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For the past four years, the PW-CEB Cultural Center has been welcoming the people of Camp Bambi-die, providing access to a library, computers, cultural activities, training, and organizing events for the public. The center operates thanks to the financial contributions of Precious Woods, private institutions and individuals.

Many of the center's activities were subject to public health measures in the last two years, and only basic offers could be guaranteed. However, we could restart in late 2021 with even more energy and many new projects!

Our Mission: INFORM - ENTERTAIN - EDUCATE - GUIDE - TRAIN





The center for awareness

The Center offers awareness-raising activities to allow people access to better information that can help make informed choices. The aim is to initiate behavioral change concerning the environment, the improvement of social conditions, and respect for individual rights.

Every year the Center addresses the most vital topics; wildlife and forest protection, environmental protection, sustainable development, education, rights, and health. These awareness-raising activities are integrated into international action days in the form of creative workshops, exchanges with professionals, and information campaigns aimed at workers, women, and children. The events are organized in collaboration with PW-CEB services such as Wildlife, Forestry, Certification, and Work Safety and the dispensary, the forest authorities, and NGOs.

This method of communication for the general public, in which people can speak freely, is very popular with the population. Since the center's opening, a new form of collective awareness has developed in Bambidie, thanks to the increased number of information campaigns.





The center for children

Since its beginning, the Cultural Center has promoted education by facilitating children's access to its amenities, by offering creative activities and age-appropriate awareness-raising.

Schools are privileged partners of these educational sessions and appreciate these offers. Some have even become part of the school curriculum, such as the career choice visits to PW-CEB operations for 5th-grade students.

The World Children's Day and the International Day of Education were presented in the school and to the employees during regular health and safety training. Parents' rights and duties were explained to reinforce the parents' commitment to their children's education.

Since 2021, a toy library has welcomed children every Wednesday afternoon and Saturday morning. It is a success: the children are numerous, and we see the progress in their drawings, construction games, imitation games, board games as well as the use of computers.

The summer holidays are also an opportunity to offer leisure activities to the children. The initiative «The Center on Vacation» is realized with a team of voluntary coaches trained by the Cultural Center.





The center with the Population

With the project «The Center comes to you,» we move the offer of the Cultural Centre to the people, going to each neighborhood to offer games and activities.

These activities are a way to meet mothers who do not dare to come to the center. This way, we can get to know them better, invite them to come to the Center, and listen to their requests to propose appropriate actions and activities. Going to the people allows us to develop better communication, mainly so that they participate in awareness-raising, support them in managing their family economy, and promote women's autonomy.

For several years, the Centre has also been offering action days to the population of the Lelama camp. These days are an opportunity for children and their parents of these remote camps to enjoy games, films, and small shows. 2022, we will extend these activities to four villages in the concession area in collaboration with the PW-CEB Social and Community Relations Service. The contacts with the schools in these villages are very encouraging, and the population's reactions are very positive.





The center stands with the Women

Since the beginning, women have been at the heart of all activities and events. The Cultural Center promotes women's autonomy, involvement in business, family responsibilities, and camp life.

Awareness-raising sessions have begun to inform workers and residents about women's rights and the new governmental measures to curb gender-based violence. The response from the public was positive throughout. The population brought several requests for action, such as awareness-raising for young people, the fight against teenage pregnancy, and access to contraception. They will be considered for future awareness-raising campaigns.

Moreover, the Cultural Center is involved in the PW-CEB Gender Equality Policy by consulting, accompanying, and guiding the various stages of reflection, development, and implementation.





The center and Gabonese Culture

Since the independence in 1960, the Gabonese people have forged their own culture, which is neither the traditional culture of the various ethnic groups nor western culture. It is a constantly moving culture, a mixture of diversity and commonalities, bringing together the most diverse beliefs and practices. It is in this mix of cultures that the people of PW-CEB live together.

The Cultural Center aims to promote Gabonese culture and encourage the expression of knowledge and traditional know-how, enriching the life in the camp. We also aim to identify skilled craftswomen and men and offer training sessions to everybody to learn their techniques.

The lifting of the anti-covid 19 measures will allow the realization of an event close to our hearts: the Kermesse of August 17, Independence Day. It will be a family fair with games for young and old, sports, an open stage for artists, and a craft and food market.





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