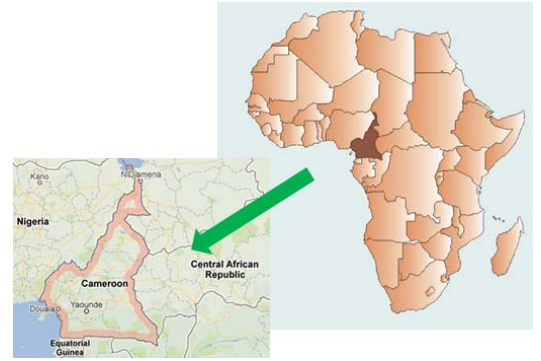




## Project 'Mahola' (Aid) Developing a local health care system



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The population in the region around the village of Siliyegue, which is about 60 km from the capital of Cameroon, Yaoundé, and surrounded by villages with similar needs, is suffering from:

- Multiple diseases such as Malaria, HIV, Cholera and Pneumonia;
- Lack of school education, professional training and employment perspectives in general;
- Lack of infrastructure such as proper roads, electricity, running drinking water, waste disposal and recycling; as well as
- Lack of medical care in case of emergencies, in particular regarding first aid and related transportation capabilities.



The Mahola project aims to address the main underlying needs of the population in this region by developing a comprehensive local health care system. This will include a health centre and an ambulance service; bursaries for primary and secondary education (including for children with disabilities) and professional medical training; as well as the provision of solar energy, running drinking water, and waste disposal and recycling for the village – in order to increase the wellbeing of the local population in general, and thereby improve the average life expectancy and perceived quality of life.

The project brings together the local communities, and helps to increase general mutual awareness between the many involved people in Europe and Africa. Following a transition into operation as part of the project, the integrated local health care system should be run – as far as possible – locally, by locals, with minimal need for on-going outside support. The project puts a strong emphasis on the protection of the environment and the traditional way of life.

