

# 2022 ACTIVITY REPORT



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## SUMMARY

The report of the Dadé Kaolé Association is a document outlining all its activities between 2022 and 2023. It is an essay written at 60% by the Deputy Coordinators, NKOPANI Yverick and LIME Brigitte, from the Baka communities of the Messok Sub-Division. This approach is part of a long-learning process which aims to put indigenous peoples at the center of the association's activities by empowering them with the necessary tools to take charge of the development of their communities.

This very first attempt is intended to be a blueprint that will hopefully change the narrative with regards to the improvement of the conditions of their communities. We remain convinced that advocating for the sustainable promotion of the interests of the Baka people will necessarily involve the training of a Baka elite who over time, will be able to draft and set up viable projects to submit to various technical and financial partners.

Last year, with an amount of 840,000 (Eight Hundred and Forty Thousand) Francs CFA, the association carried out 14 activities which have improved several aspects of the community life of the Baka in Messok. As a first step, it was necessary to inform and create awareness campaigns around all the villages and camps via the Dadé Kaolé association.

Secondly, it was necessary to present and affiliate the association with various platforms which advocate for the interests of existing indigenous peoples. Education-wise, initiatives aimed at supporting and accompanying Baka students have been carried out. Our active participation in the preparation of the MoU between MINFOF and the BAKA people contributed in safeguarding the interests and natural habitats of the Bakas. In accordance with our health plan, this year made it possible to organize cleaning campaigns every three months and install wells in order to minimize waterborne diseases they tend to face. Finally, a great awareness on NTFPs has been conducted in order to create a productive economic sector benefitting this community.



## INTRODUCTION

Development is an economic and social change that comes with an increase in the cost of living standards. It is about expanding opportunities for everyone to choose the life that suits them, to live long and healthy, to acquire knowledge and to have access to the resources necessary for a decent existence and to be able to participate in the life of the community. This definition is indeed perceptible among the Bantu people, whose living conditions have improved, unlike those of the indigenous people, where regression and negative impacts are more visible. It becomes clear that development as defined above is not compatible with the inhabitants of the forest who find themselves trapped in a movement where they are more victims than actors.

Having no empowerment tools to adapt to this rapid economic and social transformation, the BAKA live in a dilemma. Indeed, development projects or programs take very little or no account of their way of life and wellbeing. They are rarely represented and have no influence where decisions that affect them are taken, almost absent in the design and implementation of various projects and programs of which they are supposed to be the beneficiaries. This *modus operandi* does not contribute to the improvement of the conditions of the latter, because it renders them perpetually dependent.

In the face of such challenges, the Dadé Kaolé Association, created in January 2022, quickly understood the need to reorganize the way projects are designed. The use of Free, Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) puts the Baka at the center of the development and implementation of their projects. We actively campaign for the creation of an empowered Baka Elite capable of taking charge of their community and developing it according to their terms.

This report is proof that we can trust these young elite who deserve to be encouraged and followed up, so that they can take charge of their own development. This report equally presents the different activities carried out during the year 2022 that were marked by the affiliation of the new association to several platforms of indigenous people where a strong awareness regarding changes and improvements were created. Emphasis was also placed on the need for self-determination with plans to create a Baka chiefdom in the Messok subdivision. Awareness campaigns on the need to obtain birth certificates and identity cards were also conducted, as well as strategies on the empowerment of the Baka through the sale of farm crops and the creation of ecotourism sites for biodiversity conservation. We also provide academic support for schools.

## SIGLES

MoU : Memorandum of Understanding

MINFOF : Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife

CSR : Corporate social responsibility

RACOPY : A platform for setting coordinate concerted action for the welfare of Pygmies

NTFPs : Non-timber forest products (NTFPs)

CLIP : Free, Prior and Informed consent

UE : European Union

IWGIA : International Work Group Indigenous Affairs

PAREC : A Support Program for Educational Reforms in Cameroon

GBABANDI : An Indigenous Peoples Platform created in 2016 with more than 100 affiliated Baka and Bagyeli Communities to defend their interests

ASBABUK : Sanguia Baka Buma'a Kpode is an association of indigenous people based in Mindourou, Haut Nyong Division Eastern Region of Cameroon,

PALLISCO : A Forestry company based in Mindourou with a total land area of 388,949 hectares

**Solidaridad**: An International network organization with partners throughout the world with headquarters in the Netherlands

**Projet Navigateur Autochtone** : A collaborative initiative developed and managed by a global consortium consisting of IWGIA, Tebtebba, AIPP, FPF and the Danish Institute for Human Rights

## ASSOCIATION DADE KAOLE EN BREF

### About Us

Dadé Kaolé is a Cameroonian association created in January 2022, whose Head Office is in Yaoundé and Operations headquarters in Messok, Haut-Nyong Division in the Eastern Region. We advocate for and promote the interests of indigenous peoples and the Baka in particular.

