

SDF's Financial Status and Activities Report, 2024

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Detailed executive summary

The report provides an overview of the funds received by/available to the Sika Development Fund (SDF) for its operations in 2014. The funds are crucial for the SDF to meet its objectives and carry out its planned activities. Across its various areas of operations, namely the USA, Europe, and The Gambia, the funds in its accounts at the end of 2024 are as follows:

- Gambia: The main account at GT Bank holds a balance of D142,600.05, while the healthcare account has D16,908.77.
- USA: The Wells Fargo healthcare account holds \$6,000, and the main account has \$9,331.31.
- UK: The Lloyds Bank account has a balance of £714.52, and the PayPal account contains £668.64.

The provision of healthcare in Sika village remains a core objective of SDF and SDF has been doing a lot since it was formed in 2014 to help realise that objective. In 2024, SDF committed to a fundraising campaign with the King of Kora, Jaliba Kuyateh and Kumareh Band with a view to raising some funds to build a Community Clinic in Sika village. The fundraising show with the King of Kora happened on April 26, 2025. It was a highly successful event; it has raised approximately D740,310 so far against an expenditure of D97,945. The fundraising efforts for the Sika Community Clinic remain ongoing and SDF is humbled by the show of support for this cause.

These figures represent the financial resources available to SDF and are key to sustainably supporting its development goals and programmes.

In 2024, the Sika Development Foundation (SDF) undertook several significant activities to support the Sika community, including restocking medical kits at the Sika clinic and purchasing essential drugs. Despite these efforts, the visitation of healthcare personnel remains a challenge that needs to be addressed. SDF is actively seeking individuals or organizations who can contribute to meeting the healthcare needs of the people of Sika. Those interested in helping are encouraged to contact the Executive Committee of SDF.

Additionally, SDF has successfully secured a compound for the construction of the Sika Community Clinic, which will provide much-needed healthcare facilities for the community. This site already benefits from a water supply, sponsored by Dr. A Hussain and family, which currently meets all the water needs of the Sika Basic School. The clinic project has received approval from the Ministry of Health, and local permissions are now being sought from the Physical Planning authorities to begin construction work.

The contract for the construction of the Sika Community Clinic, to be carried out in phases, has been awarded to Malamin Janneh, who will assemble his team for the project. The architectural drawings for the clinic's buildings, including a drug store, pharmacy, nursing stations, car parks, mortuary, and two residential blocks for healthcare personnel, have already been completed.

The site for the clinic has been demarcated by the Architect's Technicians, and discussions regarding the labour costs for the building are in advanced stages with the contractors. Preparatory materials

for the construction, including 14,000 cement blocks, as well as several trips of gravel and sand, have already been secured.

SDF continues its commitment to make notable strides in several key initiatives such as:

- 1. Nursing Programme: SDF is committed to using the funding it received to sponsor a student for nursing studies, with the goal of having the trained nurse serve the Sika community upon completion. This initiative aims to address healthcare needs locally by building a strong, sustainable healthcare workforce. Anyone interested in the scholarship should contact SDF at info@sikadevelopmentfund.com or scholarships@sikadevelopmentfund.com or scroll to the bottom of this page: https://sikadevelopmentfund.com/
- 2. Land transfers: SDF successfully transferred the lands gifted by Jaiteh Kunda for the Women's Garden and by Nyimading Drammeh (late) for the Community Clinic to Sika village.
- 3. Grants and Funding: SDF submitted a grant application to the Ministry of Agriculture via its Kerewan Office in May 2024, seeking support for the Sika Women's Horticultural Work. However, indications suggest that the application was unsuccessful, as no response has been received. On a positive note, SDF is awaiting the outcome of a grant application to the Rotary Club (Aurora, Colorado, USA). The application, which has garnered significant support from individuals like Dr. Bakary J. Sonko and Lamin Famoro Sonko, if successful, will significantly enhance the horticultural activities of the women of Sika, contributing to their socioeconomic welfare.

SDF achieved several milestones that reflect its ongoing commitment of its members to its core values and objectives to the community:

- 1. Revised Website: SDF launched a newly revised website, providing comprehensive information about the foundation's work and objectives. The website can be accessed at https://www.sikadevelopmentfund.com, offering easy access to all things related to SDF.
- 2. Education: SDF remains deeply committed to the educational development of Sika's students. The Sika Basic School kitchen was renovated to a very high standard by SDF. However, one of the school's classrooms is currently out of use due to a shortage of tables and chairs, highlighting an ongoing challenge in meeting the school's infrastructure needs.
- 3. Support for Sika Basic School: Dr. Karima Zitouni, an SDF champion, generously financed three dozen steel bowls for the Sika Basic School. This donation has significantly improved the students' lunchtime experience, allowing them to eat more efficiently and return to class on time.
- 4. Acknowledgements: SDF extends its heartfelt gratitude to key supporters:
 - o Dr. A. Hussain for sponsoring the water borehole and contributing to other initiatives.
 - o Dr. Karima Zitouni for her continued support of SDF's activities.
 - Bakary J. Sonko for his abundant patience, generosity of spirits, humanity, dedication, and many more.

- o Omar NR Sonko for his compassion, time and spirit of volunteerism, and abundant generosity; his generous gift to healthcare is appreciated.
- o Isatou Gassama for her symbolic leadership in the fundraising campaign for the construction of the Sika Community Clinic.
- o Lamin Sonko (aka *Nani*), Lamin Famoro Sonko and Malamin Janneh for their commitment and selfless service to the people of Sika. May they be handsomely rewarded by Allah (SWT). Aamiin.
- o Pa-Saikou Sonko for facilitating SDF's work with the Kerewan Area Council and Physical Planning Office.

These efforts continue to strengthen the foundation's impact on the community, especially in areas like education, healthcare, and sustainable development.

SDF experienced notable improvements in community engagement and support, just to name a few:

- 1. Annual Subscription: Residents of Sika paid their annual subscriptions more consistently and at a higher rate than any other year since the foundation of SDF in 2014. The leadership of SDF encourages all members to follow the example set by those in Sika, demonstrating commitment to the foundation's goals.
- 2. Appreciation Certificates: SDF is in the process of preparing the annual appreciation certificates for individuals and groups who have shown significant support to the foundation's work throughout the year.
- 3. Productive Year: Despite the typical ups and downs of development work, 2024 proved to be a productive year for SDF. SDF extends its sincere gratitude to everyone who has remained dedicated to improving the lives of the people who are central to SDF's mission.

These achievements, which we hope can be replicated in 2025, reflect the strong community support and collective effort that continues to drive the success of SDF's initiatives. For this, the leadership owes everyone a big thank you!

