

## Patriarchal Exarchate of Africa to provide drinking water to over 1,500 residents of Cameroon



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The Patriarchal Exarchate of Africa is launching a project to provide drinking water to residents of villages in the Far North region of Cameroon, which will benefit over 1,500 people.

As in many parts of Africa, access to drinking water is a critical issue in this region. In villages without wells or boreholes, people must either walk several kilometers to fetch water or drink unclean water, leading to dysentery and other illnesses among children and adults. Believers and village leaders in areas where parishes of the Patriarchal Exarchate of Africa are located have appealed to the Russian Orthodox Church for assistance.

Previously, with the support of the Patriarchal Exarchate of Africa, water wells were drilled in Tanzania,

Kenya, Malawi, and Zambia. In Cameroon, a project to create wells for seven parishes in the same region is being implemented for the first time. Funds were raised through a donation form on the official website of the Exarchate.

Funds for four wells have already been transferred to Cameroon, and drilling has begun for the first three wells at the parishes of St. Panteleimon in the village of Kourbi, St. Macarius of Moscow in the village of Dikdim, and St. Alexy of Moscow in the village of Gangalang. The remaining funds will be transferred shortly.

"Our brothers and sisters in Christ express their heartfelt gratitude to all donors," the Exarchate's website states. "With your help, we have been able to improve the lives of a large number of people."

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