



## **VALUE HEALTH AFRICA 2025 ANNUAL REPORT**

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## NATIONAL COORDINATOR'S SPEECH



### **2025: A Year of Ambitions**

**Esteemed Government Representatives, Development Partners, Donors, Community Leaders, Colleagues, and Friends of Value Health Africa,**

As we usher in the year 2026, I extend my most sincere and heartfelt wishes for peace, prosperity, and good health to you and your loved ones. On behalf of the entire Value Health Africa (VAHA) family, I say: *Happy New Year.*

This moment offers us the opportunity to reflect on our shared journey and to look ahead with purpose and renewed determination.

**The year 2025 was a landmark chapter for VAHA**—a year marked by commitment, resilience, and tangible impact. Amid global uncertainties and local challenges, VAHA remained steadfast in its mission to promote equitable access to healthcare and to improve the well-being of vulnerable populations. We intensified our efforts in community health engagement, awareness-raising on non-communicable diseases, sexual and reproductive health education, and the empowerment of adolescent girls and displaced women, femicide and immunization campaign.

We were also privileged to renew our collaboration with the regional health delegations the Littoral—an important endorsement of the trust placed in our work and a catalyst for deeper, more strategic impact.

Our achievements would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of our dedicated team, the support of our partners, and the unwavering commitment of our communities. To our staff, volunteers, and newly joined members—we express our deepest gratitude. Your dedication is the backbone of our progress.

### **In 2025, we built on these foundations with ambition.**

We advanced the fight against NCDS specifically Cancer, diabetes, NASH and Hypertension, strengthened the capacities of local health actors, Community Health Workers and developed responsive, community-based health strategies. Our adolescent clinic initiative gained momentum, and we expanded our network of collaborators committed to health equity and social justice.

As we now turn to 2026, we do so with clarity of vision and with even greater resolve.

This year, VAHA will:

- Expand access to inclusive, youth-friendly Sexual dignity across many schools
- Focus on Epidemiologic response through Community Awareness on Cholera and Mpox ;
- Scale up community-led immunization to ensure sustainability and ownership, thereby contributing to the achievement of objective of EPI and under the FPP Gavi Zero Dose Project;
- As Member of Cameroon NCDs Alliance, strengthen our Awareness programs and educational Talk on the importance of healthy nutrition and early screening of chronic diseases in the process of improving the community wellbeing;
- Reinforce our collaboration with other civil society organizations in the process of protecting women and children and advocating for adoption of law against femicide in Parliament.

We recognize that none of this is possible in isolation. It is through collaboration—with government, civil society, communities, and international allies—that we will realize the dream of *health for all*.

Therefore, we issue a **call to action** to all stakeholders: Let us work in unity. Let us amplify each other's efforts. Let us commit, together, to a 2026 defined by equity, resilience, and meaningful change in the health landscape of our nation and our continent.

On behalf of VAHA, I thank you for your continued trust and partnership. We look forward to deepening our collaboration and achieving greater milestones in the year ahead.

**Happy New Year 2025.** May it be a year of innovation, growth, and collective impact.

Thank you.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025!**

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- All her international and national partners
- All individuals
- All her Donors
- The communities
- All her dynamic staff within and out of the country

## **ABSTRACT**

In 2025, **Value Health Africa (VAHA)** sustained its impactful contributions to public health education with a focused strategy on the prevention and management of **non-communicable diseases (NCDs)**—notably **diabetes, Cancer, Hypertention and liver-related conditions**. Through an integrated approach involving **community outreach, school-based awareness programs, and strategic partnerships**, VAHA reached and engaged **over 15,000 individuals**, equipping them with critical knowledge and access to essential preventive health services.

Key milestones include the **screening of more than 500 individuals**, educational session on **Non-Alcoholic Steatohepatitis (NASH)** was conducted to equip **28 community health workers Day** during **World international NASH**, international health conference on cancer, and the successful implementation of educational programs in **five schools**, impacting **over 800 students, Capacity Building of 10 CHWs and 30 women member of care group on Immunization**. In strengthening its reach, VAHA established collaborations with **three major local health organizations** and achieved extensive **media coverage** across **four radio stations** and **two television platforms**.

These initiatives contributed to a measurable shift in public attitudes toward preventive health, with many beneficiaries pursuing **follow-up care** and adopting healthier lifestyle practices.

This annual report encapsulates VAHA's unwavering commitment to building resilient, health-conscious communities through **evidence-based education, early detection, women and children protection** and **sustainable stakeholder engagement**

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# **CHAPTER ONE**

## **THE ORGANIZATION**

### **1.1 Background**

Value Health Africa (VAHA) Organization, is an indigenous, non-political, non-religious community-based organization which was established in 2015 to sensitize, educate and raise awareness on non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and sexual and reproductive health issues with the sole aim of improving on early diagnoses while preventing end stage complications resulting from them.

