

I- METHODOLOGY

Data sources available to solve our problem are taken mainly from data of the 3rd General Census of the Population and Housing (3rd RGPH), joined with legal texts and provisions taken towards the old people. In the framework of our study, “aged people” also referred to as “people of the third age”, or “the old”, “the elder”, or “the senior” etc. is considered from the age of 60, which will be used for our analysis.

II- QUICK OVERVIEW OF AGED PEOPLE’S PROFILE IN CAMEROON

According to the Central bureau for Census and Population Studies (BUCREP), in 2005 Cameroon counted 17,463,836 inhabitants made up of 8,831,800 women and 8,632,036 men.

The availability of data of the last three censuses help to characterize in a clear manner, the annual average population growth rate for the old people in Cameroon during each of these three periods: 1976 -1987, 1987 - 2005 and 1976 - 2005. From 1976 to 1987, the number of old people in Cameroon has increased at an annual average rate of 2.1%.