

## **KDDA Meeting held on Saturday 28/10/2017.**

Mr. Mafinda said Dr. Sheku will sign for the medicines when they arrive in Kono. The total cost for the medicines is £65, 000.00 but KDDA paid only £6,000.00. He said no need to check the medicines as everything is listed on the invoice. Twenty eight boxes in total, two for each chiefdom and an additional two boxes for Koidu Government Hospital. He said the medicines will be handed over to the Paramount Chiefs and that no politician will be involved. Chief Mbawa is KDDA main contact, he will be contacted before the medicines arrive. The committee on the distribution of the medicines will tell members how the monitoring will take place in Kono.

Dr. Ngegba spoke on behalf of the committee on monitoring, he explain how the Ministry of Health distribute medicines to the provinces, and therefore he advised KDDA to follow the similar pattern. Dr. Ngegba also strongly advised that the distribution of the said medicines should not be like the last medical equipment sent to Sierra Leone. He said his name was omitted. He emphasised his disappointment why his name was not mentioned. Mr. Sahr Fasuluku asked Dr. Ngegba, to explain how the last items were distributed. Dr. Ngegba repeated the same statement as before.

Ms. Jaward was concern that the shipping should have been done with Ms. Saffa's shipping company than someone else as KDDA should help promote its members' businesses not the business of none members. This was a mistake for which Mr. Kabba apologised on behalf of KDDA.

The radio programme was discussed to educate and inform Konos back home has to the arrival of the medicines, distribution and monitoring. Mrs. Mafinda offered to pay for one hour towards the radio fees.

Ms. SoumbaySaffa asked whether the medicines are free, the answer was unanimous no as they were paid for by KDDA. However it is free for the chiefdoms. For montoring and distribution there will be a number to call in case someone sold the medicines. Few names were put forward to be part of the handover and monitoring system. Ms. Theresa Williem suggested Augusta Saidu, Mr. Fasuluku named Brother TambaJimissa and Musa Mondeh. Ms. Rebecca Morqueenand few other names were mentioned - to be confirmed. It was unanimously agreed that names of those inKono who will monitor the distribution should be email to the Committee on the medicines, Ms. Dian Fasuluku, Dr. Ngegba and Mr. Tamba Lamina.

KDDA Merchandise was discussed; Mr Jimmy –Kay gave a detail explanation why the union need the T shirts and hats with KDDA logo printed on them - for publicity he said. This was agreed by members but concerns were expressed about the price. He suggested KDDA should hire the SLBC and a TV station to promote the organisation. The invoice presented to KDDA by T boy the members have to approve according to Mr. Jimmy Kay. Mr. Fasuluku suggested that the T shirts should be simple and easily recognisable so no one will associate it with any political party since elections are round the corner. Though the medicines are not for sale but financial donations are welcome.

Mr. Sinah suggested that the medication is the biggest and best project therefore the organisation should ensure continuity.

Chairman Tondoneh introduce item number nine, and the need why we have to work with London Mining Networking. He said people have asked many questions about London Mining Networking which Mr. Sahr Fasuluku the lead Co-ordinator for this project explained in detail what it is all about.

Mr. Fasuluku the former Project Co-ordinator for KDDA is now the co-ordinator for London Mining Networking. He explained the importance of the group and what they do in the world to help deprived communities mainly ethnic minorities who are marginalised. The group investigate mining companies around the world and how their activities have impacted on the people in the areas mining is carried out. He furthered that the group workalongside twenty other Networking groups of which KDDA will

be part of to highlight the problems of the Kono people. In his explanation Mr. Fasuluku answered the numerous questions raised by members particularly those who thought that this is a mining company which in fact it is not.

In his closing remarks Mr. Fasuluku advised people to read the London mining Networking minutes of the last teleconference he had with the group. He said apart from diamonds in Kono uranium has been discovered in Togolili and Kono. He suggested KDDA join the networking scheme to raise awareness. For the group to help KDDA hard evidence about the environmental damage mining has caused to Kono is needed. Newspaper articles, documentations, audios, radio commentaries and video clips are suffice to serve as evidences.

Ms. Jaward buttress Mr. Fasuluku's speech about the dangers of mining in Kono .

Next was to inform members that the disciplinary committee met and they are awaiting the complaints respond to the various charges.

Closing prayers were said by Ms. Jaward.

Note £1:00 collections

Monthly collections £130.00

Registration £10.00

Total £153.00

Hall payment £120.00 Cheque issued.