To read the full report, please click: https://sikadevelopmentfund.com/financialreport/

Introduction - in brief

Out of the need to respond- in a timely manner- to the challenges of the people, Sika Development Fund (SDF) was formed in August 2014; the SDF Constitution which articulates the objectives of SDF and its core values, by-laws and guiding principles was adopted on August 15. 2014.

As dictated by the Constitution, the term of office of the Executive Committee is 3 years and a new Executive Committee was therefore elected at the end of the previous Executive Committee's term of office in January 2024.

This report serves as a narrative to highlight the status of SDF's funds in all its areas of operation and some of the significant activities, including the expenses incurred for 2024. It is hoped that this annual report will highlight some of what has been achieved in 2024 as well as highlight some of the ongoing work the leadership team has been involved in and or areas the membership may feel drawn into action by with a view to complement the work of SDF.

The current Executive Committee, its working Groups/ad hoc committees which enhance the operational work of the Executive Committee are as follows:

The Executive Committee of SDF for 2024-2026

Please find below the names of the incoming leadership team of SDF and the positions they occupy:

• President: Kemo Sonko

Vice President: Satang SannehSecretary General: Omar Janneh

Assistant Secretary General: Alieu SK Cham

• Treasurer: Sima Camara

Assistant Treasurer: Lamin Anfaal Manjang

Auditor: Saikou Lamin Sonko

Assistant Auditor: Kabiro KS Janneh

Social and Resource Mobilisation Secretary: Lamin Sonko (Nani)

Assistant Social and Resource Mobilization Secretary: Lamin Famoro Sonko

Other co-opted Executive members

Bakary T Sonko: Assistant Secretary General

Saikouba Ceesay (aka Seyfo): Assistant Social and Resource Mobilisation Secretary

Buba Gitteh: Assistant Social and Resource Mobilisation Secretary

Pa Bakary Sanyang: Assistant Social and Resource Mobilisation Secretary

Isatou Gassama Assistant Social and Resource Mobilisation Secretary

Mariama (Bonto) Jaiteh: Assistant Social and Resource Mobilisation Secretary

• Mariama Sawo-Kamara: Assistant Social and Resource Mobilisation Secretary

Solo Demba: Legal Adviser

• Omar Sanneh: Adviser

Alhagie Ndemba Boto Sonko: Adviser

Alhagie Nfansu Jaiteh: Adviser

- Omar NR Sonko: Adviser
- Bakary T Sonko: Assistant Secretary General
- Maja (Bora) Janneh: Assistant Secretary General
- Manta Barjo: Assistant Secretary General
- Pa Ansuman Manneh: Assistant Secretary General
- Pa Amadou Drammeh: Strategist and Liaison Officer
- Lamin Sonko (Baba Dinding): Strategist and Liaison Officer
- Lang Manneh-Ida
- Malamin Janneh: Assistant-Treasurer
- Saikou Lamin Sonko: Assistant Auditor
- Malang Janneh
- Buba Sonko
- Sainta Sonko
- Mustapha Sawo (Pa Bojang): VDC Chairperson
- Sainabou Kebbeh

Members of the Sika Community Clinic Taskforce

Having taken stock of the complex nature of implementing the healthcare project- from ideation to the realisation, a taskforce, composed of the following members was set up:

- Taskforce Chairman: Bakary J Sonko
- **Building Construction supervisors:** Malamin Janneh (Mala) (Also VDC representative on the Taskforce), Lamin Fa-Omoro Sonko
- Accountants: Bakary T Sonko & Kemo Sonko
- Lawyer/Legal Adviser: Solo Demba
- Representatives for negotiations: Alieu SK Cham, Bakary J Sonko, Sarjo Gitteh
- Medical Knowledgeable persons: Bintou Janneh Kumba, Pa Ansumana Manneh, Bakary J Sonko, Omar Janneh, Solo Demba

Members of the Sika Women's Garden project working group

- Bakary J Sonko Chair
- Omar NR Sonko Coordinator
- Sarjo Gitteh
- Lang Manneh
- Malamin Janneh (Maala)
- Kawsu Sonko
- Ndemba Janneh
- Satou Gassama

Members of the appreciation taskforce

The Executive Committee set up a working group to identify SDF members worthy of receiving certificates of appreciation/honorarium from SDF. The membership of the appreciation taskforce is as follows:

- i. Bakary J Sonko- Chair
- ii. Kemo Sonko
- iii. Satang Sanneh
- iv. Omar Janneh
- v. Alieu SK Cham

- vi. Lamin Sonko (Nani)
- vii. Sima Camara
- viii. Pa Bakary Sanyang
- ix. Mariama Sawo-Kamara
- x. Isatou Gassama

Names of members co-opted to work with the Sika Water Committee

Having supported the restoration of the village water supply in 2020, SDF led the efforts to strengthen the Water Committee of the VDC. The following were suggested to the VDC to be co-opted into the Water Committee of the VDC which the Water Committee of the VDC agreed to co-opt them:

- i. Manta Barjo
- ii. Maja (Bora Janneh)
- iii. Pa Ansumana Manneh
- iv. Bakary T Sonko
- v. Malamin Janneh
- vi. Isatou Gassama
- vii. Saikouba (aka Seyfo) Ceesay
- viii. Buba Gitteh
- ix. Mariama (Bonto) Jaiteh
- x. Malang Janneh
- xi. Sutay Janneh,
- xii. Omar Sanneh
- xiii. Alhagie Ndemba Boto Sonko
- xiv. Alhagie Nfansu Jaiteh
- xv. Bakary (aka Buba Lemuna) Sonko
- xvi. Sainta Sonko
- xvii. Lamin (aka Babadinding) Sonko
- xviii. Pa Amadou Drammeh
- xix. Mariama Sawo-Kamara
- xx. Mustapha (aka Pa Bojang) Sawo- VDC Chair and Representative
- xxi. Sainabou Kebbeh- VDC Representative

The incoming Team should note that at the second General meeting, the following agreed to serve as SDF's Youth Ambassadors and help support SDF's efforts towards the collection of the annual subscription payments:

- i. Fatou Darboe- Masira
- ii. Saffiatou Sonko
- iii. Musa Tida Sonko (Codda)

Organising Committee of the Jaliba Kuyateh & Kumareh Band Fundraising show

To help organise the fundraising campaign whose purpose is to replenish the funds needed to construct the health post in Sika, the SDF Executive Committee composed an organising Committee whose membership include the following:

