

Consultation & Communication

Village-by-village public education sessions have begun along the hundreds of kilometers of the export pipeline right of way in Cameroon. The educational meetings are the beginning of a new initiative called the Right of Way Integrity Program, combining public education about protecting the pipeline with a comprehensive array of improved and newly consolidated right of way maintenance measures. As a result, the number of public consultation sessions significantly increased in Cameroon during the second quarter.

◀ Consultation Meetings Tally

In the last 12 months, the project held nearly 800 public consultation sessions, attended by over 26,000 people.

	<i>3rd Qtr 2009</i>	<i>4th Qtr 2009</i>	<i>1st Qtr 2010</i>	<i>2nd Qtr 2010</i>	<i>Total</i>
Chad					
<i>Sessions</i>	115	53	76	72	316
<i>Attendees</i>	6,607	6,207	4,186	3,745	20,745
Cameroon					
<i>Sessions</i>	123	88	116	154	481
<i>Attendees</i>	1,200	1,431	1,155	1,760	5,546
Project Total					
<i>Sessions</i>	238	141	192	226	797
<i>Attendees</i>	7,807	7,638	5,341	5,505	26,291

Village-by-Village Education Sessions: Right of Way Integrity Program



All along the export pipeline right of way in Cameroon the project has begun holding Right of Way Integrity Program outreach meetings like this one in the village of Bikondo (top). The new initiative emphasizes local participation in taking care of the pipeline. Residents are encouraged to farm in the cleared land of the right of way as long as they plant only shallow rooted crops, with no trees allowed directly in the right of way. In addition to the back and forth dialogue at the sessions, free shirts with slogans (bottom left) are handed out to help everyone remember the guidelines. An enhanced program of hiring and training villagers for pipeline surveillance has been expanded to all areas of the pipeline.

Jean-Marie Se (bottom right), Chief of Zoatoupsi village: "This new approach for caring for the right of way for the pipeline right of way is very important. We are happy about it. It makes a standard wage for all maintenance grass cutters for the whole pipeline route. It is also good that our village will help patrol the pipeline. We know the area very well so we will do a good job. And if there is ever a problem then it will be a problem for us too, so we are glad to have involvement."