EDITORIAL

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Ngie Sub division is one of the few sub divisions without electricity. Radio signals coupled with the hilly topography makes information dissemination a problem. Andek council in a bit to breach this gap makes use of churches and other unorthodox means to let the population know what is going on in the council. The council even went ahead to procure notice boards and place them in some strategic areas. This did not appear to meet the intended objective as very few people can read and write.

“NGIE ECHOES is therefore a welcome relief to breach this gap thanks to the partnership between the Council and PNDP.

The Ngie Echoes has therefore come as one of the laudable initiatives that PNDP has put in place, for good governance, transparency and the emergence of our municipality. This medium will go a long way in easing information dissemination.

This new newsletter is therefore a vessel for the propagation of council projections, activities, achievements, challenges.

This first edition of the quarterly publication carries information under rubrics such as council news, public investment, focus practical page, announcement etc. Through this new medium it is hoped that the relationship between council management and the communities will be more mutually and beneficial to the growth and the development of our community. The goal of the Babessi Council is simply to improve upon the lives of the people and this can only be achieved using the approach of team work.

The intention is ensure effective decentralization by bringing the population and the administration on board by informing them of projects executed such as the putting in place of basic health facilities, construction of classrooms, provision of portable water and above all, the construction of farm to market roads.

It is in this light that I urge all my compatriots to be regular readers and contributors to this paper and by so doing we will be certain to achieve all our objectives.
**Ngie to Welcome New Pickup Van**

**Andek Council intensify Investments in Re-afforestation**

The Ngie council will in the weeks ahead be receiving a brand new pick up van to replace the old and dilapidated vehicles that the council has. The new vehicle will greatly reduce costs wasted on repairing the old vehicles. It is hoped that with the arrival of the new vehicle will greatly reduce the hurdles of moving from one part of Ngie to the other.

Some 8,000 trees have been planted by the Andek Council thanks to the sum of 20,000,000frs allocated by the government within the framework of the public investment budget.

Under the supervision of MINFOF that is making sure that the terms of the contract are respected to the latter, the exercise is helping fight climate change and the adverse effects of Global Warming. Various tree species like eucalyptus, mahogany, sapele have been planted on a surface area of more than 3,000sq meters at Bonatu.

**Councilors to speedup Investment Projects**

Within the framework of assistance to councilors aimed at helping them carry out some development projects in their respective constituencies, the sum of 200,000frs is given to each councillor of the Ngie municipality to enable them carry out some investment projects. Even though not all the councillors have received this money, the few who had duly submitted their projects to the mayor have gone a step ahead to realise certain projects. It is in line with this that a culvert along the Andek–Ajei road precisely at Bonatu was recently commissioned by the lord mayor. She called on a judicious use of this facility to ease the movement of goods and people. Other realisations within this programme include the supply of benches to GS Tinakoh, pipes for the extension of pipe borne water at Ebang while work is on going for the construction of a fly over bridge in Teze.

**Teze oil Mill project receives investment support**

The giant Teze Oil mill has received some 6,000 chitted nuts in a bid to help improve production. This is the outcome of an allocation of 5 million frs granted to the Mill by the Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprise within its budgetary allocation for investment for 2017. The management of the mill which employs a good number of Ngie Youths also acknowledged receiving a brand new desk top computer, scanner and a printer.
Palm oil is the principal cash crop of the Ngie municipality. The subdivision is located between latitudes 5°43 and 6°10, and longitude 9°55 provides very suitable climatic condition for the growth of palms. Andek council has been one of the main promoters of the Teze Oil mill to ensure its sustainability especially as it is the only industry in the municipality. The Teze oil mill which started in 1983 was a gift from HIVOS, a Dutch organization which carried out all the construction with funding coming in from ITA. The mill worked for over 20 years without any over hauling of the machines as a result it broke down. In 1992, Father Ten Horn, by then the Parish Priest of Teze Parish wrote a project on the mill and submitted to his home country, Holland. SNV, a Dutch funded organization came in to revamp and extend the mill. This worked till 2007 when it collapsed again. With research carried out by UNIDO which proved that Cameroon's quota for vegetable palm oil in the world market was very small, concerted efforts were then made to increase production by establishing a pilot center for palm oil production in Teze. Since then, the Mill has benefitted financial support from the state with back up from the council to the tune of 45 million and 5 million respectively. This has enabled the mill to purchase a trailer carriage, pick vans, complete desktop computer with printer and 6,000 chitted nuts to improve on the already old palms. Andek council has equally written several projects for farm to mill roads so as to have enough nuts to feed the mill when it goes fully operational. Apart from these farm to mill roads, others for mill to market roads are equally in the pipe line. It is hoped that when the mill is at its maximum production rate, several economic benefits will accrue to improve on not only the lives of the population but Andek council in particular.
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→ If you encounter difficulties in executing your activities;
→ If you notice any shortcomings in the implementation of your micro-projects;
→ If you wish to be informed about our missions and achievements.

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I am involved in the development of my municipality

- By participating in the activities of the council;
- By taking part in village development meeting;
- By taking part in community work;
- By paying taxes;
- By following up the accountability of municipal councillors and the Mayor.

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