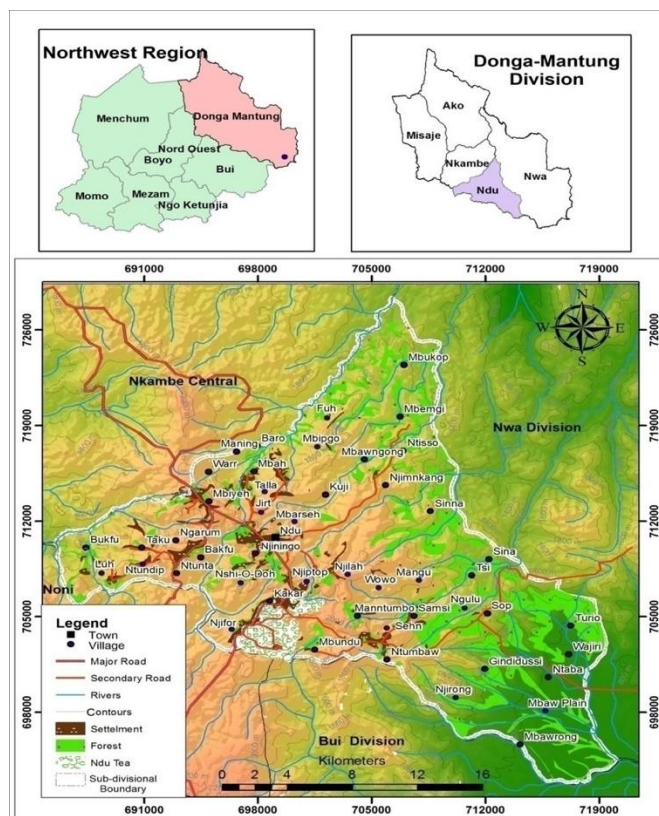


PROSDOMA Social Impact Report 2025:

Ako Bridge of Hope

Executive Summary

The *Promotion of Sustainable Development in Donga-Mantung Association (PROSDOMA)* presents the **Ako Bridge of Hope**—a transformative infrastructure initiative designed to reduce isolation, food loss, and fatalities in rural Cameroon. This report outlines our goals, achievements, and impact potential, providing donors and stakeholders with a comprehensive snapshot of our efforts.



Caption: Map showing the Donga-Mantung Division and key sub-divisions including Ako, where the project is based.
(Courtesy: Adapted from the map of Nkambe, 2004)

Project Context

Region: Ako Sub-Division, Donga-Mantung Division, Cameroon

Population Affected: 50,000+

Key Challenges:

- Unsafe river crossings during rainy seasons (45+ fatalities from 1990–2017)
- Over 35% post-harvest losses due to inaccessible markets
- Limited access to healthcare and emergency services

PROSDOMA's Solution: Ako Bridge of Hope

Infrastructure

- **2 concrete-and-steel bridges** over Rivers Akong and Atoro
- **6 gas-powered grinding mills** to support food processing

Timeline & Budget

- Estimated cost: **\$410,000 USD**
- Implementation timeline: **Up to 15 months** from when funding is secured
- **Note:** No funding secured yet; project submissions have been made to two organizations without favorable responses. The team is actively seeking sponsors.



Caption: PROSDOMA's leadership recognized for regional sustainable development leadership.

Tangible Impact (Projected)

<i>Outcome</i>	<i>Target Impact</i>	<i>Beneficiaries</i>
<i>Reduction in food loss</i>	30% improvement	3,000+ farmers
<i>Safer transportation</i>	30% fewer river-related fatalities	50,000+ residents
<i>Access to grinding facilities</i>	6 local mills	500+ households each
<i>Job creation (construction + ops)</i>	30+ direct jobs	Local workforce



Caption: The Voice Certificate awarded to PROSDOMA founder Emmanuel Ngeh for rural agricultural empowerment.

Voices from the Community

“Without a bridge, we carry our sick across on our backs.”

— **Yah Sam Ndi, Mother of two kids**

“This project is what our generation has waited for. I speak for the youth when I say we’re ready to help build it and protect it.”

— **Ethemby Terence, Youth Leader, Ako Sub-Division**

“I’ve seen too many seasons lost to floods. This bridge is not just concrete—it’s hope.”

— **Mami Boku, Respected Elder and Farmer**

Alignment with Global Development Goals

This project supports the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**:

- **SDG 2:** Zero Hunger – through increased food security and reduced post-harvest loss
- **SDG 9:** Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure – by building resilient transport and agro-processing infrastructure
- **SDG 11:** Sustainable Cities and Communities – by enhancing rural safety and connectivity
- **SDG 13:** Climate Action – through sustainable development and localized production



Caption: The Voice Award recognizing PROSDOMA's excellence in grassroots advocacy.

Sustainability & Scalability

- **Bridge ownership:** Will rest with the **Ako Council (local government)** to ensure long-term community governance.
- **Milling units:** Will be owned and managed by **PROSDOMA**, ensuring professional oversight and accountability.
- Farmers will pay a **small maintenance token** of approximately **\$5 CAD per 200-liter drum** of raw material processed.
- Durable, all-season bridge design with 10-ton vehicle capacity.
- Local community will contribute approximately **30% of the cost**, supervised by Ako Council.
- A community management model is being established to oversee operations and maintenance.
- Training sessions are planned to build local technical capacity for bridge and mill upkeep.
- An **independent evaluation and sensitization committee** led by PROSDOMA will ensure transparency and effective reporting.

Community Training & Sensitization

- The environmental team, in collaboration with the Ako Council and local youth leaders, will lead a public **sensitization campaign** before and after construction.
- Campaign will include guidance on safe bridge usage, maintenance reporting mechanisms, and **alternative crossing methods** prior to bridge completion.
- Public workshops will cover mill operations, maintenance, and community responsibility.
- PROSDOMA will also establish a community committee for ongoing monitoring and user feedback.

Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E)

- Progress tracked through **reports, testimonials, and community surveys**
- Long-term documentation planned for future evaluation and transparency
- Due to conflict in the region, past project documentation was lost in an office fire; efforts are ongoing to recover historical data and testimonials

How Donors Can Support

<i>Action</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>Donate</i>	Sponsor construction materials or a full bridge section
<i>Volunteer</i>	Assist with grant writing or technical planning
<i>Partner</i>	Join us in procurement, logistics, or community training
<i>Advocate</i>	Share Ako's story through #BridgeOfHope

Visit www.prosdoma.org or contact info@prosdoma.org for full donation and partnership options.

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**Together, we can bridge isolation with opportunity.
Together, we can lift Ako.**