



Breaking Ground engages in work with motivated communities with pre-established project goals because we believe that a project can only be successful if it is conceived, planned, and implemented by the community for whom it is intended.

École Publique de Doumbouo, the primary school that Breaking Ground helped to transform, is located in the central village of a region called Doumbouo ("Meeting Place"). The teaching staff of Doumbouo embodies the community's joyful enthusiasm, patient adaptability, and fierce determination.



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Or mail a check to:  
**Breaking Ground**  
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### **Want to help?**

Breaking Ground is powered by a diverse network of dedicated volunteers. Please join us by contributing your skills and passion!

- Raise awareness in your community by hosting a Breaking Ground dinner party.
  - Donate time as a financial, legal, or marketing consultant.
  - Spread the word, raise money, and donate!
- Contact us to learn how you can participate.

# Breaking Ground



*Enabling Cameroonians to break ground on sustainable, locally-initiated projects.*



# Grassroots, Sustainability, Community

## History and Founding

In 2006, Lindsay Clarke and Sarah Oxford joined forces with family and friends to raise over \$12,000 to facilitate the rehabilitation of a school, the installation of a water source, and the construction of a public library in the village of Doumbouo. In August 2007, Breaking Ground was approved as a **501(c)3 tax-exempt public charity**.



Madame Becham, Director of Glory Bilingual School, WEP Graduate & Grant Recipient

## About Breaking Ground

Breaking Ground is powered by **community**, inspired by **grassroots** initiative, and committed to **sustainability**. We raise money to enable Cameroonians to realize small-scale, community-initiated projects. With every project that we help implement, we embark on a mission of bringing people together through **intercultural awareness, human compassion**, and the shared satisfaction of participating in **grassroots community action**.

*Please join us in our efforts!*

## Our Approach

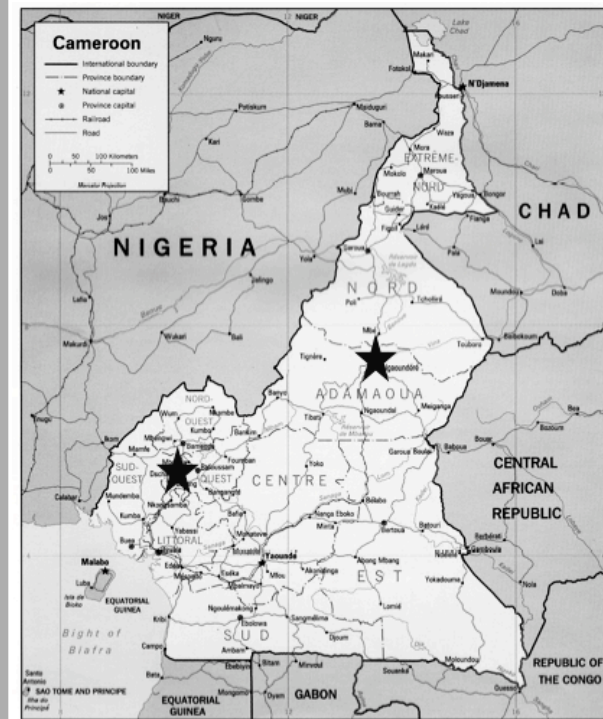
Through our partnerships with the United States Peace Corps and the Cameroon-based Research Institute for Development (RIDEV), Breaking Ground is able to identify and support mobilized communities in realizing innovative and sustainable solutions to their basic needs. Once a community project has passed our rigorous assessments of feasibility and community mobilization, Breaking Ground harnesses financial support from communities around the world in order to raise the funds necessary to make the project a reality.

## Projects

The size and nature of Breaking Ground projects vary with the needs of the communities we serve. Successful projects have included:

- Rehabilitation of a primary school, **École Publique de Doumbouo**
- Construction of a public library, **Bibliothèque Publique Lindsay Clarke de Bafou-Sud**
- Installation of **clean water sources** in the Western Province
- Founding of the **Women's Entrepreneurial Program**, providing grants to over 20 female entrepreneurs
- Construction of **Glory Bilingual Nursery and Primary School**
- Founding of **Breaking Ground Football**, a soccer program committed to empowering girls in Ngaoundéré
- Construction of the **Menouet River Bridge**
- Construction of the **Keuleng Preschool and Community Center**

## Cameroon



Located in Central Africa, the Republic of Cameroon is often referred to as “Miniature Africa” due to its diversity of environments and cultures. Its varied landscape stretches from the lush shores of the Gulf of Guinea to the arid plains of the northern Sahel and is home to hundreds of ethnic groups, including the Bamileke, Fulani, and Baka. Cameroon's official languages of French and English are spoken in addition to about 250 indigenous languages and both Christianity and Islam are practiced alongside the many traditional religions.

Questions? Comments?

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