

MY NAME

Making Cameroon, a continental
champion of child access to legal identity

In Partnership



The importance of a legal identity

The right to a legal existence is the first right for every human being and is concretely embodied by the birth certificate, which establishes the child's name and affiliation. Birth registration provides an important layer of protection for a child, which marks acknowledgement of a child's existence and identity. Enshrined in the Convention on the Rights of the Child (Articles 7 and 8), and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (Article 6), the right to be recognised as a person before the law is a critical step in ensuring lifelong protection and may be a prerequisite for children's ability to claim other rights.

In Cameroon, UNICEF works with the Government in the following frames:

Strategic Plan for the Rehabilitation of the Civil Registry 2018-2022 (Gov)

Cooperation framework plan between UN/UNICEF and the government

Evaluation of Birth registration in 2021-2022

Birth Certificate is a key to:

1. **Identification, citizenship and facilitating** administrative procedures.
2. **Access to legal rights:** such as the right to education, health and social protection.
3. **Prevention of violence:** child labour, early marriage, illegal registration in the armed forces, imprisonment in the justice system.
4. **Preventing** statelessness.
5. **Demographic statistics:** essential for government planning, political decision-making, resource management, etc.

For a country, a region, a district, a municipality, legal identity of children and citizen:

Offers a better control of demographic data and better programming to meet the composition and needs of the population (health, education, water, etc.).

Planning, investments and monitoring are better controlled.

Campaign Goals

Making Cameroon a continental champion for child access to a legal identity

1.

Make 2024 the Year of Birth Registration by **strengthening the local civil registration system** to accelerate universal birth registration for children..



2.

Cameroon as a Continental Champion, a model for other African nations.



HOW ?

Decentralization, interoperability, digitalization)

Engaging Mayors and local partners including, civil registry officers, judges and traditional leaders for universal birth registration in Cameroon.

Expected Results

A Charter of Mayors on their commitment to speeding up the birth registration timetable has been signed by 100% of Mayors.

→ **A roadmap for implementing the Charter** has been implemented.

→ **The foundations have been laid** for greater interoperability and intersectorality between the civil registry and sectoral services, health, education, etc .

Mobilization and engagement of municipalities and other stakeholders to promote the birth registration agenda at decentralized level.

→ **Reduction in the number of children without birth registration** in schools.

→ **Increase birth registration for children under five** by strengthening the local CRVS system using the interoperability, digitalization, coordination and multisectorality of services as key strategies.

The Mayors' Challenge: An Opportunity to operationalize the commitments of the Mayors Charter and Roadmap

INDICATORS

- 1- Municipalities that have submitted monthly data/Statistics on CRVS to the BUNEC
- 2- Municipalities with a budgeted action plan for the implementation of the Mayors Charter
- 3- Functional civil registration offices in health facilities in the municipalities
- 4- Existence of an Integrated Civil Registry Management System (SIGEC) interoperable with DHIS2
- 5- Existence of functional concertation platform/framework for issuing birth certificates in the municipality
- 6- Number of school children's files who do not have birth certificate compiled
- 7- Number of community birth registration notebooks discharged by community health workers to register birth in communities

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Activation and Main phases

27 April 2024 : 1st Mayors' Forum: - ALL MAYORS OF CAMEROON

Signature of the Mayors Charter and Roadmap

Official launch of the MY NAME Campaign

May 2024: A letter from the UNICEF representative addressed to all mayors, inviting them to join the campaign.

May 2024: Start of registrations, appointment of focal points by Mayors, and bilateral contacts with each of them to support the online registration process.

Juin 2024: Coordination meeting with BUNEC agency heads and technical and financial partners.

July 2024 : Implementation of interventions in all municipalities and follow-up missions.

November 2024: training the Mayors on the indicators (drawing up the Micro plan)

Janvier 2025: Coordination Meeting . Evaluation of the campaign's implementation status.

March 2025: Closing of the Campaign. Evaluation of results.

April 2025: Award ceremony...

