

Silicon Mountain — Buea's Grassroots Tech Hub and Its Collapse Under Conflict

City Innovation Library · Good practice · Cameroon

Quality score: 38/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

A volunteer-run tech community in Buea, Cameroon grew from a 2006 web-developer meetup into ActivSpaces, which incubated real startups (Njorku, Healthlane) — until the Anglophone conflict cut internet for months and shrank its resident firms from ten to one.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	1/3
Sustainability / continuity	0/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	0/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-14

[ActivSpaces / Silicon Mountain community](#) — accessed 2026-08-14

[TechCabal — Cameroon's Silicon Mountain: Its History, Resilience and Future](#) — accessed 2026-08-14

[TechXplore — Cameroon's Silicon Mountain tech startups struggle with insurgency](#) — accessed 2026-08-14

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