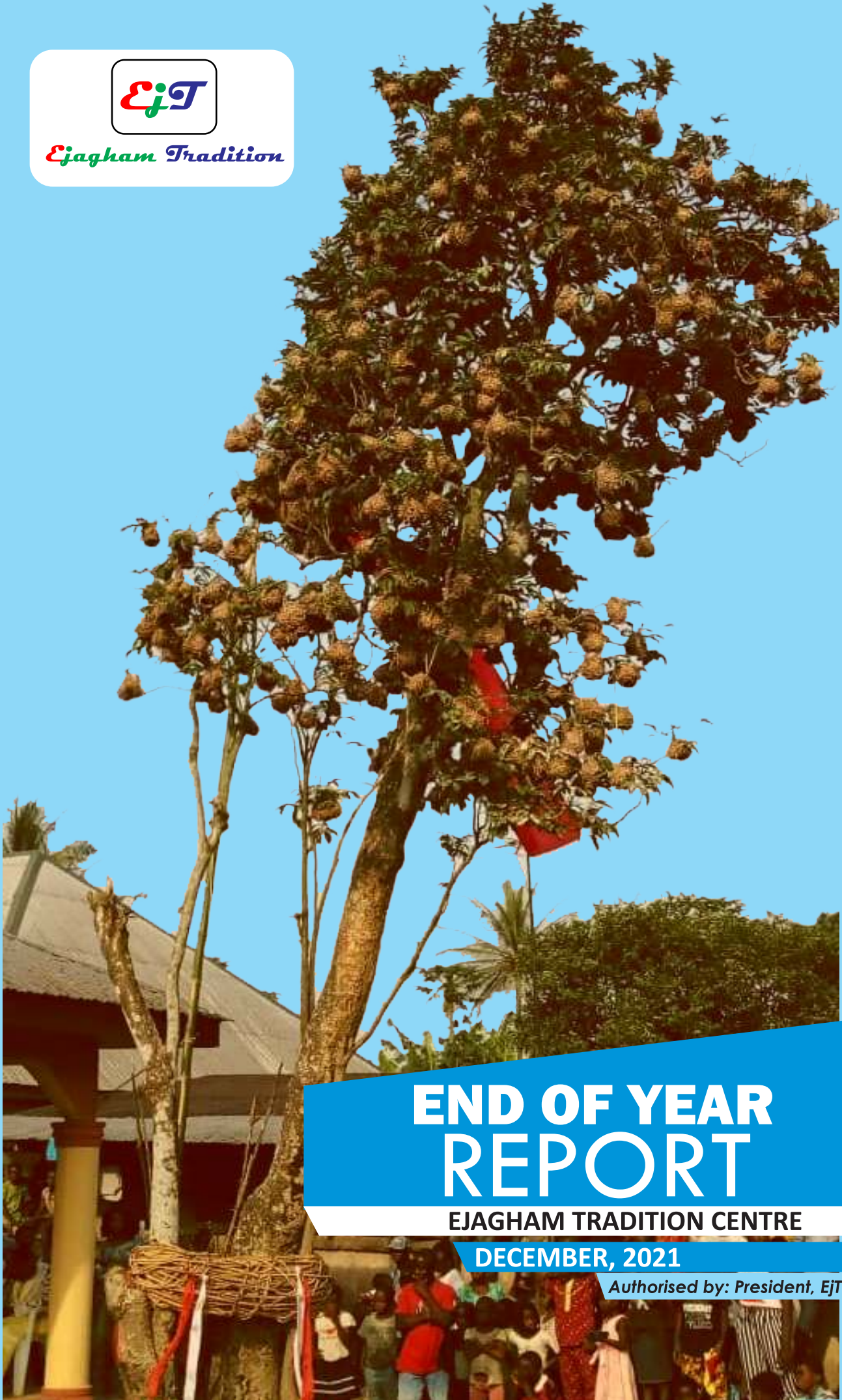




Ejagham Tradition









END OF YEAR REPORT

EJAGHAM TRADITION CENTRE

DECEMBER, 2021

Authorised by: President, EjT

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ORGANISATIONAL DIRECTION

OUR MISSION

“To Host, Promote, Harness and Update Ejagham Traditional Practices (ETP) and Ejagham Cultural Expressions (ECE) in order to Safeguard and Preserve Ejagham Tradition as a true Legacy of Ejagham People.”

