



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?””. In light of 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 thousand-mile journey 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 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 topics.

The Organization has grown and diversified its work today as a result of the expertise of the team that worked hard to make this progress a success. Nonetheless, in 2021, the organization faced challenges executing its work due to the ongoing conflict in the South West Region. Despite these challenges, we sailed through and achieved results in self-sponsored projects (NGO sponsored its activities). Also, we managed to partner with other organizations that we appreciated. 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 thank all our supporters. We appreciate your trust in working with us. In our work, we don’t question what we ought to do, but we ask what we can do in this crisis, with many homeless people in distress. On this basis, 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 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 year's financial statement.

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 surround 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's head office is located in the 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 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, people can deal successfully with challenging situations, and where social cohesion is strengthened.

1.4 OUR VALUES

Transparency, Accountability, Integrity, and Impartiality

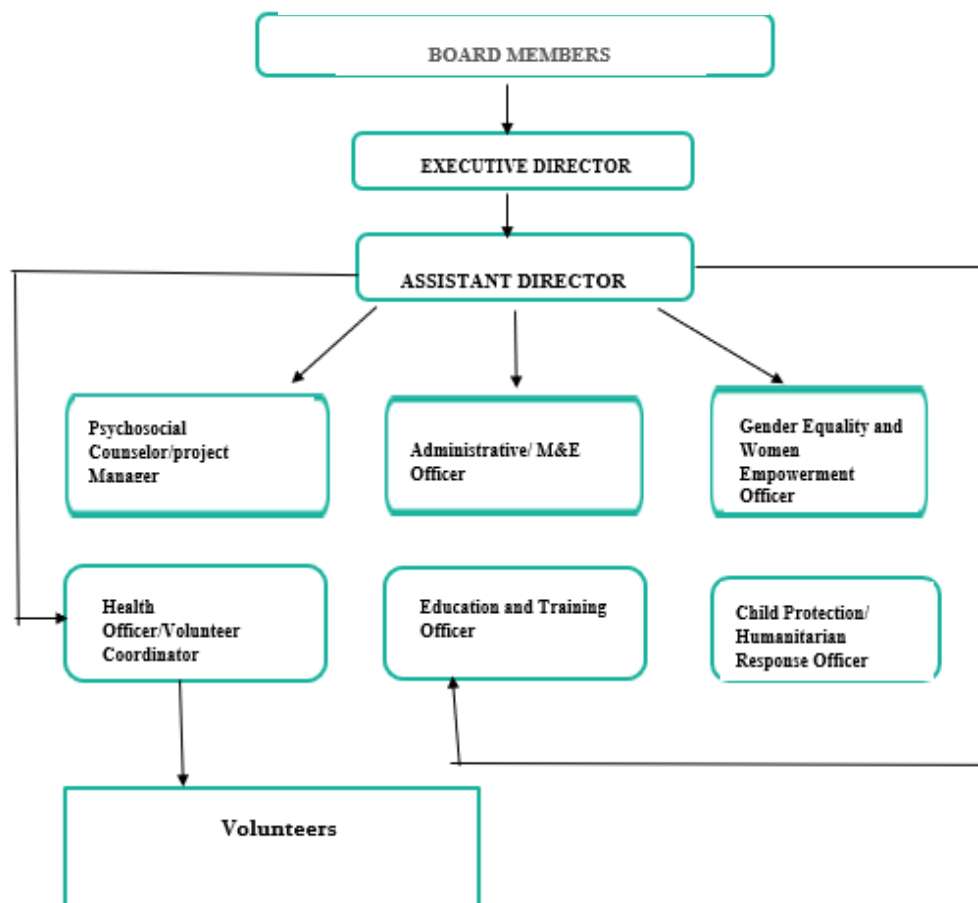
1.5 HASCON WORKS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS

