

Anker Reference Value Update Rural Cameroon 2022

Living Income
CFA 169,012
(USD 269)

The Anker Research Institute¹

This report updates the Anker Living Income Reference Value for rural Cameroon to 2022. Living income is the amount a typical size family needs per month for a basic but decent life. The living income is estimated to be CFA 169,012 (USD 269) for 2022. The living income was CFA 155,746 (USD 269) for 2020 in the original report.² This update takes into account the amount of inflation for the country between mid-2020 and mid-2022. Accumulated inflation in this period was 8.52%.³ Without accounting for inflation, the living income estimated in 2020 would not be sufficient for families to have a basic but decent standard of living in 2022, because the purchasing power of the living income would have decreased.

Table 1: Anker Living Income Reference Value for Rural Cameroon, 2020 and 2022 (in local currency and USD)

	2020		2022	
	CFA	USD ^c	CFA	USD ^c
Anker Living Income Reference Value	155,746	269	169,012	269
Exchange Rate	578.91 ^a		628.26 ^b	
Inflation mid-2020 to mid-2022	8.52%			

^a Average exchange rate from November 2019 to January 2020.

^b Average exchange rate from May 2022 to July 2022.

^c USD values are indicative only, since exchange rates are volatile. Note that values in USD are the same in 2020 and 2022, because the percentage change in the exchange rate was the same as inflation in this period.

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² Smith, Prates, Anker and Anker (2020). Anker Living Income Reference Value – Rural Cameroon, 2020.

³ National Bureau of Statistics Cameroon: <https://ins-cameroun.cm/en/>