefit from a monthly allowance of FCFA twenty thousand monthly for a period of two years and a periodic lump sum of FCFA eighty thousands which shall enable them set up self sustaining businesses of their own. The project implemented by a poverty alleviation NGO safety Nets sponsored by the World Bank and the Cameroon government was launched October 26 at the funding council premises with a symbolic payment of some beneficiaries on spot by project officials and others followed. Launching the project at the premise of the funding council, the DO for Fundong, Blessed Ekole Epimba enjoined the beneficiaries to respect all project directives and modalities to ensure a mutually beneficial relationship with their donors as well as group and individual benefits. He pledged his individual follow up of the project. In his address to the beneficiaries, the regional coordinator of the

poverty alleviation body, safety nets Elvis kanjo Nfor, he warned the them not to use the money to marry more women on the side of male beneficiaries and women not to become stubborn to their husbands. He added that the monthly allowance of twenty thousand should be committed to improving on their nutritional needs, help pay children school fees and settle medical bills. Quizzed on what measures have been put in place to ensure that the money serves the purpose for which it is intended, Elvis Kanjo, regional coordinator of Safety Nets banks on much field work carried already with the beneficiaries. "we expect them to follow what we have taught them in the multiple training seminars we have had with earlier. We expect them to follow the moral contract with us to the later. These projects also have a health component. An electronic list shall be served to all the health facilities with this project

area. Upon presentation of an insurance card which we shall provide them, they shall receive medical care alongside their families at a reduced cost. come December, we shall give each of them, FCFA eighty thousands to set up an income generating activity of their own choice which we shall train them on after a study must have been conducted to see which business venture suits their respective villages" he said. According to the Regional coordinator of safety net, Elvis Kanjo, benefices of the project shall be given liquid cash to invest directly in an income generating activity that shall raised the standards of living of the various families and better the lives of many in Fundong Mayor Denis Awo Ndong, chairman of the coordination committee says selecting the one thousand beneficiaries was a tedious task as caution had to be taken into account to make sure only the poorest people were selected



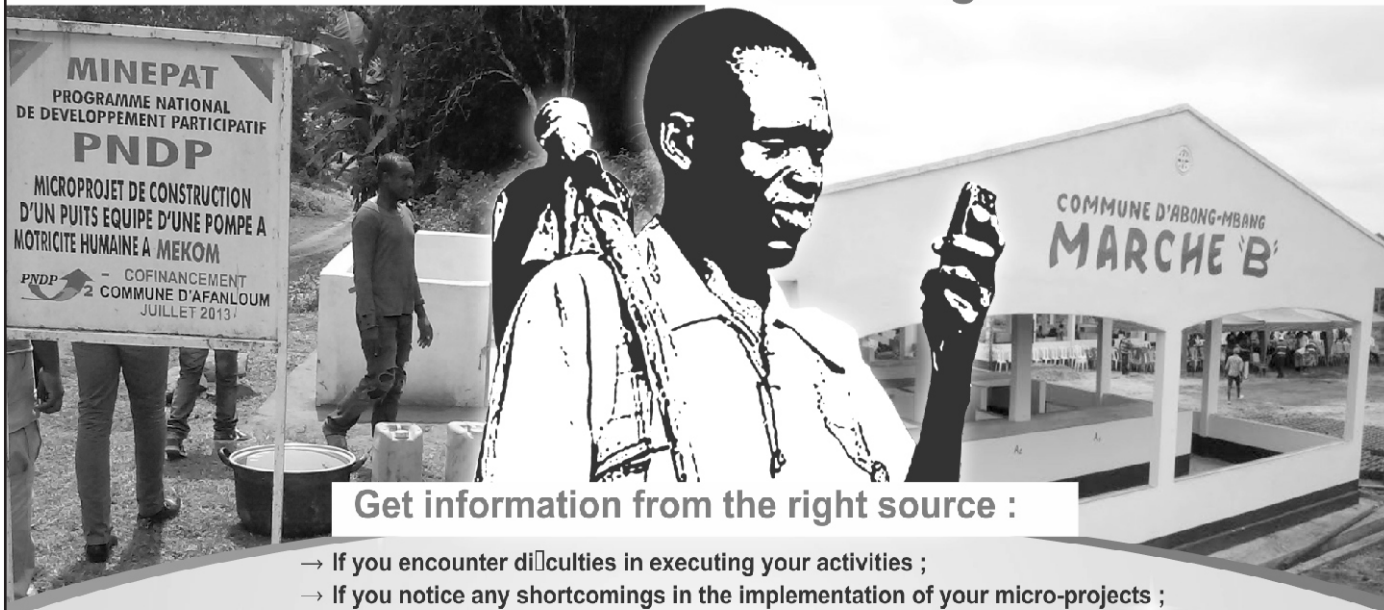
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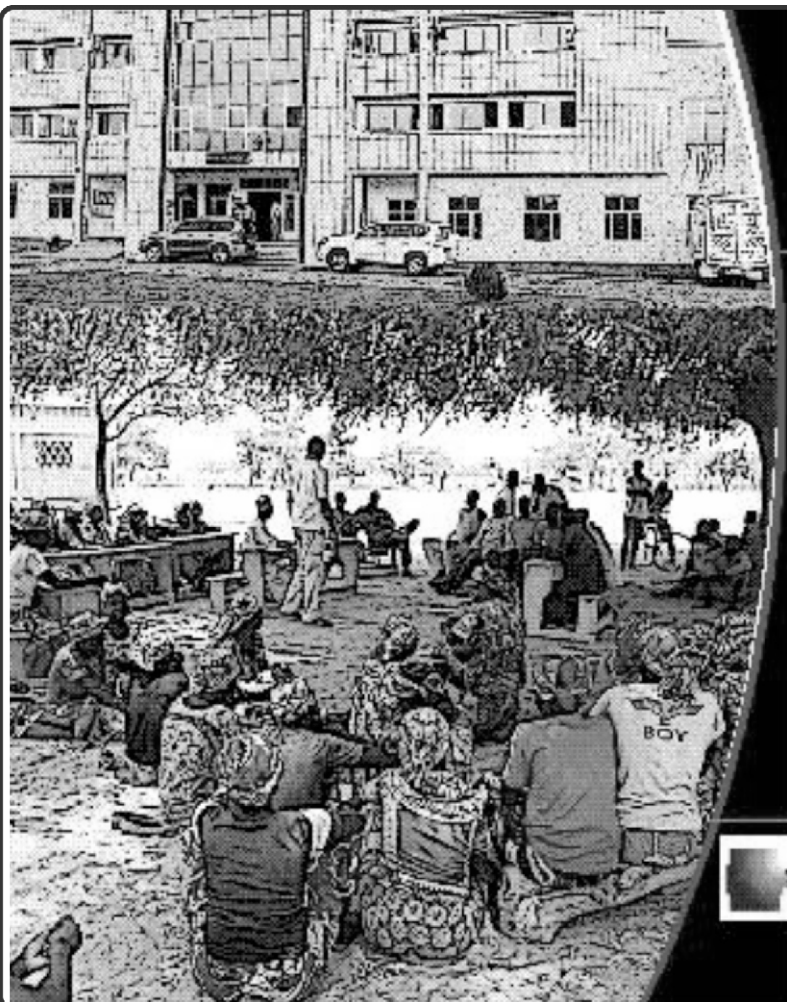
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