

## Project Report

The Wonderbag project began in 2015 with a pilot phase supported by “Brot für die Welt” and implemented by “Pro Climate International” (PCI). During this phase, PCI produced about 400 locally and distributed them to households in specific regions of Cameroon to test the acceptance and carbon reduction potential of the cooking technology.

In the project, area firewood is the predominant energy source used to cook on the traditional three-stone fire. The Wonderbag contributes to the direct well-being of the local population by reducing harmful smoke from the fire. It also saves time and cooking energy.

Ma Nganchu Caroline, a Wonderbag user from Buea, says:

"Wonderbag has saved my family from spending a lot on firewood. We have cooked different meals and preserved our food with it as well."

The project is composed of six permanent employees, four tailors and a network of fifteen distributors, thus contributing additionally to the reduction of unemployment.

Through their awareness-raising work and cooking demonstrations in church groups, women's social groups and in schools, understanding of the heat-storing cooking technology has improved significantly and gained greater acceptance.

To date, more than 5,000 bags are in use in project regions and more than 20,000 carbon emissions have been avoided, according to Gold Standard Foundation verification.

“Even in the midst of the challenging situation, the COVID-19 pandemic, we have continued to distribute Wonderbags to households and increase their cooking energy security.” Says Jean Claude Tsafack, project coordinator at Pro Climate International (PCI)

