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SmartMobileClinic - Expanding telehealth services in rural communities in Cameroon

Overview

Main partner

Founded in 2009, Mapubi e.V. is a Christian faith diaspora-led non-profit fostering sustainable communities through innovation, collaboration, and cultural dialogue. With programs like OneMillionLives and OneMillionJobs, it advances healthcare, education, environmental preservation, and peacebuilding, impacting thousands in Cameroon, Nigeria, and beyond. It creates human-centered- digital platforms to support communities.



Associate partner

Health and Research Organisation Cameroon (HERO) is a non-profit dedicated to advancing health awareness through research, education, and community engagement. Guided by its motto "Health for All", HERO raises disease awareness, fosters youth-led research, builds data repositories, and promotes rural health development.



Duration

18 months (September 2025 - February 2026)

Sustainable **Development Goals**



Project design

Context & needs

In July 2023 Cameroon's Ministry of Public Health (MoH) launched the Universal Healthcare Policy, to address the limited access to healthcare, particularly pressing in rural areas. Nevertheless, operational and technical capacity remain limited, especially when it comes to data collection and distribution between actors, thereby limiting the evidence base on which the MoH makes decisions. Building on previous efforts, this project supports healthcare workers in rural settings to create and track digital healthcare records, which can later inform national health policy and resource planning.

General objective

To enhance access to quality healthcare for rural populations in Cameroon, by enhancing the services and usage of a telehealth platform (SmartMobileClinic) in collaboration with healthcare workers and the local communities.

Specific objectives

- To train 30 multipliers and 120 healthcare and community workers in how to use SmartMobileClinic digital platform to improve their skills and enable them to deliver effective and timely healthcare services in rural communities.
- To enhance the SmartMobileClinic with artificial intelligence features adapted to the technical and infrastructure constraints of rural communities.
- To strengthen stakeholder engagement and system integration to enhance the relevance, sustainability, and uptake of the SmartMobileClinic for healthcare workers and policymakers.

Target groups

- Local community level: Minimum 100 healthcare workers (at least 50% women), 12 community leaders
- National level: Minimum 10 Policymakers and researchers.
- Indirect: General population in need of healthcare

Programme of activities

Activity 2

Rural healthcare campaigns

Activity 1.2

SMC improvements with new integrations and maintenance

Monthly online project retrospective

Activity 3.1

Activity 3.2

SmartMobileClinic training of trainers for healthcare multipliers

Activity 1.1

calls

Africa Health Day

This is a Diaspora for Development (D4D) Grants project of the EU Global Diaspora Facility. D4D Grants aim to promote sustainable development by supporting diaspora-led iniatiatives in the country of origin in the areas of climate, economy, education and health. It provides financial support for diaspora organisations to undertake small-scale projects that generate tangible improvements in the well-being of a target community.



