

**MINUTES OF DISTRICT COUNCIL MONITORING AND EVALUATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2007 , AT THE OFFICE OF  
THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL**

**Present**

Serry Lamin	Chairman Establishment Committee of Council
Aminata N. Sheriff	Community Dev. Officer , NacSa
Mariatu Kamara	Social Dev Officer, SWGCA
Gibril Kamara	M & E Officer , MAFS
Alhaji Musa Komeh	Supervisor of Schools, Tonkolili 1
Mohamed M. B. Sesay	Coach, Tonkolili District Council
Alfred Sesay	Project Office, Concern SL- Tonkolili

**Opening Prayer**

The meeting started, at 1.35pm with observation of individual silent prayers. It continued with an introductory remarks from the chairman , Councillors Serry Lamin.

**Remarks**

In his opening remarks , the chairman , councilors Serry Lamin said he was chairing the meeting for the second time without prior notice ,in the absence of the Chairman of Council. He welcomed participants present and hoped the deliberations would be successful. He cautioned against discussing personalities , but issues.

**Reading , Correction And Adoption Of Minutes**

The secretary, Arthur Allieu read out minutes that was corrected and adopted. The following mistakes /omissions were noted.

- No supervisors of schools exists, just Supervisor.
- Councillor Serry Lamin and Albet O. Kamara were ommited among the list of participants present. The minute was then adopted by a motion moved by Pa Alhaji .

**Matters Arising**

**A.** Attendance in the meeting . The repeated absence of some Head of MDA's was discussed .The committee instructed the secretary to write a letter for the second time to heads of MDA mandating them to attend the monthly M&E Committee meeting. This was to be the last letter before specifying sanctions.

**B. Issues of Tractors.** The chairman of Council , James B. Sankoh was absent to give feed back on the issue as agreed in a previous committee meeting. But the Chairman of the meeting , Councilor Serry Lamin said council had summoned the District Director of Agriculture and the Chairman of the Agric Committee. Of Council to an emerging meeting to explain the handling of tractors in the custody of the Paramount Chief of Mandang and the misuse of Agriculture Tructs/ Vehicle. He promised the outcome of that meeting would be communicated to the M&E Committee by the Chairman of council.

**C. Youth Employment Scheme- Health.** There were report s of set back to this scheme in the Tonkolili district .It was mentioned that newly recruited staff had abandoned their centres and were teaming up at Magburaka due to none salary payment. There was a health representative to confirm this and report that payment had taken place in other districts.

**D. Abandoned babies :** The social Development Officer said she was holding one of the abandoned babies (2 months old) whilst the other ( 11 months old) was with a foster parent at 88 Bo road , Magburaka. She appealed to the District Council for support. Councilor Serry Lamin encouraged the Social Development Officer , Mrs. Mariatu Kamara, to formally submit request to council, through the Chief Administrator.

## **Reports**

### **Education-**

The supervisor of schools , Tonklili 1 , Pa Alhaji Kmeh noted the following activities in his Ministry.

- i. Supply of uniforms and learning items to schools in the magburaka township by MEST Team under the supervision of the Inspector of Schools , Mr. Umaru A. Bah.
- ii. Distribution of Teaching and Learning materials for primary and secondary schools .The exercise was completed on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2007.
- iii. Organised a match –past by pupils to receive the Vice President and entourage at Magburaka on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2007. The visit witnessed the distribution of school uniforms and learning materials by the VP to schools.
- iv. Participated in a workshop organized by the Anti-Corruption Commission/ GTZ/ MEST on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2007 to train Head Teachers , Inspectors of Schools , Supervisors of Schools on management of school resource s , such as school fees subsidy, school materials-learning and furniture.Also another workshop was held 25<sup>th</sup> May 2007 for stake holders in Bombali, Koinadugu and Tonkolili districts and the topic “ National Anti-Corruption Strategy Review”.

## **Social Welfare-**

According to the Social Development Officer, Mrs. Mariatu Kamara, her ministry undertook the under mentioned activities,

- i. Re-unified two (2) children with their families , one at Matuku 2 in the Kholifa Rowalla Chiefdom and the other at Sabaw Bendugu Chiefdom. Both are between the ages of 11-13 years.
- ii. Conducted a one-day workshop in collaboration with UNICEF Child Protection Unit for children 's forum Network (CFN) on issues affecting children and the way forward, Kholifa Rowalla Chiefdom.
- iii. Conducted community sensitization on sexual gender based violence in two chiefdoms Kholifa Rowalla (Magburaka) and Yoni (Mile 91).
- iv. Organise tracing for Rugiatu Koroma's family. The twelve year old absconded from her aunt's home at 25 City road Wellington-F a place she had never been before.

