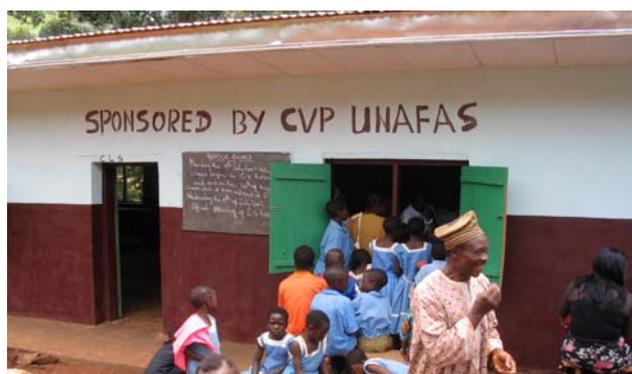


Rhontong village school, Bui Division.

Over ten years Rhontong has step by small step, with little support from authorities, been establishing its primary school. Between November 2005 and July 2007 we provided organisational, material and technical support, enabling them to plaster the walls, cement the floors, install ceilings, tables, benches and blackboards and paint existing buildings. Also to construct, furnish and equip two new neat regulation size classrooms. The hut (right) previously a class room, has been demolished.



The project was managed by a local committee led by the head master. The construction work was completed and teaching materials, fruit and other trees and ornamental plants for the school grounds contributed, and planted.



Perhaps the greatest achievement in Rhontong was the community development that realising this project brought to the village, empowered by a new confidence and pride, and belief that they can help themselves – they have started a women's functional literacy group and a nursery class, started building a school office and store and organising themselves to bring water to the village. Both adult and child learners are using the contents of their CVP cabinets - manuals for making a tree nursery, planting out trees, composting, organic pest control, agroforestry, propagation of useful tree species; wall maps of Cameroon and the world, and environmentally themed reading books. The inauguration was truly a festival, a celebration of achievement, for us all.



'As the head master I started in a hut full of jiggers. We thank UNAFAS, and those who contributed in big and little ways to give our children such a beautiful school. To the parents we thank you for being united with one ambition. Thank you very much, God bless you.'