- i. Isatou Gassama
- ii. Alieu SK Cham

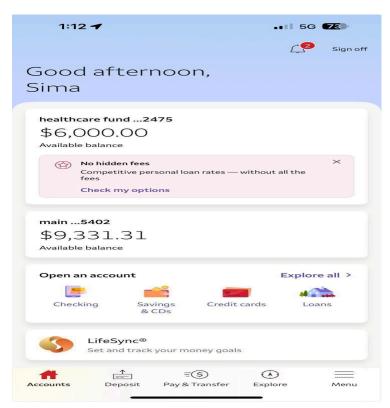
- iii. Pa Bakary Sanyang
- iv. Lamin Sonko (aka Nani)
- v. Buba Sonko
- vi. Lamin Famoro Sonko
- vii. Wuday Daffeh
- viii. Sima Camara
- ix. Mariama (Bonto) Jaiteh
- x. Fatou Barjo
- xi. Manta Barjo
- xii. Kabiro KS Janneh
- xiii. Manyima Manneh
- xiv. Maimuna Sonko (Yaboi)

Account status of SDF in the different areas of operation at the end of 2024

USA: Wells Fargo

The Healthcare account had \$6,000 and the main account, \$,9331.31

See below the screenshot image of the balance in both accounts:



The Gambia: GT bank, Gambia Ltd

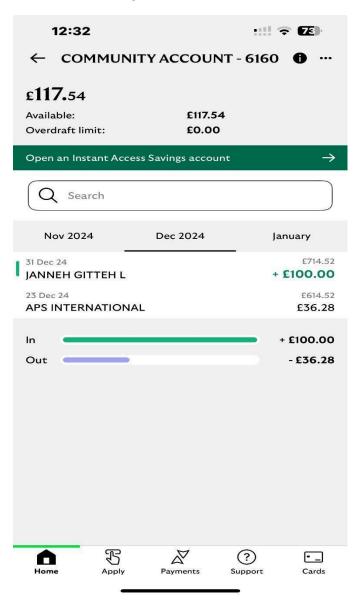
The main account had an amount of D142,600.05 and the healthcare account D16908.77

Please see below the bank statement in December 2024:



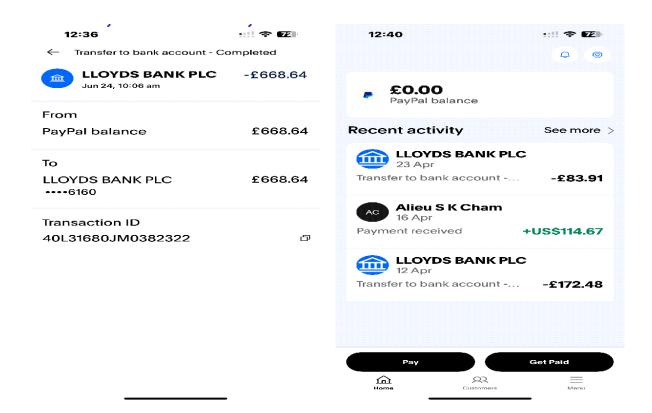
UK: Lloyds bank

Scrutiny of the screenshot image below will show that in December 2024, the account had £714.52; at the time of writing, the balance in the account is £117.54



PayPal

At the beginning of January 2025, there was £668.64 in the PayPal account which was transferred into the Lloyds account – see the screenshot image below. At present, the PayPal account has no funds in it (see below the screenshot image on the right-hand side):



Report on the activities undertaken in 2024

In January 2024. The following items were bought- from the UK account- in the UK for use in the clinic in Sika at £97.83; see below the receipt. The items (see below) were taken to the Gambia by Mr Maja F Sonko (Sonko Jileng); Kemo Sonko collected the item from Sonko Jileng and sent them to Sika.





Omar Janneh paid for the funds as part payment of his 2024 annual subscription. Please see below the text message Omar Janneh sent to the Executive forum in this regard: *Hello All*,

As agreed at yesterday's meeting, I have bought the following:

- 1. Thermometer: £24.99
- 2. Blood pressure machine with large cuff: £52.95
- 3._Blood sugar testing machine: £5. Reduced as expired test strips were removed from the box_.
- 4. Blood glucose strips: £14.99

The total cost is £97.93 which I paid using my card.

Instead of refunding this to me, please record it as part payment of my annual subscription for 2024. I will deposit £2.07 into SDF's account to bring the amount to £100, the £ equivalent of \$120.

On my way to take the items to Sonko Jileng.

Thanks

Omar

Some selected chronology of updates on the Community Clinic Compound plan

February 2024: Prior to the Executive Committee meeting Kemo Sonko shared the messages (in quote and italics) below and the standard Community Clinic plan which he received from Mr Ebrima Baldeh on the Executive forum:







Community Clinic Standard Plan.pdf

Kemo Sonko-audio kemo Sonko_audio 1_meeting with NBR r 2_meeting with NBR r

"Dear colleagues,

I just want to bring you up to speed on the negotiation between SDF and the Regional Director of Health Services and team regarding Sika Community Clinic.

I travelled to Essau today (14 February 2024) and had discussion the Director and team. The outcome of the discussion is as follows:

- 1. In order to standardize and harmonize community clinic plans, the Regional Directorate wants us to adopt the plan shared herein.
- 2.Once the plan is done accordingly, we can write a letter to the Ministry through the Regional Director who will forward it to the Ministry with recommendation for approval."

A meeting was called to discuss the details of the plan so that it could be decided on next steps to take.

At the meeting, Kemo Sonko shared and presented information and or documents to the follow which were shared with the Executive Committee; Kemo Sonko went to meet the team in Essau on February 14, 2024:

- a) SDF's letter of intention to the Ministry to build a Community Clinic in Sika
- b) The Ministry's response to SDF's letter
- c) The first Compound plan of the Community Clinic as per the advice of the previous Regional Director of Health, Mr MLF;
- d) The letter of Commitment from Project C.U.R.E. to work with SDF and supply medical equipment to Sika Community Clinic
- e) The minutes of the meeting with Mr MLF that sought to clarify areas of confusion regarding the kind of Community Clinic SDF intends to build in Sika
- f) The second compound plan of the Community Clinic

SDF adopted the recommendations of the Ministry; and re-engaged the Architect to revise the drawings in line with the Ministry's plan. The Executive Committee considered it appropriate to give a token to the Architect for the work his team did for SDF so far. Yes, token, because at the time, the Architect expressed his reluctance to charge SDF for the service. For the current work, SDF gave a token of D15,000 to the Architect's (in March 2024) with an appreciation letter for their efforts in helping SDF realise its objective. See below the transfer ticket and the note sent to Kemo Sonko upon making the transfer from SDF's account in the UK:



Hello Kemo,

This transfer of D15000 is to be given to the Architect to show our appreciation for the work they did for SDF.

The money is to be given to him with our letter of appreciation.

Bakary J will speak to him about the next steps we would like to take with him and his team.