## **Agriculture-**

- i. The M&E Officer , Mr. Gibril Kamara submitted reports on agricultural activities in the district later , after failing to do so during the meeting. The following was reported. The conduction of a Farm Production and Food security survey in the entire district by the planning, evaluation , Monitoring and Statistic Division (PEMSD) of the ministry of Agriculture and Food Security , in collaboration with World Food Programme (WFP) and other agencies supporting activities on agriculture and food security. The survey was to last for 28 days.
- ii. The conduction of a socio-economic impact assessment survey in the district by the Ministry of Agriculture and food Security-operation feed the Nation. The national survey was aimed at assessing the impact of the farmer field schools(FFS) on the Food Security situation of the target farmers served in Tonkolili district . A Total of forty (40) farmers field schools has been randomly selected within the district for the exercise . Ten farmers were to be interviewed per FFS.
- iii. The conduction of one day sensitization workshop for stake holders of the Farmer Field Schools (FFS) and the Agricultural Business Unit at the MAFS headquarter, Magburaka . The Workshop was aimed at seating a merger of the FFS & ABI..

### **NaCSA-**

- i. According to the NaCSA representative , Aminata N. Sheriff , NacSa has undertaken at least one project in every chiefdom and at most three in above.
- ii. Over twenty five (25) projects were ongoing for the community Driven Programme (CDP).
- iii. Public Works Programme (PWP) and resettlement and relief also ongoing in the district.
- iv. Seven (7) projects were to be generated for 2007 Three(3) had already been generated.

### **Concern-SL**

The Project Officer, Concern-SL - In Tonkolili he said his organization has undertaken the following activities.

- i. Distribution of seeds and tools to Farmers. Seed rice -R01-30 metric tons (MTC), ROK 10- 60mts, Ground nut-Mares – 25mts Tools -2000 large hoes and 2000 straight cutlasses. Total beneficiary is 2500.
- ii. Livestock support . 108 goats and 108 sheep given to vulnerable beneficiaries in 20 communities in Kumik and Kumike Barma.
- iii. Exotic Cockerels micro-project in 3 communities in kumike and kumike Dasina. This involved women farmers with 30 Cockerels, 10 per group of Twenty women – paravets making 21 membership.
- iv. Road network improvement, i.e. contacted road network ( Culverts) and community driven road network ( road construction tools - head pans , pix axes , cutlasses.
- v. Training targeting farmer Fields School (FFS), Ward Development Committees (WDC) and potential community paravets (20).
- vi. Identification of communities for livestock restoring (20 Communities and 200 animals ) and paravet for training in the communities identified for restoring.

- vii. Environmental awareness raising -training of Green Club Members in Eco-stove.
- viii. It was observed that reports submitted by council only targeted livelihoods section , leaving out the other sections within the organization . The committee requested the project Officer of Concern to produce an all encompassing report in subsequent meetings . The committee also cautioned that the training given by Concern to WDC, ,should be aligned with those guided by the Decentralization Secretariat..

### **Council-**

The distinct Council Coach, Mohamed M. B. Sisay made the following submission on behalf of Council.

Council received a team from the local Government Finance Department (LGFD) to monitor /evaluate the performance of devolved sectors and council. He noted the evaluation report applauded the performance of Social welfare and Education , while Agriculture and Health which received the bulk of devolved sectors funds received low ratings . The report encouraged the district council to seriously monitor the performance of the low rating Ministries .

- i. Weak revenue mobilization in Council.
- ii. Tonkolili District benefited from books supplied by the World Bank.
- iii. Two (2) Council Projects commissioned by the Vice President of the republic of Sierra Leone . They include primary Health care complex and lorry Park , Magburaka.
- iv. Health , Rural water , Statistics -SL and Civil Society Organization were all absent and could not produce report during the meeting.

### **Action Point**

- i. The secretary to write a second letter to all Heads of MDA reminding them of their obligation to the M&E Committee meetings.
- ii. The secretary to announce date of M&E committee meeting over radio Gold , Magburaka few days to the start of meeting.
- iii. The secretary in conjunction with NaCSA to work out modalities for the merger of the M&E Committee and the inter-Agency Forum.

- iv. The secretary write letter to the Inspector of School Tonkolili 2 , to enquire whether he had met bereaved parents of the dead pupils in connection with the Yoni Bo School Sports Meet.
- v. The Chairman of Council to report t the M&E Committee on the outcome of council emergency meeting , targeting Agriculture , with specific reference to the tractor issue.
- vi. The social Development Officer to write a letter to council , through the Chief Administrator , requesting assistance for school band to commemorate the day of the African Child .
- vii. Council to meet with SLRA to draw attention to damaged bridge bordering Bombali and Tonkolili.
- viii. Representatives of MDA's to be given reports for presentation in M&E Committee meeting by their absentee heads .

### **Closing/Adjournment**

The Chair thanked all for coming and wished participant a safe return . Mrs. Mariatu Kamara moved a motion of adjournment and seconded by Alfred Sesay . The meeting ended at about 3:10 Pm.

Arthur Allieu  
Secretary PRS  
Focal Person