

KAKAMEGA COUNTY HEALTH SECTOR NGOs
THEMATIC GROUP MEETING HELD ON 31st. MARCH
2014 VENUE:-KENAFYA KAKAMEGA-KENYA.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| 1. Dr. Faustina L. Sakari | - | Representing the Director |
| 2. Mr. Zachariah A. Muyokani | - | Chairman |
| 3. Mr. Peter Shitemi | - | Group Member |
| 4. Mr. Evans Masika | - | Committee-Member |
| 5. Rev. Shem Maurice Abuti | - | Committee-Member |
| 6. Mr. Isaiah Khasiani | - | Committee-Member |
| 7. Sr. Mary Violata | - | Committee- Member |
| 8. Mr. Anthony Ogutu | - | Committee--Member |
| 9. M/s Eunice Ario | - | Secretary |
| 10. Mrs. Belina Shisia | - | Group Member &AMREF-staff |
| 11. Mr. Yahya Juma | | Group Member |

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

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| 1. Alice Shago | Group Member |
| 2. Paul Bwabi | Group Member |
| 3. Ephy Imbali | Group Member |
| 4. Lilian Bulifa | Group Member |
| 5. Rev. Martin Alubiri | Group Member |
| 6. Vincent Mwachi | Group Member |
| 7. Kennedy Amakanji | Group Member |

AGENDA

1. Preliminaries;
2. Introductory remarks;
3. Chairman's remark;
4. AMREF's report
5. Any other business;

MIN.01/03/2014: PRELIMINARIES

- Then chairman called the meeting to order at 11.00am with a word of prayer from Rev. Shem Maurice Abuti.
- He thanked the Health Sector NGOs Thematic Group Members for their service and commitment to develop the communities in Kakamega County

MIN. 02/03/2014: INTRODUCTORY PROCEDURE:-

- The Chairman requested each and every participant to make self introduction mentioning name, the organization that he/she works for and to share briefly information about the organization's Profile.

MIN. 03/03/2014: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- The Chairman thanked the Health Sector NGOs Thematic Group Members for generously electing him Chairman/Convener to the Group.
- He thereafter mentioned the importance of good record keeping for our member NGOs by at least providing organizations profile (hard copy) and organization's registration certificate for member identification

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT CONTD:

- The Chairman urged the members to enhance coordination of NGO's so as to come up with results and to attract Donor Funding within the region. Such groups may include; Jigger Eradication Campaign, Linda Afya ya Mama na Mtoto Program, Poverty, General Health, HIV/AIDS, Blood Donation, Malaria, Breast-feeding, TBA-Traditional Birth Attendants FGM- Female Genital Mutilation, Circumcision, and Vaccination-advocacy groups.
- The Chairman also pointed out that USAID, PACT, AMREF, PSI are interested to work with the government/ in partnership with NGOs.
- He also said that these programs are not to benefit an individual but people in the community whom he emphasized that they really need help from us.
- He also reminded members that the objectives of organizations are to benefit people in the community, and to channel materials to the right beneficiaries.
- He also pointed out that we must have a common link for coordination in particular with the Director's office to match the devolution and benefit from the Governor's strategy, who is currently interested in knowing what we do, and what we intend to do.
- He also emphasized that the Director is interested to know the NGO'S that are working together because they do the same things which may include empowering the community.
- The chairman told members that some organizations need collaboration and coordination in terms of finding resources and benefit from each other for example. PSI distributes condoms that are needed by other NGOs and the community.
- He also said that NGO's will be evaluated through M&E-Monitoring and Evaluation and consequently held accountable by the Governor's team for transparency and accountability
- The Chairman shade light on how NGOs can access funding from donor urgencies for instance USAID, PEPFAR,, UNICEF,UNFPA, GLOBALGIVING,UKAID .FORD-FOUNDATION,CLINTON-FOUNDATIONS.

MIN 04/03/2014. AMREF'S REPORT

- AMREF was represented by Mrs. Belina Shisia, Project Manager, Linda Afya ya mama na Mtoto initiative that started in the year 2012 and ending in the year 2016.
- She said its main objective was to improve the maternal health of a mother.
- Mrs. Shisia stated that AMREF partners with several donors such as micronutrient initiative, Canadian international, pronto international and university of Nairobi as an external evaluator.
- She also said that AMREF and ministry of health are the main implementing partners.
- She stated that there main specified area includes;
 - A community facility that creates demand for maternal and new born health services.
 - Delivery at the hospital- to train traditional birth attendant to bring women to the hospital for safe delivery
 - Cultural factors such as accessed and enrolled demand of them so that they talk to the religious leaders and community based organizations to stop some of the practices they carry.
 - Procure few essentials such as folic acid, calcium
 - Institutionalize heath maternity death review for the purposes of having a clear view on how to prevent such deaths incase they re-occur
- She said that the aim of AMREF was to support NGO's through projects and not to fund them.
- She also clarified that AMREF offices hosts HENNET offices since HENNET is an umbrella of health NGO'S.

MIN.05/03/2014: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Members discussed the challenges they were facing and they came up with the following;

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(01.) FUNDING:- ;the Kakamega County Health Sector NGOs Thematic Group Members need the Government's support for resource mobilization and programs implementation

(02.)CAPACITY BUILDING the Kakamega County Health Sector NGOs Thematic Group Members need to be trained in understanding Health Sector Policy as it responds to the Kenyan New Constitution ,Vision 2030,HIV/AIDS, MDG-Millennium Development Goals, Gender Equity

(03.) Gap identification; key problems which may include how the office of the Governor plans to collaborate with NGOs in response to the effective development of the County.

(04.) AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES: the Kakamega County Health Sector NGOs Thematic Group Members need to identify special opportunities that exist in Kakamega County for quick development

- The Director was represented by Dr. Faustina L. Sakari who appreciated the good work being done by the Kakamega County Health Sector Thematic Group NGO Member organizations more so as volunteers with interest of saving lives of the communities she confirmed to have noted all the organization's aspirations and will eventually discuss them with the Director and then give feed back through the Chairman.
- She complemented that she was grateful to be part of the Health Group and promised to work hand in hand with the members.
- There being no other business, the meeting ended at 02.50pm with a word of prayer from Rev. Shem Maurice Abuti

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CONFIRMATION OF THE GROUP MINUTES:

(1.) CHAIRMAN:

(2.) SECRETARY:

(3.) COMMITTEE MEMBER