

Roger Milla

A football legend committed to Africa's children

Roger Milla is one of the most iconic figures in African and world football. Born on **20 May 1952 in Yaoundé, Cameroon**, he has inspired generations through his talent, remarkable longevity and joyful celebrations. [1]

A career that helped shape African football

A Cameroonian international striker, Roger Milla began his career in Cameroon before moving to French football, playing notably for Saint-Étienne and Montpellier. Named **African Footballer of the Year in 1976 and 1990**, he established himself as one of the continent's outstanding players. [1]

A hero of the 1990 World Cup

At **38**, Roger Milla became one of the stars of the World Cup in Italy. His **four goals** helped Cameroon become the first African nation to reach the competition's quarter-finals. His dances beside the corner flag became a lasting symbol of that historic journey and Africa's growing presence on the world football stage. [1, 2]

Four years later, at the World Cup in the United States, he scored against Russia at **42 years and 39 days**, setting the record as the oldest goalscorer in men's World Cup history. [3]

Bringing the power of sport to solidarity

Through the **Roger Milla Program**, Roger Milla champions efforts to improve the health, dignity and living conditions of vulnerable children in Africa.

The initiative brings together three priorities: **fighting noma, improving access to clean water and developing the Roger Milla Centre of Excellence hospital project in Cameroon**.

The international campaign **"IT'S THE GESTURE THAT COUNTS"** invites citizens, athletes, businesses and institutions to contribute according to their means: signing the petition, supporting an initiative, sharing the appeal or offering their expertise.

From the football pitch to solidarity initiatives, his journey reflects a shared conviction: progress is achieved together.

Discover the Roger Milla Program: www.rogermilla-program.org

Sources for biographical milestones

[1] Olympedia - Roger Milla: birth, career and awards.

[2] FIFA - L'histoire derrière les records : Roger Milla, 17 July 2017 (French).

[3] FIFA - Records de Coupe du Monde : Roger Milla, le buteur éternel (French).