OUR VISION

To be a one-stop-shop for information and data about, relating to and concerning Ejagham Traditional Practices (ETP) and Ejagham Cultural Expressions (ECE)

OUR OBJECTIVES

- *Safeguard and preserve the cultural heritage of Ejagham people.*
- *Protect the secret and sacred cultural heritage of Ejagham people.*
- *Encourage Research and Development (R&D) on Ejagham tradition.*
- *Ensure that the none-secret and non-sacred knowledge of Ejagham Traditional Practices (ETP) and Ejagham Cultural Expressions (ECE) are globally available and easily accessible.*
- *Explore the Socio-economic potential of Ejagham tradition for the empowerment of Ejagham People and Local Communities (EPLC).*

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ekup Na Nkad - Thank You So Much

What an exciting year 2021 has been. We have kept our focus on our Mission, Vision, and Objectives. Ejagham Tradition is the precious gift that one generation must pass to the next. Hence, as members of this organisation, and to all Ejagham people across the globe, this is our ultimate task.

2021 has been successful in many ways, but there have also been challenges. One that mainly affected all individuals and organisations (and still does) is the COVID-19 pandemic. This pandemic has impacted all facets of our lives and livelihood, including how we work and relate and invariably our productivity. Despite this, some of our members have managed to stay the course. Ekup na nkad!



Engr. Chris Anom *CEng, CMarEng, FIMarEST, FRINA*

We gladly acknowledge that we have managed to pursue our mission and achieved some milestones in the year through the support of our members.

We are profoundly grateful to all our active members who have supported this organisation by volunteering time and skills

in organising EjT activities, participating in working committees, submitting Papers for publication in the forthcoming Ejagham Journal and Book, as well as the generous cash donations, to mention but a few. Ekup na nkad!

It is noteworthy that the positive impact of EjT on the Ejagham Nation at large cannot be overstated. Among other things, our activities have rekindled the relationship, strengthened the bond and cooperation between Ejagham in Nigeria, the Cameroons, and across the globe.

Given that Ejagham is a large nation with clusters spread across two independent countries; and further split into distinctive geopolitical units in these countries, the cluster identity has received higher visibility and recognition. Hence, the relegation of the overreaching Ejagham identity ought to be primary to all rooted in this heritage.

As it is shared across other prominent nationalities such the Yoruba, Igbo, Hausa/Fulani, and others, what is primary is the generally shared identity. To the Ejagham, it is rather the cluster identity of either Qua, Akamkpa, Etung, Bakor, Ngunaya, Njemaya, Obang, that has gained prominence. This mistaken identity by cluster first inadvertently creates silo relationship between clusters, eroding our values and benefits associated with our shared identity as Ejagham. However, EjT has brought to the fore our identity as Ejagham first.

EjT is a global “Ocham” (Leopard's Lodge)

for all Ejagham people across the globe. Rekindling Ejagham identity is at the heart of EjT's mission and your support is ensuring that one brick is safely laid on another as we lay the foundation for future Ejagham generations to say "Proudly Ejagham": Ekup na nkad.

We have pursued specific activities in 2021, elaborated in "2021 In Reflection" below. These include Ejagham language codification, Ejagham language-translation tool, Ejagham Journal and Book, community engagements, Ejagham Fashion Collection initiative to mention a few. These works have been made possible because of your support. Ekup na nkad.

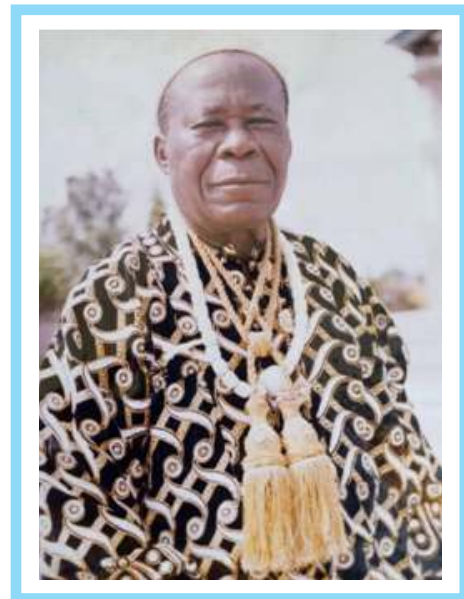
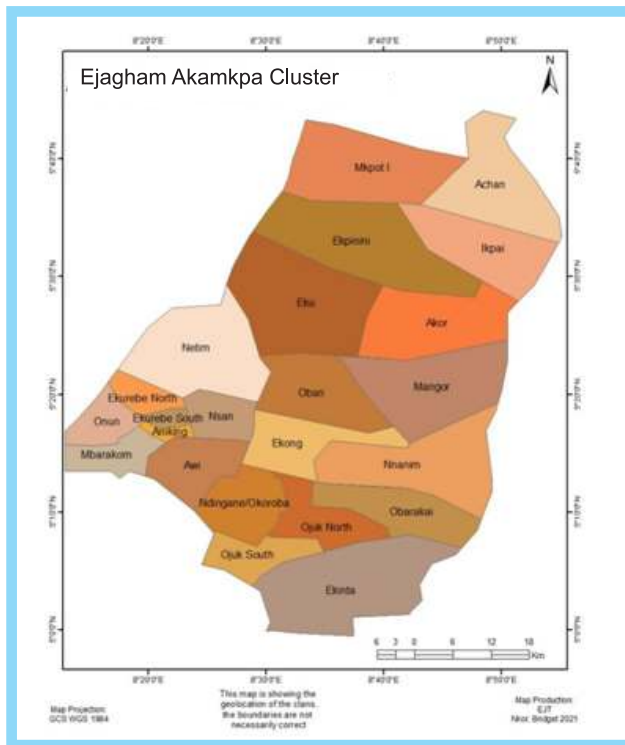
Despite the challenges of COVID-19, financial challenges, motivational deficit, and general inertia in active membership, members should be proud of what the organisation has achieved thus far. **The accurate measure is in analysing the capacity within our membership versus achievements.** Whether the result of your analysis indicates that we have achieved more, average, or less, it should be an encouragement for each of us to be active members as we look forward to a better 2022 and beyond.