### Our Vision

We train and encourage indigenous communities to develop sustainable ecotourism for their own empowerment while being protectors of the environment, wildlife and forests.

### Our Mission

Helping indigenous people improve upon their living conditions by creating an elite capable of promoting their rights, defending their interests and creating wealth by sustainably managing their ecosystem.

### Our Goals

#### Global

Help improve the quality of life of the communities involved.

#### Specific Goals (OS)

- ✓ OS 01: Defend the rights and interests of indigenous peoples.
- ✓ OS 02: Create elite among Indigenous peoples.
- ✓ OS 03: Support the Indigenous Elite in wealth creation.
- ✓ OS 04 Turn ecotourism into a source of income for indigenous peoples.

#### Outcomes

- Create a 3rd Degree Baka chiefdom in the sub-division of Messok.
- ✓ Create a Baka elite group.
- ✓ Create a Baka co-operative.
- ✓ Create a Baka community forest and an ecotourism site

## ACTIVITY REPORT N° 1

**Activity:** Information campaign regarding the creation of the Association

**Date:** From Monday 26th to Wednesday 29th January 2022

**Locations :** Djangué, Koungou, Bossenga, Djontol, Lembé, Mombokola, Kombo, Woundo

**Activities carried out by:** Our Assistant Coordinators, NKOPANI Yverick and LIME Brigitte

**Goal:** Carrying out information campaigns in villages, communities and camps regarding our Association Dadé Kaolé

**Cost:** 40 000 FCFA

### Project Course

The Dadé Kaolé association visited all the villages and camps concerned to inform each of the communities that it is officially registered and its activities are fully operational.

Consultation and information meetings were held morning and evening, which made it possible to carry out eight awareness campaigns at a rate of two per day.

The community chiefs were very relieved to learn that the initiatives of the founder of their association will actively continue, even after her passing.

Different exchanges took place in different "palaver houses". The communities present asked to be informed of the different activities to be carried out. The CLIP (Free, Prior and Informed Consent) method which was presented at the various meetings was unanimously approved by all.

This formalization will facilitate partnerships, optimize projects and fully integrate platforms dedicated to Indigenous people.

Messok, 30th January 2022

### ACTIVITY REPORT N°2

**Activity :** Our participation at the meeting of the GBABANDI platform

**Date:** 15th to 16th of March 2022

**Location :** KRIBI ; Bipindi Sub-Division ; BIDJOKA village

**Activity led by:** NKOPANI Yverick, Assistant Coordinator

**Goal:** Officially introduce the DADE KAOLE association and join the GBABANDI platform

**Cost :** 105 000FCFA

### Project Course

Our association made a trip to the Bidjoka village, to attend the meeting of the Gbabandi platform. This platform brings together Baka and Bagyeli indigenous communities for a better representation at the national and international level.

Mr NKOPANI Yverick, the Assistant Coordinator, introduced the association to all the members present. He then transmitted a copy of the statutes and the receipt of declaration of association to the Gbabandi office. He promised to transmit the association's action plan for the year 2022 and to pay the membership fees.

While responding to the question about his contribution to the Platform, the Assistant Coordinator, Mr. NKOPANI Yverick presented his locality with the different indigenous camps living there and promised to report the information of the said platform to his community.

At the end of this meeting, the Dadé Kaolé association officially integrated the Gbabandi platform.

