



Celebrating along with Madame the Mayor of the Commune of Garoua Boulai.

IEDA Relief Cameroon Report
Celebrating International Women's Day
Refugee site of Gadobadzere/Meiganga, Cameroon
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Abstract

International Women's Day, also called "JIF" is an occasion for women to become aware of their degree of participation and contribution in the socio-economic and political spheres of society. Therefore, IEDA Relief, who leads community service in the sites of the East and Adamaoua, has organized the celebrations for International Women's Day under the support of the UNHCR and in collaboration with the other partners present in the field. In the sites of Gadobadzere (with more than 23,000 refugees) and in Borgop, this day was celebrated on March 5th, 2015 whereas in Ngam, the celebrations took place the following day. It is a day to celebrate, recognize, and reflect upon women's position within societies around the world.

Introduction

As part of the International Women's Day celebration, several activities were organized with partners funded by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) who intervene on the site. These partners were mainly International Medical Corps (IMC), IEDA Relief, UN Women and Association Enfants Jeunes et Avenir (ASSEJA) among others. The objective: planning the different activities, harmonizing and bringing together the refugee women from the site and the non-refugee women from the host communities. IEDA Relief planned educational discussions, sport activities, a women's parade, literacy sessions, and arts and crafts exhibitions produced from income-generating activities (IGAs). The event concluded by refreshments being offered by IMC, UN Women and IEDA Relief.

Stages of the event organized by IEDA Relief

IEDA Relief enthusiastically organized multiple activities in order to celebrate and bring awareness to International Women's Day:

- IEDA Relief organized radio broadcasting talks with IMC on subjects related to women's empowerment and self-promotion on the Nah Ngho of Garouaboulai/ Gadobadzeré;
- 2 soccer games among which one in Gado, between the community volunteers of the IFRC (International Federation of the Red Cross), IEDA Relief, and the club of young refugees of the site. The other soccer game took place in Borgop, between the young refugees and those of the host community;
- A parade of refugee women from the sites of Gadobadzeré, Borgop and Ngam by UN Women, ASSEJA, PU-AMI (Premières Urgences – Aide Médicale Internationale) and IEDA Relief;
- Sessions exhibiting arts and crafts from the IGA organized by IEDA Relief, UN Women, ASSEJA, PU-AMI, International Relief and Development;
- Refreshments offered by IEDA Relief, UN Women and IMC for the women participating in the parade.

Photos from the event



IEDA Relief joins the community for the promotion of gender and culture.



The refugee women dancing through the festivities in the site of Gadobadzeré/Cameroun.



Receiving Mrs. IVAHA, the Governor's wife and belonging to the Organization Committee for the 30th edition of the International Women's Day in the region of the East, Honorary President of the activities involving the celebration in Gadobadzeré, site includes more than 24,000 refugees.



Community mobilization around the festivities of International Women's Day in Gadobadzeré.



The handing of soccer balls to the committee of young members of the refugee community of Garouaboulai.



Family picture of both soccer (football) teams.



Soccer game between the partners and the refugees.



Refreshments for everyone. In the picture, Mr Zéphanie with the IEDA Relief vest, and community service assistants Maurice and Louise.