VAHA has her headquarters in the North West Region of Cameroon precisely Bamenda, with branches in South West, Littoral, West and Central though her positive community impact is felt nationwide. Since 2021, VAHA extended her activities in Kenya with the headquarter in Nairobi.

### **1.2 Vision**

To add quality to life and to promote sustainable community development in Cameroon, thus improving community health.

### **1.3 Mission**

To promote health and wellness throughout all of Africa by strengthening healthcare systems, advocating for policy change, building local community capacity and developing international partnerships.

### **1.4 Goal**

Our Goal is to improve Health and Wellness by reducing the burden of diseases and fostering Sexual and Reproductive Health and rights in underserved communities.

### **1.5 Core Values**

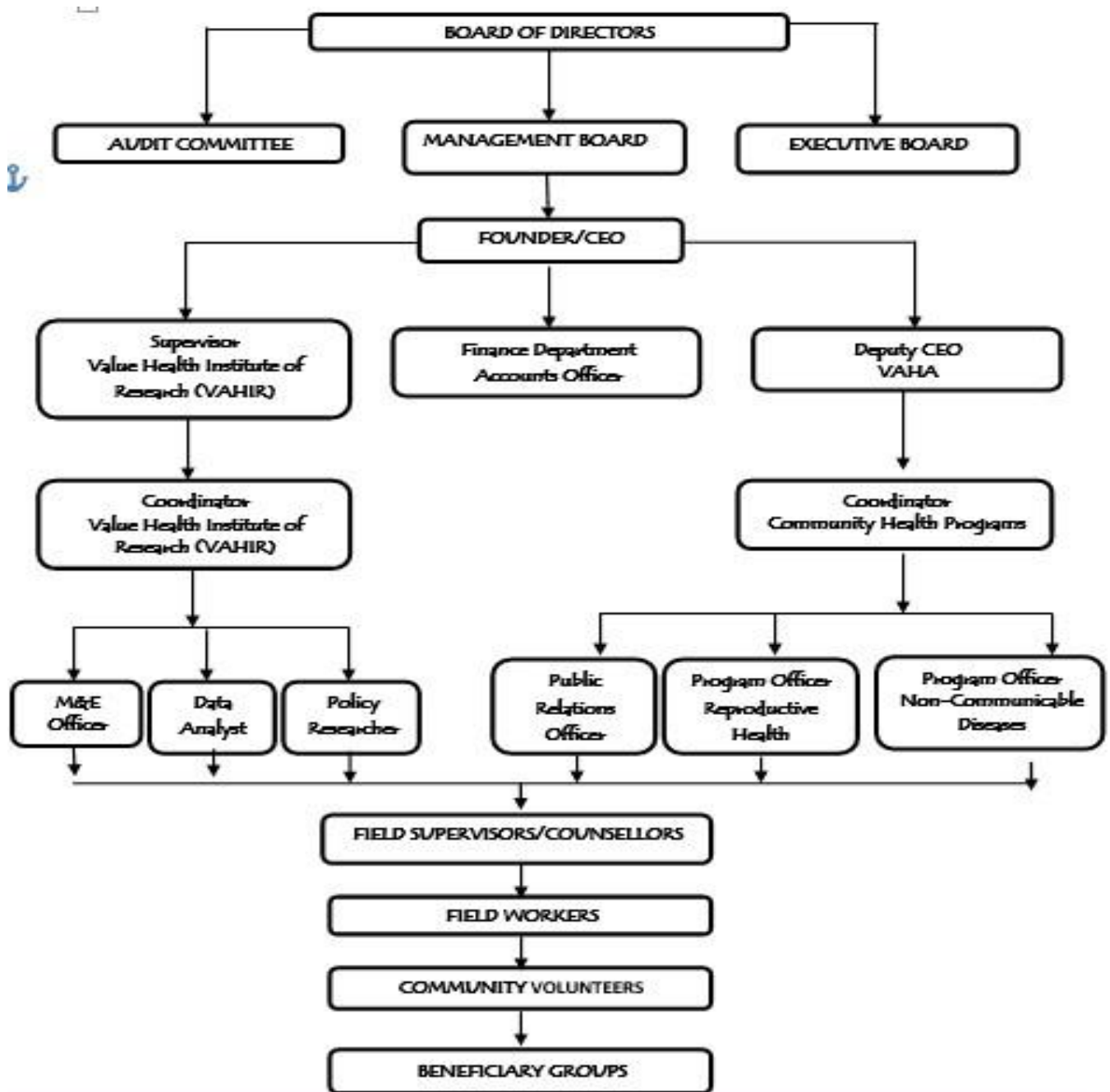
- Solidarity
- Determination
- Transparency
- Team Spirit
- Research