Bipindi, 16 March 2022



## ACTIVITY REPORT N° 3

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**Activity:** Extraordinary General Meeting and presentation of Phase II of the Indigenous Model Project

**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**Location:** Kribi; Ocean Division

**Led by:** Assistant Coordinator: NKOPANI Yverick

**Goal:** Recruitment of a new facilitator for the Gbabandi platform and presentation of the Second Phase of the Indigenous Model Project

**Cost:** 105 000FCFA

### Project Course

The Assistant Coordinator, NKOPANI Yverick made the trip to Kribi to participate in the Extraordinary General Assembly of the Gbabandi platform and a new facilitator, Mr. Timothé EMINI was recruited. His job description consists in helping the members of the said platform to seek funding and technical support from donors and international organizations who defend the rights of indigenous people.

On the other hand, the presentation of the Indigenous Phase II Model Project was also discussed. This collaborative initiative in partnership with the European Union (EU) was developed and managed by a global consortium consisting of IWGIA, Tebtebba, AIPP, Forest Peoples Program and the Danish Institute for Human Rights. These are a series of tools for (and developed by) indigenous people, in order to systematically monitor the level of recognition and implementation of their rights.

The Assistant Coordinator expressed the need to train and empower the members of the Dadé Kaolé Association as well.

Kribi, March 30 2022

## ACTIVITY REPORT N°4

**Activity :** Following up the academic performance of Baka students

**Date :** 08th June 2022

**Location :** Lomié

**Led by:** NKOPANI Yverick **Assistant Coordinator**

**Goal:** Following up the academic performance of Baka students

**Cost :** 15 000FCFA

### Project Course

Being aware of the challenges that the Baka may face in school, Mr NKOPANI Yverick visited schools in the small town of Lomié, in order to discuss with the teaching staff about the difficulties and academic results of the Baka students who are enrolled there. He equally collected their report cards.

Names of Students	Age	Gender	Class	Results	Schools
NGUELE Augustin	17	Male	Form 5 A4 Spanish (Espagnole)	Passed	Lycée Bilingue de Lomié
DJANGO Cyriaque	14	Male	Form 2	Passed	Lycée Technique de Lomié
KPASSELE Borel	11	Male	Class 5	Passed	Ecole Saint Jean Bosco de Messok

Although having obtained a 100% rate of academic success, the principal of the Bilingual High School of Lomié did not fail to notice the high level of absenteeism from his student, NGUELE Augustin. He however, commended Mr. NKOPANI for the consistent follow-up of the members of his community.

Messok, June 09, 2022

## ACTIVITY REPORT N° 5

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**Activity:** Raising awareness on the rights of the African Child

**Date :** 16th June 2022

**Location :** Messok

**Led by:** NKOPANI Yverick and LIME Brigitte, Assistant Coordinators

**Goal:** To inform and educate all communities on children's rights

**Cost:** 0 FCFA

### Project Course

Our Assistant Coordinator, NKOPANI Yverick was in the following villages: Ndjangué, Bossenga, Lengué, Koubou, and Mokola, to educate their respective communities on children's rights. He focused on the duty of parents to issue birth certificates for their children, as well as the obligation to send them to school. These meetings mainly allowed the association to see the various challenges they face. It was noted that the failure to issue birth certificates was due to ignorance, lack of information and supervision. Above all, they could barely read and write in French.

Also, the high level of illiteracy was due to the parents' lack of resources coupled with the discrimination their children faced in various schools. Parents equally pointed out that the certificates obtained by their children do not serve them much.

Considering these difficulties, the Dadé Kaolé Association assured them that it will do everything necessary to ensure that birth registrations are effective in the various camps by making birth registers available to community leaders. Mr. NKOPANI also deplored the poor state of conservation of birth certificates among the parents who held them.

Messok, 17th June 2022

## ACTIVITY REPORT N° 6

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**Activity :** Our participation in the MoU meeting between MINFOF and ASBABUK

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Location:** Bertoua

**Led by:** NKOPANI Yverick and LIME Brigitte, Assistant Coordinators

**Goals:** Preparation of the MoU between MINFOF and the BAKA people located in the three protected National Parks of Lobeke, Nki (North and South) and Boumba-Bek

**Cost :** 80 000FCFA

### Project Course

Signed in February 2019 for a period of 03 years, the duration of the said MOU was exceeded and both parties agreed to its renewal. Our Assistant Coordinators, NKOPANI Yverick and LIME Brigitte were present at the meeting organized by the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife (MINFOF) and the Sanguia Baka Buma'a Kpode Association (ASBABUK) which was held in Bertoua from 16 to 18 June 2022 to prepare the new terms of this agreement.