As we look forward to 2022 and beyond, ask the question, "Have I done my best to support EjT's Mission, Vision and Objectives?".

Ekup na nkad
Engr. Chris Anom
 Engr. Chris Anom
 President, EjT



EJAGHAM NATION COMPOSITION



*His Royal Majesty (HRM), Echi-Atui,
Ntufam Clement A. Emayip.*

EJAGHAM AKAMKPA BY CLANS

Akamkpa Local Government Area (LGA) is in the Southern Senatorial District of Cross River State Nigeria. It has a landmass of 4,300 square kilometers, and is bounded by Odukpani and Akpabuyo LGAs to the west and south, Biase and Yakurr LGAs to the northwest, Ikom and Etung LGAs to the north, and the Republic of Cameroon to the west.

There are two main ethnic groups in Akamkpa Local Government Area: the Ejagham and Dusauga Iyong Iyong.

With the largest forest area in the state and very fertile land watered by many rivers, streams, and springs, Akamkpa people are primarily agrarian. Agricultural estates in the area include Kwa Fall Oil

Palm Estate, Ayip Eku Oil Palm Estate, CREL Rubber Estate and Calaro Oil Palm Estates. In addition, there is a vast tract of reserved forest and Gmelina and other pulpwood plantation, privately owned rubber, oil palm, cocoa plantations, etc.

Granite rocks are abundant and associated with quarrying companies in Akamkpa LGA. However, other solid minerals like limestone kaolin are yet to be exploited. The tourism attraction in Akamkpa Local government includes Qua Falls in Aning-eje, Oban Hills located in Oban, Wildlife National Park, and a few.

The Paramount Ruler of Akamkpa LGA is **His Royal Majesty (HRM), Echi-Atui, Ntufam Clement A. Emayip.**

2021 IN REFLECTION

RESET OF EJ T FISCAL YEAR CALENDAR

Following the timing of its constitution, EjT's Leadership Team agreed to start the organization's fiscal year in July 2020. This is why the 2020 Q1 Report was published in August 2020 and of course other reports followed. We are now in Q2 of 2021/2022 fiscal year following that order.

However, given that there have not been many fiscal activities in the last five quarters, EjT Leadership has again agreed that this end of the year would be an ideal opportunity to reset the fiscal year such that the fiscal year starts in January 2022.

Consequently, this report ceases to be a Q2 report; instead it serves as EjT's End of Year Report for 2020.

Ladies and Gentlemen, fasten your seat belts as we cruise through activities of the year 2021 and activate the memory recall button of some critical activities preceding the year 2022.

EJAGHAM LANGUAGE CODIFICATION

It is a fact that language is the primary identifier of a people. Ndua Ntufam Dr. Stephen B. Ajom added that 'Language, therefore, can be a definite factor in uniting all the Ejagham people for socio-economic development.' EjT identified Ejagham Language Codification as its flagship project for these and other plausible reasons.

Ejagham Language Codification Committee (ELCC) was constituted in April 2020 saddled with the responsibility of actualising the codification of Ejagham

language so that Ejagham language could be included in schools curriculum across Ejagham nation. Prof. Stella Ansa leads the ELCC as Chairperson, Fr. Dr. Felix Eja Ojong as Alternate Chair and Nta D.C. Ekup-Nse as Secretary, and has members from all Ejagham clusters.