Best wishes

Omar

The clearing of the Community Clinic Compound

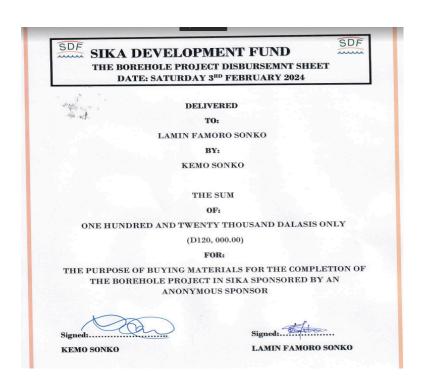
In February 2024, Alhagie Njai and Ansumana Manneh (Bo Manneh) were paid D1500 to clear the site and to carefully set the rubbish alight for; this payment was taken by Malamin Janneh from the funds generated by the activities at the healthcare clinic.

Update on the Sika Community Clinic borehole

February 2024: The meeting approved D118,700 to complete the work on the borehole - see the bill of quantity below which was received from Lamin Famoro Sonko:

MATERIALS FOR THE SIKA CLINIC BOREHOLE				
ITEMS	TYPES	Qty	U/PRICE	AMOUNT
Water tank	5000 ltrs	1	GMD 24,000.00	GMD 24,000.00
Pressure pipe	63mm	2	GMD 1,200.00	GMD 2,400.00
Tank connector	63mm	1	GMD 500.00	GMD 500.00
Pressure elbow	63mm	2	GMD 300.00	GMD 600.00
Pressure stop valve	63mm	1	GMD 1,900.00	GMD 1,900.00
push fit reducer	63-1"	1	GMD 450.00	GMD 450.00
Complete tap head	1"	1	GMD 750.00	GMD 750.00
polythene tube	1"	1	GMD 4,000.00	GMD 4,000.00
Push fit female elbow	1"	1	GMD 100.00	GMD 100.00
Push fit elbow (Normal)	1"	3	GMD 100.00	GMD 300.00
Push fit male elbow	1"	1	GMD 100.00	GMD 100.00
Push fit connector	1"	1	GMD 100.00	GMD 100.00
Well head	1"	1	GMD 3,000.00	GMD 3,000.00
Solar panels	350watts	4	GMD 7,500.00	GMD 30,000.00
Submersible pump (Argony)	1500watts	1	GMD 28,000.00	GMD 28,000.00
Cable	2.5mm	1	GMD 8,000.00	GMD 8,000.00
Solar frame	35cm	10	GMD 750.00	GMD 7,500.00
Transportation		1	GMD 7,000.00	GMD 7,000.00
TOTAL				GMD 118,700.00

To accommodate sudden changes in the prices of the items listed in the bill of quantity above, SDF disbursed D120,000; see below the disbursement sheet Kemo Sonko shared with the Executive Committee:



Lamin Famoro Sonko informed the meeting that the work on the borehole at the Sika Community Clinic; at the time of compiling this report, the system continues to function as normal, supplying the entire water needs of the Sika Basic School. The videos embedded and a sample of the photos shared below show the excellent work done by Lamin Famoro Sonko, Malamin Janneh, Alhagie Njai and the team. First, please find below photo of Lamin Famoro Sonko and team at work on the borehole. SDF remains grateful to Sellou/SIndou Diarrasouba for the excellent masonry work



Sample videos and sample photo of completed work:







Of the D120,000 drawn at the conclusion of the work on the borehole, D120,700 was spent (See below the list of expenses which Lamin Famoro Sonko shared with the Committee).

EXPENSES ON THE SIKA CLINIC BOREHOLE				
ITEMS	TYPES	Qty	U/PRICE	AMOUNT
Water tank	5000 ltrs	1	GMD 24,000.00	GMD 24,000.00
Pressure pipe	63mm	2	GMD 1,200.00	GMD 2,400.00
Tank connector	63mm	1	GMD 800.00	GMD 800.00
Pressure elbow	63mm	2	GMD 350.00	GMD 700.00
Pressure stop valve	63mm	1	GMD 1,800.00	GMD 1,800.00
push fit reducer	63-1"	1	GMD 500.00	GMD 500.00
Complete tap head	1"	1	GMD 750.00	GMD 750.00
polythene tube	1"	50	GMD 50.00	GMD 2,500.00
Push fit female elbow	1"	1	GMD 100.00	GMD 100.00
Push fit elbow (Normal)	1"	3	GMD 100.00	GMD 300.00
Push fit male elbow	1"	1	GMD 100.00	GMD 100.00
Push fit connector	1"	1	GMD 100.00	GMD 100.00
Well head	1"	1	GMD 3,000.00	GMD 3,000.00
Solar panels	350watts	4	GMD 7,000.00	GMD 28,000.00
Submersible pump (Argony)	1500watts	1	GMD 28,000.00	GMD 28,000.00
Rope	-	35	GMD 20.00	GMD 700.00
Cable	2.5mm	1	GMD 6,500.00	GMD 6,500.00
Solar frame	35cm	1	GMD 7,900.00	GMD 7,900.00
None return valve	63mm	1	GMD 1,500.00	GMD 1,500.00
Push fit tee	32mm	2	GMD 150.00	GMD 300.00
Oil paint	0.5 Ltrs	1	GMD 350.00	GMD 350.00
Pressure pipe	32mm	2	GMD 600.00	GMD 1,200.00
Pressure elbow	1"	2	GMD 100.00	GMD 200.00
Welding Work	-	1	GMD 3,000.00	GMD 3,000.00
Plumbing Work	-	1	GMD 3,000.00	GMD 3,000.00
Transportation	-	1	GMD 3,000.00	GMD 3,000.00
TOTAL GMD 120,700.00				

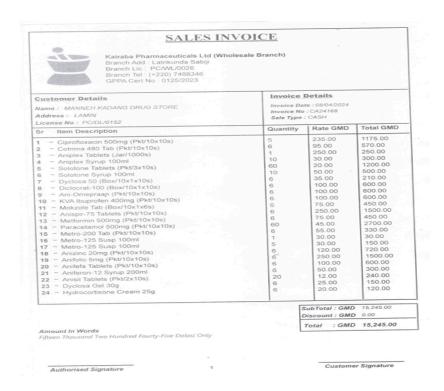
This means Lamin Famoro Sonko used D700 of his own money. The meeting agreed to refund him the D700 from the UK account; see the transfer ticket below:



Further, to help complete this work, some 2 bags of cement were provided by Malamin Janneh which was used to secure the frame of the solar panels into the soil. Thus, Malamin Janneh needed to be refunded for the 2 bags of cement; Omar Janneh volunteered to pay for this (at approx. D900 for the 2 bags of cement).

