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Subject: Grant program — Fondation Mérieux

Dear Claudia Sirri SHU,

We are pleased to inform you that your application for a grant regarding the Project named.

« SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AWARENESS »

Has been accepted by the Selection Committee of FondationMérieux for an amount of 5 000 Euros (five thousands euros) (the « Grant »).

On this basis, please find hereafter the conditions under which this Grant will be awarded to your organization.

1-This Grant will be paid in one installment, upon reception of one hard copy of the present letter, for your agreement with you signature, along with an official banking information statement.

2-The Grant shall be used exclusively for carrying out the above-mentioned Project.

3-Fondation Mérieux reserves the right not to pay your organization the Grant if the Project is suspended or abandoned for any reason, and shall be reimbursed if payed before the Project has been abandoned.

4-Your organization undertakes to carry out the Project in application of the highest ethical standards. Moreover, you commit to comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, including but not limited to asset freeze regulation, anti-corruption and/or anti bribery laws of the territory in which the Project is conducted. The FondationMérieux cannot be held responsible for your failure to fulfill one of the obligations mentioned in the paragraph.

5- Your organization undertakes to refer to the financial support given by the Fondation Mérieux on all mediums of communication or any publications, and when in contact with third parties associated with the Project.

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6. Your organization undertakes to provide FondationMérieux with the activity report (technical and financial) attached in ANNEX I, outlining the actions implemented with the Grant, no later than three months after completion of the Project. The original documents

justifying your actions must be kept by your organization but at the disposal of the Fondation Mérieux if requested, of a five (5) years period.

If the preceding is agreeable to you, please return one hard copy of the present letter, for your agreement with your signature.

In the meantime, please kindly accept our most sincere salutations.



Clélia Lebayle
Secretary General

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ANNEX 1 — Activity Report



Grant Program Project Report

Laureate organization name: **Value Health Africa**

Project title. « **SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AWARENESS** »

Month/year of sessions. August – November 2021

1-Description of the activities carried out thanks to the grant:

Value Health Africa was able to realize a lot of activities thanks to the grant from Fondation Mérieux. Below is a description of all the activities realized with the help of this grant:

- **Distribution of dignity kits to adolescents aged 12- 25 years old.**

In Bamali-Ndop, North West Region of Cameroon, which happened to be one of the regions heavily affected by the crisis, *over 200 dignity kits* consisting of reusable and disposable pads, tissue paper, detergent and underwear were distributed to the adolescents.

In Bafoussam, West Region of Cameroon, *over 100 young girls* received reusable and disposable pads, tissue paper, detergent and underwear

In South West Region of Cameroon, *25 adolescents benefitted* from the distribution of dignity kits



Figs 1&2: Distribution of dignity kits in West, South West, North West regions

- **Sensitization of Sexual and Reproductive Health.**

Sensitization on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights such as basics of SRHR, Menstruation period, poverty, menstrual hygiene, STIs like HIV/ AIDs, Nutrition, contraception, abortion, Female Genital Mutilation and gender-based violence advocacy in SRHR was carried out in four regions of Cameroon including the North West, South West, West and Littoral Regions were a good number of adolescents benefitted from the grant



Over 375 young girls benefitted from this sensitization campaign in the Northwest, West, Littoral and South West regions respectively



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fig3 Director of Bonedale midwife school of the littoral



fig 4: students of



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fig 5: young student of midwife school of bonedalé Douala - littoral Region





IDP's women of Musilm school of Bafoussam

Figs 3,4,5,6 sensitizations on sexual and reproductive health in North West, South West, Littoral and West

- **HIV Screening.**

After the sensitization on HIV/AIDs, HIV screening was carried out. A total of 200 adolescents were tested in ositive case recorded. Similarly, 150 adolescents were tested in Bamali-Ndop with no positive case recorded as well Bamenda with no p



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Figs 7&8 HIV testing in Bamenda and Bamali-Ndop, North West Region of Cameroon

- **Capacity Building Training.**

Capacity Building trainings were carried out in the Bamali community with the base being the district hospital which happens to be a free space in that community. Trainings were carried out on the production of local detergent, antiseptic bathing soaps, body lotions, designing and production of handbags, jewelries, slippers, shoes with ankara fabric. 80 adolescents benefitted from the training A similar training was done in Littoral region with 65 IDPs benefitted from the training



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Figs 9,10, 11, 12 capacity building in North West and Littoral, Cameroon



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2-Impact of the project on beneficiaries (objectives met, concerned target groups, observed changes):

- Increase availability of hygiene kits to over 375 adolescents and young girls
- More than 375 adolescents and young girls gained knowledge on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
- Over 145 young IDPs benefitted from making of different trades in order to combat poverty and take charge of their reproductive health
- More than 500 young people directly and indirectly from health messages to improve on their overall wellbeing

3-Description of the differences between activities planned and completed (activities, number of beneficiaries, resources)

For the capacity building both in the Littoral and North West region, we were expected to train 100 internally displaced adolescents in the Littoral region and 100 in the North West aged 15 to 25. But we only attained a population size of 65 in the Littoral as most of the young IDP girls are sex workers and 80 in North West Region, with some of them being members of armed groups.

Also, due to the insecurity in the Northwest Region particularly where this project took place, it was a serious challenge getting all of the adolescents in that area because some had fled for safety to other parts of the district.

4-Description of the differences between the planned budget and real expenses (specify expenses covered by the grant):

Planned Budget : 4000 000

Real expenses 3 997 925

Expenses cover by grant: 3 283 000

5- Difficulties encountered during the implementation of the project:

The ongoing socio-political crisis in the North West Region was a major challenge faced during the implementation of the project. Sporadic gunshots on the days of execution of activities disrupted the activities. this gave extra financial burden of transportation and other finance related activities as well as risk of traveling longer distances to the place of the activities



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For Littoral, a lot of administrative and legal procedures were involved in order to gain access to the internally displaced adolescents in their camps.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a lot of controversies were brought up in the IDP camps.

6- Financial and operational partners involved in the implementation of the project:

- Regional Delegation of public Health
- Regional Delegation of Social affairs
- Training School of midwives in littoral
- Value Health Africa
- Young African Crafts Entrepreneurship Initiative (YACEI)

7- Prospects and needs to continue the project:

In spite of the prevailing socio-political crisis, VAHA still expresses her utmost interest to continue the project implementation because it has really helped a lot of adolescents and there is the need for its extension in coverage. In the West region IDP's shared their wish to have a program of skills training to allow them to create business to feed their family and send their kids to school. Advocacy for young leader girls to fight against early marriage.

As a grass-roots organization, VAHA has developed strong working relationships with the various stakeholders involved in the communities to easily navigate through in order to reach those who really need such great help.

With the several potential problems identified among adolescents, we will love to continue this project in order to meet up with these problems.

8- Photos of the project (possibility to attach them to an annex):

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CAPACITY BUILDING ON SRH AWARENESS WITH STUDENTS







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DONATION PADS AND DIGNITY KITS

