



# THE YOUNG PEACE BUILDER NEWSLETTER

## NA WE WE SPORT JAMBOREE - BERTOUA: *"Uniting Through Sports"*

The Na We We Sport Jamboree culminated in a vibrant closing ceremony presided over by the Minister of Youth Affairs and Civic Education. It celebrated youth engagement, community spirit, and athletic excellence. This year's edition brought together internally displaced persons from conflict-affected NW/SW and Far North Regions, refugees from the Central African Republic, and host communities in the East Region to build social cohesion and advance peace and sustainable development. High points included: athletes' community service, tree planting, eating together, and a workshop on preventing electoral violence. The closing ceremony served as a testament to the hard work and dedication of all participants, highlighting the importance of collaboration and empowerment in shaping a brighter future for our youth.

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**Award for Best Holiday  
Activity in Bertoua**





## Caravan of Hope: Spreading Unity and Empowerment

The Caravan of Hope was a vibrant parade that drew more than 1,500 participants, showcasing the spirit of community and youth empowerment. Attendees rallied together, sharing messages of solidarity and encouraging local support for youth initiatives. The colorful procession not only lifted spirits but also reminded everyone of the strength found in unity, setting a positive tone for the activities to come.

## Community Clean-Up Campaign

The Community Clean-Up Campaign saw the participation of 135 dedicated volunteers focused on revitalizing our environment. They cleaned two local sporting facilities and enhanced tree planting sites, working tirelessly to remove litter and clear debris. With the support of the city council, this initiative not only improved the facilities but also promoted environmental stewardship and community pride. Together, we made a significant impact in creating a cleaner, greener environment for all.



## Roots of Change: Community Tree Planting

The Community Tree Planting Initiative brought together local residents and youth to enhance the environment and promote sustainability. Participants planted 300 trees of various species, fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility toward their surroundings. This hands-on activity not only beautified the community but also highlighted the importance of environmental stewardship, leaving a lasting impact for future generations.







## PROMOTING PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE ELECTORAL PARTICIPATION THROUGH SPORTS

### Elections Workshop

The Elections Workshop was a dynamic and engaging session designed to educate 40 young participants on the importance of peaceful and inclusive electoral participation. Focusing on the intersection of sports and civic engagement, the workshop encouraged attendees to explore how teamwork, respect, and collaboration in sports can translate to positive practices in the electoral process. Through interactive discussions and activities, participants learned about their rights, the significance of their voices, and how to actively engage in their communities during elections. This empowering initiative aimed to inspire a new generation of leaders committed to fostering democracy and promoting peace in their society.

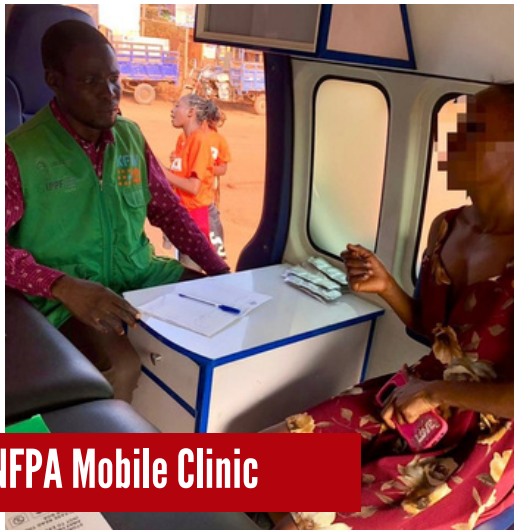






The Focus Group Discussion engaged 189 community members, providing a platform to share insights on pressing local issues such as youth empowerment and environmental sustainability. This collaborative environment encouraged diverse viewpoints and fostered a sense of ownership among attendees. By amplifying voices and facilitating constructive conversations, the discussion aimed to identify actionable solutions and strengthen community ties for positive change.

The UNFPA Caravan successfully reached over 200 participants, fostering community engagement through focus group discussions. Following the event, informative sensitization sessions were held to address vital health issues and promote awareness. This initiative aimed to empower the community and enhance understanding of reproductive health and well-being.



The UNFPA Mobile Clinic provided essential healthcare services to over 394 participants at the closing ceremony. It offered various medical tests, including blood pressure checks, glucose screenings, and STI tests, all with instant results. Additionally, the clinic provided over-the-counter medications and counseling for follow-up care, ensuring ongoing support for patients' health needs.

The Community Bonfire Night brought residents together for a cozy evening of nostalgia and connection. Roasting maize evoked warm memories of home and togetherness, while participants engaged in meaningful conversations about drug abuse and strategies to support those in withdrawal. The event highlighted the importance of living together in harmony, fostering a supportive community spirit. As the flames danced, attendees shared stories and ideas, strengthening bonds and promoting a collective commitment to wellbeing.







