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## **MINUTES OF KDDA GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 4TH OCTOBER 2014**

**VENUE:** Actra Tenant Hall  
375 Old Kent Road  
London SE1 5JQ

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### **AGENDA**

1. Prayers 5 minutes
2. Introductions 5 minutes
3. Address by the KDDA Chairman 10 minutes
4. KDDA Ebola Emergency Shipment to Kono District 20 minutes
5. Language and Cultural classes 10 minutes
6. A. O. B 15 minutes

### **PRAYER & INTRODUCTIONS**

The opening prayer was delivered by Madam Theresa Willems at 18:36 hours. This was followed by self introduction by each person present.

### **CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS**

The Chairman Dr. Kai Ngegba thanked members for his re-election to office and apologised to all those who felt offended while carrying out his duties over the years. He stated that "No one can satisfy everybody at any given time, it is even a sin to please everybody because doing so you may be offending God".

The Chairman told the audience he is focus on the tasks ahead and that the Trustees have already organised the first special Muslim prayers coordinated by the KDDA Treasurer, Imam Alhaji Ahmadu Sulaiman Bah (Es-Bah). The annual KDDA thanksgiving service was held at the God is Our Light Church in London. He confirmed that a thank you message was sent out to all those who participated in the two religious functions.

The Chairman concluded his address by highlighting the projects he intend to focus on during this term of office. These include:

- The Kono Language and Cultural Awareness classes.
- The Koidu New Sembehun City Library Project. There are plans to provide the Library with some computers and a Librarian employed by KDDA.
- Engaging with mining companies in Kono District with special reference to the OCTEA mining company.

He finally appealed to members to support the Trustees by ensuring their monthly contribution of £10.00 (Ten Pounds) per member be paid, as these projects can only be successful with adequate funds.

After the address by the Chairman, Mr. Tamba Damon Sam Sumana requested for the names of the KDDA Trustees, being the first General Meeting after the elections. This matter was deferred to item 6 - A.O.B.

### **KDDA EBOLA EMERGENCY SHIPMENT TO KONO DISTRICT**

The KDDA Social, Event and Publicity Officer Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh presented the report and informed the audience that he has been working together with the KDDA Community, Welfare and Outreach Officer Mrs. Sia Evelyn Nyandemo to lead the operations. Following the Ebola epidemic in West Africa, the KDDA Ebola Emergency Fund (KEEF) was set up with an initial fund of six hundred pounds (£600.00), provided by KDDA. Mr. Tondoneh confirmed that funds from KDDA and donors, following our appeal, have been used to purchase personal protective equipment such as stabilised chlorine granules, sanitisers, gloves, aprons, cleaning gel, cleaning wipes and other essentials. He stated that the items have been shipped and expected in Freetown on 10th October 2014. Among the items, each of the fourteen chiefdoms in Kono District were to be allocated two boxes of 5Kg stabilised chlorine granules.

On the request of Mr. T.D.Sam Sumana, Mr. Tondoneh reiterated that the items will be distributed by the Kono District Ebola Response Committee as they see appropriate. It was agreed that thirty pounds (£30.00) be allocated to cover postage of appeal letters and Madam Mary Sam Sumana stressed that the publicity be intensified. The audience was informed that Mr. & Mrs. Sahr Otto Fasuluku, both Trustees of KDDA, donated £50.00 (Fifty pounds) to cover radio broadcast of our project in Sierra Leone.

### **LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL CLASSES**

The Chairman urged members to support this project and informed the audience that Miss Sia Komba has consented to act as Coordinator for this project.

### **A.O.B**

Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh stated that KDDA was yet to agree on a theme for the organisation. The following themes were suggested; Koedondoyah, Koadia, Momonyondema, Morta, We Yone, Konomoekoe, Mbabia, and Moatwontu. It was agreed that these themes be discussed further for conclusion.

The KDDA Secretary informed members of the discussion he had with the Kono Union USA on 24/08/2014, where it was agreed that we should improve our mutual cooperation for the progress of the two organisations. This was welcomed by the audience.

Fifty pounds (£50.00) was raised and presented to Mrs. Rosaline Kanu for burial contribution towards the death of her relatives in Freetown. £21.30 was donated by members towards hall hire, £4.50 raised from sale of drinks, and £80.00 was collected for monthly m contributions. A total of £105.80 was handed over to the KDDA Assistant Treasurer Mrs. Elizabeth Nganga Tondoneh for safe keeping.

Twenty one (21) people were in attendance.

At 20:12 hours, Mr. T.D.Sam Sumana moved that the meeting be closed. This was seconded by Mrs. Christiana Sodengbe.

I thank you for your attention.



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Secretary  
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