



## Mobilizing Civic Action to Counter Hate Speech and Violent Extremism, both Online and Offline

**#defyhatenow Cameroon** is a community-based initiative with a focus on strengthening communities, providing data-driven solutions to mitigate social media-based hate speech, and mobilizing civic action against all forms of hate speech and online incitement to violence. We do this to work towards building a **#HateFreeCameroon**.

# #DEFYHATENOW

## #defyhatenow focus areas

### 01. Media Literacy and Fact-Checking Skills

We work towards empowering all people with digital skills and fact-checking know-how in order to be able to better navigate an ever-changing online world. The more that people know how to question what they see online, the more equipped they will be to stop the spread of mis- and disinformation. We offer guidance both through our Social Media Hate Speech Mitigation Field Guide and through online training modules.

**The Field Guide can be found here:**

<https://defyhatenow.org/social-media-hate-speech-mitigation-field-guide-v2-cameroon/>

We also have created **#237Check**, a fact-checking and information verification platform:

<https://237check.org>

### 02. Social Media Monitoring, Citizen Data, and Emergency Response

Along with digital skills, we have developed an Early Warning Early Response system, the MUNGO, that tracks online incitement to violence.

We also run the **#AFFCameroon** – Africa Fact-Checking Fellowship Cameroon – program that promotes fact-checking, data journalism, and digital rights among journalists, bloggers, and content creators in Africa. The three-month program is geared towards providing fellows with the skill sets and tools needed to tackle the current misinformation challenges in their communities. <https://affcameroon.defyhatenow.org>

### 03. Activism, Art, and Campaigns

We work towards involving everyone in the community in peacebuilding efforts. We do this through campaigns such as **#ThinkB4UClick**, **#PenNotGun**, **#HateFreeCameroon**, **#PaixauCameroon**, **#Act4Peace**, and **#Artivism**.

### 04. Education, Trauma Relief, and Psychosocial Support

We work to provide content and tools to help people overcome traumas, better manage the challenges of life, and support others in their communities. We do this in part because human life deserves to be cared for and because healthier people form communities that are more resilient to **hate speech, mis- and disinformation**.

Chapter Five of the Field Guide provides helpful resources:

<https://defyhatenow.org/EN-chapter5>

### 05. Policy Development and Political Leadership

We advocate for policy changes that will ensure the voices of Cameroonians are heard in conflict mitigation towards a **#HateFreeCameroon**. These include freedom of expression, a right to digital privacy, access to the internet, and freedom from oppressive laws that limit individual rights and liberties.

## #HATEFREE CAMEROON

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