



Identification of out-of-school children in the Ngam refugee site.

IEDA Relief Cameroun Highlight Report
Serge: a founding father in Garova-Boulai
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Summary

After a long path working with several organizations, Serge finally entered the IEDA Relief team in Cameroon as a Community Service Assistant. Him and his team were one of the first people to witness the terrible results of the Central-African crisis in Cameroon.



A founding father of IEDA Relief in Gado

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Between 2007 and 2012 Serge worked as a diocesan coordinator of the workshops of the Archdiocese of Bertoua located in the central prison, where he trained 300 young inmates in dressmaking, hairdressing, screen printing, basket weaving and auto mechanics.

Between 2012 and 2013, as the Project Manager of the PPHN project (HIV / AIDS prevention program) at CARE INTERNATIONAL, Serge was able to raise awareness among 50 sex workers in Bertoua and Garoua Boulai on the risks and the contamination of this disease.

“I was very fortunate to work at Gado-Badzeré as the Assistant Community Service for the IFRC / CRC between the 1st of February 2014 and the 17th of October 2014,” he states. “During my first visit to the Gado refugee site, we

received the very first waves of refugees from the 2014 Central African crisis: we saw men defeated by the war, wounded, not only physically but also psychologically. However, through our efforts we were able to give back the lives to 23,000 refugees in Gado. I was one of the founding fathers of the IEDA Relief office in the Gado refugee site in Garoua Boulai, providing multiple ways of support to people with special needs and to the multiple children at risk. In 2014, I was recruited as Assistant Community Service and Team Leader at IEDA Relief, and I was able to notice the sharp increase of malnutrition in schools.”

Serge was then deployed to the Ngam refugee site to continue this exciting adventure between March 2015 and February 2016. “With the help of my colleagues, I was able to give dignity back to people with special needs thanks to the funds destined to IGAs that IEDA Relief granted to 30 vulnerable people,” he declares.

From the 1st of March 2016 up to today, Serge was assigned to Ndokayo, where he continues his humanitarian mission of setting up refugee committees and pursuing the identification of people with specific needs so that the community itself is at the heart of its own development. The village chief of Ndokayo, who saw IEDA Relief’s work when we were stationed in Gado, decided to lend a plot of land (of an average of 1HA) to IEDA Relief so that our action carries on in the long-term in the area.

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The Story in Images



Identification of pregnant women as part of the identification process of vulnerable populations to provide them with further assistance.



Identification of an elderly person as part of the identification process of vulnerable populations.