Cost incurred to paint the concrete platform for the water tank

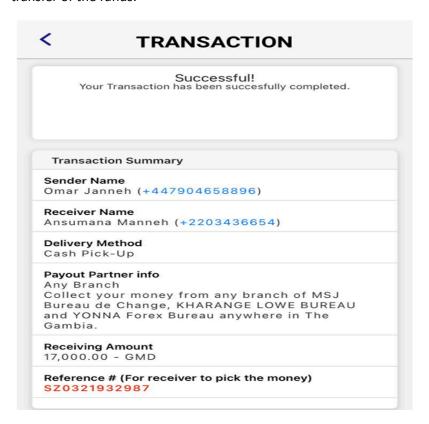
Using the funds generated at the healthcare clinic, a tin of whitewash and paint were bought by Malamin Janneh for D1200 and D800, respectively. The paint job was done by Malamin Janneh, and Jarjue (Kumba Jarjue's son). Click <u>here</u> to see the status of the borehole.



On replenishing the stock of drugs in Sika

The SDF Executive Committee approved D17,000 against an invoice of D15,245 to purchase and transport the drugs to Sika.

The approved funds (D17,000) were sent to Pa Ansumana Manneh from the SDF UK Lloyds account; please see the transfer ticket and the message Omar Janneh sent to Pa Manneh upon making the transfer of the funds:



Hello Pa

I have just sent the funds (D17,000) to you so you can go ahead and buy the drugs in the usual manner. The invoice bears a cost of D15,425. The extra is to accommodate transportation costs as communicated on the SDF Executive forum.

Please let me know the status on this assignment as soon as possible. We can also work together on the onward transportation of the drugs to Sika and any balance that may remain of the funds so that we can communicate that to the Executive Committee in the usual manner.

Best wishes

Omar <This message was edited>

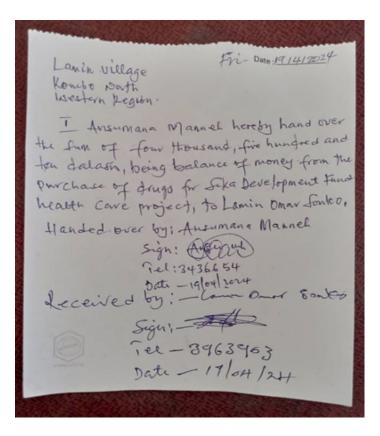
Of the D17,000 sent, see below receipt containing the list of drugs purchased:

The drugs were bought for D11,950 and D540

SALES INVOICE Kairaba Pharmaceuticals Ltd (Wholesale Branch) Branch Add : Latrikunda Sabiji Branch Lic : PCMU0026 Branch Tel : (+220) 7488346 GPPA Cert No : 0125/2023			
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A balance of D4,510 was handed to Lamin Famoro Sonko by Pa Ansumana Manneh (see below) and use the money to transport the drugs to Sika and return:



After transporting the drugs to Sika, Lamin Famoro Sonko deposited D3,400 into SDF's account and followed that action with the message below:

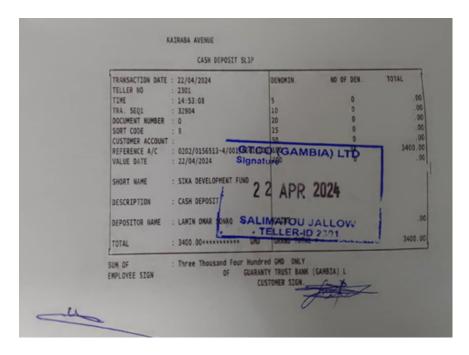
Hello Uncle Omar,

Please find attached the deposit slip from the balance of the D4,410 handed to me by PA ANSUMANA MANNEH and the list of expense is: Transportation D1,410 and the balance was D3,000. I as well deposited D400 paid by Bakary Lang Manneh on behalf of his dad D400. The total amount deposited is D3,400.

Thank you

Lamin Famorro.

Note that D400 of the D3,400 represents the 2024 annual subscription payment by Lang Manneh-Ida (see below the deposit ticket):



The difference of D100 between D4,510, and D4,410 (see breakdown below) was later deposited by Lamin Famoro Sonko into SDF's account and reported in the Executive Committee forum:

- The total approved was D17,000,
- Total spent on drugs: D11,950+540 = D12,490.
- Balance left on account and collected by Lamin Famoro Sonko from Pa Ansumana Manneh: D17,000-12,490 = D4,510 and not D4,410.

On regularising the ownership of the lands (Women's Garden and the Community Clinic) with Kerewan Area Council

The progress on the above subject can be summarised as follows:

Site visit by official from Physical Planning and the costs were incurred:

Women's garden: D5,000Community Clinic: D3,000

There were no receipt(s) issued for the above payments.

The above funds (D8,000) were drawn from the D20,000 sent to Malamin Janneh for the purpose of demarcating the corners of the Women's Garden. This left a balance of D12,000 with Malamin Janneh for the purpose of demarcating the corners of the land.

The initial costs incurred for the official transfer were as follows:

Women's Garden: D10,000Community Clinic: D5,000

The receipts for the above transactions are shown below:

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Kemo Sonko paid D400 (as donation to SDF) to buy some fuel to get the Seyfo's stamp (Mr Momodou Chatty in Jurunku) on the transfer documents.

Once the transfer documents were completed, they were taken from Kerewan to Farafenni to be authenticated with an official seal (stamp) to complete the transfer process.

Update on land transfers: land transfer for the women's garden and the Sika Community Clinic

In September 2024, SDF received news from Pa-Saikou Sonko, with accompanying paperwork that the transfer of the land for the women's garden from Jaiteh Kunda to Sika had been completed. Additionally, the transfer of the land gifted by Nyimanding Drammeh (late) on which the Community Clinic will be built has also been completed.

Below is an account of how the D20,000 to mark the corners of the land allocated for the women's garden and the status of the work was spent:

As indicated above D8000 was taken from the funds sent to Malamin Janneh for the purpose of paying for the demarcation of the corners of the land allocated for the Women's Garden. This left a balance of D12,000 with Malamin Janneh. Subsequently, D5000 was drawn from this and added to the D10,000 sent (by Sima Camara to Malamin Janneh via either Bakary N Camara and Sulayman Bajo) from SDF's funds in the USA account for the purpose of paying for the official transfer of land ownership. See below the transfer ticket:



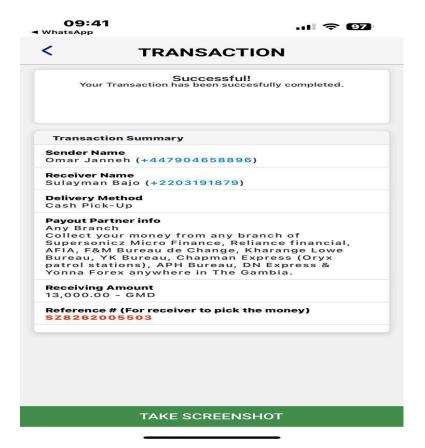
On the task to pay for the labour cost to demarcate the corners of the land for the Women's Garden, the VDC headed by Pa Bojang Sawo had expressed their desire to clear the entire site. Unfortunately, the work is yet to be done.

