

The Change of Heart in Mining



Mission:

GeoAid initiates development and facilitates community ownership of sustainable projects among people affected by mining operations.

History:

When geologist Bill Buckovic developed a cobalt mineral project in the east province of Cameroon, he founded Geovic, Ltd, a US mining company. But Buckovic is also a cultural anthropologist, committed to the long-term welfare of the people in mining areas. Under his leadership, Geovic built a school and water well in Kongo, the nearby village most affected by the new mine.

With this belief that the local communities should be the main beneficiaries of mining activities, Buckovic and his uncle, Richard Buckovic, founded GeoAid International.

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Change is inevitable; growth is a choice.

As an independent non-profit organization, GeoAid integrates humanitarian interests into the work of Geovic, Ltd, and demonstrates the corporate social responsibility intended by legacy stakeholders and new donors. Working with partners in the US and seeking opportunities to collaborate with local governments and communities, GeoAid helps build sustainable, positive change.

Health:

- HIV & AIDS testing, counseling, and education
- Volunteer health teams
- Medical supplies and equipment donations
- Water projects
- Hospital infrastructure upgrades
- Community health

Agricultural developments:

- Plantain multiplication and disease-resistant varieties
- Improved cassava variety
- Community gardens
- Anti-bushmeat initiative: Raising small animals for food, rather than hunting endangered species

Education and training:

- Literacy and language education and tutoring
- Construction skills
- School fees for orphans
- Safe motherhood initiatives

Economics:

- Micro-loans for sewing machines
- Woodworking for making furniture
- Development of non-timber forest product markets