



## MINUTES OF KDDA UK GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

The meeting started with a Christian prayer by Mr. Brain Robinson at 20:00 hours, followed by a Muslim prayer led by Mr. Komba Kellie. There was a self-introduction by attendees. The minutes for the previous General meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2017 was read by the KDDA UK Secretary Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe. On matters arising from the minutes, Mr. Sahr Fasuluku noted that his name was not included in the Disciplinary Committee list. In response, the Secretary informed the meeting that names on the list were announced at the meeting as recorded. Mr. Tamba Gborie stated that the following names; Dr. Kai Ngegba and Chief Saa Y.O.Lebbie, should be deleted from the list. He was reminded by the Secretary that both names were proposed and recorded at the meeting. Mr. Sahr Fasuluku and Mr. Komba Kellie suggested that details of the allegations against Mr. Tamba Gborie should not be included in the minutes. In response, the KDDA UK Secretary reminded all that his duty includes recording proceedings as accurate as possible. He maintained that the detailed allegations were read by the KDDA UK Chairman at the meeting and must be recorded. In the absence of any other matter, Mr. Steven Gbekie moved that the minutes be adopted. This motion was seconded by Mr. Tamba Opas Jimmy-Kay.

The KDDA UK Chairman Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh welcomed all to the general meeting and requested for news from the audience. The meeting was updated with some welfare news. On behalf of KDDA UK Charity, the Chairman expressed our sincere condolences to the Sinah family for the death of Mrs. Sia Foneh Torto Sinah, and to the Yomba family for the death of Yei Yomba whose internment was scheduled for 05/12/2017. Sympathies were also expressed for the death of a female Sierra Leonean national in East London. Details to follow later. Good wishes were sent to Miss Alice Koroma for her wedding slated for 28/11/2017, and a get-well message to Mr. Sahr Stephen Kabba.



Chairman confirmed the receipt of £3,724.83 from the Inland Revenue as their contribution to our Gift Aid application and urged members to sign up to Gift Aid. He thanked the KDDA UK Treasury Team for a job well done. The Chairman appealed to members to decide on whether our charity should be registered in Kono District as a Community base organization (CBO) or non-governmental organization (NGO), as it was necessary to carry out our operations in Sierra Leone. He informed the meeting of his intention to register our charity in Sierra Leone on his pending visit in December 2017, if agreed by the membership.

The Chairman also informed the meeting that the KDDA UK Polos and T-Shirts are in print as agreed.

He informed the meeting that a 30 minutes live radio broadcast scheduled was expected from Kono District during the meeting. The purpose of the broadcast was to sensitise the fourteen chiefdoms in Kono District about the pending Medical packs to Kono District.

The Chairman's address was interrupted with a live broadcast from Sierra Leone by Mr. Tamba Fanday, the Manager of a Radio station in Kono District. The following members were interviewed live: Mr. A.B.Tondoneh, Mr. A.Y.Sodengbe, Mr. Tamba O.Jimmy-Kay, Mrs. Bondu P. Saffa, Mrs. Elizabeth N.Tondoneh and Mr. Tamba Gborie. The call lasted thirty-nine minutes.

The Mudslide Fund Appeal generated £330.00. It was agreed that this cash must be spent on the welfare of victims.

Update on the KDDA UK Women's wing activities was delivered by the Women's wing leader Mrs. Mary Sumana-Robinson. She stated that their desire to improve the welfare of the women in Kono District is active and will continue to work towards that goal. She mentioned some of their challenges; the maladministration of the Women's forum where she and her assistant Mrs. Theresa Willems were unceremoniously removed as

administrators by the KDDA UK Assistant Chairperson Mrs. Aminata Bondu Gborie, and their fund-raising goals. The KDDA UK Secretary confirmed that Mrs. Gborie was instructed to restate the Women's Leader and her assistant as Administrators, as agreed in an executive meeting. Mrs. Sumana-Robinson confirmed that their income is around three hundred pounds as of the date of the meeting.

The meeting agreed that our Charity should be registered as a Community Base Organisation (CBO) in Sierra Leone.

The KDDA UK Assistant Program Coordinator Mr. Tamba Opas Jimmy-Kay gave a brief update on the Medical packs to Kono District. He confirmed that his department is in contact with Paramount Chief Mbawa in Kono District in working out the modalities of delivery. KDDA UK polos and t-shirts are to be used in Kono District for publicity purposes. He informed the meeting that Mrs. I.J.Kabba has volunteered to take care of the transportation cost of the medications from Freetown to Kono District. He also advised that there should be contingency plan in place to ensure that KDDA UK take care of transportation and other unforeseen costs in Sierra Leone if necessary. Budget for expenditure to be determined later. There were eighteen (18) people in attendance. The meeting ended at 22:33 hours.

Thanks for your attention.



**Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe**  
Secretary, KDDA UK.