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50 Motor-Bike Riders Trained on Illegal Arrest and Detention, Protection Monitoring and reporting as a violation of Human Rights in Fako-Division,SR.

Train- the Trainers Workshop on Human Rights Development and Protection Monitoring and Reporting.

Motorbike transporters are a common target to harassment, illegal arrest, detention, indiscriminate killing, and atrocity, human rights violations by the armed stakeholders of the crisis in Cameroon's Northwest and Southwest region. In line with the UN's notice of funding to prevent human rights violations during the crisis, including partnering with local organizations to improve civilian security and strengthen community resilience, UNHCR, through INTERSOS, entered into involvement with PEP Africa to implement the "NO Palava" Campaign for six months.

The project component includes strengthening the institutional and operational capacity of youth associations and networks of civil society actors to deliver protection responses in the community via awareness education. In alignment with UN-CERF's call for interest and the US Embassy ADF, the project was designed to disseminate verified reports of violence, counter rumors as protection mechanisms. In addition, the project "NO PALAVA" promoted and inter-communal dialogues through a people-to-people approach, including supporting youth peace ambassadors and dialogue platforms. Women, indigenous communities, and persons with disabilities were encouraged across all project activities.

PEP Africa organized a four-day training workshop for support staff In other to ensure meaningful engagement in the project, to understand

the Humanitarian principle, the UNHCR/INTEROS SOPs, the project activities, and the implementation strategies of the project; PEP Africa will build the capacity of the newly recruited team before their field deployment.

With lead facilitators from International RedCross and RedCresant (ICRC) and INTERSOS, over 56 motorbike riders received training with topics; on the International Convention of Human Rights Kampala Convention of Internal Displaced Population, Child protection, Security, and Access to Justice SOPs. The training was conducted in support of PEP Africa's staff. During the training, participants expressed great concern about the ongoing crisis. Many of them are victims of harassment, illegally arrested, detention, threatening, witness atrocities committed by a colleague, loss of friends, and human rights violations by both the military and the Non-state Armed Groups in the Southwest region. Participants acquired knowledge of the technology to monitor and report human rights violations as protection for monitoring and reporting. The project operations and incorporated them into their activities. The Knowledge Attitude, Practice, and Behavior(KAPB) of participants were evaluated through pre-post test evaluations during the training and the mandatory presentation of the certificates acquired through the online training topics.

At the end of the workshop, the lead trainer from ICRC shared a hotline call number and the PEP Africa's Human Rights referrer pathway with the participants. The selected participants using her standard criteria for integrating volunteers. To ensure the project's acceptance and efficiency, the participants were drawn from the 7 subdivisions (Limbe I, II, III, Tiko, Muyuka, Buea, and Idenau) that the project covers. This guarantees community acceptance and better access to targeted beneficiaries. Call for interest was sent to PEP Africa's networks of CBOs/FBOs/CIGs etc. At the community level, announcements were made using the traditional "Town Cryers" methods, posters, flyers, and social media (Whatsapp groups) to maximize the opportunity for diversity.



(Allain, Motorbike Rider from Muyuka, asking a question on security)

(The UNHCR Resident Representative signing PEP Africa's visitors Book)





(Family Picture Motorbike Riders with the Resident Representative of UNHCR and INTERSOS)

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