

Project Update: September 2017

The hall acquired has been restored for the promotion of mushroom cultivation in the Noun division. This hall is divided into three compartments: the fructification room, the spawn storage room and the spawn production room. Others materials needed for mushroom cultivation this include such as mill to break up corn comb and inoculation box, shelters and bottles were also purchased.

From the 20th - 22nd July 2017, formal local mushroom farmers received capacity building training on mushroom cultivation. Twenty-two persons (19 trainees from Fouban subdivision and three trainers from Bamenda) attended. Among the trainees were three French students from ISTOM (école supérieure d'agro développement international) who came in Cameroon for their internship. During the training, participants were given series of theoretical and practical work on mushroom cultivation including production of spawn and fruiting bodies. At the end of the session, the trainees realised that even before the shortage of spawn they were making many errors in the process of mushroom cultivation. The substrate inoculated (corn cobs, wood sawdust) and during this training as started to give mushrooms. In addition, 475 spawn bottles has been produced for the future training sessions and subsequent production of mushrooms.

Concerning tree plantation, due to the delay we had at the beginning of the project, many plantlets were not mature enough to be transferred in the field. Nevertheless, 215 plantlets of *Moringa oleifera* and 60 plantlets of *Prunus africana* have been collected and planted by individuals. In the other hand, after recent publication of the importance of planting local trees in local community radios, many persons are more interested in planting trees and are calling to ask for seedlings. According to the demands we received nearly 500 seedlings will be planted by the end of this rainy season (end of October).

