

**Agenda for Sika Development Fund's (SDF) Annual Report Meeting, 05/21/2022**

1) Opening prayer

2) Apologies

3) The Reporting Period: September 2020 – May 2022

4) Rationale for the Report: The SDF Constitution mandates that the SDF Executive Committee shall give an Annual Report to the organization's members, detailing among other things, how the organization is run, its finances and projects. This is intended for the members to be able to assess whether the Executive is doing its job properly or not. Due to COVID-19 disruptions, the 2021 Annual Report was not presented on time due to unexpected circumstances and therefore, the current report includes both 2021 and some of 2022 reports.

5) *How SDF is run:*

a) SDF Executive Committee: The SDF Executive Committee is the primary structure mandated by the organization to run its affairs. The Executive Committee is headed by a President, Omar Janneh and 17 other members that hold various positions (Please see Annual Report for details).

b) SDF Executive Committee Advisers: There are 5 Advisers (Please see Annual Report).

c) Other Ad-hoc Committees: These are committees that are setup by the Executive Committee to help it carry out its functions and work more effectively and easily, and they are:

i) \_\_\_\_\_ Legal adviser – Solo Demba

ii) \_\_\_\_\_ Strategists and Liaison Officers: There are 3 members in this committee (Please check the Annual Report for details).

iii) \_\_\_\_\_ Water Committee: There are 5 members in this committee (Please check the Annual Report for details).

iv) \_\_\_\_\_ Sika Community Clinic Taskforce: This committee is tasked with the responsibility to oversee the construction and operationalization of the clinic. There are 18 members in the committee (Please check the Annual Report for details).

- v)        Outstanding member(s) Appreciation Taskforce: This committee is charged with recognizing the contribution of exceptional individuals for their efforts in helping SDF achieve its objectives. The Committee comprises of 7 members (Please check the Annual Report for details).
- vi)        Sika Women's Garden Project Committee: This committee is tasked to work with Sika women vegetable gardeners to make their work as safe as possible, less laborious, and potentially more profitable. There are 8 members in this committee (Please check the Annual Report for details).

#### 6) Summary of SDF's Activities during the reporting period

- a)        Acquisition of a plot of land on which the "Sika Community Clinic" will be built. The land (67m x 67m x 67m x 67m) was generously donated to the village by Drammeh-Kunda Family members.
- b)        Sika Community Clinic Project: This is an ongoing project and so far, **D148,325** has been spent on the project (Please check the Annual Report for details; D133,800+14,525).
- c)        Provision of healthcare to the villagers in terms of drugs and other services. This is a continuation of what SDF started years ago with Demba Kebba Jaiteh. So far, **D35,300** has been spent on this effort and the project is expected to start soon. (Please check the Annual Report for details).
- d)        Restoration of village water supply: Due to problems with the solar panels and the pump, there was water shortage in the village. The amount spent on this project was, **D170,000**.
- e)        Women's vegetable garden: Amount spent was **D3,150**.
- f)        Award of certificate of recognition: The first recipient of this award was Lamin (Nani) Binta Sonko (Please check the Annual Report for details).
- g)        Support to the village to overcome food shortage during COVID-19 pandemic. Funds raised ~ **D131,110**
- h)        Relief to village storm-affected individuals: Total funds raised = **D102,030**

#### 7) SDF Finances status:

- a) SDF-UK bank main account = £6,663.06 ~ D433,098.90

b) SDF-UK PayPal Account = £204.97 ~ D13,323.05

c) SDF-Gambia main Account = D178,138

d) SDF-USA main Account = \$4,871.31 ~ D243,565.5

e) SDF-USA Healthcare Account = \$6,000 ~ D300,000

f) SDF-Gambia Healthcare account = D9,687

**g) Total SDF Working Capital = D433,098.90 + D13,323.05 + D178,138 + D243,565.5 = D867,124.55**

**h) Total Healthcare funds = D300,000 + D9,687 = D309,687**

**i) Total SDF Available Funds = D867,124.55 + D311,800 = D1,177,924.55**

8) Status of the loans SDF approved towards projects

- Ndemba Kebba Jaiteh owed SDF D35000 as part of the healthcare project. However, the Executive Committee recommended to the members that this loan be written off on compassionate grounds due to his poor health. The membership agreed to the Executive Committee's recommendations to write off his debt to SDF
- Adama Jah owed SDF D9000 as part of the fishing project. However, the Executive Committee recommended to the members that this loan be written off on compassionate grounds due to his poor health. The membership agreed to the Executive Committee's recommendations to write off his debt to SDF.
- Bolong Ceesay currently owes SDF D2000 as part of the fishing project loan
- Lang Manneh paid off the fishing project loan.

9) Challenges:

- a) Collection of outstanding pledges towards the Community Clinic (Please check the Annual Report for details).
- b) Annual Subscription payment by members (Please check the Annual Report for details).
- c) Efforts to recover the money owed to SDF

10) Conclusion

The SDF has come a long way; through working together, we have done a lot of good to help elevate the lives of our people and we owe it to ourselves to be proud of that. Indeed, it shows what we can do if we work as one as we have been doing.

The Executive Committee wishes to thank you all for your continued enthusiasm and commitment in support of the mission of SDF. This shows what is possible when we work together as one inseparable family for a cause that we can all relate to. We are confident that we will not let ourselves down, that we will continue the noble task of realizing and sustaining the aspirations of SDF for the people of Sika.

May Allah (SWT) bless you all for all that you do for SDF and by implication for the people of Sika! Ameen

Executive Committee, SDF

11) Updates on the projects

a) The Community Clinic;

b) The current healthcare project;

c) Ideas/strategic suggestions, questions from members on how to sustain our activities and how to get involved– from ideation to realization.

12) AOB