



Programme d'Appui à la
Citoyenneté Active



Active Citizenship
Strengthening Programme

PRESS RELEASE

Through the PROCIVIS' "COVID-19 Emergency" component, the European Union is supporting the efforts of the Cameroonian Government to fight this pandemic

Due to the limited resilience of our health system combined with the collateral effects of the COVID-19 crisis, stakeholders in Cameroon are increasingly showing interest in issues of governance and the active involvement of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs). **To respond to the major challenge of raising the awareness of the population, 11 CSO networks have been selected by the Active Citizenship Strengthening Programme (PROCIVIS) to accompany the implementation of the PROCIVIS COVID 19 Emergency Component.** This approach is in line with the national response plan to this pandemic implemented by the Ministry of Public Health and its partners.

Aware that the COVID 19 pandemic represents a serious threat to the populations of the ten regions of Cameroon, which were visibly unprepared for it, PROCIVIS, has mobilised an envelope of 500 000 000 FCFA from the current programme funded by the EU, distributed as follows:

- **Grants to CSO networks:** *CFA 110 000 000 francs*
- **Expertise, training and awareness-raising:** *CFA 265,000,000 francs*
- **Protective material** (340,000 face masks and 45,000 hand sanitizers) **intended for actors and the population:** *CFA 125,000,000 francs*



From 15 to 28 May 2021, the Programme carried out missions to inform the administrative and health authorities of the regions, including the Governors in their capacity as head of the regional COVID 19 surveillance and response unit, as well as the various Regional Delegates of Public Health in charge of coordinating the response at regional level.

In the month of June 2021, the capacities of **118 civil society actors** were strengthened on themes relating to communication in times of crisis and community involvement in line with the national guidelines on the prevention and management of COVID-19: *Transmission, symptoms, people at risk, risky behaviours, screening, barrier measures, hygiene, and scepticism against the vaccines.* In the upcoming weeks, facilitators will conduct outreach activities in towns and villages across the national territory.

