



DAYS 71–80

INFRASTRUCTURE

Building the Foundation for National Development

Infrastructure is the backbone of every modern economy. It connects people to jobs, farmers to markets, businesses to customers, students to schools, and patients to healthcare services. Roads, bridges, electricity, internet connectivity, railways, airports, and ports are not simply construction projects, they are investments that improve people's quality of life and create opportunities for economic growth.

For many years, inadequate infrastructure has slowed Cameroon's development. Poor road networks increase transportation costs, unreliable electricity disrupts businesses, limited internet access affects education and innovation, and aging transport systems reduce the country's competitiveness.

During Days 71–80, the government will launch an ambitious national strategy to modernize infrastructure, stimulate economic growth, create employment, and improve connectivity throughout the country.

The goal is to ensure that infrastructure development benefits every region, including rural and underserved communities, rather than concentrating investment only in major cities.

1. Announce the National Infrastructure Plan

The President will officially launch the **National Infrastructure Plan**, a long-term roadmap that will guide infrastructure development over the next decade and beyond.

The Plan will prioritize projects that have the greatest impact on economic growth, national unity, public safety, and quality of life. Rather than approving projects based on political considerations, investments will be guided by national needs, economic benefits, population demands, and regional development priorities.

The Plan will also encourage partnerships with the private sector, international development partners, and local communities to ensure projects are delivered efficiently and sustainably.

Every major project will include clear timelines, transparent procurement processes, and regular public progress reports to ensure accountability.

2. Modernize the National Road Network

Roads are among the most important public investments because they connect communities, reduce transportation costs, and support commerce.

Many rural communities struggle to transport agricultural products because roads become impassable during the rainy season. Businesses also face higher operating costs due to poor transportation infrastructure.

The National Infrastructure Plan will prioritize:

- construction of new roads,
- rehabilitation of existing roads,
- maintenance of highways,
- paving of strategic rural roads,
- improved drainage systems,
- safer road design.

Priority will be given to roads that connect:

- farming communities to markets,
- industrial zones to ports,
- regional capitals,
- tourist destinations,
- schools and healthcare facilities.

Improved roads reduce travel time, lower vehicle maintenance costs, improve emergency response, and stimulate economic activity.

3. Rehabilitate and Construct Bridges

Bridges play a vital role in connecting communities separated by rivers, valleys, and difficult terrain.

Many existing bridges require rehabilitation, while growing communities need new crossings to improve mobility and economic development.

The government will conduct a national assessment of bridge infrastructure to identify:

- structures requiring urgent repair,
- bridges that need replacement,
- communities lacking adequate crossings,
- opportunities to improve transportation efficiency.

Modern, safe bridges improve trade, reduce travel delays, and enhance public safety.

4. Revitalize the Railway System

Rail transport is one of the most efficient and environmentally friendly methods of moving passengers and freight over long distances.

The government will begin developing a strategy to modernize Cameroon's railway network by improving existing lines and planning future expansion.

Priority objectives include:

- increasing passenger safety,

- improving freight transportation,
- reducing transportation costs,
- connecting industrial zones,
- supporting mining and agriculture,
- reducing pressure on road networks.

A stronger railway system will improve national connectivity while encouraging economic growth and regional trade.

5. Strengthen Ports and Maritime Infrastructure

Cameroon's ports serve as vital gateways for international trade.

Efficient ports reduce shipping costs, attract investment, increase exports, and strengthen the country's position as a regional trade hub.

The government will review port operations to identify opportunities for:

- expanding cargo capacity,
- reducing shipping delays,
- modernizing equipment,
- improving customs efficiency,
- strengthening logistics systems,
- enhancing security,
- encouraging private investment.

Improving maritime infrastructure benefits businesses, exporters, importers, and consumers by making trade faster and more affordable.

6. Modernize Airports

Air transport supports tourism, investment, trade, emergency services, and international connectivity.

The government will begin assessing airport infrastructure to determine future investment priorities.