- ❖ Psychosocial Support (PSS)
- ❖ Humanitarian Response
- ❖ Healthcare (Mental Health, Sexual and Reproductive Health)
- ❖ Education (Social and Emotional Learning 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 successful. Coupled with their work experiences and educational abilities, our staff possesses unique qualities, including resilience, ethics and professionalism, creativity and innovation, excellent decision-making, analytical abilities, the ability 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 Glowmonat in offering an award for best community project in the Miss Glow Monat contest 2021. Our aim in giving this award was to promote community service and reach 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 South West 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)

Project Duration	Psychosocial Support for IDP Youths (Oct to Dec 2021)
Donor	Self-Sponsored by Hadassah Foundation
Amount	167,500cfa frs (including staff payment, transportation & snacks during sessions)

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 (include 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 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 purposes 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, social interactive games were held in different sessions with the children.
- ❖ In addition, a career counseling session was held with the children to guide them toward career pathways and to 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 add sustainable value by providing psychosocial support and advocating for an all-inclusive society.



HASCON staff and Director of the Orphanage after group counseling session with IDP Children at St. Glory Orphanage



HASCON staff always put the children first and remembered to bring them some food and toiletries.

2.3 Health Care

Project	Raising Awareness on HIV/AIDs (World Aids Day)
Donor	Self-Sponsored by Hadassah Foundation
Amount	10,500frs (snacks), 1st December 2021-one day activity

2.4 Aim of Project

- To sensitize the IDP youths and teenagers on HIV/AIDs, irresponsible sexual activities, and its 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 was aimed at providing them with knowledge and raising 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 was successful in raising awareness about HIV/AIDs and educating 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 educated the youths on what to do if they knew someone who already had AIDs.



World AIDs Day 2021 at St Glory

2.7 Education (Social and Emotional Learning)

Project	Drug Abuse Education (Frankfil Comprehensive College)
Donor	Self-Sponsored by Hadassah Foundation
Amount	7000cfa (Staff transportation and a packet of pens for students)

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 carried out an educative session on drug abuse on the 19th of November at the school. The session entailed educating the group on the different illicit drugs, the 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 are common among their age group. Many youths are trying drugs as a result of peer pressure or as a way 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 staff conducting a social educative session on Drug Abuse with high school students at Frankfil Comprehensive College



HASCON team and high school students of Frankfil College Sandpit Buea

3.1 Humanitarian Support

Project	Back to School for IDPs partner with Dos Office Buea
Donor	Hadassah Foundation
Amount	70,000frs

3.2 Aim of the Project

- ❖ To partner with the Divisional Office Buea to support Internally Displaced Children returning to school for the academic year 2021/2022.
- ❖ To offer school materials to the IDP children residing around Buea community

3.3 Implementation Activities

HASCON made a package donated to the Divisional Office in Buea, which was handed over to IDPs in early September 2021 at the grandstand Clark's Quarters in Buea Bongo Square. The items in the package contained school stationery like pens, pencils, rulers, colored pencils, erasers, sharpeners, ledgers, and exercise books (20 leaves, 40 leaves, 80 leaves, all four 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 Glowmonat 2021

HASCON gave an award to one of the Miss Glowmonat 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 the winner was awarded. Our interest in this contest was to encourage community service that reaches the most vulnerable in the community and enhances the well-being of the general public and society at large. 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 participated in the Fashion for a Cause project aimed at modeling how to raise funds to provide clean water to communities around Limbe and Buea, Cameroon.



Fashion for a Course CEO and HASCON staff

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 have been working with IDP children for the past months. Below are our expenditures 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







Hadassah Foundation Christmas with Orphans at St. Glory Orphanage 2021

3.6 Concluding Note of 2021 Activities

Because we only opened our branch office in Buea in October this year, 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 lives of IDP children and youths as we offered psychosocial support to enhance their well-being. However, much more must be done to cover the other areas where the NGO's work focuses.

Our major challenge has been getting funding as we intend to reach many more people and enhance peace and security in our society, intervene in areas of gender violence and women empowerment, and foster human rights and child protection during this crisis.

3.7 Way forward for 2022

In regard to 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 a lot 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, at the same time, provide social education that will enable them 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.