Given that the work promised by the VDC had not happened and that the rainy season had begun, the SDF Executive Committee resolved to proceed as follows:

The following actions had to be executed:

- a) Instruct Malamin Janneh to find a private individual- as originally planned- to clear the site so that work to demarcate the corners can begin as soon as possible.
- b) Malamin Janneh to report on the cost of the work.

It was decided that there is need to send D13,000 to Malamin Janneh so that Malamin Janneh has the D20,000 previously allocated to demarcate the corners of the land allocated for the women's garden. Please find below the transfer ticket of the D13,000 sent to Malamin Janneh via Sulayman Bajo and the accompanying message sent to the Executive Committee members:



Hello All,

Please find above the D13,000 that had to be sent to Malamin Janneh to bring the total amount back to D20,000 which was allocated for work to demarcate the corners of women's garden.

Thanks Omar

Update on the SDF-sponsored Nursing programme

SDF executive Committee received an initial donation and an assurance for further support to sponsor a student to study Nursing. It was the desire of the Executive Committee that the beneficiary be from Sika. However, with no interest expressed in the Scholarship programme, more efforts were put in to reach out to the people of Sika so that interested individuals can apply for the scholarship.

Despite many attempts to publicise it, including on the Upper Nuimi Development Association (UNDA) WhatsApp frum, no one applied for the SDF-sponsored Nursing programme; the individuals who expressed interest in the scholarship did not meet the criteria to study nursing and thus at the Gambia College School of Nursing and Midwifery. Interested individuals can access the relevant forms below or on the SDF website by clicking (Home) and scrolling to the bottom of the page.







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Grants submitted by SDF in 2024

New market-oriented vegetable matching grant to the Ministry of Agriculture, Roots

May 2024, SDF submitted a strong grant to the Ministry of Agriculture, via its Kerewan Office to support the Women's Horticultural project. A lot of effort went into ensuring that the application met the criteria. Kemo Sonko donated some D1,100 of his personal funds which helped facilitate the timely & successful submission of the application to the office of the Roots Regional Coordinator in Kerewan. The efforts- described above- to demarcate the corners of the Women's Garden and to regularise the ownership of the land with the Kerewan area Council were all geared towards ensuring that the relevant paperwork is in order before the Roots officials visit Sika to assess our grant submission. SDF is grateful to the work of Pa-Saikou Sonko for the troubles he took to take the relevant paperwork for signatures and submission.

Outcome of the New market-oriented vegetable matching grant to the Ministry of Agriculture, Roots

Despite various efforts, the Executive Committee is yet to receive a response on the outcome of the application.

Grant application to Rotary Club (Aurora, Colorado, USA)

Bakary J Sonko, a member of the Rotary Club (Aurora, Colorado), led the application to bid support for the Sika Women's Horticultural project. A lot of painstaking work went into preparing the application. We thank all, especially Bakary J Sonko, Lamin Famoro Sonko for their tireless efforts in the preparation of the application. SDF spent D6,000 (see transfer ticket below) for Lamin Famoro Sonko to travel with the videographer/photographer to take the aerial photos/videos of the village, of the old and proposed new garden sites and to conduct some interviews about the project with some key personalities in Sika and also to administer the survey (D3000; transfer ticket below); some of these formed the exhibits for the application to Rotary. The application has been submitted; if successful, it will transform the Sika Women's Horticultural activities.





The Community Health Nurse's visits to Sika

Due to the irregular visits by the CHN, the Executive Committee recognised the need to speak to other people, especially if suitable qualified individuals from Sika could spare some time to help support the delivery of healthcare to our community. The Executive Committee is appreciative of the

support given to the community to Ba-Malang Janneh; it is hoped that more would be able to emulate his sacrifice soon.

Report on the SDF's General Meetings

It is an ambition of SDF to hold a General Meeting with the members every quarter. On July 28, 2024, a General Meeting- see file below the minutes of the meeting:



Update on replenishing the drugs in Sika

September 1, 2024:



The proforma invoice (D16,410):



As stated previously, SDF sent D17,000 (see transfer ticket below and the accompanying communication) from the Lloyds bank account to Pa Ansumana Manneh.

Hello Brother Pa,

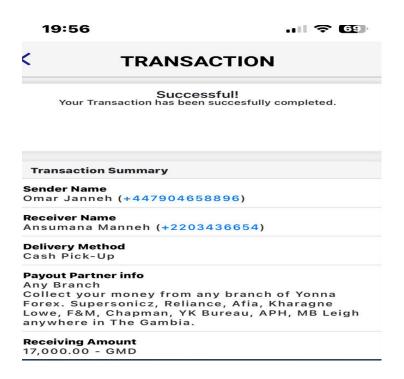
Please find above the transfer of D17,000 to you to be used to buy the drugs/kits for Sika. The proforma invoice bears the cost D16,410. Please report any balance in the usual manner for our records

I reckon we have about 7 items remaining, so I will suggest that you and I will reach out to Ba-Malang to also work with you to try and source those. When the proforma invoice for the remaining balance is received, we will proceed in the usual manner to release the funds. In the interest of time, I will share this communication with the Executive.

Finally, I think Ba-Malang and yourself can arrange the best way and moment for him to collect the drugs from you.

With much gratitude & may Allah (SWT) guide and bless you! Aamiin

Omar



Pa Ansumana bought the drugs (at D16,410); see the receipt and the box of drugs. Ba-Malang Janneh donated 4 bottles of 600mg ibuprofen to Sika (see these near the box).



Receipt (D16,410) of the drugs bought:



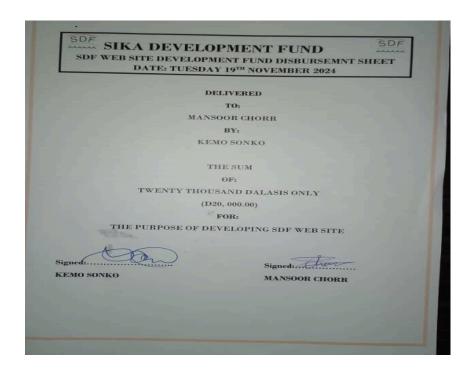
Evidence of balance of D600 funds which Ba-Malang received from Pa Ansumana after the purchase of the drugs for D16,410 from the D17,000 sent:



Of the drugs listed, about 4 were not purchased because they were not available at that Pharmacy.