*Prof. Stella Ansa. Chairperson:
Ejagham Language Codification Committee
– ELCC.*



*Fr. Dr. Felix Eja Ojong. Alternate
Chairperson: Ejagham Language
Codification Committee - ELCC*

ELCC commenced work by engaging with all Ejagham Traditional Rulers Councils in all Ejagham Clusters. Then, the committee progressed to field data collection and obtaining Ejagham Language Codification wordlists and voice-over recordings from all Ejagham clusters. Collection of the wordlists and voice-over recordings was made possible by the support of volunteers.

In Nigeria, Mrs. Grace Ara Ntui from Nchofang, Nta Donald Agborche from Mbarakom and Hon. Abbey from Ikpai. Nta Mbek Ewor Abang from Bendeghe, Ugban Ita Akuku from Nkem, and Nta Ojogu from Ofutop also assisted. Others who also supported include Nta Agim Takim From Akparabong.



Nta Mbek Ewor Abang from Bendeghe Ekiem. He completed the Wordlist and Voice-over for Ejagham Etung.



Ms. Joy Asong from Mbobui. She completed the Wordlist and Voice-over for Ejagham Akamkpa .



Ugban (Mr.) Ita Akuku from Nkem. He completed the Wordlist and Voice-over for Ejagham Bakor.



Pa Oba Ekum Ojogu from Osiela - Ofutop. He completed the Wordlist and Voice-over for Ejagham Bakor .



Dr. Kadimo Oqua from Qua. He completed the Wordlist and Voice-over for Ejagham Qua.



Mrs. Grace Ara Ntui from Nchofang. She completed the Wordlist and Voice-over for Ejagham Etung .



Nta Donald Agborche from Mbarakom. He completed the Wordlist and Voice-over for Ejagham Akamkpa .



Hon. Abbey from Ikpai. He completed the Wordlist and Voice-over for Ejagham Akamkpa.



Nta Agim Takim from Akparabong. He completed the Wordlist and Voice-over for Ejagham Etung .

In Cameroon, the Wordlist and Voice-over recording was done by Mr. Ayuk Egbe Samuel Ntui, Mr. Ndip Egbe Stanislaus Abum and Mr. Besong Benard, Mr. Egbe Alfred from Obang Ejagham. Nta Effa Joseph Ekpe and Sessekou (Iyamba) Dr. Agbornduku Eret from Njemaya Ejagham

and Prof. Eku Njock and Rev. Ebot Gregory Arrey from Ngunaya Ejagham.

The Eyumojock Traditional Rulers Association HRH supervised the Wordlist and Voice-over recording. Chief Obenofunde Moses, Chief Ita Jacques Ayamba and Chief Batae Enoh.



Prof. Thomas Eku Njock. He completed the Wordlist and Voice-over for Ejagham Ngunaya.



Rev. Ebot Gregory Arrey. He completed the Wordlist and Voice-over for Ejagham Ngunaya .



Nta Effa Joseph Ekpe. He completed the Wordlist and Voice-over for Ejagham Njemaya .



Sessekou (Iyamba) Dr. Agbornduku Eret. He completed the Wordlist and Voice-over for Ejagham Njemaya .



Ntufam Ayamba Ita Jacques; He completed the Wordlist and Voice-over for Ejagham Njemaya .



Nta Ayuk Samuel Ntui: He completed the Wordlist and Voice-over for Ejagham Obang .



Nta Besong Benard: He completed the Wordlist and Voice-over for Ejagham Obang



Nta Ndip Egbe: He completed the Wordlist and Voice-over for Ejagham Obang .



HRH Chief Moses Obenofunde - President Eyumojock Traditional Rulers Association.

ELCC has since commenced the next phase of the project. In the next phase, the committee would be 'milling' the rich data received into a product that would move Ejagham nation one notch further in our collective efforts to codify Ejagham language in a manner that all Ejagham nation would accept. In this effort, ELCC has teamed up with the Department of Linguistics, University of Calabar, Cross

Rivers State, Nigeria. *Ekup na nkaɔ.*

EJAGHAM LANGUAGE-TRANSLATION TOOL

This project is an integral part of Ejagham Language Codification project deliverables. It aims to restore Ejagham language to a place of prominence and relevance as we move into the 21st century by providing a means of translating classic and modern works of

literature from English to Ejagham.

This project includes machine learning model building and training. This machine learning process requires a copious amount of Ejagham text, which was a major challenge.

The project received a boost when it received exactly what was required from a couple who lived in Ejagham communities in Nigeria and Cameroon, who did and still do much work on Ejagham language: John



John R. Watters PhD Linguistics and Kathie L. Watters MA Linguistics.

R. Watters PhD Linguistics and Kathie L. Watters MA Linguistics. They provided EjT with Ejagham language text of the New Testament Bible. They are both from the United States of America. Ekup na nkad.