## **1.6 Strategic Objectives**

VAHA has the following strategic objectives:

- To create awareness on the ills of infectious and non-communicable diseases: by educating the public on these diseases, their methods of contraction and the methods of prevention, through community sensitization and health promotion programs.
- To contribute to the improvement of the protection and living conditions of poor women, children and youths by increasing their access to satisfactory sexual and reproductive health care information and services.
- To improve on access to clean potable water and hygiene and sanitation in communities.
- To improve access to primary health care through advocacy and community mutual health schemes.
- To carry out research on diseases of public health importance to improve decision making with regards to these disease

## 1.7 Structure of the Organization



## **1.8 Executive Summary of Activities**

In 2025, our organization made notable progress in advancing public health education, with a strong emphasis on non-communicable diseases (NCDs), especially diabetes, cancer, hypertension and liver-related conditions. Through community-centered initiatives and strategic partnerships, we successfully engaged over 6,000 individuals, promoting awareness, early detection, and preventive health practices.

Key milestones were achieved during major health observances, including **World Diabetes Day, Global Fatty Liver Day, immunization program through GAVI/FPP project, international cancer conference and healthy food choices matter save the next generation campaign**, where we mobilized resources and communities around critical health messages. Our combined efforts led to the screening of more than **1,200 individuals**, offering vital health checks and referrals for follow-up care. Also participation in advocacy for the approval and enforcement of the law against feminicides in the National Assembly

We extended our outreach to younger populations through school engagement, delivering tailored diabetes awareness programs across **five schools**, reaching over **800 students**. These initiatives fostered early health literacy and encouraged lifestyle changes among youth.

Collaborations with **RADAR, Stand Against Cancer, Global Liver Institute, Bangue Health District PROVARSSC and Collectif Stop Feminicides** amplified our impact, while coverage on **four radio stations and two television programs** broadened our message reach, influencing public perception and behavior around chronic disease prevention and immunization.

As a result of our campaigns, we observed a measurable increase in community interest in preventive health behaviors, with a significant number of participants actively seeking additional support following initial screenings. This positive trend underscores the importance and effectiveness of sustained health education and community-based interventions.

Our 2025 efforts reflect our continued commitment to building healthier communities through education, collaboration, and early intervention.

The following activities were executed by the organization

*✓ Diabetes, hypertension and obesity screening and awareness campaigns.*

*✓ Breast Cancer awareness campaign.*

*✓ Nutrition education and healthy lifestyle sensitization campaigns.*

*✓ NASH awareness and sensitization campaign.*

✓ *Women and protection law*

✓ *Community mobilization Awareness on immunization*

Since 2019, the success of our initiatives has been largely attributed to the valuable partnerships we have cultivated with key organizations and stakeholders. These include the Regional Delegation of Public Health, Prudential Beneficial Insurance, Baptist Health Services, Academic and Career Development Initiative (ACADI) Cameroon, BIOPHARCAM, International Medical Corps (IMC), Cameroon Medical Women Association, Azire Veteran Club, KoliaSuza's Foundation Merieux, Global Liver Institute, Cité des Palmiers District Hospital, Atanga Kidney Foundation, Bamenda Regional Hospital, and African Dream Achievers Initiative Stand Against Cancers, Provaress , Cameroon NCDS Alliance.

In 2025, our activities spanned across four regions in Cameroon (North West, West, south west and Littoral), positively impacting communities — a significant increase compared to previous years. VAHA's primary goal during our screening campaigns was to **sensitize, educate, and screen community members for both non-communicable diseases** such as diabetes and obesity, and **communicable diseases** such as HIV. We also established **sustainable follow-up systems** to ensure ongoing care.

VAHA delivered capacity-building workshops to train 80 **community health volunteers** and 30 women belonging to Care group Volunteers on preventive measures, particularly in relation to the **cholera pandemic** Also on how to **involve women of neighborhood to take part of immunization program** and raising awareness on **NASH (Non-Alcoholic SteatoHepatitis)**. These trainings enhanced local health infrastructure and community resilience.

VAHA Also joint Bangué Health District on immunization program trough the GAVI FPP Projet

VAHA also joined prestigious networks such as the **WHO CSO Commission, Stop Femicide 237**, and **Women Ascension**. Our collaborative activities were further expanded through partnerships with organizations including **NSIA, CAMFOOD, Telcar Cocoa, Stand Against Cancer, CSLA**, and the **Agui Foundation**.