The SDF website has been redesigned

For quite a long while, the SDF website was not being updated. The Executive Committee decided that the site needed to be refreshed/professionally developed. The work was led by Bakary J Sonko and Omar Janneh. A website developer was paid D20,000 (see the receipt of payment ticket below – from the SDF's GT bank) to work on the page and a further \$100 annually from January had been agreed to maintain the site. The new website can be accessed via: https://www.sikadevelopmentfund.com.



An update on clinic building design approval

In October 2024, the Regional Health Director (Mr EB) informed SDF Executive Committee through Kemo Sonko that SDF had been granted the approval to build the health post. See below the approval letter from the Health Ministry:



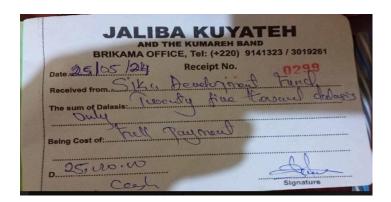
Token of appreciation from the SDF to the Architect's team for their design work

The leadership agreed to give D40,000 as token of appreciation to the Architect for his services to the Community. Please see below the transfer of the equivalent of D40,000 from the UK account to Kemo Sonko to give to the architect and to express the appreciation of the leadership team for his sacrifice to our community.



Fundraising campaign to help build the Sika Community Clinic

On supporting the cause to organise a fundraising campaign with Jaliba Kuyateh & the Kumareh Band for the clinic (on April 26, 2025), the need to book a hall, prepare a case for support leaflets and invitation letters for the event was discussed. On April 25, 2024, a date was locked in to have Jaliba Kuyateh and Kumareh Band and the payment (see receipt of payment of D25, 000 below) was made. The fundraising show was scheduled to occur on April 26, 2025.



The meeting recognised the need to book a hall, preferably Samega Janneh Hall because of its strategic location; this was booked for D6500 on April 26, 2024 (see the receipt of the payment below.



As stated previously, an organising committee, headed by Isatou Gassama and supported by Alieu SK Cham and the team was composed to work on all the logistics associated with the Fundraising campaign. The announcement of the event and videos of the event can be found on the website by Events - . The fundraising campaign continues, but the status of the funds raised as of June 11, 2025 can be found in the document below:



It will be noted in the above embedded document that an estimated amount of D740,310 has been raised as of June 11, 2025; the expenditure for the event reported during the May 2025 meeting was D97,945.

Contractor awarded the assignment to build the Sika Community Clinic

Having advertised for interested contractors to submit bids to build the community Clinic without success, the Executive Committee decided to award the contract to Malamin Janneh, who is expected to assemble his team and build the Community Clinic, in phases.

The Architect sent (in May 2025) his team to demarcate the buildings (main clinic, store and shed) on site and discussions are at an advanced stage to agree on the labour cost of the building, which will be done in phases, with the contractor and the team. The details of this, including the cost shall be covered in the 2025 annual report.

Repairs of the Sika Basic School kitchen

Given that the Executive discussed and agreed to repair the damaged kitchen of Sika Basic School (see

below the items needed and estimated total cost) and the funds needed to do so had been reported to the Executive and approved, the meeting decided that Omar Janneh should release the funds to Malamin Janneh via Sulayman Bajo in the usual manner.

School kitchen repairs

- . 2 packets of long coloured corrugated sheets: D4450*2 = D8,900
- . 3 pieces of 12 mm rods: D560*3 = D1,680
- . I5 bags of cement: D410*10 = D6,150
- . 1 kg of 3 inches nails: D100
- . 4 kg of 4 inches nails: D100*4 = D400
- . 6kg Cap nails: D400*6= D2,400
- . 2 bundles of wires to secure the roof to the building: D500*2 = D1,000
- . 2 timber frames of 2*3 for the 2 windows: D450*2 = D900
- . 15 pieces of 2*2 timber for the roof: D240*15 = D3,600
- 10 pieces of 2*3 timber for the roof: D450*10 = D4,500

Grand total: D46,630

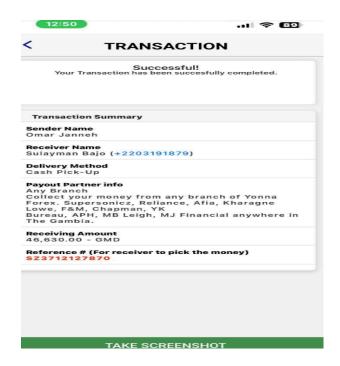
Omar Janneh to send D46,630 from the UK account for Sulayman Bajo to buy the materials, and to give Malamin Janneh D15,000 towards the cost of labour for the repair – as described below.

As can be seen above the action pint was fulfilled.

^{*}Estimated cost of materials: D29,630*

^{*}Total cost of transportation materials, including cost of loading: D2000*

^{*}Estimated cost of workmanship for the entire project: D15,000*



Please find below selected photos of the Sika Basic School kitchen before the repairs and also some of the photos taken during the repair work.







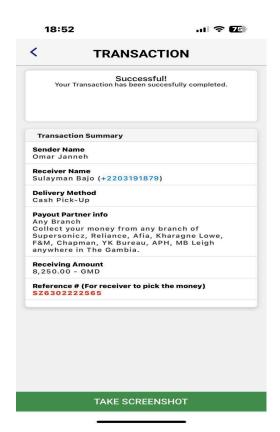


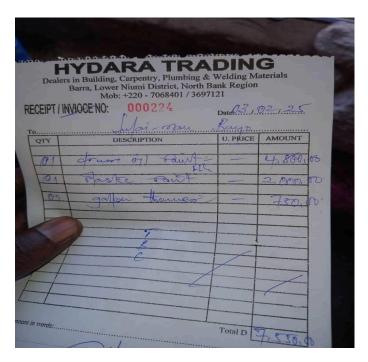


Having financed such extensive/costly work on the school kitchen, the Executive Committee decided that the kitchen should be painted; the resources needed to paint the building are as follows as follows:

- Cost of whitewash paint (20 litres- the volume needed): D2000
- Cost of oil paint (20 litres- the volume needed): D4800
- Cost of diluent: unknown (see the receipt)
- Cost of painter (labour): unknown (the balance of the funds transferred)

Below is the transfer ticket of the funds for the above work, including the cost of the painter.