Nta Ekaba Bissong leads the efforts of his volunteer team, some of whom are non Ejagham, on the development of Ejagham language-translation tool. EjT can do with more of such volunteers. Ekup na nkad.



Nta Ekaba Bissong from Bendeghe Ekiem. Project Lead: Ejagham Language Translation Tool

EJAGHAM JOURNAL AND BOOK

Given the dearth of literature on Ejagham Traditional Practices (ETP) and Ejagham Cultural Expressions (ECE), there is a huge need for constructive documentation of all aspects of Ejagham heritage. Oral Tradition has its place, but death and memory loss call for a more durable and contemporary means of preserving a peoples' history and reality.

Our strategy at EjT in achieving our mission, vision and objectives is to Document, Digitalise and Disseminate our

traditional practices and cultural expressions, what we fondly call Triple-D strategy. Ejagham Journal and Book project dovetails with the requirement of Triple-D strategy.

To assist with managing Ejagham Journal and Book (EJB) project, Ejagham Journal and Book Editorial Board was constituted in December 2020. The Board is led by Fr. Dr. Felix Eja Ojong as EJB Coordinator; Sessekou (Iyamba) Dr. Agbornduku Eret as Editor-in-Chief and

Prof. Alice Eta Asim as Quality Assurance Advisor. Other Board members are drawn from all Ejagham clusters.



Sessekou (Iyamba) Hon. Agbornduku Eret PhD. Editor-in-Chief, EJB and Vice President, EjT, Ejagham Cameroon.



Prof. (Mrs.) Alice Eta Asim. EJB Quality Assurance Advisor.



Rev. Fr. Dr. Felix Eja Ojong. Coordinator, EJB.

Call for papers was sent out for both the Journal and Book. It gladdens to mention that submissions were received from across Ejagham nation. Of course, there will be no Ejagham Journal or Book without your submissions. Please keep them coming, and thanks to those who have answered the clarion call for submission. The all-volunteer board is working towards the maiden editions of both the Journal and the Book. EjT can do with more of such volunteers. Ekup na nkad.

EKUBI EJT

This is a programme that deals with periodic quality conversation exchanges by people knowledgeable in aspects of Ejagham Traditional Practices and Cultural Expressions. Unfortunately, due to

resources constraints, we could produce only one Ekubi EjT in 2021. The theme of our conversation was "SILO RELATIONSHIPS AND ITS IMPACTS ON THE EJAGHAM HERITAGE." The panelists expounded on the causes, manifestations, impacts, and elixir to the prevailing silo relationships across Ejagham Nation.



Panellist L-R: Dr. Lawrence Mgbangson, Prof. (Mrs.) Alice Eta Asim, Nta Ekup-Nse D. C. (Host), Sessekou (Iyamba) Hon. Agbornduku Eret and Ntufam Prof. Rowland Ndoma-Egba.

Once again, cluster identity as opposed to Ejagham identity encourages silo relationships and hence poor inter-cluster relations in Ejagham Nation and its people. The panelists did their best to try and re-embed Ejagham identity. *Ekup na nkad.*



Select audience L-R: Nta Eku Victor, Ms. Caroline Takon
Nta Charles Ekpo, Lady Kate Offiong and Rev. Fr. Ignatius Itita

EJT MEDIA

EjT's Triple-D strategy to promote, protect and preserve our heritage means that EjT must develop some level of proficiency applicable to the media industry. Indeed, we need a robust and resilient Media unit to register any level of success in our mission.

Since inception, we have put a part-time volunteer EjT Media team in place. The team has been responsible for producing all the videos and print media. These videos include EjT Talk Show, Calabar Carnival 2019, Oban Akachak 2019, EjT Expressions, COVID-19 awareness, Ekubi EjT with Pa Rafael etc.

This EjT Media volunteer team is led by Nta D. C. Ekup-Nse and supported by Ms. Joy Asong, Nta Itanjok Itotup and Nta Ben Ntui.



Nta D. C. Ekup-Nse –
EjT Media Team Lead



Ms. Joy Asong –
EjT Media Team



Nta Itanjok Itotup –
EjT Media Team



Nta Ben Ntui –
EjT Media Team

Others include Ms. Florence Ekpenyong and Ms. Mary Achibong. Once again, a few members have chosen to answer the clarion call to support and promote Ejagham heritage by volunteering their time and skills. EjT can do with more of such volunteers. *Ekup na nkad.*



*Ms. Florence Ekpenyong –
EjT Media Team*



*Ms. Mary Archibong –
EjT Media Team*

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement is one way to reach out to Ejagham people and local communities. However, feedback has shown that as an organisation, we still have a long way to go in ensuring that our message reaches all Ejagham communities across the globe.