Année

2024

2025

de communes inscrites

367

Taux d'inscription

98%

Mois

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

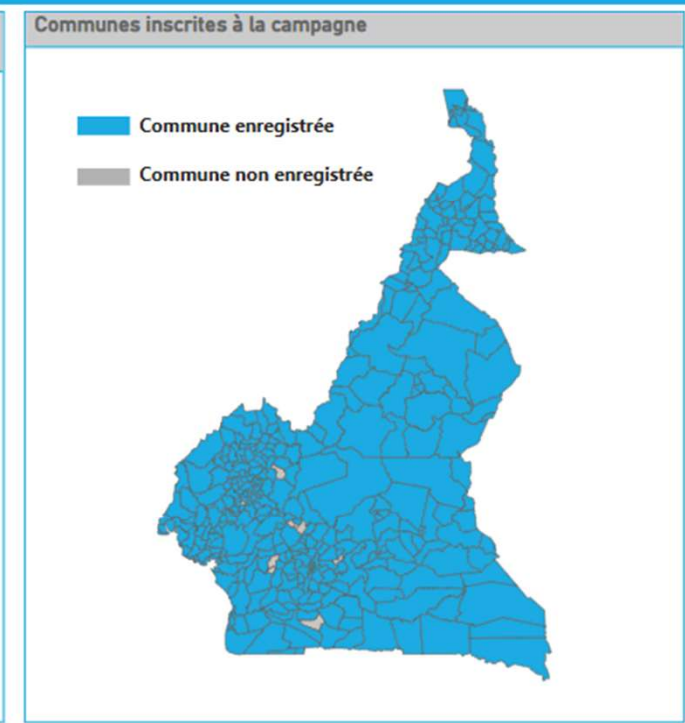
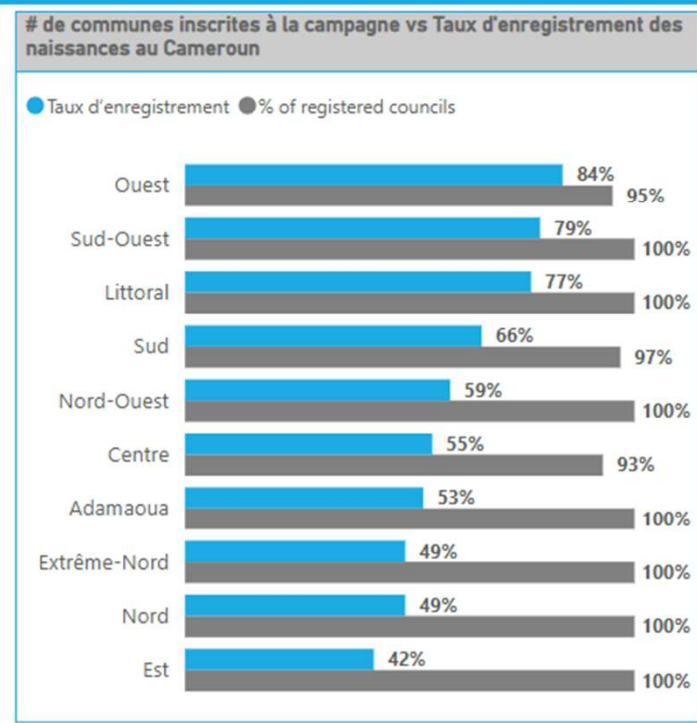
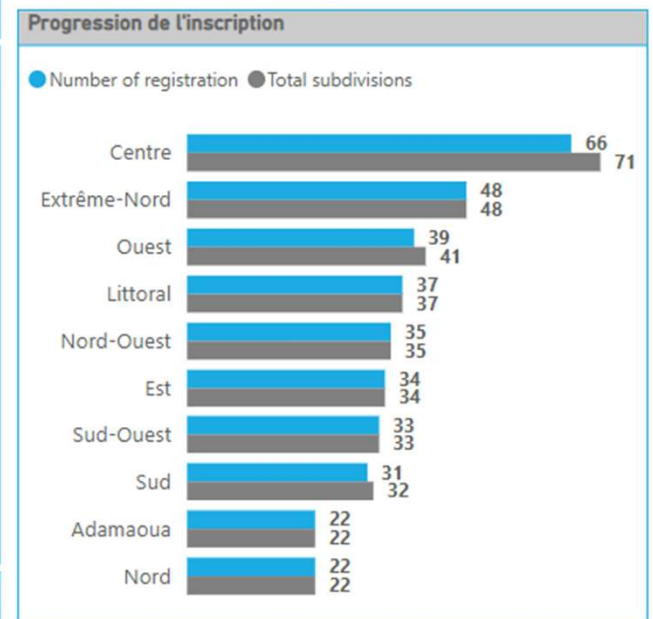
August

September

October

November

December



Région

All

Noms des Communes Inscrites

Région	Département	Commune
Est	Haut-Nyong	Abong-Mbang
Centre	Mefou-et-Afamba	Afanloum
Nord-Ouest	Donga-Mantung	Ako
Centre	Nyong-et-So'o	Akoeman
Sud	Océan	Akom 2
Centre	Mefou-et-Akono	Akono
Centre	Nyong-et-Mfoumou	Akonolinga
Sud-Ouest	Manyu	Akwaya
Sud-Ouest	Lebialem	Alou