Below are the photos of the Sika Basic School kitchen. The before the repair work, during and after the work can be easily identified in the photos. Some of the cooks, including the chief Cook, Mrs Kaddy Saidy can be seen in the photos



Letter of appreciation to SDF for the repair of the school kitchen by the Head teacher, Mr Jimba Gaye

Also, find below the appreciation letter from the Head of the School Mr Jimba Gaye



Dr Karima Zitouni sponsored eating bowls for the Sika Basic School

Dr Karima Zitouni, An SDF Champion, financed 3 dozen of steel bowls for the Sika Basic School. Some 3 pupils can eat from each bowl; this has reduced the time it took for the pupils to eat and return to their lessons.

Unmet needs of the Sika Basic School

Sika Basic School needs tables and chairs

Lamin Famoro Sonko brought it to the attention of the meeting that some of the classrooms lacked tables and chairs.

The Executive Committee assigned Lamin Famoro Sonko to find out the following:

- i. If the chairs and tables can be repaired and at what cost:
- ii. How many tables and chairs are needed

Output from Lamin Famoro Sonko on the above assignment

- i. If the chairs and tables can be repaired and at what cost:
- Three classrooms are without furniture
- Some of the kids had to be moved to the afternoon session because of lack of furniture
- Number of units of the 3 classrooms: 25*3 = 75 units
- Each class accommodates 38 pupils
- Each class needs 25 joint tables and chairs
- Cost of each unit of table and chair (from Essau): D2800
- Total cost of the units: D2800*75 = D210,000
- ii. How many tables and chairs are needed: the headteacher informed Lamin Famoro Sonko that after several repairs to the tables and chairs, none of them can be repaired now

Other issues that were revealed to Lamin Famoro Sonko are as follows:

- They need some curriculum-relevant textbooks.
- Kitchen destroyed by the rainstorm and are now using one of their classrooms to cook in.
- Lack of security at the school the school fence is damaged. Recent updates revealed that some efforts are being made to repair the fence.

Acknowledgements

Healing begins at home: Saluting Omar NR Sonko's dedication to community health

The SDF is indebted to Omar NR Sonko for placing his residence at the disposal of SDF as a shelter for wellness; the residence also serves as the place where all the drugs and devices/kits used at the clinic are stored.

The president's support to facilitate the return commute to Sika and communication between the CHN and the team in Sika

Throughout 2024, Kemo Sonko financed the transportation costs (at D400/visit) of the CHN to and from Sika. He also sent regular funds as telephone to-ups (at D50/ planned trip) to the CHN to help facilitate her discussion with Malamin Janneh and Alhagie Njie, SDF's representatives in charge of running the clinic in Sika.

Repair of the mosque's solar-operated communication system

May Allah (SWT) reward Bakary J Sonko for the work he undertook to finance the repair and operationalisation of the Sika Mosque communication system, including the installation of solar panels to operate the system.

Appreciation for the continued support of Dr Karima Zitouni

The SDF remains grateful to Dr Karima Zitouni for her continued support to SDF.

Facilitation of Executive Committee and General meetings through zoom

SDF thanks Rabia Dabo for facilitating the meetings by providing the zoom links.

Donation by the SDF Executive Committee to help finance the feeding cost of the CHN

April 2024: The Executive Committee contributed and donated D12,0000 to Malamin Janneh towards feeding cost of the CHN upon visiting Sika; Malamin Janneh received the funds from Sulayman bajo and expressed his gratitude for it. It is important to note that between November 2022 and October

2023, the membership of the SDF Executive Committee also donated D4800 to Malamin Janneh towards the same.

Recipients of SDF's 2024 appreciation certificates

With so much achieved in 2024, discussions are at an advanced stage to consider and approve individuals worthy of receiving the SDF appreciation certificate in 2024.

Issues of concern/challenges that need addressing by working in partnership

Update on the operations of the clinic in Sika

The visitation of the CHN has been erratic and consequently unsatisfactory; some of the drugs have passed their useful date due to irregular visits; in some cases, the drugs were given to the CHN for use at her location to avoid them getting to pass their useful date in Sika. The meeting recognised this to be unsatisfactory and sought to mitigate the situation.

At the time of writing, a state registered nurse and midwife was reached through the support/facilitation of Karafa Jabang; the Nurse/midwife (Ms Aisha Faal) declared her interest to work with SDF at a cost of D1000 per visit with SDF needing to pick her up from base to Sika and returning her back to base at the end of the visit. To this SDF agreed.

The outcome of the above meant that SDF needed to revise the cost of the drugs and charges for some of the other services and conditions of engagement of the midwife/Nurse to help make the project sustainable and affordable. The files below contain the new drug prices and the measures that may help enhance the operations at the Clinic.





Drugs for Sika-Price Measures that would of products_January 2 increase the operation

Concern over some of the drugs expiring without use

The infrequent visit of the CHN has heightened the concern over the expiration of the existing drugs. The membership with the relevant experience should seek to reach out to the Executive Committee with a view to doing what they could to address this challenge.

Refill the wells in the existing vegetable garden when the permanent vegetable garden is ready

The SDF considered it necessary to bring it to the attention of the village that once the vegetable garden is moved to the proposed site, the old wells at the existing site should be refilled to avoid individuals, small animals and livestock from accidentally falling into the abandoned wells. The matter was brought to the attention of the VDC chairperson, Mustapha Sawo (aka Pa Bojang).

Annual subscription payments of SDF members

In 2024, the residents of Sika responded better than they have ever done to the call to pay their annual subscription. We thank Malamin Janneh, and many others for their tireless in explaining to

the people who may not know the work of SDF. The efforts of Lamin Janneh (Prof. Janneh) and Lamin BB Camara (*aka Tabala*) for their work to collect the subscriptions door-to-door and submitting the funds to Malamin Janneh for onward deposition into SDF's GT bank. Please find below the record of the payments received from Sika in June 2024; this list was published on the Bantaba. However, since then, more individuals have paid their annual subscription and continue to do so.



For a full record of the names of those that paid their annual subscription, including of 2024 and the total deposited into the 3 banks, please refer to the embedded file below; it will be noted therein that the total collected and deposited in the different banks are as follows:

GT bank: D53,855Lloyds bank: £528.21Wells Fargo: \$1,493.67



The Executive Committee continues to encourage all the members to do whatever they could to publicise the work of SDF and to also pay their annual subscription and encourage their friends and family to do the same so that the funds needed to address the shared challenges of Sika can be acquired.

Number of Executive Committee and General Meetings held and attendance at the meetings

The SDF constitution provides that the Executive Committee meets at least once a month and that there be a General Meeting with the members at least once a year. However, the Executive Committee does not usually meet during the month of Ramadan. In 2024, there were at least 10 regular Executive Committee, and 2 emergency meetings. There was one General Meeting with the membership in July 2024.

Attendance at Executive Committee meetings needs to improve; the members should also improve their attendance at the General Meeting.