The objective of this meeting was to review the implementation of the said MoU and present to the public the resolutions of the meeting held on January 19, 2022 with the Minister of Forestry. The latter agreed to its renewal. At the request of MINFOF, a consortium of experienced CSOs was set up to carry out the renewal process under the coordination of RACOPY.

This MoU aims to restore access and use of key biological and cultural resources by the Baka within the protected zones of the three National Parks of Lobeke, Nki (North and South sectors) and Boumba-Bek.

Throughout these exchanges, Mr. NKOPANI expressed appreciation for the amount of work done and presented the DADE KAOLE Association by offering its contribution to the camps located in Messok. Its various members met in Abong Mbang in July 2022 for a mid-term evaluation of the said MoU during the 71st General Assembly of RACOPY.

Bertoua, 19 June 2022

## ACTIVITY REPORT N°7

**Activity:** Sanitation and Maintenance of water systems

**Date :** 16th July 2022

**Location:** Ndjangué

**Activity Led by:** Assistant Coordinator, NKOPANI Yverick

**Objective(s):** Improving Water access, cleaning and sanitizing water supply points; reducing the effects of waterborne diseases, especially among children and young people.

**Cost :** 0 FCFA

### Project Course

Noting the recurrence of waterborne diseases within the locality of Ndjangué, the Dadé Kaolé Association and the Baka community of Ndjangué held a meeting on June 29, 2022 and agreed on a three-month interval cleaning program of water supply points.

From now on, every three months, community youths designated by the village elders are to sanitize and develop (if necessary) all water supply points in its surroundings.

This also consists of weeding around the site, removing algae and dead leaves above the water while ensuring proper flow of water.

This good practice will also be popularized in the other camps.

Messok, 16th July 2022



## ACTIVITY REPORT N°8

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**Activity :** GBABANDI Platform Meeting

**Date :** 24-26 August 2022

**Location :** Bertoua

**Led by:** Assistant Coordinators NKOPANI Yverick and LIME Brigitte

**Objective:** To be part of the GBABANDI platform

**Cost:** 80 000FCFA

### Project Course

Our Assistant Coordinators NKOPANI Yverick and LIME Brigitte attended the meeting of the Gbabandi platform which was convened by its Monitoring Committee (COPIL); it took place in Bertoua, in the Eastern Region.

During this meeting, the various activities carried out during the first term of 2022 were discussed. There were equally open calls for applications regarding the recruitment of a consultant who will help the platform draft activity reports.

LIME Brigitte asked if any activities were planned in Messok for these communities. Mr. Timothé EMINI, the then acting facilitator replied that the DADE KAOLE Association came forward late this year following its membership which took effect only in April 2022. GBABANDI's Action Plan had already been made official, unfortunately. The Association may implement certain activities on behalf of Gbabandi during the 2023 action plan.

Back in Messok, our Coordinators duly reported the meeting resolutions to the whole community.

Bertoua, 27 August 2022

## ACTIVITY REPORT N° 9

**Activity:** Follow-up on the proper use of solar lamps

**Date:** 10-11 September 2022

**Location:** Ndjangué, Bossinga, Djomtal, Lengué, Koumbou

**Led by:** Assistant Coordinator NKOPANI Yverick

**Objective:** Ensure the functionality of all solar panels

**Cost:** 10 000FCFA

### Project Course

In accordance with the three month interval monitoring and maintenance program of solar panels, the Assistant Coordinator, NKOPANI Yverick ensured the control of all panels in the villages of Ndjangué, Bossinga, Djomtal, Lengué and Koumbou.

Out of the 12 solar lamps, nine are functional, two are defective and one is broken.

The defective lamps have been brought back to Messok and taken to Abong Mbang at the Total station, as they are still under warranty and can be repaired free of charge or exchanged.

The Koumbou camp whose lamp is broken will have to wait for the next distribution campaign. Mr. NKOPANI Yverick deplored the misuse of the said lamp which will result in plunging the said community into darkness. He used the opportunity to encourage localities that have kept their lamps well to keep them carefully for the well-being of their communities.

