



## Cameroon

### Number of projects

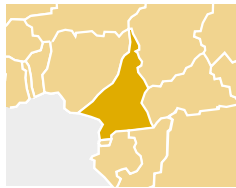
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### Type of projects

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### Head of Section

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**For a long time, the central African country of Cameroon, with its nearly 26 million inhabitants, was considered relatively stable politically. In 2016, however, there were protest marches by English-speaking groups of the population who feel oppressed by the francophone government and who are now demanding their independence. In the meantime, an armed conflict has erupted out of the protests, which has already claimed thousands of victims. The Church is often the last refuge for many traumatised people.**

The escalation of violence between the separatists in the English-speaking provinces and the central government has not only claimed many lives, but has also driven more than 700,000 people to flee. The anglophone independence representatives boycott all central government structures, including schools. A large number of schools there have been closed for four years.

In the violent riots in anglophone provinces, it is not uncommon for Church representatives to be traumatised by witnessing violence against others at close range. We therefore

Holy Mass in a village chapel of the Parish of St Benedict of Dengue.



Children pray the rosary at the Piarist Formation House in Bamenda.



A new vehicle for Bishop Barthélémy Yaouda Hourgo.



Blessing to mark the beginning of the roofing of the multi-purpose hall of St John the Baptist in Nkwen, Bamenda.

support, among other things, a workshop for traumatised sisters. In this course, the sisters learn how to overcome their own trauma and how to enable this experience to flow into their pastoral work with other affected persons, so that they are better able to help them.

in seminaries and in the vocational ministry, in order to optimise the quality of formation of priests.

Other focal points in the year under review were support for priestly formation, the promotion of pastoral care for marriage and the family, the granting of material aid for sisters and Mass stipends for priests. In addition, we fund a two-year continuing education course for trainers working

**>> The country has gone through a spiral of violence for two years. <<**

Carmelite sisters in Sasse, Diocese of Buea working in the garden.



Bishop Barthélémy Yaouda Hourgo on his way to the next parish.