Areas of focus include:

- runway improvements,
- passenger terminal modernization,
- aviation safety systems,
- cargo facilities,
- security enhancements,
- digital passenger services,
- regional airport development.

Modern airports strengthen Cameroon's ability to attract international visitors, facilitate business travel, and support economic development.

7. Expand Renewable Energy

Reliable electricity is essential for homes, businesses, schools, hospitals, and industries.

At the same time, Cameroon has significant renewable energy potential, including hydroelectric, solar, wind, and biomass resources.

The National Infrastructure Plan will accelerate investment in renewable energy projects to increase electricity generation while reducing environmental impacts.

Priority investments will include:

- solar power,
- hydroelectric projects,
- wind energy where suitable,
- mini-grid systems,
- battery storage technologies,
- rural renewable energy solutions.

Expanding renewable energy helps reduce power shortages, lowers long-term energy costs, and supports sustainable development.

8. Launch the Rural Electrification Initiative

Access to electricity should not depend on where someone lives.

Many rural communities continue to lack reliable electricity, limiting opportunities for education, healthcare, agriculture, and business development.

The government will launch the **Rural Electrification Initiative**, with the goal of expanding reliable electricity to underserved communities across the country.

Electricity transforms rural communities by allowing:

- students to study after sunset,
- health centres to safely store vaccines and medicines,
- farmers to process agricultural products,
- businesses to operate efficiently,
- households to improve their quality of life.

Electrification also attracts investment and creates new employment opportunities.

Identify the First Communities

During the first phase of the initiative, the government will identify the initial communities that will benefit from rural electrification projects.

Selection will be based on objective criteria such as:

- population size,
- current access to electricity,
- economic development potential,
- proximity to existing infrastructure,
- community readiness,
- regional balance.

The selection process will be transparent to ensure fairness and build public confidence.

Projects may use a combination of grid expansion and renewable off-grid solutions depending on local conditions.

9. Launch the National Broadband Strategy

In today's world, internet access is as important as roads and electricity. It connects people to education, healthcare, government services, businesses, financial systems, and global markets.

The government will launch a **National Broadband Strategy** to expand reliable, affordable, and high-speed internet across Cameroon.

Digital connectivity is no longer a luxury, it is essential infrastructure for economic development.

Expand Internet Access

The Broadband Strategy will focus on increasing internet coverage in both urban and rural communities.

Priority actions will include:

- expanding fibre-optic infrastructure,
- improving mobile broadband coverage,
- supporting internet access in schools,
- connecting healthcare facilities,
- extending connectivity to government offices,
- encouraging competition among internet service providers,
- reducing the cost of internet services where possible.

Greater internet access enables:

- online education,
- digital entrepreneurship,
- remote work,
- electronic commerce,
- digital banking,
- telemedicine,
- innovation,
- improved government services.

Expanding connectivity also creates new opportunities for young entrepreneurs and helps integrate Cameroon into the global digital economy.

10. Promote Sustainable Infrastructure Development

Infrastructure investments must not only meet today's needs but also serve future generations.

The government will ensure that new projects incorporate principles of sustainability by considering:

- environmental protection,
- climate resilience,
- long-term maintenance,
- energy efficiency,
- disaster preparedness,
- responsible land use.

Environmental impact assessments will be conducted where required, and local communities will be consulted before major projects begin.

Building responsibly today reduces future costs and protects Cameroon's natural resources.

Expected Outcomes

By the end of the first 80 days, the government will have established a clear roadmap for transforming Cameroon's infrastructure. The National Infrastructure Plan will set priorities for roads, bridges, railways, ports, airports, renewable energy, and digital connectivity. The Rural Electrification Initiative will identify the first communities to receive reliable electricity, while the National Broadband Strategy will begin expanding affordable internet access across the country. Together, these initiatives will improve transportation, stimulate economic growth, create jobs, strengthen regional integration, and ensure that both urban and rural communities benefit from modern infrastructure. By investing in the systems that connect people and power the economy, Cameroon will be laying the groundwork for sustained national development and a higher quality of life for all its citizens.