

Consultation & Communication

In Cameroon, the project moved very close to completion of its part in the social statement process. The consultation-based collaboration with a committee of NGOs and the government identifies and prioritizes claims for compensation that remain from the main construction period.

Clean Safe Water: Completion of Social Statement Process



This sip of pure water symbolizes another step towards completion of the social statement program in Cameroon. The donation of the water well in Nkongmeyos I village left only five items to go in a list of 146 “category 2” cases where the project had agreed to provide mitigation. The process has taken some years because, in many cases, the claims involved disputes between heirs and similar land ownership issues. In this case, the village chose a water point improvement as their community compensation but then decided the completed water point was not ideal. Ultimately, the project donated a new well to resolve the issue.

Marguerite Tsala (on left), water committee member, Nkongmeyos I village: “The new well makes life easier for us. We had to walk one kilometer for water and it was not pure. So, the well has reduced sickness for our village.”

◀ Consultation Meetings Tally

During 2009, the project held over 840 public consultation sessions, attended by nearly 30,000 people.

	<i>1st Qtr 2009</i>	<i>2nd Qtr 2009</i>	<i>3rd Qtr 2009</i>	<i>4th Qtr 2009</i>	<i>Total</i>
Chad					
<i>Sessions</i>	73	102	115	53	343
<i>Attendees</i>	4,380	6,077	6,607	6,207	23,271
Cameroon					
<i>Sessions</i>	143	144	123	88	498
<i>Attendees</i>	1,707	2,344	1,200	1,431	6,682
Project Total					
<i>Sessions</i>	216	246	238	141	841
<i>Attendees</i>	6,087	8,421	7,807	7,638	29,953

One of Hundreds of Consultation Sessions: Mboko, Cameroon



This project sponsored public consultation session in Mboko, Cameroon, provided information and took questions on a delay in construction of a road near the village. The road will provide access to a “control point” where boom and other equipment might be deployed in the event of an oil spill response in the area around the Mbere River. The residents learned that the delay stems from the need to design the road so it will not encroach on the boundaries of the newly designated Mbere National Park.