One of the significant community engagement activities of 2021 was spearheaded by the Vice President, Ejagham Cameroon - Sessekou (Iyamba) Agbornduku Eret - who visited Nigeria to

hand over the Ejagham Cameroon's Wordlist and Voice-over recording to Ejagham Language Codification Committee (ELCC) in Calabar. Concerned about the lack of publicity momentum in a more crisis-free Ejagham Nigeria, Sessekou put together a team to visit five communities in Akamkpa Ejagham, East. The team met with Ejagham tradition custodians of Mfaminyen, Mbeban, Old Ndebiji, Nyajeh, and Orem communities. The trip started with prayers to God and our Ancestors in Calabar



Rev. Fr. Dr. Felix Eja Ojong watches as Sessekou Agbornduku Pours Libation before Sessekou and Team departed Calabar for Ejagham East, Akamkpa.



Sessekou Agbornduku and others watch Rev. Fr. Dr. Felix Eja Ojong pray before Departing Calabar for Ejagham East, Akamkpa.

Commitment to EjT's mission is like a commitment to faith, and we all know that nothing gets in the way of faith. Ejagham Cameroon has demonstrated this level of commitment to promoting Ejagham heritage despite the hostilities that are prevalent in the area. Ntufam Agbornduku continued community engagement in Ejagham Cameroon by meeting and distributing Proudly Ejagham stickers to several groups of Ejagham people. Ekup na nkad.

Building on the sensitisation campaign which was started by Vice President Ejagham Cameroon Sessekou Hon. Dr. Agbornduku Eret during his previous visit to Nigeria, Fr. Dr. Felix Eja Ojong kept the wheel turning. Leading the volunteer team, Fr. Dr. Felix Ojong engaged in EjT community engagement efforts, visiting the Akamkpa Ejagham cluster. The team was made up of Nta Ben Ntui, Ms. Etta Benjamin Asong and Nta Ayamba Akorokpor. The communities visited in this wave of the community engagement campaign included; Mbarakom, Ayaebam, Akamkpa, Nsan, Obung, Old Netim and Oban. Ekup na nkad.



EjT Team at Old Netim with the Chiefs and Community Leaders of Old Netim Community



EjT Team at Oban with the Chiefs and Community Leaders of Oban Community

We have always stated that every little contribution to promoting Ejagham Heritage matters and indeed, it does. Ms. Joy Benjamin Asong made a personal and singular effort to take EjT community engagements to her community, Mbobui in the Akamkpa cluster. The community Chiefs and some youths knew about EjT and its mission from Ms. Joy Asong's effort for the first time. Ms. Asong, a graduating student of Cross River State University of Technology (CRUTECH), Nigeria, is an example of how we can individually impact our communities to raise the profile of Ejagham heritage and indeed Ejagham. Ekup na nkad.



EjT Team at Ayaebam with the Chiefs and Community Leaders of Ayaebam Community



Ms. Joy Benjamin Asong from Mbobui

In a similar vein, a young seminarian, Nta Augustin Asuquo, had an official apostolic assignment that would take him through all the communities of Ikpai clan in Akamkpa Ejagham. He smartly saw an opportunity to take EjT's message of Documenting, Digitalising and Disseminating Ejagham traditional practices and cultural expressions to the grass root. He visited Mkpot, Ntebachot, Ekang, Mfaminyen, Nkame, Orem, and Owom. Through his community engagement, most of the people he met heard of EjT and its mission for the first time. Most of them were as excited as they were pleased that finally something is being done to save our heritage. Ekup na nkad.



Nta Augustin Asuquo from Ayaebam

Nta Augustine obtained priceless audio recordings of his conversations. One of the highlights of the engagements is a confirmation of the sad fact that our heritage is at risk of Erosion, Dilution, Adulteration, Misinterpretation, and in some cases, Extinction (**EDAME**) and hence the urgency to revive our heritage. Ekup na nkad.

EJAGHAM CAMEROON VISITS EJAGHAM NIGERIA.

Following the completion of Ejagham language codification wordlist, the Vice President Ejagham Cameroon, VP-EC Sessekou (Iyamba) Hon. Agbornduku Eret, scheduled a visit to Ejagham Nigeria. VP-EC came with a message from our kindred in the Cameroons, a message of love, oneness as Ejagham and commitment to EjT mission, vision and objectives. His visit was marked by a Royal reception by the Ndidem of Calabar.



