HADASSAH FOUNDATION (HASCON)

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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FOREWORD

Martin Luther King once said, “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is “What are you doing for others?” With respect to this question, we have based the focus of our work on 2021. This NGO, created in 2018, has made baby steps and grown to impact the lives of the youths and the most vulnerable (children, women, orphans, teenage pregnant girls, etc.) in our society. Indeed, they say a journey of a thousand miles begins with a step. Since its creation in 2018, HASCON has worked in offering psychosocial and humanitarian support to IDPs. However, our work has grown to include Health care (mental health, Sexual and Reproductive health), Education (Social and Emotional Learning-SEL in Schools where we teach children life skills), Peace and Human Rights issues, Gender Equality and Women Empowerment. We also do campaigns to raise awareness and educate the communities on different matters.

The Organization has grown and diversified its work today due to the expertise of the team that worked hard to make the organization a success. Nonetheless, in 2021 the organization faced challenges in executing its work due to the ongoing conflict in the Southwest Region. Despite the challenges, we achieved results in self-sponsored projects (NGO sponsored its activities). Also, we managed to partner with other organizations, whom we appreciate. This year our “Hadassah Foundation Christmas with Orphans 2021” was a great success, and we are grateful to our silent partners who made it possible.

To conclude, we say thank you to all our supporters. We appreciate your trust in working with us. We don’t question what we ought to do in our work, but we ask what we can do in this crisis with many homeless and distressed. We move forward with our work to improve people’s lives and enhance their well-being.

Thank you
ABOUT THE REPORT

This report provides an overview of Hadassah Foundation’s work in the year 2021 in its main office in Buea (precisely in Bakweri town, opposite the executive hotel entrance). It shows the activities, projects, accomplishments, collaborations, and the financial statement of the year.
WHO WE ARE:

1.1 History of HASCON

Hadassah Foundation (HASCON) is a legally registered NGO (Registration number 109/G.37/C84/VOL1/SASC) operating in Buea, Cameroon, founded in 2018, inspired by the ongoing Anglophone crisis and the traumatic situations surrounding the lives of internally displaced persons (IDPs). Other than IDPs, the host communities also face an alarming rate of undesirable circumstances that cover many individuals (particularly orphans, teenage mothers, and youths) due to the increase in violence, poverty, drug abuse, and economic hardship as people are unable to achieve sustainable livelihood because of the ongoing crisis in Northwest and Southwest regions. The NGO head office is in Buea Southwest Region. The NGO has experience in offering psychosocial support and counseling, humanitarian response/reach out, Health care (raising awareness on sexual and reproductive health/mental health issues), Human rights and peace, Education (Social and Emotional Learning-SEL in schools), and work in promoting gender equality and women empowerment.

1.2 HASCON VISION

Our vision is to have an all-inclusive society where youths, teenage mothers, orphans, vulnerable children, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), and women can build resilience in challenging life situations as we work to help them maximize their potential through psychosocial support, human rights promotion and protection, peacebuilding, humanitarian assistance, health care, gender equality, and women empowerment.

1.3 NGO MISSION

We envision a society where people's well-being is enhanced, where people can deal successfully with challenging life situations, and where social cohesion is strengthened.

1.4 OUR VALUES

Transparency, Accountability, Integrity, and Impartiality

1.5 HASCON WORKS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS

- Psychosocial Support (PSS)
- Humanitarian Response
- Healthcare (Mental Health, Sexual and Reproductive Health)
- Education (Social and Emotional Learning-SEL in Schools)
Peacebuilding and Human Rights
❖ Gender Equality and Women Empowerment

1.6 GOVERNANCE AND HASCON ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

HASCON Cameroon has a team of experienced staff who work to make the organization’s activities a success. Coupled with their work experiences and educational abilities, our staff possesses unique qualities: resilience, ethics and professionalism, creativity and innovation, excellent decision-making, analytical abilities, being apt to learn new skills, and excellent project management skills.