Despite our accomplishments, project implementation faced notable challenges. These included **limited human, financial, and material resources**, as well as the **ongoing political insecurity** in the region, which delayed several initiatives and impeded smooth operational flow.

## CHAPTER TWO

### NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PILLAR

#### 2.1 International NASH DAY Commemoration

As part of ongoing efforts to address the growing burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in Cameroon, an awareness and screening campaign was conducted in **CMA Djenleng** Bafoussam, West Region, on **June 28, 2025**, in commemoration of **International Fatty Liver (NASH) Day**. The initiative aimed to improve public knowledge on **Non-Alcoholic Steatohepatitis (NASH)**, a progressive and often underdiagnosed liver disease associated with obesity, type 2 diabetes, hypertension, and sedentary lifestyles.

The activity brought together community members and health professionals and focused on health education, early detection, and prevention. Key interventions included free screening for hypertension and blood glucose, community sensitization through educational talks, and the distribution of bilingual (English and French) informational materials to enhance outreach and understanding.



*CMA Djenleng Bafoussam CHWs, Capacity Building on NASH*

A capacity-building session led by **Dr. Nwabo Fabrice trained 28 community health workers** on NASH prevention, early detection, and management, emphasizing lifestyle modification, routine screening, and community-level health promotion. The campaign reached over 100 community members, fostering increased awareness and encouraging proactive health-seeking behavior. Individuals identified with abnormal screening results were referred to appropriate health facilities for follow-up care.

To reinforce learning and promote sustained impact, educational pamphlets and materials were distributed, supporting continued community sensitization beyond the event. The initiative recorded strong participation, positive feedback, and strengthened collaboration between community actors and health services, highlighting the importance of integrated approaches in tackling NCDs.

### ***CMA Djenleng Bafoussam, Free screening***

The campaign recorded **strong community participation**, with over **150 individuals engaged** throughout the day. Screening outcomes are summarized below

Category	Number	Age Range	Hypertension (High BP)	High Blood Sugar (Glycemia)
Men	30	25–60 yrs	4	3
Women	90	20–65 yrs	5	4
Adolescents	26	12–19 yrs	1	1
Children	0	–	–	–
Pregnant Women	5	22–35 yrs	0	0
<b>Total Screened</b>	<b>70</b>	12–65 yrs	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>



*CMA Djenleng Bafoussam, Free screening*

## **2.2 Cancer awareness month – international Cancer Conference 2025**

The National Cancer Conference 2025, held on August 14 in Yaoundé, conference brought together 55 stakeholders to address cancer prevention, early detection, and health inequalities in Cameroon. Organized by Value Health Africa and Stand against Cancer, the event fostered multi-sector dialogue, highlighted critical gaps in screening and care, and generated actionable recommendations, including the need for a national screening strategy, improved access to treatment, and stronger community engagement.



*CSO La main sur le Coeur – Presentation during conference*

### **Panelists & Topics**

<b>Panelist</b>	<b>Organization (CSO)</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Dr. Carine Vanessa Megne	Oncologist	Cancer epidemiology in Cameroon
Mr. Ngombeu Mimbe Hervé Cédric	YES HEALTH	Risk factors & social inequalities
Mme Landi Haingo Rabeantoandro	C3UC3 Initiative	Community innovation (HPV self-sampling results)

## Conference Statistics

Indicator	Value
Registered participants	88
Confirmed attendance	55
Panelists invited	6
Panelists present	3

## Cancer Statistics (Cameroon, 2022)

Indicator	Value
New cancer cases	15,700
Cancer deaths	10,533
Cervical cancer screening coverage	3.5%

### Key Outcome

Consensus on scaling early screening, reducing inequalities, and strengthening national coordination for cancer control. improving access to care, and strengthening multi-sector collaboration.

### 2.3 Healthy Food Choice Matter Save the Next Generation- Campaign

The campaign “**Healthy Food Choices Matter,**” carried out from July 27 to October 10, 2025, in the Littoral region, reached 7,455 people through community and school-based interventions. It aimed to combat non-communicable diseases by promoting healthy, locally sourced foods. Thanks to a variety of activities—educational talks, school awareness sessions, and community mobilization—the campaign reached a diverse audience, including students, parents, teachers, and vulnerable communities. The results show significant improvements in nutritional knowledge, increased awareness of the risks associated with ultra-processed foods, and positive changes in eating behaviors, particularly among young people. The project was funded by the **RADA Association**.

