

Cameroon 2025 Elections: Empowering Every Vote

As we approach the 2025 elections in Cameroon, the stakes have never been higher. But are Cameroonians really prepared for the upcoming elections? Can we concretely assess the rate of civic engagement and political participation among citizens, especially among youths?

In a country with over 29 million inhabitants like Cameroon, the number of registered voters has struggled to surpass 9 million. This disparity is evident from statistics provided by Elections Cameroon (ELECAM) over the years with the number reaching 8.1 million in August, 2024. Young people constitute about 40% of Cameroon's population and 60% of the 15 million potential voters in Cameroon are youths but unfortunately they have experienced low participation and representation in electoral processes.



Section 45 of Law No 12/001 of 19 April relative to the Electoral Code states that Every person of Cameroonian nationality of either sex, who has reached the age of 20 (twenty) years, is registered on an electoral register and is free from all cases of disqualification provided for by law, shall be entitled to be an elector. However many citizens shy away from carrying out their civic responsibilities hence undermining the fact that each individual vote has weight in influencing the actions of an elected party.



Actions for Development and Empowerment, ADE through the My vote my voice initiative seeks to empower youths and marginalized groups by encouraging their participation in electoral processes in Cameroon using several strategies to bridge the gap and engage the most vulnerable groups.

How to get Involved or Take Action



#EveryVoteCount

As a conscious citizen, the first step to contributing to democracy is by registering to vote. Ensure you are registered on the electoral list, obtain your voters card and have knowledge of the different polling stations around you. Secondly, educate yourself on issues of elections as well as the different political parties and candidates.

Also, actively engage in political campaigns and participate in workshops to broaden your awareness on political participation and electoral processes. Lastly, conduct advocacy by communicating and engaging with peers on election and political issues using your different social networks.

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