

Compensation

Compensation paid to individual land users by the project in 2009 totaled over 702 million FCFA (more than \$1.4 million) in cash and in-kind payments. Over 12.7 billion FCFA (more than \$21.2 million) in individual compensation has been disbursed since the project began.

◀ Tally of Individual Compensation (Millions FCFA)

	1st Qtr 2009	2nd Qtr 2009	3rd Qtr 2009	4th Qtr 2009	12 Month Total	Project to Date
Chad	153.1	145.3	182.7	203.1	684.2	7,028.10
Cameroon	8.5	1.6	4.3	3.7	18.1	5,692.60
Project Total	161.6	146.9	187.0	206.8	702.3	12,720.70

A Community House for Goyoum

This community guest house and meeting hall for the village of Goyoum, Cameroon, fulfills a project commitment for community compensation. It compensates the village for the nearby presence of access roads to oil spill response control points at the Sanaga River. The control points are pre-planned locations where responders would establish bases for controlling and cleaning up a spill. Other compensations have been provided for control points near Mbengteng and Mboko. For more information on the work in Mboko, see the section on *Consultation & Communication*.



Bruno Batouri, Chief of Goyoum village: *“We had a good consultation in this process, a decision we needed to make for our village. We chose a permanent development that will be here for our children and their children. We chose a community hall with three guest rooms that can house visitors. In the big room we hold community gatherings. The guest rooms are important for us because now we have a place for authorities such as the school inspector or the sous prefect to stay. We are very remote here. Having the officials stay comfortably with us in our village, we believe, will improve our ability to get services.*



As to the oil spill response road, we hope and believe there will not be an oil spill here, but it is good to be prepared. So, we support the road and are part of the preparation. And we are very happy for the community hall and what COTCO has done for us.