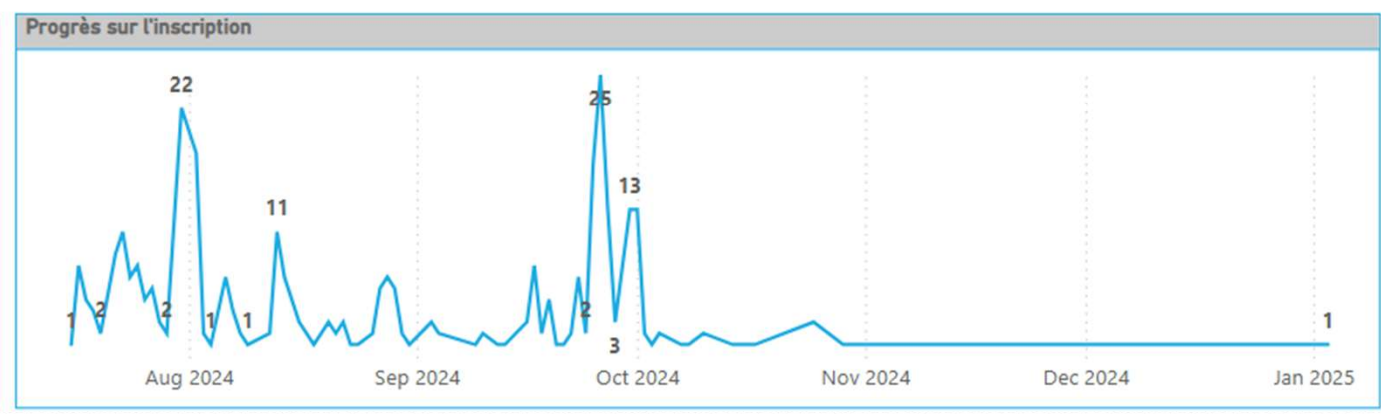
Département

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Commune

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Résultat



Municipalities that have not register for the campaign

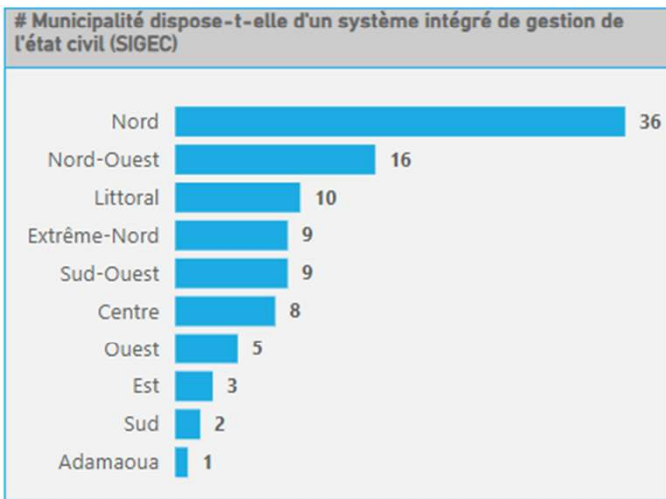
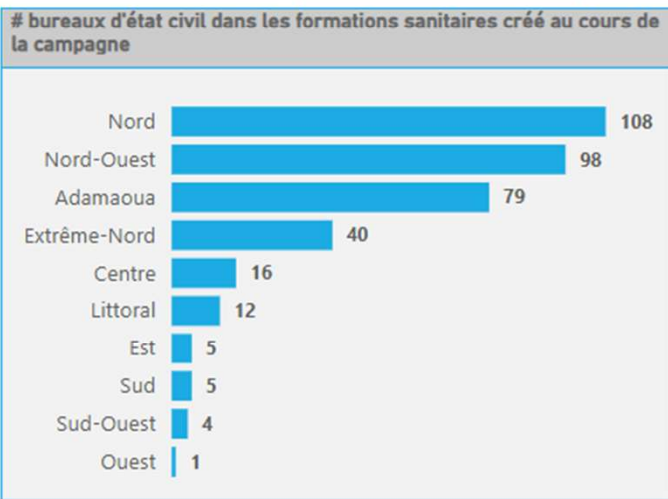
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of municipalities have not registered for the Campaign

Name of municipalities that have not registered for the Campaign		
Region	Division	Municipality
Centre	Mbam-et-Inoubou	Kiiki
Centre	Mbam-et-Inoubou	Ombessa
Centre	Mefou-et-Afamba	Assamba
Centre	Mfoundi	CU YAOUNDE
Centre	Nyong-et-Kellé	Biyouha
Centre	Nyong-et-Kellé	Dibang
Ouest	Haut-Nkam	Bafang
Ouest	Noun	Foumban
Sud	Mvila	Biwong-Bulu

