

## MOGHAMO LANGUAGE PROJECT GRAND LAUNCHING OF THE ALPHABET

Dear Sons, Daughters and distinguished Friends of Moghamo,  
The Moghamo language Committee based at home in Batibo Subdivision, had been making tremendous efforts to have the Moghamo language developed just like many others in Cameroon (Kom, Lamso, Bafut etc...). The Language of a people is and has always remained one of the most distinguishing identification marks of such people. For a people to have their language in written form is not only an indication of the maturity of such people but also that of ingenuity. This always calls for huge joy. The **Moghamo Language Committee (MOLCOM)** has the joy to inform you, on behalf of all the people of Moghamo at home and abroad that **Moghamo Language** can now be written. After more than three years of tedious research work, the above committee has come with Alphabet approved by SIL-Cameroon (Summer Institute of Linguistics – an international linguistic organization) working collaboration with the Cameroon Ministry of Scientific Research and Innovation

The Committee has produced interesting material on the language using the approved Alphabet. All these are pending publication due to lack of funds. This language development project started in 2004. So far, the Batibo Council has been the sole crippling sponsor. People from Moghamo have been participating in language developing training courses organized by SIL-Cameroon thanks to the lone and merger support from Batibo Council. We wish to start now by publishing all the approved materials that are still in manuscript form. These include the following Reference materials to be published.

- Moghamo Alphabet chart,
- Moghamo Alphabet book
- Moghamo-English, English-Moghamo lexicon (Dictionary)
- Moghamo Orthography Statement. (Writing Principles)
- Moghamo Language diary 2008 (including names of days, months, national anthem and the Lord's Prayer in the Moghamo language. Names of all 22 villages and their Fons and many other interesting things)

### 2) Cost of Publication

#### A- Moghamo Alphabet chart

Size=1 A3 Paper

Number of copies to be produced=5000

Cost of a copy=75 FCFA

**Total cost=375.000 FCFA**

#### B- Moghamo Alphabet book

Size= 32 A6 Pages

Number of copies to be produced=5000

Cost of a copy=175 FCFA

**Total cost=875,000 FCFA**

#### C- Moghamo-English, English-Moghamo lexicon (Dictionary)

Size=76 A5 Pages

Number of copies to be produced=5000

Cost of a copy=500 FCFA

**Total cost=2.500.000 FCFA**

**D-Moghamo language diary 2008** (including names of days, months, national anthem and the Lord's Prayer in Moghamo language. Names of all 22 villages and their Fons and many other interesting things)

Size= 65 A6 Pages

number of copies to be produced=5000

cost of a copy=250 FCFA

**Total cost=1.250.000 FCFA (This is urgent as it must be ready before end of December 2007)**

**E Moghamo Orthography Statement (Writing Principles)**

Size 20 A4 pages

Number of copies to be produced 500

Cost of a copy = 200fr

**Total cost = 100, 000frs**

Total cost of production

**5.100.000CFA**

3) Amount the Language Committee has

At the moment we have only 200.000 FCFA in our coffers, donated by the council early this year (February 2007)

4) How much we need

We need at least 5.250.000FCFA to be able to publish these documents including transportation, distribution and other expenses.

Please, help this Committee to realize this vital project. Having all this literature available to the people will be a great step in the development and use of our dear language. We need not labour ourselves enumerating the advantages of having our language classified as a written language. However, **CABTAL** (Cameroon Association for Bible Translation And Literacy working in collaboration with **SIL-Cameroon**) is willing to help us in Moghamo with the **Bible Translation Project**. They came up with this project because of the development this language is undergoing presently. CABTAL is willing to offer a scholarship to train a Moghamoan with translation skills to lead our translation team when it commences. This person will undergo a four year training programme where he/she will be taught some linguistics and theology in addition to translation. Upon graduation, he/she will be a holder of a BA in translation. The search for such a dedicated person is on. Can you now imagine some of the far reaching benefits of a written language? So join us to have this done.

Also, the worry of some of our sons and daughters like Mr Felix Chah expressed on Moghamoan Forum some time ago would be put to rest when this project is realized. We have been thinking about when Moghamo Cultural Revival at home is to take place as mentioned on MEDA-USA website. We thought this could be a nice avenue to present the alphabet to the people.

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On behalf of the Moghamo Language Committee  
Peace, Love and Sunshine.

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