The Dialogue of Innovation and Civilization in Cameroon, Africa

The Dialogue of Innovation and Civilization was established and launched by the College of Engineering during the 2013 Summer 1 semester in Cameroon, Africa. This culturally immersive experience allowed students to experience daily life in a traditional African village setting, while creating sustainable solutions to real life challenges.

Northeastern University students worked with 25 student counterparts, from Cameroon Christian University (CCU). In six weeks, NU and CCU students worked together to identify solution approaches through a Human Centered Design (HCD) model that met three requisite criteria for recommendations as well as eventual implementation, namely, (1) desirability, (2) feasibility and, (3) viability/sustainability. Student engagement involved the stakeholders at all levels of the Cameroon community including: farmers, entrepreneurs, educators, vice mayors, district officers, senators, as well as the United Nations Information Center.