#### **a. Beneficiaries by Site and Category**

Site / Location	Beneficiary Category	Number
Collège Notre Dame des Nations – Yassa	Religious communities, parents, youth	1,200
Cité des Palmiers / Mabanda / home visits	Vulnerable populations, families	449
Parish St Jean-Marie Vianney	Religious communities	241
JCI Cameroon (National Council #2)	Young leaders	20
Shiloh Tabernacle – Dibonbari	Religious communities (English-speaking)	564
King David College	Students, school staff	185
New Hope College	School staff	60
CEGET Bonaberi	Students, school staff	1,800
FAPASS Bonaberi	Students	650
DAAS Campus A and B	Students, school staff	2,174
École Les Lyss de Beedi	Primary students	72
<b>TOTAL</b>	—	<b>7,455</b>

## b. Overall Results

Indicators / Areas	Results
People sensitized	7,455
Sites visited	15
Interventions conducted	+20
Flyers distributed	+4,000
Coverage	Community (2,759); School (4,696)
Knowledge	Improved nutrition awareness
Health awareness	Better understanding of risks
School engagement	Interest in improving school meals
Behavioral change	Reduced soda consumption, increased fruit intake
Community mobilization	High participation and engagement



*Healthy food choice education – Parish St jean Marie Vianney*

## CHAPTER 3

### IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

#### 3.1 Community Health Workers Training – Bangue District within the GAVI FPP Project

Within the **GAVI FPP project**, **Value Health Africa**, in collaboration with **PROVARESSC** and the **Bangue District**, organized a training to **strengthen the capacities of Community Health Workers (CHWs)**. The session was held on **November 25–26, 2025**, at **Bangue District, Douala**, with **10 CHWs** from the health areas of **Logbessous, Bangue, and Kotto**.

The training aimed to improve community-based surveillance of **Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (VPDs)**, **Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI)**, the identification of **zero-dose and under-vaccinated children**, and the monitoring of **Gender-Based Violence (GBV)**. Activities included **participatory discussions, case studies, practical exercises, community sensitization, and demonstrations of monitoring tools**, enabling CHWs to consolidate skills and optimize their role in the surveillance system.



*Healthy food choice education – Parish St jean Marie Vianney*

### **3.2 Capacity Building of 30 Care Group Members – Bangue District within the GAVI FPP Project**

Within the GAVI FPP project, Value Health Africa, under the regional coordination of PROVARESSC and with support from the Bangue District Health Office, organized a two-day training workshop (December 15–16, 2025) for 30 Community Volunteer Women (Femmes Voisines) from the priority health areas of Kotto, Bangue, and Logbessou I. The workshop aimed to strengthen their technical, organizational, and behavioral capacities to implement the Care Group approach effectively, promoting community engagement and behavior change for vaccination.

Participants were trained on Care Group principles, roles and responsibilities, communication for behavior change, rumor management, home visits, community meetings, monitoring tools, community diagnostics, and volunteer motivation. Interactive sessions, practical exercises, and group discussions enabled participants to apply these skills, develop simplified community action plans, and harmonize their understanding of the approach.

Key outcomes included improved communication and behavior change skills, proper use of registers, enhanced data management, and strategies to sustain volunteer engagement. Recommendations emphasized strengthening interpersonal communication, managing rumors, maintaining regular meetings, updating action plans, and recognizing volunteers. Follow-up mechanisms include regular supervision, monitoring, feedback sessions, and ongoing use of collected data to guide interventions.



*Capacity building by Communication Focal Point Mbangue health District*

## CHAPTER 4

### ADVOCACY TRAININGS, WORKSHOPS, AND CONFERENCES

Throughout the reporting period, significant efforts were made to strengthen capacity among key stakeholders and amplify advocacy through targeted trainings, national conferences, and collaborative workshops. These events not only provided technical knowledge but also fostered multisectoral alliances crucial for long-term public health transformation in Cameroon.

#### 4.1 Regional Training Workshop on the Care Groups Approach – Souza, Littoral, October 14-17, 2025

From October 14 to 17, 2025, a regional workshop organized by PROVARESSC under the FPP GAVI 5.0 Project brought together key health and civil society actors, including District Health Chiefs (CDS), District Management Teams (ECD), PEV supervisors, regional coordinators, CSOs, GAVI technical partners, and **Value Health**, who also participated. The workshop aimed to strengthen the capacities of regional trainers to implement the Care Groups approach, targeting women’s awareness, promoting good health practices, and improving public health indicators.

Participants were trained on the Care Groups structure, community diagnosis, behavior change communication, formative supervision, and monitoring and evaluation of activities. The workshop emphasized the complementary roles of actors: VCGs raise awareness, promoters supervise them, supervisors provide support, and coordinators ensure overall oversight, with Neighborhood Groups organized and tracked through a coded system.