L-R: HRH Ntufam Barr. Paul Ogar, Ndidem of Calabar HRM Ndidem Eretta Eta and Sessekou Agbornduku Eret

Sessekou was received by a joint session of the royal fathers of Qua and Akamkpa Ejagham at Ndidem's palace led by the Ndidem of Calabar and Paramount Ruler of Calabar Municipality, HRM Ndidem Eretta Eta. The Paramount Ruler of Akamkpa HRM Echi-Atui Ntufam Clement Emayip was represented by the Clan Head of Akamkpa Town HRH Ntufam Barr. Paul Ogar Njar. Other members of both traditional ruler councils were also present. *Ekup na nkad.*

EJAGHAM NATION MAPS

One of the challenges that underscored the conception of this Ejagham Global Ocham, EjT, was the difficulty in finding Ejagham nation map. This confirms how the lack of Ejagham identity had eroded our values and strength as mentioned earlier. Instead, cluster maps were readily available. Today, we are proud to state that Ejagham nation map has been brought to the fore. When Ejagham Language Codification is delivered, we should be able to teach our children about Ejagham nation map in schools.

The effort to string the cluster together and present an Ejagham Nation Map has been championed by one of our members Mrs.

Bridget Nkor from Mkpot. Mrs. Nkor has been responsible for producing all Ejagham nation maps from available information. Developing a detailed Ejagham nation map is still a work in progress.



Mrs. Bridget Nkor from Mkpot

We have consistently called for members to volunteer their time and skills for the service of Ejagham nation to help in the promotion of Ejagham heritage. Mrs. Bridget Nkor is one such exemplary volunteer. EjT can do with more of such volunteers. *Ekup na nkad.*

EJT INSPIRES THE FORMATION OF EJAGHAM CREDIT UNION IN THE CAMEROONS

The Pan-Ejagham vision of EjT, which continues to manifest through its projects such as the Ejagham Language Codification (aimed at developing a standard Ejagham Language Orthography for use in schools) has inspired the formation of a Credit Union Cooperative in the Cameroons. This is the first of its kind in the history of the Ejagham

Nation.

One of EjT's objectives is to explore the Socio-economic potential of Ejagham tradition for the empowerment of Ejagham People and Local Communities (EPLC). The formation of Ejagham Credit Union presents a unique opportunity for the empowerment of Ejagham people the world over.



Ejagham Tradition Custodians from Ngunaya, Njemaya and Obang clusters at the Launch of Ejagham Language Codification Project

EJAGHAM FASHION COLLECTION COMPETITION

Cultural heritage is a collection of tangible and intangible elements that together provide the unique identity that defines and distinguishes a people. While language is central to all components, clothing art is the most flamboyant tangible element that not only serves as a mark of identity but captures a peoples' sense of aesthetics very keenly.

It is common knowledge that many cultural groups are easily identified through their outfit; what then is Ejagham's unique clothing art? Moreover, how can Ejagham (an Ejagham person) be identified in a

multicultural space through clothing art? The answer would be negative.

Hence, EjT considered this a matter of exigency and has constituted a board to collect, authenticate, and popularise pristine Ejagham clothing art. This should be an open avenue for contemporary innovative, and unique fashion concepts that can be adapted for use as updated Ejagham clothing art.



*Ntufam Prof. Rowland Ndoma-Egba
Patron: Ejagham Fashion Collection*

Ntufam Prof. Rowland Ndoma-Egba, an Ejagham foremost Surgeon, an impassioned advocate of Ejagham identity, is the Patron of the Ejagham Fashion Collection (EFC) project. Ms. Agnes Offiong is the team lead of volunteers saddled to actualise Ejagham Fashion Collection. Ekup na nkad.



*Ms. Agnes Offiong
Chairperson, Ejagham Fashion
Collection Board (EFCB)*

“AT LAST THEY MET”

The silo relationship, occasioned by the Berlin Conference of 1884-1885 which divided the African continent into 50 irregular countries left an ugly mark on indigenous peoples and cultures all over Africa. The illustrious Ejagham Nation which today straddles Nigeria and Cameroon was one of the casualties of that unfortunate incident.

EjT is attempting to promote a unifying relationship by *Re linking* all clusters through their common identity - Ejagham. Our flagship project, Ejagham Language Codification, is the principal evidence of this effort. This has culminated in Ejagham Cameroon and Nigeria *Re-linking* again. Sessekou (Iyamba) Hon. Agbornduku Eret PhD. captured it succinctly in his poem "At last they met".

AT LAST THEY MET

By Agbornduku Eret

At last they met
Over and across the Cross River
Dredged in stretched desire
Of lost years capture
And rest decades quest.

The river rose to meet us
The breakers, the rocks toss-
In a mystical emphatic chant
Haloed in sacred mists
An aweful divide embrace.

