



CALL FOR PROJECTS IN THE MINERALS OF DEVELOPMENT SECTOR IN CAMEROON

(INCUBATION AND CREATION OF START-UPS)

The ACP-EU Program for Development Minerals implemented by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP-Cameroon), and the Ministry of Mines, Industry and Technological Development (MINMIDT) in partnership with the Support Center for Technology, Innovation and Incubation at the University of Dschang (CATI²-UDs), is launching a call for projects in the development minerals sector (sand, clay, pozzolan, gravel, cut stone, semi-precious stone) in Cameroon. This initiative aims to support the emergence and development of artisanal and small-scale mining companies (ASM).

In a context where the COVID-19 pandemic is currently straining the health system and negatively affecting social and economic activities, this action also aims to improve the employability and increase the resilience of young people and women through promotion of innovative wealth-creating activities in the development minerals sector.

Which projects to submit?

Without being exhaustive, the projects could relate to the:

- Production and marketing of:
 - o compressed earth blocks;
 - o baked bricks;
 - o adobes;
 - o standardized concrete blocks;
 - o micro-concrete tiles;
 - o clay-based paints;
 - o cosmetic products based on clay;
 - o pottery and decorative ceramics;
 - o standardized sand;
 - o standardized pozzolan;
 - o standardized gravel;
 - o cut stones;
 - o **semi-precious**;
- Design, prototyping and marketing of equipment for the production or processing of development minerals.

Who can apply?



- Young Cameroonians aged 15 to 35;
- Artisanal and small-scale mining cooperatives / enterprises;
- Organized community groups;
- Decentralized local authorities.

NB: Female applicants are strongly encouraged

What are the criteria for evaluating projects?

- Collaborative nature of the project (bringing together at least 2 people and / or partnerships with civil society or decentralized local authorities);
- Taking into account the gender aspect;
- Market approach (relatively quick return on investment, development of new markets, prospects for growth in turnover and job creation, etc.);
- Personal contribution.

What are the advantages of applying?

Thanks to the technical and financial support of the ACP-EU Program for Development Minerals implemented by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP-Cameroon), the successful project leaders will benefit from:

- Support from CATI²-UDs in the maturation of their projects, strengthening of technical capacities, effective creation of Start-Ups;
- Visibility through networking with development partners, public institutions and SME networks;
- Seed funds for the launch of their Start-Up.

How to apply?

To apply:

- Download the application form and follow the instructions on the link (UNDP) or (UDs);
- Complete and submit the physical version in a sealed envelope with the following title **"CALL FOR PROJECTS IN THE MINERALS OF DEVELOPMENT IN CAMEROON"** at one of the following two addresses:

o UNDP-Cameroon in Yaoundé (B.P 836 N°1232 Immeuble Mellopolis)



or

o CATI²-UDs in Dschang (B.P 96 University of Dschang)

- Digital versions can be posted online at the following digital address:
procurement.cameroon@undp.org

Call opening and closing dates

- Receipt of projects: from 09 July 2020
- Closure of project reception: July 23, 2020