Fait à Messok, le 12 septembre 2022

## ACTIVITY REPORT N° 10

**Activity:** Assistance with school fees and supplies for Baka children

**Date:** 15th September 2022

**Location:** Messok, Lomié

**Led by :** The Association's President, TAMAMOT Denis and the Assistant Coordinator, NKOPANI Yverick

**Objective:** Enrolling deserving Baka students for the 2022-2023 academic year

**Cost :** 200 000FCFA

### Project Course

The President of the Dadé Kaolé Association, Mr TAMAMOT Denis released the sum of 200,000 FCFA in the form of academic support to encourage the efforts of Baka students who produced good results during the 2021-2022 school year.

The Assistant Coordinator Mr. NKOPANI Yverick was responsible for the registration of the following students who benefited from this support for the academic year in Messok and Lomié.

Noms et Prénoms	Ages	Gender	Class	Etablissements
NGUELE Augustin	17	Male	Form5 A4 Spanish (Espagnole)	Lycée Bilingue de Lomié
DJANGO Cyriaque	14	Male	Form 2	Lycée Technique de Lomié
KPASSELE Borel	11	Male	Class 5	Ecole Saint Jean Bosco de Messok

Messok, 16th September 2022

## ACTIVITY REPORT N° 11

**Activity :** Creating awareness on farming and group-selling

**Date:** 12-14 October 2022

**Location:** Messok, Bandoum, Bizam

**Led by:** NKOPANI Yverick and LIME Brigitte, Assistant Coordinators

**Objective:** Allow the different members of the community who practice farming to come together to set prices for their harvest.

**Cost :** 20 000FCFA

### Project Course

It has been unfortunately observed that the Baka were being constantly cheated by the Bantu who tend to buy their crops at ridiculously cheap prices; the Dadé Kaolé Association decided to put an end to this malpractice by holding different awareness meetings with various communities in Messok, Bandoum, Bizam, by explaining the advantages of working as a tight community to sell agricultural products and cash crops at the best price. This campaign was strongly supported by Baka women who saw it as a real opportunity to empower themselves.

When asked about its implementation, the association promised to inform them in due time, as this activity is based on the implementation of some non-existent logistics, like the construction or renting of a shop.

Baka women also expressed their wish to do trade by barter by exchanging some of their crops for oil, salt or soap.

This approach is part of the empowerment of the Baka people. Indeed, the Dadé Kaolé Association wishes to set up a NWFP cooperative with the aim of labeling these products, and subsequently introducing them into a fair trade circuit. To this end, our association has submitted an application for admission into another association called SOLIDARIDAD.

Ndjangué, 16 October 2022

## ACTIVITY REPORT N° 12

**Activity :** RACOPY Platform Meeting

**Date:** 27th to 28th October 2022

**Location:** Kribi

**Led by:** Assistant Coordinator, NKOPANI Yverick

**Objective:** Present the Association and apply for membership in the RACOPY platform

**Cost :** 65 000FCFA

### Project Course

The association went to Kribi, to attend the meeting of the RACOPY platform which brings together the Baka and Bagyeli indigenous communities for a better representation at the national level.

The Assistant Coordinator, NKOPANI Yverick introduced the association to all the members present at RACOPY. A copy of the statutes was equally sent with the receipt for declaration of association to the RACOPY Bureau. He promised to transmit the association's action plan for the year 2022 and to pay the membership fees.

Responding to the question as to whether this association is actually created for the interest of the Baka, Mr. NKOPANI stated that although the Association's President provides them with technical and financial support, all activities are carried out by the BAKA people, hence his presence at the said meeting ,especially in the execution of all the activities of the Association.

At the end of the meeting, the Dadé Kaolé association officially integrated the RACOPY platform.

Kribi, 29th October 2022



## ACTIVITY REPORT N° 13

**Activity :** Participation at the PAREC Meeting

**Date:** 26th November 2022

**Location:** Bertoua, Hôtel Christiana

**Led by:** Assistant Coordinator, NKOPANI Yverick

**Objective:** Make enquiries on the State's support regarding the educational empowerment of the Baka people

**Cost :** 60 000FCFA

### Project Course

The academic empowerment of Baka children is a priority for the Dadé Kaolé Association which was invited to take part in the meeting held on November 26 in Bertoua within the framework of PAREC. Mr. NKOPANI focused on component One, which had to do with improving access and a quality educational system. This component includes seven themes, including four which refer to the development of community preschool centers with respect to educational standards.