At last we met
Where two lines run
Dispassionate midwives effort
Brutal cradle of two nations
Yet,
One people, one spirit
One root, one love
The Ejagham People.



*Ndidem of Calabar HRM Ndidem Etetta Eta and
Sessekou Agbornduku Eret February 2021*

In 2021 Ejagham Cameroon and Nigeria met at least on three occasion in Calabar Nigeria. We look forward to expanding this meeting and to appreciating the gesture from our Ejagham Cameroon kindred by visiting Eyumojock Traditional Rulers Council when hostilities simmer.



Ndidem of Calabar HRM Ndidem Etetta Eta and Sessekou Agbornduku Eret in November 2021

LOOKING AHEAD - 2022 and BEYOND

All we have accomplished from inception through 2021 could not have been possible without your support. However, we all know that there is plenty of room for improvement. With this in mind, we look forward to an exciting 2022 and beyond.

We look forward to your support in 2022. In this Ejagham global Ocham, EjT, there is room for every Ejagham person to support our efforts to promote, safeguard and protect our heritage.

EjT is doing everything to ensure that no one is left out. We instigated the formation of various stakeholders' groups. They include Ejagham Academia League, the group of Ejagham tradition custodians named Atem-Atui, the group of Ejagham clergy named EjT - The Clergy Dimension,

a group for Ejagham students named EjT Students, a group for Diaspora Ejagham and counting. These efforts aim to encourage participation within associated stakeholders and ultimately between stakeholders for the common good. However, there is still much to be desired in counting our blessings with these groups. Given the broad spectrum of talents and skills within our membership and indeed Ejagham, we can only look forward to a more exciting 2022. For this to occur, we need to find some means of converting our Excitement about EjT into Commitment and commitment into Action. Change can only happen if we take action, individually and collectively.

CHALLENGES - Lack of Funding

We are all aware that EjT has no membership dues. However, some members are calling for membership dues in the belief that this will create a sense of belonging and accountability by the leadership. This is indeed a suggestion that is under consideration. In the meantime, the organisation is funded by individual voluntary donations. Unfortunately, the donations are not generous enough to enable projects to progress at the desired pace. Therefore, we are using this opportunity, once again, to appeal to all members, Ejagham people, and well-wishers to donate and support our efforts. Members and well-meaning Ejagham sons and daughters in Nigeria can donate directly to the account below:

Account name: EJAGHAM TRADITION CENTRE

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EJT Milestones

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Acronym	Meaning	Acronym	Meaning
MT	Management Team	GC	General Counsel
EMT	Extended Management Team	EJB	Ejagham Journal and Book
ETP	Ejagham Traditional Practices	CBP	Corporate Business Plan
ECE	Ejagham Cultural Expressions	MPR	Monthly Performance Report
EJT	Ejagham Tradition	ECFC	EjT Cultural Festivals Committee
QE	Qua Ejagham	CMS	Corporate Management System
AE	Akamkpa Ejagham	KPI	Key Performance Indicator
EE	Etung Ejagham	EC	Ejagham Cameroon
BE	Bakor Ejagham	OE	Obang Ejagham
Triple-D	Document, Digitalis and Disseminate	NgE	Ngunaya Ejagham
EPLC	Ejagham People and Local Communities	NjE	Njemaya Ejagham
PET	President, Ejagham Tradition	CPE	Contracts & Procurement Executive
VP-QE	Vice President Qua Ejagham	CFO	Chief Financial Officer
VP-AE	Vice President Akamkpa Ejagham	LO	Liaison Officer
VP-EE	Vice President Etung Ejagham	ALO	Assistant Liaison Officer
VP-BE	Vice President Bakor Ejagham	ToR	Terms of Reference
VP-EC	Vice President Ejagham Cameroon	EFC	Ejagham Fashion Collection
SERE	Secretary & External Relations Executive	EFCB	Ejagham Fashion Collection Board
		ELCC	Ejagham Language Codification Committee

Appendix 1

Ejagham Journal & Book Call for Papers



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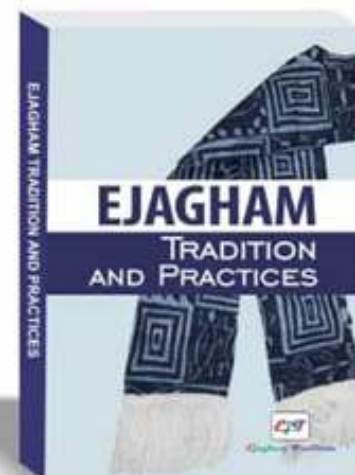
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- Manuscript can be submitted in MS Word compatible format, e.g DOC or RTF and not PDF





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