



Nachtigal, at the heart of Cameroon's sustainable development

Testimony from a resettled farmer

Who is Nyudzefon Michael ?

Nyudzefon Michael is a native of the North West Region of Cameroon and resident in Ekombetie-Ndokoia since 2013.

Michael settled in Ndokoia in search of arable land for the cultivation of food crops. In 2015, Nyudzefon was cultivating on approximately 1 ha of land rented from a native of Ndokoia. This land is included in the area impacted by the Nachtigal project, and Nyudzefon chose to have this land replaced by the Project.



Nyudzefon's replacement land

Nyudzefon is now a land owner

Nyudzefon chose a replacement land located at Ndjore, some 5 km from the previous site.

According to the NHPC land-for-land compensation action plan and taking into account the fallow periods, Nyudzefon received three hectares in return for his one hectare of annual-crop-land, and additional payment to enable him prepare his farm.



New plantain crops

"I am quite satisfied with the compensation I received. Yesterday, I rented land to cultivate crops but today I am owner of 3 times bigger piece of land, I acquired my personal means of transportation and I was able to complete the construction of my house in the village, Most importantly I am beginning to improve on my production"
Nyudzefon Michael

As part of the compensation package, Nyudzefon received improved maize seeds, improved plantain materials, and technical support.

Improved livelihood



Improved maize crops

Nyudzefon had a remarkable increase in productivity for his maize production, moving from about 2.5 tons/ha to circa 5 tons/ha thanks to such improved seeds and trainings.

Agronomic yields for maize in Cameroon are estimated at about 6 tons/ha

Nyudzefon chose his farm at proximity to a water source, and he thus plans to diversify his production in the coming years by cultivating some garden crops especially okra (*Abelmoschus esculentus*) and watermelon (*Citrullus lanatus*) as the revenue from these offseason crops are even more important than those of the crops previously cultivated.