<b>District</b>	<b>Participating CSOs/Community-Based Organizations</b>
Bonassama	Local CSOs/CBOs
Bangue	Local CSOs/CBOs
Japoma	Local CSOs/CBOs
Boko	Local CSOs/CBOs
Dibombari	Local CSOs/CBOs
Edea	Local CSOs/CBOs
Manoka	Local CSOs/CBOs

Key recommendations included strengthening direct observation during supervision, adapting activities to local realities, making visual materials accessible, monitoring individual performance, and finalizing CSO contracts. The workshop enabled regional trainers to consolidate their skills, preparing for the effective rollout of Care Groups on the ground with rigorous quality monitoring of community interventions

## **4.2 CBOs and implementing partners' Coordination Meeting**

The coordination meeting held on **May 14, 2025**, at the **Delegation of Public Health** brought together CBOs and implementing partners to align on collaboration procedures for public health projects. Discussions emphasized that all CBOs must obtain formal **collaboration letters** and **authorization** from the Delegation before initiating any project activities. Projects must involve the Delegation from the conception phase to ensure alignment with national priorities.

CBOs were instructed to consult the **national strategic plan template** and submit full technical documentation early, with a **1–2 week timeline** for approvals. It was agreed that **quarterly coordination meetings** will be held and that CBOs working in the same areas should consider **joint implementation** to maximize efficiency. Stronger communication and planning were highlighted as essential for effective public health interventions.

## **4.3 Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) Engagement Workshop on the Taxation of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages (SSBs) and Other Ultra-Processed Products (UPPs) (June 2, 2025 – Yaoundé)**

On **June 2, 2025**, Yaoundé hosted a pivotal national workshop on the taxation of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages (SSBs) and Ultra-Processed Products (UPPs), bringing together over 40 civil society organizations, researchers, and health professionals. The event, facilitated by the CSO Coalition for Healthy Diets and supported by the Global Health Advocacy Incubator (GHAI), was a critical moment in building national consensus on health taxation as a public policy tool. Participants examined the staggering toll of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in low- and middle-income countries like Cameroon and explored how targeted fiscal policies could both reduce consumption and generate revenue. Interactive sessions covered strategies for countering industry interference using the RIIMROP monitoring platform, designing evidence-based messaging, and mobilizing public and political support. The workshop concluded with a unified civil society commitment to press for the implementation of health taxes by September 2025.

### **Key Statistics from the CSO Engagement Workshop on SSB & UPP Taxation**

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Context / Notes</b>
Global deaths caused by non-communicable diseases (NCDs)	<b>71%</b> of total global deaths	Highlights the global burden of NCDs.
NCD deaths in low- and middle-income countries	<b>77%</b> of NCD deaths	Emphasizes the disproportionate impact on countries like Cameroon.
Premature NCD-related deaths per year globally	<b>17 million</b> people	Reflects urgency in prevention strategies, including fiscal policy interventions.
Number of participating organizations and individuals	<b>40+</b> CSOs and professionals	Reflects the national and collaborative scope of the workshop.
Deadline for targeted fiscal policy implementation	<b>September 2025</b>	Timeline set for policy advocacy goals.

#### 4.4. Training of Health Educators for the Promotion of Healthy Diets in Cameroon (17th to 19th July, 2025)

The CSO Coalition for Healthy Diets and RADA, with support from the Global Health Advocacy Incubator (GHAI), organized a national workshop to train health educators on promoting healthy diets and supporting advocacy for taxes on sugar-sweetened beverages (SSBs) and ultra-processed foods (UPFs). The training responded to the growing burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), which account for 71% of global deaths and heavily impact low- and middle-income countries like Cameroon.

Educators learned about the economic potential of health taxes, with estimates showing millions in revenue that could fund nutrition and health programs. Participants also received practical skills in nutrition education, community outreach, and strategic communication. The training concluded with the development of regional action plans aiming to reach 3 million people by October 2025, supported by targeted messaging and educational campaigns.

#### Key Statistics from the Workshop

Statistic	Value	Context / Notes
Global deaths caused by NCDs	<b>71%</b> of global deaths	Emphasizes the global health burden.
Potential revenue from a 30% tax on SSBs	<b>\$118 million</b>	Economic impact of moderate taxation on sugary drinks.
Potential revenue from a 40% tax on SSBs	<b>\$355 million+</b>	Shows significant revenue potential from higher taxes.
Potential revenue from a tax on UPFs	<b>\$8.6 million</b>	Highlights the benefit of expanding taxes to include ultra-processed foods.
Planned campaign reach by October 2025	<b>3 million people</b>	Scale of public education effort across regions.
Duration of action plans	<b>12 weeks</b>	Structured outreach period post-training.
Number of regions targeted	<b>Nationwide</b>	Implication from regional action plans and outreach strategy.

