

Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity.

I'm LILIAN DIBO EYONG, a 26-year old Cameroonian. I am a polio survivor who has been wheelchair bound for 24 years.

Due to the ongoing Anglophone crisis in Cameroon, I left the University of Buea where I read Accounting for two years. I enrolled in a counseling school where I obtained a diploma in trauma counseling as the best outstanding student.

I started DISABILITY RIGHTS ADVOCACY through Calvary Good News Radio Kumba. I reached out to the public and in turn received close to 500 calls every time I'm on air. Lives were transformed and inspired through the program.

Due to the physical, emotional and psychological abuse, stigmatization and marginalization I and other persons with disabilities go through, I was inspired to write a book titled LIVING WITH DISABILITY. In this book, I had elaborated on DISABILITY and the FAMILY, DISABILITY and SELF-ESTEEM, DISABILITY and the GOVERNMENT, DISABILITY and SPORTS, DISABILITY and POLITICS, DISABILITY and EDUCATION, DISABILITY and SOCIALIZATION/RELATIONSHIPS.

In mid-2019, I registered for the first ever MISS WHEELCHAIR CAMEROON and by the special grace of God, I was nominated as the FIRST RUNNER UP MISS WHEELCHAIR  CAMEROON.

With much resilience, I wanted to train women and girls with disabilities to be self-employed and independent. That alone pushed me to learn Ankara and beads accessories designing and tailoring. This was to ease the training because I want to be the change I wish to see in the lives of persons with disabilities and especially women and girls with disabilities.

On March 13th, 2020, I launched LILIAN DIBO FOUNDATION which stands as a training center for persons with disabilities in Cameroon. So far, we have and are still training seven women and girls with disabilities, two boys with disabilities and eight adolescent girls (non-disabled).

LILIAN DIBO FOUNDATION has carried out numerous free outdoor training workshops with the help of our sponsors.

On May 1st 2020, at the peak of COVID-19, LILIAN DIBO FOUNDATION sewed 500 face masks and distributed them to the Buea community.

On May 19th 2020, we as well sewed 512 face masks and produced detergents, which we distributed to the Kumba community as our own contribution in the fight against Covid-19.

On MANDELA'S DAY, I organized free training for persons with disabilities and they came in their numbers.

On the 12th of August, 2020, I was awarded Best Outstanding Youth with Disability impacting her community by Global Law Thinkers.

LILIAN DIBO FOUNDATION is one of the sponsors of NAYEOLA 2020 in the counseling category because we believe without a sound mind, one cannot achieve their goals in life.

LILIAN DIBO FOUNDATION and her partners carried out a humanitarian assistance giving 50 bags of rice, 5 cartons of savon and 5 bags of salt to 50 persons with disabilities.

In Cameroon, schools will resume on the 6th of October which is next month. We have identified 100 children with disabilities and children born from disabled parents who really wish to pursue their educational career but there is no means to go to school. It really breaks my heart to see my disabled family in dire need, but I can't help because my resources are very limited.

If we can come together and see how these future leaders can acquire a sound education, we will be grateful for the rest of our lives.

OBJECTIVE/MISSION OF LILIAN DIBO FOUNDATION

- Inclusive vocational training for sustainability
- Inclusive education for children with disabilities and children born from disabled parents
- Small scale businesses for independent living
- Disability Right Advocacy

OUR VISION

We want to see an inclusive world where persons with disabilities will live a free independent life. Their voices should be heard, and they should be included as active agents of change socially, economically and politically.

In peace and solidarity

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