

There are many good project ideas that require additional funding for long term success and sustainability. Projects that save greenhouse gas emissions can acquire additional funding from carbon finance, but the process of claiming carbon credits is time consuming, costly and not guaranteed.

CO2balance have devised a series of Gold Standard microprogrammes to reduce the time and cost of generating carbon credits for projects and improve success of issuing carbon credits. The CO2balance inclusion option allows partners to claim carbon credit funding quickly, cheaply and projects are pre-screened to reduce the risk of project non compliance

**ACREST, an environmental NGO working in Cameroon, have included their improved cookstove project in the CO2balance microprogramme so that funding from carbon finance can be used to guarantee the long term sustainability of their project.**

# Project Case Study microProgramme Consultancy for ACREST

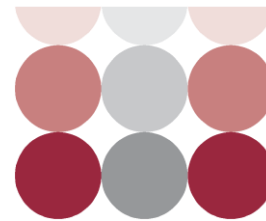
A co2balance initiative to improve access to carbon markets for all projects



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### About co2balance UK Ltd

Established in 2003, co2balance UK Ltd is a leading, UK based, carbon management provider offering carbon calculation, management and reduction services to leading blue chip companies including, BSKyB, Toshiba Europe, Gaz De France, Fiat and Flybe. As a project developer co2balance UK Ltd creates African Gold Standard and CDM projects that focus on social, health and community benefits to the families within the project area, in addition to carbon savings.



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### Before the project



Stove Owner:  
Madame Lontsie Ernestine



### After the project



# ACREST Improved Cookstoves

In Mbouda and Dschanque cities, West Cameroon, around 90% of people use wood for cooking on traditional 3 stone fires that are both highly inefficient and a cause of indoor air pollution. Most people in these cities purchase their wood for cooking, which means that very little of the household budget is left over to invest in a cleaner, more efficient cook stove. ACREST had tried to address this issue by developing a locally made improved stove, based on simple, effective Mpesi liner technology. However, despite their efforts to keep costs down, the price of the stove was still out of reach of the majority of households and the project was close to being abandoned due to low sales.

ACREST contacted CO2balance for assistance and following an assessment of their project, CO2balance confirmed that by acting as their project development consultant, the ACREST project could be included in the CO2balance microprogramme. CO2balance could then guide them through to successful project registration. ACREST had no prior experience with carbon project development tasks. CO2balance provided full guidance and project management support for ACREST to carry out all tasks in full compliance with all Gold Standard requirements.

As a result of gaining access to the carbon market, ACREST were able to use the projected revenues from carbon credits to subsidise the cost of their improved stove and invest in developing their supply chain. To improve awareness about the revitalised project, CO2balance helped them conduct a stakeholder meeting in which the project was re-launched to the targeted communities. The subsidization strategy was well received and people were immediately more interested in purchasing stoves at a price they could afford. A number of cook stoves were sold at this event that was simply meant as an awareness raiser and a way of gathering feedback on the project's design!! The project is now firmly reestablished and ACREST are now on target to sell 3,000 stoves by the end of 2014.

CO2balance is looking forward to supporting many more families in West Cameroon embrace efficient clean cooking technology, in partnership with ACREST, thanks to the innovative microprogramme inclusion service offered by CO2balance.

If you would like to hear more about how inclusion in a CO2balance microprogramme and our consultancy services can help your project, please email [paul.chiplen@CO2balance.com](mailto:paul.chiplen@CO2balance.com) or call (+44) 01823 332233