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A Progress Report of
The Bome-Ngyenmbo Community Assessment Project
North West Province, Republic of Cameroon

In July and August 2007, an assessment of health, social, economic, and other characteristics of the Bome-Ngyenmbo area of North West Cameroon was conducted to inform the planning and construction of a community water supply system. The assessment aimed to observe and measure how certain factors – such as nutrition, agriculture, general health outcomes, and wealth – would be impacted as a result of improving local access to water, as well as to determine how such a system could be tailored to suit local cultural practices.

This project is the result of a partnership between the University of Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia Global Water Initiative (PGWI) and several development organizations in the Meta region of the North West Province of Cameroon. Within the context of an interdisciplinary and international service-learning project, a team of graduate and undergraduate students collected base-line data, using quantitative and qualitative methods. This information will be used to assess the feasibility of the project as a whole and to measure the effects of a reliable water supply on the social, health and economic situation in the region. The learning component of this project contributes to Penn's vision as articulated in "The Penn Compact," whereby Penn seeks to magnify its intellectual and institutional impact throughout the world by serving as a dynamic agent of social, economic, and civic progress.

PGWI is a Philadelphia based nonprofit organization whose aim is to provide a local platform for global action geared towards accomplishing The United Nations Millennium Development Goals, especially goal number seven - to reduce by half the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and improved sanitation (based on 1990 levels) by the year 2015. PGWI seeks to determine the technical and managerial feasibility options of assisting the Bome-Ngyenmbo communities.

This presentation will describe the partnership with the Bome-Ngyenmbo communities, the methodology used in our base line data assessment, some preliminary data and a projection of next steps.

Date: November 28, 2007
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