Mr. NKOPANI highlighted the situation of the preschool center in Djangué which does not respect any standards and whose makeover would be necessary. He also decried the lack of teaching materials, as well as teachers. However, campaigns to raise awareness for Baka children to attend school are producing positive results. As an example, he mentioned those who are enrolled in high schools and colleges. Finally, he pleaded with the State to mobilize more resources for the academic empowerment of the Baka for emerging Baka elite, custodians of the interests of indigenous peoples.

Bertoua, 27th November 2022

## ACTIVITY REPORT N° 14

**Activity:** Donation of school kits by the logging company PALLISCO to the students from the Baka communities of Ndjangué

**Date :** December 2022

**Location :** Messok/Ndjangué

**Led by :** Assistant Coordinator NKOPANI Yverick

**Objective:** Supporting Baka students in their education

**Cost:** 0 FCFA

### Project Course

It is within the CSR actions of Pallisco that the advocacy of the Dadé Kaolé Association focused on improving the school conditions of Ndjangué students.

Based upon a request from the association, some of the children attending school in the community of Ndjangué have indeed received school kits. The Dadé Kaolé Association wishes to maintain this kind gesture by creating a Pallisco Prize for the best Baka students of the sub-division of Messok. Discussions were initiated with the managers of the said company and they offered to participate in the census of all high school students and above all, to provide academic support.

Such an initiative is part of the actions aimed at reducing conflicts between both parties in the management of forest space and will be part of compensation measures for Baka people.

Ndjangué, 28th December 2022

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF EXPENDITURE PER ACTIVITY

ACTIVITIES	N° of Days	N° of people	Transport Costs	Accommodation	Catering Services	TOTAL(FCFA)
ACTIVITY N°1	4	2	40 000			40 000
ACTIVITY N°2	4	1	25 000	40 000	40 000	105 000
ACTIVITY N°3	4	1	25 000	40 000	40 000	105 000
ACTIVITY N°4	1	1	5 000	10 000	-	15 000
ACTIVITY N°5	1	2	-	-	-	-
ACTIVITY N°6	3	2	20 000	30 000	30 000	80 000
ACTIVITY N°7	1	1	-	-	-	-
ACTIVITY N°8	3	2	20 000	30 000	30 000	80 000
ACTIVITY N°9	1	1	10 000	-	-	10 000
ACTIVITY N°10	1	1	-	-	-	200 000
ACTIVITY N°11	1	1	20 000			20 000
ACTIVITY N°12	2	1	25 000	20 000	20 000	65 000
ACTIVITY N°13	2	2	20 000	20 000	20 000	60 000
ACTIVITY N°14	1	1	-	-	-	-
AFFILIATIONS						100 000
						840 000

NB: The activities are carried out by indigenous Baka people as well as members of the association who do not receive any remuneration,

## CONCLUSION

Although the activities were carried out between 2022 and 2023 and were implemented cautiously, they were very welcome and received a lot of support from Indigenous peoples. The Baka show a real desire to improve their living conditions and participate in the development and implementation of projects intended for them. They are very available and voluntary, which greatly facilitates their mobilization and contribution.

With an amount of 840,000 (Eight Hundred and Forty Thousand) Francs CFA, the association was able to carry out its activities whose implementation is thanks to the Assistant Coordinator NKOPANI Yverick, who is also Chief of the Baka community of Ndjangue and Mrs. LIME Brigitte who has a strong experience from several training sessions. Considering both of them come from the Baka communities, we are very happy with the benevolent manner in which they carry out the various activities entrusted to them, sometimes with almost non-existent means.

This year was above all, a year of information, awareness and our affiliation with the various platforms of indigenous people. We attended the General Assemblies of Gbabandi and RACOPY and paid our membership fees.

These memberships will allow us to connect with the various projects for the Baka whose implementation is limited to Messok, which was previously represented by actors from elsewhere.

We encountered some difficulties in terms of logistics due to the multiple trips of the Coordinators and an almost complete absence of telephone network coverage. In addition, there was also an unavailability of electric energy in the sub-division of Messok, which made communicating difficult. Despite these difficulties, our team was able to carry out its activities.

The year 2023 will be rich in activities, especially in the context of the empowerment of the Baka with the support of NTFP marketing groups and our partner Solidaridad. In addition, the Dadé Kaolé Association intends to launch a vast census to establish birth certificates for Baka communities.