

Saturday, November 21, 2009

## **Maliwatch All Members Meeting – Minutes**

**Presents: Abdoul Niang, Adam Ouloguem, Bintou Coulibaly, Ibou Hacko Yattara, Harouna Maiga, Aly Bonkano, Lamine Coulibaly, Salia Sacko, Fanta Ongoiba, Djeneba Traore, Diola Bagayogo and Aliou Haidara**

### **Agenda**

**1. Meeting call to order:** President -Harouna

Harouna has introduced participants present at this call via DiDef conferencing.

**2. Secretary report of minutes** - Abdoul Niang

Harouna: the Minutes of the last meeting were sent to the group and if there are no comments, Abdoul may move a motion to get them approved. Abdoul made the motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Ibrahim. No discussions or questions followed.

Accepted: Yes by all; Objection: zero; Abstention: zero. Minutes were approved.

Note: Lamine has just joined the group with Aly Bonkano and Salia Sacko.

**3. Treasurer’s report** – Ibrahim Hacko Yattara

Harouna asked Ibrahim to report the latest news. Ibrahim - the \$2000.00 US have been transferred to Maternal Death Reduction project and paid to Djeneba. Another transaction was \$26.43 for Maliwatch web maintenance fees. Total balance is \$4388.86 US. A check was also received for membership but no deposit yet.

Bintou - has asked what project we were talking about. Harouna- has explained the two projects: Maternal Death Reduction and the Baguineda Health Initiative are now separated.

Bintou - then asked to get copies of the Maternal Death project

Harouna - asked if there are any other observations and Adam asked when we are going to get more cash after 10 years.

Harouna - explained that the money in the account does not tell the whole story of what Maliwatch has accomplished. For example Maliwatch is key sponsor/partner of MSAS and we were able to raise funds for all previous MSAS editions. Ibrahim added that we have run different projects such as MSAS, and the information center implemented at Lycee Kankou Moussa of Bamako.

Harouna- asked Ibrahim to make a motion to approve the treasurer’ report and the motion was seconded by Aliou. All those in favor: said YES. Opposed: zero, and Abstention: zero

The treasurer report was approved as presented.

#### **4. Old business**

##### **a. Maliwatch Summer Camp idea – Ibrahim Yattara**

Ibrahim said it has not changed from the last meeting, but he added that Lamine and other Maliwatch members from Mali are present. He continued by saying the summer camp is to present some courses in Mali while on vacation. We have to create a steering committee managed by someone based in Mali. Preferably a meeting has to take place during MSAS 2010 in Bamako. Ibrahim asked Lamine to make comments. Lamine said it was an excellent idea and that Maliwatch-Mali will support it and will be involved.

Aliou- commented by saying how the MSAS existing training sessions will clash with the Summer Camp. Harouna said that the two should be linked and be one.

Ibrahim -the name Summer Camp is not important – the project should be one and presented in different activities such as workshops on computers, sciences, and Harouna added also we could plan some English training sessions.

Harouna -has indicated that we need a committee to brainstorm on the subject and Aliou added that Ibrahim should do it quickly since we are going to put together MSAS' 2010 program soon.

Ibrahim will contact Lamine, Harouna and other to start the Summer Camp / training business. He will also organize a skype conference for a formed committee to brainstorm on the project

##### **b. Projet pompe solaire à Tiboroghen (Route de Diabira, Tombouctou) – Lamine Coulibaly MW-Mali**

Harouna asked Lamine to present the project (Djeneba has just joined). Lamine - we have chosen a small village for water supply on the road to Tombouctou. The project has been presented using Maliwatch guidelines. It will help the villagers and kids may go to school with water availability to implement a school. We will talk with the ministry that generally helps in paying parts of the rural water projects. All details are in the project and we will ask help wherever it is necessary to make it happen.

Harouna - continued by saying the details about this project were received few days ago. Now Lamine needs to add more details and have a working committee constituted to see how the project will be funded.

Djeneba : the project is good and we need to make sure that it can be financed piece by piece.

Lamine- If Maliwatch can send a message to the Ministry of Energy, they can give the pumps, and the solar panels. Harouna – a letter will not be a problem, but we need to put together a team to work on this project

Adam -said that there is an existing project – why not to do them together instead of wasting our energies.

Aliou -asked Harouna to answer Adam’s question and finish with it – but an existing project. Adma answered that it was regarding the Training sessions and Summer Camp and did not need further explanation from Harouna.

Djeneba, and Harouna have volunteered to be members of a committee working on this project.

c. Amaldelme Project – Kakotan Sanogo

Harouna: Kakotan is not here, but we can discuss this project. Project application form and timeline were emailed to members. I need input from members so that I could give a feedback to Kakotan. Since members did not read all the project documents, we postponed discussing the project until the annual meeting in Washington DC (January 8-9, 2010). Bintou and Adam said that they can volunteer to work on this project.

**Other projects - quick update 3 minutes each**

d. Maternal Death Reduction Initiative (2004-2009) – Djeneba Traore & Janet Goldner

Djeneba- commented that funds allocated to this project (\$2000.00 US) were disbursed and converted to Malian CFA Francs to equate about 800,000 FCFA. A refrigerator for the blood bank of San Health center was purchased and delivered to the health center and a ceremony of reception was organized by the officials of the health center. She said it was a successful and well received event. Some documentation was produced and she will get more updates and send them to the list.

Harouna: asked if there is any comment about this project.

Bintou: When was this project started and what are the objectives? Djeneba said it is to mainly help maternal health reduction in the San center, but that she has no explanations to give to Bintou about this project. Then, a big argument broke between Bintou and Djeneba which annoyed all participants at the meeting. Harouna tried several times to calm down the two parties. Harouna, explained to Bintou that documents pertaining to this project have been received by the board of directors and were emailed to all members; if she did not receive them

then he will email them to her. This intervention of Harouna did not calm down Bintou or Djeneba. Since it was difficult to continue the meeting in a tense atmosphere, Harouna as chairman has adjourned the meeting.

**Agenda Items not discussed:**

- e. Initiative for Health Development in Baguineda (2007-2009)– Bintou Coulibaly
- f. Partnership between MW and Dawn to Dusk Lions Club of Crookston to implement a water project for the elementary school of the village of Zakoire-Ansongo, Mali - Harouna Maiga
- g. Revision of MW by-Laws to broaden the executive committee/Elections of new board members (2010-2011)
- 5. Scheduled meetings date
  - a. Maliwatch annual Meeting 2009, January 8-9, 2010 – Embassy of Mali, Washington DC
  - b. MSAS 2010 – August 1-7, Bamako, Mali- Aliou Haidara