

Community profile

Kouadioyaokro, encampment of Kouamékro Cote d'Ivoire

Demographic Data

Kouadioyaokro is one of the 29 related encampments of Kouamékro (11kms), a village located in the Region of Sud Bandama, Department of Divo (South). The population is estimated at 4,000 inhabitants, among whom the half live in encampments. Baoulé and Malinké are the two main ethnic groups. Populations originated from Burkina Faso, Mali and Benin are also present in the community.

Socioeconomic Activities

Cocoa farming is the main economic activity, followed by coffee, corn, plantain and manioc.

Education

A formal school, in Kouamékro, with 6 classes, built by the population without external support, provides primary education. In Kouadioyaokro, the parents began the building of basic scholastic facilities (4 classes) and 4 voluntary teachers work in this non formal school. 6 teachers' slots (which 4 built with support from ICI) were built in Kouamékro. 404 children are enrolled in school, however 159 children (06-15 years old) are not enrolled in school, 63 abandoned school (10-15 years old), especially the girls (44 of 63).

Health

The health centre of Hermankono-Garo, 10 kms far from Kouadioyaokro, is the nearest, but the road is impassable.

Child labour and WFCL

195 children are involved in WFCL (150 work during the peak season, 45 work permanently). 8 cases of child trafficking reported and adressed by the community (1 girl, 7 boys, 13-17 years old).

ICI Activities in this community

The ICI activities conducted in Kouamékro and Kouadioyaokro are carried out by UVPAP (Union des Villages Producteurs Agro Pastoral).

Activities carried out

- Community Meetings;
- Focus group discussions;
- Supporting the construction of slots for 4 teachers in Kouamekro

Impact

- creation of "a women association" to combat child labour and poverty in Kouamékro;
- decision of the community to build 2 teachers' new slots as a supplement to the 4 under construction with support of ICI, to accommodate the 6 teachers of the village;
- Head of the village chairs the local committee to combat WFCL, which also promotes education for the girls;
- creation of a youth association;
- creation by the children of their own committee to combat WFCL, composed of the enrolled and non enrolled in school children;

Specific impact of the building of the four teachers' slots, with ICI support in Kouamékro

- increase of the number of teachers from 6 to 8;
- 74 new pupils enrolled in primary school (1st level), among whom 41 % of girls.