



DAY OF AFRICAN CHILD: The Cameroon Minister of Social Affairs calls for a « CHILD - SENSITIVE PLANNING »

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Speaking to the press, the Minister of Social Affairs said the theme gives an opportunity to assess the progress made since 2010 in planning and budgeting for children's rights. It is also an opportunity to adopt an approach centred on the rights of the child, to ensure that these concerns are truly integrated into public policies and that their fundamental problems are effectively taken into account in national sustainable development programmes. Minister Pauline Irène Nguene reiterated that the realisation of children's rights in the country requires a holistic approach, combining legislative reform, targeted budgeting and constant community mobilisation. In concrete terms, the Government have been committed to making child-sensitive planning and budgeting a reality through the implementation of actions among which: the establishment and ongoing institutionalisation of the Children's Parliament to make it a genuine advocacy tool for children. There is also the promulgation of Law No. 2023/009 on the Charter for the Protection of Children Online in Cameroon, which aims to protect children from cyber-threats. The na-

tional basic education programme also makes basic education free, compulsory and inclusive as it aims to improve equitable access to education for all categories of children, including those in priority areas.

The Minister of Social Affairs however lamented that the humanitarian crises have led to thousands of Internally Displaced Persons, socio-economic inequalities and insufficient budgeting specifically

earmarked for children's programmes, thus limiting the impact of social policies in their favour. Given their vulnerability, Minister Nguene said children require special attention from every link in society,

including parents, the family, the community and the government. It is therefore up to each of these components to ensure that the rights of this target group are respected.



Meet Sandrine, an exceptional young woman who has just completed her first year studying agriculture at the Institut Polytechnique Supérieur of Bansa. Driven by a powerful vision to enhance food security in Cameroon's major cities, she's dedicating her school vacation to hands-on agricultural work. Bravo, Sandrine, for turning ambition into action.



2025: Graduation at PNEU School in Yaoundé where the majority of primary school children sponsored by AAA study.

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