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# Bamenda Update

The last few months have been particularly challenging in some regions of Bamenda with continued violence and restrictions. Following the October 2025 Presidential elections, clashes between separatists and government forces continued with occasional attacks on civilians and infrastructures. These clashes affected security conditions and the safety of travel routes.

In addition, kidnapping and extortion remained common tactics used by armed groups across Northwest, affecting highways and traveller safety. For instance, in Mid-December 2025, suspected separatists fighters abducted at least eight passengers on a bus indicating continued insecurity along major routes connecting towns such as Bamenda-Wum.

Despite these challenges the archdiocese continues to serve the spiritual and practical needs of the community, and much progress has been made in projects funded via your donations. In these challenging times please keep everyone involved in your prayers. Thank you for your support.

## Empowering Single Mothers

A newly initiated project is to remedy the situation and improve the standard of living, social status, family income and increase the assets of 20 Internally Displaced single mothers directly and an additional 300 others indirectly. This will be done by equipping them with skills to carry out income-generating activities and create small businesses thanks to the start-up fund that will be provided to them. To date, 10 are enrolled in fashion/designing, 7 in hairdressing and 3 in embroidery training.



## Empowering Psychological Counsellors

‘From surviving to thriving’ The conflict across the area is now in its 9th year and there has been a growing need for trauma healing support in the more rural communities. This project seeks to train and empower psychological counsellors to diagnose and address trauma, or refer more serious cases to help foster healing, build resilience and restore hope.



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## Pope Leo XIV to visit Cameroon

Archbishop Andrew Nkea said “It is with great joy that we received the announcement of the Pope’s visit to Cameroon.”

*“The Pope comes as a messenger of peace, an ambassador of reconciliation, and a promoter of justice.”*

## Youth Ministry

The project aim is to form 390 Young People as youth leaders who will form at their various deaneries about 3,000 youths to strengthen their knowledge on Catholic Doctrine. Training of the initial cohort of 29 Youth Leaders has begun including a visit to the Maryvale Institute in Bamendankwe and planned activities at youth rallies and holidays.



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