

# SUMMARY REPORT OF AGM

<b>VENUE:</b>	Peace Garden Hall, Kenema
<b>DATE:</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> March – 2 <sup>nd</sup> April, 2017
<b>THEME:</b>	“Increasing Chances of Women for Gender Equality”
<b>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:</b>	74
<b>OBSERVERS:</b>	30
<b>BUDGET (proposed):</b>	Le25, 000,000
<b>INCOME:</b>	Le31, 500,000
<b>EXPENDITURE:</b>	Le31, 500,000

## INTRODUCTION:

This is in reality, the third AGM of our organisation since its establishment twenty-three years ago. That we, kept to the date we had chosen is a big achievement in the midst of austerity. I take this opportunity to thank you all past and present members of the executive and member organisations for a work well done.

## OBJECTIVE OF THE AGM

To take stock of our strengths and weaknesses to identify our challenges and to chart our way forward, through the giving of reports.

## OFFICIAL OPENING

The official opening of the AGM was done by the Honourable Minister of Social Welfare Gender and Children’s Affairs, who was extremely pleased to be among such a galaxy of women from all over Sierra Leone. She congratulated the Executive for bringing them together. She was pleased that the AGM was held out of Freetown for the first time. She pledged her ministry’s support for the Forum and that better days are ahead. Prior to her statement, policy statements were made by representatives of prominent Stakeholders of Kenema, Sensi, PPRC, UNWomen, Mayor of Kenema, and Civil Society Organisation etc. etc.

## PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES

Plaques were distributed to members who had retired Dr. Nana Pratt, Mrs. Rosaline MCarthy, Honourable Marie Yansaneh, Mrs. Pamela Williams, Ms. Edith Kpendema etc. plaques were also given to the YWCA for support to the Forum and a Forum member of the North, Haja Aminata Koroma for holding the fourth in the North.

## **BUSINESS SESSION - REPORTS**

Format for reporting was developed by the Executive, though this was not strictly adhered to. Reports of the regions were given by the regional coordinators. The national executive gave a detailed comprehensive report it was a collaborative report given by the national secretary, the treasurer and the president.

## **CHALLENGES**

The challenges of the regions are more or less the same. Difficulty in manning the office spaces.

- ✓ Difficulty in holding regional meetings
- ✓ Difficulty in getting members to pay their subscriptions
- ✓ Communication blocks.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Since 60% of women come from the rural areas and they play a multiplicity of roles it is best to deeply involve them in the development process.

- ✓ More inter-regional meetings to be done
- ✓ That institutional support be provided for administration of office spaces

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

This was done by NEC and the PPRC coordinated by the Gender Desk of Ministry of Social Welfare Gender and Children's Affairs in Kenema. The President was re-elected with a sounding victory pooling 78% of the votes as against her opponent Rev. Martha Chigozie.

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| ✓ President                   | - | Mrs. Maude R. Peacock       |
| ✓ Vice President              | - | Mrs. Rosetta Sovula         |
| ✓ National Secretary          | - | Mrs. Gladys Hastings Spaine |
| ✓ Western Area Coordinator    | - | Mrs. Sally N. Adams         |
| ✓ Northern Region Coordinator | - | Mrs. Zainab Y. Koroma       |
| ✓ Southern Region Coordinator | - | Mrs. Mary Bundu             |
| ✓ Eastern Region Coordinator  | - | Mrs. Doris Khalil           |
| ✓ Treasurer                   | - | Mrs. Pamela Williams        |

## **PER DIEM**

Each delegate was given a per diem of Le150, 000, meant to be paid for their accommodation. Two delegates evacuated their rooms without paying – Soroptimist and Graceland Counseling. This was paid by the President.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE

This took place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2017 at the Methodist College Chapel Bumubu. The Preacher was Rev. Dr. Ken Luseni who dilated on our theme. He called on us women to display three qualities Positive Conduct, Behaviour and Character which are critical for leadership. Members of the new executive were inducted. Amount from envelopes distributed was Le500, 000. Le 200,000 was given to the Kenema women as they did not receive per diem. Group's photographs were taken.

On the whole, the AGM was one of the well organised activities of the Forum held for the first time out of Freetown.

## FUNDING

A budget of Le25, 000,000 was prepared and dispatched to the Ministry of Social Welfare Gender and Children's Affairs and friends of the Forum. The Ministry helped with budget item No 2 which was travelling and per diem amounted to Le14, 000,000.

Five million was from friends of the Forum:

✓ Haja Seray Kallay	Le 1,000,000
✓ Honourable Diana Konomani	Le 2,000,000
✓ Honourable Elizabeth Manse	Le 1,000,000
✓ Honourable Nanette Thomas	Le 1,000,000
✓ Paid up organisations for AGM	Le 4,100,000
✓ 2017 Subscriptions	Le 5,400,000

Income for AGM - **Le 31,500,000**

Expenditure - **Le 31,500,000**

## INCOME

1. Ministry of Social Welfare Gender and Children's Affairs	Le 14,000,000
2. Haja Seray Kallay	Le 1,000,000
3. Honourable Diana Konomani	Le 2,000,000
4. Honourable Elizabeth Manse	Le 1,000,000
5. Honourable Nanette Thomas	Le 1,000,000
6. Eastern Region	Le 1,000,000
7. Bo Southern Region	Le 1,000,000
8. Northern Region	Le 1,000,000
9. Western Area – Subscriptions	Le 5,400,000
AGM	<u>Le 4,100,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>Le31, 500,000</u></b>

## EXPENDITURE AGM

1. Hall	Le 1,000,000
b) Decoration with generator & mic	Le 500,000
2. Travelling- Hiring of 45seater bus	Le 5,000,000
3. Per Diem Le150, 000 x 74 delegates	Le11, 100,000
<b>4. Refreshments</b>	
a) On the Journey	Le 935,000
b) Friday dinner	Le 1,800,000
c) Opening ceremony Le25, 000x100	Le 2,500,000
d) Lunch for Le25, 000x75	Le 1,875,000
e) Water bulk sum	Le 450,000
f) Soft Drinks 4 crate	Le 240,000
g) Breakfast Le10, 000x40x2	Le 800,000
h) Sunday Lunch Le25, 000x60	Le 1,500,000
5. Fuel for two vehicles Le6, 000x200x2	Le 1,800,000
6. Drivers Le200, 000x2	Le 400,000
7. Plaque Le250, 000x8	<u>Le 1,600,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>Le31, 500,000</u></b>

