

## **CAMGEW wins the World Bank organized Development Market Place in Cameroon in July 2011**

CAMGEW won the World Bank organised Development Market Place Competition in Cameroon in partnership with Catholic Relief Services on good governance in the forestry, health and education sector in July 2011. The project CAMGEW submitted was titled 'Oku Community Forest Management for Benefit Sharing'. 233 organizations submitted projects and 30 organizations were selected as finalists that presented their projects to the public and jury. 15 projects from 15 organisations were selected as winners and CAMGEW was in the 5<sup>th</sup> position.

CAMGEW's project was to train 120 persons from groups (especially women groups) and schools on bee farming, provide them with 200 colonised beehives at subsidised rates. The project was to nurse and plant 7000 trees in the Oku Community forest. Bee farming training workshop was in this line. Considering that the participation of forest community in forest management is part of forest governance, CAMGEW through this project engages local people to own beehives in the forest after receiving training for them to better manage the forest. Ownership of hives by people in Oku will push them to guide against bushfire and forest destruction as they protect beehives as source of income.

In a long run CAMGEW hope to continue to work with trained groups in a network to maintain and increase their number of beehives in the forest, assist in honey harvesting, processing and marketing.