#### 4.5. Cameroon NCD Alliance Empowers Civil Society Organizations Through Capacity Building Workshop

Value Health Africa took part from August 11–12, 2025 of the two-day capacity-building workshop, hosted in Douala by the Cameroon NCD Alliance (CNCDA), aimed was to empowering civil society organizations (CSOs) engaged in the fight against non-communicable diseases (NCDs). Under the theme "*Building Capacity for Impact: Awareness, Advocacy, Access, and Accountability*," the event focused on strengthening advocacy, policy engagement, and fundraising skills.

Day 1 introduced participants to CNCDA's mission and strategic pillars, followed by sessions on policy advocacy and grant writing, led by CNCDA Secretary General, Mr. Ferdinand M. Sonyuy. These sessions emphasized storytelling in advocacy and best practices for grant proposals.

Day 2 focused on campaign planning and execution, with Ms. Merveille Danielle guiding participants through practical tools and strategies for collaborative campaigns. The workshop concluded with high participant engagement and a call to action to join CNCDA and apply the skills learned to drive meaningful change in NCD prevention and care.



**4.6. Forum on the Revision of Public Policies Regarding the Status of Women in Cameroon  
Official Report – June 20, 2025 | National Assembly, Yaoundé**

In response to the alarming rise in gender-based violence (GBV) and feminicides in Cameroon, the National Assembly, in partnership with the collective STOP FÉMINICIDES 237, convened a critical forum to assess the current situation, identify gaps in existing public policies, and propose actionable reforms. This initiative aligns with Cameroon’s international commitments, including CEDAW, the Maputo Protocol, and the Sustainable Development Goal 5 on gender equality.

VAHA as member too part of that forum. The aimed was to provide a comprehensive overview of violence against women and girls, highlight legal and institutional weaknesses, and recommend concrete measures to enhance national responses to feminicides. Key presentations revealed that over 70 feminicides were recorded in 2024, predominantly in urban areas like Yaoundé and Douala, with the most vulnerable groups including women, girls, internally displaced persons, and persons with disabilities.

A critical legal analysis underscored the absence of specific legislation criminalizing feminicides and highlighted procedural inefficiencies and inadequate sanctions. The forum called for a structural, multisectoral reform involving justice, social services, and economic empowerment of survivors.

The forum concluded with unanimous adoption of resolutions advocating for a dedicated law on GBV and femicides, recognition of femicide as a distinct crime with harsher penalties, establishment of a national femicide registry, enhanced training for justice and social actors, and dedicated funding for survivor support and prevention. The collective STOP FÉMINICIDES 237 will oversee the follow-up and collaborate with parliamentary services to draft and submit the proposed law to the National Assembly.

This forum marks a pivotal step towards a coordinated, robust national strategy to eradicate femicides and protect the rights of women and girls in Cameroon.

**Key Statistics Table**

Indicator	Statistic (2024)	Remarks
Number of femicides recorded	70+	Predominantly in urban areas and crisis zones
Most affected groups	Women, girls, internally displaced, persons with disabilities	High vulnerability identified
Legal recognition of femicide	Not recognized as a distinct crime	No specific legal framework in Penal Code
Sanctions for domestic violence and femicide	Weak and inconsistent	Mediation often preferred, even in severe cases
Geographic concentration of cases	Yaoundé, Douala, and crisis zones	Urban and conflict-affected areas most impacted
Funding for specialized GBV services	Insufficient and urban-centered	Need for sustainable and widespread funding
Coordination among institutions	Fragmented	Lack of interinstitutional collaboration



## **CHAPTER 5**

### **GENERAL LESSONS LEARNED/BEST PRACTICES/IMPACTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSION**

#### **5.1 General Lessons Learned**

The project yielded several valuable lessons. Strategic partnerships proved essential in amplifying impact. Collaborations with RADAR, Stand Against Cancer, the Global Liver Institute, and other partners significantly expanded our reach and strengthened the effectiveness of interventions. Early engagement with young populations demonstrated lasting benefits, as raising awareness among over 4000 student's fostered preventive behaviors that are likely to continue into adulthood.

Building local capacity and ensuring sustainability emerged as another key factor. The training of 80 community health volunteers and 30 women from the Care Group enhanced community resilience, enabling more effective responses to chronic diseases and future pandemics. Similarly, a multisectoral approach to awareness-raising, combining media coverage through radio and television with targeted educational campaigns, successfully improved public perception and encouraged the adoption of preventive health behaviors.