HASCON Organizational Chart
1.7  Our People

Ayuk Etongo  
Founder/Executive Director  
(Psychosocial Counselor)

Kim Akwo  
Assistant Director  
(Human rights/GBV)

Patience Ashumbi  
Education & Training Officer

Martha Ako  
Gender Equality and Women Empowerment Officer

Nji Fominyen  
Psychosocial Counselor/ Project Manager

Prisca Aneaku  
Health Officer/Volunteer Coordinator

Tabi Bissong  
Administrative/ Finance/ M & E Officer

Rhonda Nformi  
Child Protection/ Humanitarian Response Officer
Description of Projects Realised in 2021 within the scope of HASCON’S work

HASCON offered psychosocial support to youths at St Glory Orphanage Buea, where almost all the children were internally displaced, with a significant number of them in their teen years. In the healthcare area, we educated and raised awareness of IDP youths about HIV/AIDS on world Aids Day 2021. In our work on Education in Social and Emotional Learning, we addressed the issue of drug abuse among high school (Advanced level students) as we did a session on the consequences of drug abuse at Frankfil Secondary School in Buea Sandpit. Other activities included partnering with Glow Monat in offering an award for the best community project in the Miss Glow Monat contest 2021. Our aim in giving this award was our interest in promoting community service and reaching the most vulnerable as we advocate for an all-inclusive society. We also participated in the Fashion for a cause program promoting sustainable environmental actions. Furthermore, in our Humanitarian Response and Support, we partnered with the Divisional Office in Buea Southwest Region in the program known as “Back to school for IDPs in 2021,” where we donated books like ledgers, exercise books, stationaries (pens, pencils, rulers, erasers, etc.) and school bags in their humanitarian response.

1.8 Psychosocial Support (counseling intervention to IDP children/teenagers/youths)

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1.9 Aim of the Project

➢ To offer Psychosocial support (PSS) and counseling services to traumatized IDP children (who have been rendered orphans due to the ongoing crisis in Southwest/Northwest Cameroon) living in St Glory Orphanage Molyko, Buea South West Region.
➢ Develop activities to meet the psychological and social needs of the children.

2.0 Place of Implementation and How it was implemented (including Activities)

➢ The HASCON team conducted a needs assessment to identify the psychological and social needs of the IDP children at St Glory Orphanage.
From October to December 2021, one-on-one counseling sessions and group counseling sessions (depending on the age group of the children) were held with the children to address their psychological needs. IDP children are at risk of mental health issues and are a particularly vulnerable group in this light. The counseling was offered to aid in prevention to address mental health issues of depression, post-traumatic disorders, etc.

Social activities were also organized with the children to prevent isolation and support them in interacting with society more. For instance, there were interactive social games in different sessions held with the children.

In addition, a career counseling session was held with the children to guide them towards career pathways and educate them on what education to take to achieve career goals or their desired professions.

2.1 Achievement

HASCON was able to improve the children’s well-being through Psychosocial support. Intervening in supporting the psychological and social needs of the children has also added to enhancing their mental health generally. This has enabled the organization to have sustainable added value in providing Psychosocial support and advocating for an all-inclusive society.
HASCON staff always put the children first and remembered to bring some food and toiletries.

2.3 Health Care

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<th>Project</th>
<th>Raising Awareness of HIV/AIDs (World Aids Day)</th>
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2.4 Aim of Project

➢ To sensitize the IDP youths and teenagers on HIV/AIDS, irresponsible sexual activities, and consequences.
➢ To educate the youths and teenagers on how HIV/AIDS is contracted and the prevention of HIV/AIDS.

2.5 Implementation Activities

❖ Session held on World Aids Day 2021 with IDP teenagers and youths. HASCONs work in health care is also on the preventive side. Here, educating the IDP children aimed to provide them with knowledge and raise their awareness about how they could protect themselves and avoid contracting HIV.
2.6 Achievement

This activity reinforced our work in the healthcare area. HASCON successfully raised awareness about HIV/AIDs and educated youth/teenagers about the spread of HIV and how people contract it as well as how the disease can be prevented. In addition, the team familiarized the youths with what to do if they knew someone who already had AIDs.

![Image of World AIDS Day 2021 at St Glory]

*World AIDS Day 2021 at St Glory*

2.7 Education (Social and Emotional Learning)

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2.8 Aim of Activity

- To raise awareness and educate high school students in Frankfil Comprehensive College on drug abuse issues which is becoming a growing problem in the Buea community among youth, particularly school students
2.9 Implementation Activities

❖ HASCON conducted an educational session on drug abuse on the 19th of November at the school. The session entailed educating the group on the different illicit drugs, reasons why people abuse drugs, and the effects of drug abuse on people, especially youths.