Année	# de municipalités ayant soumis des données mensuelles	# de commune qui ont des BEC dans les hôpitaux suite à la campagne	# bureaux d'état civil dans les formations sanitaires créé au cours de la campa...	# de communes disposant d'une plateforme de concertation	municipalités avec plan d'action budgétisé	# de communes disposant du SIGEC	% d'enfants scolarisés dont les dossiers ont été constitués pour la demand...
<input type="checkbox"/> 2024 <input type="checkbox"/> 2025	109	62	368	181	47	99	Data not available

- Mois
- January
 - February
 - March
 - April
 - May
 - June
 - July
 - August
 - September
 - October
 - November
 - December



% d'enfants scolarisés dont les dossiers ont été constitués pour la demande d'enregistrement de naissance

Data not available

- Région
- All
- Département
- All
- Commune
- All

Le Tableau des Résultats de la Campagne "MON NOM"

Région	Département	Commune	Existence d'un plan d'action budgétisé	Soumission des données mensuelles au BUNEC	Existence de plateforme de concertation	Existence du logiciel SIGEC	Bureaux d'enregistrement des naissances fonctionnels dans les établissements de santé	# enfants d'école primaire dont les documents ont été compilés pour l'acte de naissance	# enfants du primaire sans acte de naissance	% d'élèves du primaire dont les documents ont été établis pour l'acte de naissance
Ouest	Bamboutos	Babadjou	Non	Non	Non	Non	Non	0	0	0%
Ouest	Bamboutos	Mbouda	Non	Oui	Non	Non	Non	0	0	0%
Nord	Bénoué	Bascheo	Oui	Oui	Non	Non	Oui	0	0	0%
Nord	Bénoué	Bascheo	Non	Oui	Oui	Non	Oui	0	0	0%
Nord	Bénoué	Bibemi	Oui	Oui	Oui	Oui	Oui	0	0	0%
Nord	Bénoué	cm006001013	Oui	Oui	Oui	Non	Oui	0	0	0%
Nord	Bénoué	CU GAROUA	Non	Oui	Oui	Non	Oui	0	0	0%
Nord	Bénoué	Dembo	Oui	Oui	Non	Non	Non	0	0	0%
Nord	Bénoué	Dembo	Oui	Oui	Non	Non	Oui	0	0	0%

Inscription

Highlights of the Campaign



9%

10/109 municipalities who submitted their campaign data reported they have submitted Jan- Dec 2024 monthly statistics to BUNEC



109

30% of those who registered for the campaign submitted at least once their Campaign results



43%

47/109 municipalities have budgeted action plan

Main Challenges

- ✓ Late inscription
- ✓ Difficulty contacting Mayors
- ✓ Mayors find it difficult to explore the Champaigne website
- ✓ Poor understanding of reporting methodology
- ✓ Irregular data transmission
- ✓ Mayors found it difficult to report because of the password issues
- ✓ Poor quality data for the indicator of birth registration in schools.
- ✓ Lack of knowledge of the campaign regulations
- ✓ The CRVS remains underfunded, with limited budget allocations at the local level.
 - ✓ Inequity in access to funds. Some regions more funded than others.
- ✓ Implementation in crisis areas (natural disaster and the NW/SW crisis)

Opportunities

- **Leadership and political engagement at the highest level of the state**
- **Leadership, Engagement and support of governors** in some regions
- **Passing of the New Civil Registration Law No. 2024/016 (2024):** Includes digitization and simplification of procedures for vulnerable populations.
- **New Strategic Plan on CRVS (2025-2029):**
- **Engagement with University-based Child Rights Centers (Yaounde 2 and NASLA):** Using them as platforms to sustain and scale up training and capacity building interventions for mayors and local actors.
- **Partnership with International NGO CHIP:** Providing technical assistance, including capacity building for partners on birth registration and research

Opportunities

- **Partnership/engagement with FEICOM:** availability of funds versus integrating civil registration infrastructure into municipalities' investment development plans.
- **Partnerships:**
 - with World Bank:** Ensuring the availability of resources for organizing the special operation.
 - with MINPROFF:** Availability of funds for birth registration of vulnerable groups, particularly women
 - with GIZ, UNICEF, and Vital Strategies:** To improve the CRVS statistics system.
- **UNICEF initiative concerning child-friendly communities.**
- **The JEICOM event in June** will be an opportunity to mobilize municipalities and engage strategic partnerships for children's rights, particularly civil registration at the decentralized level.
- **Study on Catch-up Birth Registration Special Operation in Schools:** Established a multisectoral group on birth registration and education on makes recommendations on : i) Interoperability between the education and civil registry sectors. ii) Creation of a mechanism to prevent unregistered children in schools. iii) Birth registration in crisis contexts.

NEXT STEPS?

Let's discuss and agree....

THANK YOU!