### Football Male

The Men's Football Championship concluded with Unité securing first place, followed by Tolerance in a strong second. The tournament showcased remarkable talent and teamwork, celebrating the spirit of competition. The awards included the Top Goal Scorer, Zoungere Delphin, the Best Player, Dogo Steve, and the Most Disciplined Player, Ousman Tanko.



### Football Female

The Women's Football Championship ended with Non à la Haine clinching first place, followed by Cohesion Sociale in second. AMPILE from Non à la Haine was named Best Player, while ADDA'A APOUMAN earned the Top Goal Scorer title. The event highlighted female talent and promoted empowerment and teamwork, fostering community unity.

### Handball Female

The handball finals featured an intense match between Non à la Haine and Unity 4 Peace, with Non à la Haine emerging victorious. AFFOLE MILAINE was named Best Player, while NGOLE MVOMO from Stop VBG was the Top Goal Scorer. The event showcased athletic talent and promoted unity and collaboration within the community, inspiring a spirit of peace and camaraderie.



### Solidarity Match

It featured "Vote for Peace" vs. "Dialogue," uniting athletes and the community for a meaningful cause. The event raised awareness for social issues, with guest influencers sharing insights. Attendees enjoyed an exciting match, highlighting the power of collective action to promote peace and dialogue.



### Artist Performance

The performance by Magasco and Vinhora captivated the audience with their stunning talent and engaging energy. The event celebrated creativity and community, leaving a lasting impression through powerful music and dynamic expression.



## QUOTE HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PROTOCOL CEREMONY

### H.E Mounouna Foutsou

"Let us build a conscious, engaged, and supportive youth, ready to meet present challenges and create opportunities for tomorrow."



### Mr. Jean Marie Dimbele

"I stand before you with deep pride... You, our young people, have shown us that unity is not a dream, but a lived experience built through action, courage, and solidarity."



### Mr. Achaleke Christian

We aim to expand the NA WE WE Sports jamboree across Cameroon, transforming more lives and uniting communities. We rely on our partners' support to spread this hope nationwide.



### Mr. SOME Aymard

The Na We We Sports Jamboree highlights that sports foster stronger, healthier, and more peaceful communities. UNFPA proudly supports this initiative with health screenings, sensitization, and safe spaces for young voices.



### Mrs. Nama Rosine

Bonis est honoré de soutenir les jeunes de Bertoua au 4ème Jamboree NaWeWe, investissant dans leur santé et éducation, tout en promouvant paix, solidarité et responsabilité pour le développement communautaire.



### COSMOS Representative

COSMOS is proud to support the 4th Na We We Sports jamboree, contributing textbooks to primary and secondary students. We believe education empowers youth to transform their lives and communities.



### Ahdji Amadou

Le programme a eu un impact positif grâce à la diversité des participants. Les activités sportives ont créé un terrain neutre, favorisant les interactions et les liens entre des jeunes qui ne se seraient pas rencontrés, générant respect mutuel.



### Haoua Dali

"The project was beneficial, allowing me to meet new people and learn about diverse cultures. It brought together individuals from various countries, including refugees, for activities."



### Affolé Milaine

The Jamboree was a great opportunity to make new friends and learn through play. The love and collaboration during the competition were amazing. Thanks to the organizers, and we hope for more events like this!







## AWARDING OF TROPHIES



## DONATIONS FOR BACK TO SCHOOL



This initiative successfully provided 420 children with back-to-school donations, scholarships, and didactic materials, ensuring they have the resources needed for academic success. By empowering these young learners with essential supplies and financial support, we are fostering a brighter future for the community.





## NA WE WE SPORT JAMBOREE: BEST HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AWARD

The Na We We Sport Jamboree has been honored as the Best Holiday Activity in the East Region by the Minister of Youth Affairs and Civic Education! This recognition celebrates the initiative's commitment to promoting youth engagement, sportsmanship, and community spirit.

The jamboree has successfully brought together participants from diverse backgrounds, fostering teamwork and healthy competition while creating unforgettable holiday experiences.

## ABOUT NA WE WE

The NA-WE-WE Sports Jamboree is an initiative launched by Local Youth Corner Cameroon (LOYOC) that leverages sports for peacebuilding and community empowerment. The event aims to address the socio-political challenges faced by refugees, IDPs, and host communities in Cameroon. We have had 4 editions now, first in Douala - 2022, Yaounde - 2023, Baffusam - 2024 and now Bertoua - 2025.