3.0 Achievements

HASCON successfully carried out social learning (one of the Ngo’s focus areas in Education-SEL), which included educating youths about social problems like drug abuse that is common among their age group. Many youths are trying drugs due to peer pressure or to escape their stress, but the HASCON team highlighted the dangers of drug use and abuse in the session they conducted at Frankfil Secondary School with high school students.
HASCON team and high school students of Frankfil College Sandpit Buea

3.1 Humanitarian Support

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3.2 Aim of the Project

- To partner with the Divisional Office Buea to support Internally Displaced Children who are going back to school for the academic year 2021/2022.
- To offer school materials to the IDP children residing around the Buea community
3.3 Implementation Activities

HASCON made a package donated to the Divisional Office in Buea, who handed it over to IDPs in early September 2021 at the grandstand Clark’s Quarters in Buea Bongo Square. The items in the package contained school stationaries like pens, pencils, rulers, colored pencils, erasers, sharpeners, ledgers, and exercise books (20 leaves, 40 leaves, 80 leaves, all 4 packets each).

3.3 Achievements

❖ IDP children were provided with exercise books to start the academic year.

*Some of the school materials donated by HASCON*
HASCON staff at Clark’s Quarters grandstand Buea during the presentation of school materials to IDPs

3.4 Other Activities

a) Miss Glow Monat 2021

HASCON gave an award to one of the Miss Glow Monat contestants for 2021. The award of 50,000 FRS CAF was given to one contestant with the best community project. The best community project that showed service to the public and humanity was chosen and awarded the winner. Our interest in this contest was to encourage community service that works to reach the most vulnerable in the community and enhance the general public’s wellbeing and society. The award was handed over by HASCON staff to the winner Enanga Fanny.
HASCON staff and winner of the best community project award Enanga Fanny in yellow.

b) Fashion for a Cause

HASCON also took part in the fashion for a cause project aimed at modeling to raise funds for supplying clean water to communities around Limbe and Buea, Cameroon.
3.5 Hadassah Foundations Christmas with Orphans (15th December 2021)

Every year since our existence, we organize a Christmas with orphans reaching out to them during the festive season, putting a smile on their faces, and letting them know they are not forgotten. This year, we celebrated our Christmas with orphans at St Glory Orphanage, where we worked with IDP children for the past months. Here below is our expenditure and some pictures of the event.

Expenditure for HASCONs Christmas with Orphans

- Gifts: 100,000fcfa
- Drinks: 12,000fcfa
- Disposables: 11,200fcfa
- Snacks: 13,000fcfa
- Decoration & Father Christmas dress: 12,500fcfa
- Food: 48,900fcfa
- Total: 197,600fcfa
3.6 Concluding note of 2021 Activities

We only opened our branch office in October this year in Buea Cameroon, but that despite, we were able to do some impactful work. From this report, we could say we are happy with the impact we have been able to make in the life of IDP children and youths as we offered psychosocial support to enhance their wellbeing. However, there is much more to be done in covering the other areas in which the NGO’s work focuses.

Our major challenge has been getting funding. We intend to reach many more people, enhance peace and security in our society, intervene in gender-based violence and women empowerment and foster human rights and child protection during this time of crisis.
3.7 Way forward for 2022

Regarding moving forward into 2022, we suggest offering counseling and psychosocial support, particularly to teenagers at St Glory orphanage, as they are more at risk of peer pressure and bad societal influences. The group of teens at St Glory is close to 17 in number and more. This growing number needs psychological support to enhance their well-being. During sessions in 2021, it was realized that many of them have had traumatic experiences from the crisis, so there is a need to follow up with counseling to enhance their mental health and provide social education that will enable them to provide social education to stay safe.

In addition, more SEL sessions will be conducted in schools as plans are ongoing to start with St. Joan Primary School. Sessions like Conflict Resolution, Anger management, and bullying will be addressed with the upper primary students at St Joan Primary School.

Appendix 1
## Total Expenditure for the Year 2021

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<td><strong>Healthcare: World Aids Day</strong>- Snacks for session</td>
<td>10,500frs</td>
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<td><strong>Education: Social Learning</strong>- Drug Abuse Session at Frankfil Comprehensive College with high school students (upper sixth)</td>
<td>7000frs</td>
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<td><strong>Humanitarian Response</strong>: Offering school material for the Back-to-School program with IDPs in Buea. Collaboration with Divisional Office Buea</td>
<td>70,000frs</td>
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<td><strong>Partnership with Glow Monat</strong>: HASCON was awarded the Best Community Project and Service award during the Miss Glowmonat Competition 2021. The winner got the prize in cash</td>
<td>50,000frs</td>
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<td><strong>Hadassah Foundation Christmas with Orphans program 2021 at St Glory Orphanage</strong>. Gifts were bought for all the children at the orphanage, and food was prepared, drinks and a party for the children. Also, the owner of the orphanage was given a gift in cash.</td>
<td>197,600frs</td>
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<td><strong>Office Rents</strong>: October-March</td>
<td>300,000frs</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>651,600frs</td>
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