Nevertheless, operational challenges remain. Limited human, financial, and material resources, coupled with political instability, can slow implementation and reduce the overall effectiveness of interventions. Addressing these constraints will be critical to sustaining progress and achieving long-term health outcomes.

#### **5.2 Impact on Beneficiaries, Communities & Local government**

Several best practices emerged from the project. Combined education and screening campaigns, such as those for International NASH Day, diabetes, hypertension, and cancer, effectively raised awareness and engaged communities. The integrated community approach leveraged Care Groups to mobilize women, provide follow-up, and promote health education. Multilingual educational materials in French and English ensured broad understanding and participation. Post-screening follow-up guaranteed continuity of care for participants with identified health issues. Political engagement and advocacy further strengthened impact, including contributing to the adoption of laws against femicide and involving decision-makers in health initiatives.

<b>Domain</b>	<b>Indicator / Result</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Population reached	6,000+ individuals	Participation in awareness and screening campaigns.
Screenings conducted	1,200+ individuals	Hypertension, diabetes, NASH.
Youth reached	800 students	School programs on diabetes and healthy eating.

“Healthy Food Choices” campaign	7,455 participants	Improved nutrition knowledge and dietary behaviors.
CHWs and Care Groups trained	110 participants	Capacity building for community interventions and vaccination.
Media coverage	4 radio stations, 2 TV channels	Amplification of public health messages.
Law against femicide	Advocacy successful	Adoption of recommendations by the National Assembly.

### **5.3 General Recommendations**

Several recommendations have been identified to strengthen the future impact of the project. It is essential to reinforce human and material resources to meet the growing needs for screening and awareness activities. The multisectoral approach should be expanded by involving more private, educational, and community partners. Post-screening follow-up should be supported through the implementation of digital or community-based systems to ensure continuity of care. It is also important to institutionalize best practices by standardizing Care Group protocols and educational campaigns for other regions. Advocacy and political engagement should be strengthened to ensure the implementation and monitoring of legal recommendations for the protection of women. Finally, campaigns should be regularly evaluated and adapted based on indicators, allowing messages and interventions to be adjusted to local needs.

### **5.4 Conclusion**

In 2025, the organization demonstrated that targeted community-based approaches, combining education, screening, and advocacy, can generate a significant impact on the prevention of non-communicable diseases and the protection of vulnerable populations. Multisectoral engagement, volunteer training, and post-intervention follow-up are essential levers for sustaining these gains. Strengthening resources and strategic planning will help expand the reach and effectiveness of future interventions

## Annexes: Data and Statistics

### Annex 1: NASH and Hypertension Screening (CMA Djenleng Bafoussam, June 2025)

Category	Number	Hypertension	High Blood Sugar
Men	30	4	3
Women	90	5	4
Adolescents	26	1	1
Children	0	–	–
Pregnant Women	5	0	0
<b>Total</b>	70	10	8

### Annex 2: “Healthy Food Choices” Campaign – Littoral, 2025

Site / Location	Beneficiary Category	Number
Collège Notre Dame des Nations	Parents, youth, religious communities	1,200
Cité des Palmiers / Mabanda / home visits	Vulnerable populations	449
CEGET Bonaberi	Students, school staff	1,800
DAAS Campus A and B	Students, school staff	2,174
<b>Total</b>	–	7,455

### Annex 3: Cancer Statistics (Cameroon, 2022)

Indicator	Value
New cancer cases	15,700
Cancer deaths	10,533
Cervical cancer screening coverage	3.5%

### Annex 4: NCD & SSB/UPF Taxation Statistics

Statistic	Value
Global deaths from NCDs	71%
NCD deaths in low- and middle-income countries	77%
Premature NCD-related deaths per year	17 million
Participating organizations	40+ CSOs and professionals
Target timeline for fiscal policy implementation	September 2025

## Annexes: Pictures

### International NASH DAY Commemoration



*CMA DJELENG CHWs*



*VAHA with – CMA DJELENG focal point and Dr NWABO*

### Community Health Workers Training – Bangue District within the GAVI FPP Project



*VAHA-CHWs-District representative*



*Open speech- District Manager*

**Capacity Building of 30 Care Group Members – Bangue District within the GAVI FPP Project**



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*VAHA- Care Group*

**Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) Engagement Workshop on the Taxation of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages (SSBs) and Other Ultra-Processed Products (UPPs) (June 2, 2025 – Yaoundé)**



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*VAHA- Planary sessions*

**Forum on the Revision of Public Policies Regarding the Status of Women in Cameroon  
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*National Assembly- President of the sessions Advocacy Meeting*



*VAHA With other members of Stop Feminicide237*



*Members of National Assembly- With Stopfeminicide237 -VAHA*



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