



Global Nurses & Midwives Rotary Club

1 September 2021 Notes from

Special Meeting 18th August 2021 | 1830-2000hrs (Qld time) Aminata Maternal Foundation (AMF)

Present	Themes Discussed	Decisions from meeting and plan
<p>Members Wendy (Chair and note taker for the meeting), Shehla, Kate J, Christina, Mhairi, Cheryl, Lilliana, Rukhsana, Evelyn, Tracy, Cecelia</p> <p>Guest - Aminata Conteh-Biger (CEO Aminata Maternal Foundation)</p> <p>Opportunity given for each member to introduce themselves to Aminata and Aminata to group</p>	<p>Aminata - three wishes</p> <p>Free maternal service for mothers and babies</p> <p>90% of staff should be from Sierra Leone</p> <p>Quality of care provided should be excellent - work to decrease maternal death, teenage pregnancy</p> <p>Important to consider the background of the country - still recovering from the Civil War & Ebola, lack of resources and support has made it difficult to build infrastructure. Need to be patient with the people and community</p> <p>Work of AMF to date has included</p> <p>Volunteers have raised over \$1 million AUS</p> <p>Plan - to work closely with the government in S.L</p> <p>Vision - connect with midwives to go to SL and train midwives in S.L</p>	<p>Wendy will update membership at next meeting on the 14th September have their support to keep moving forward</p> <p>Christina will feedback re the meetings she had post our meeting and also feedback re Aberdeen Centre of Excellence</p> <p>As we move forward it will be good to have a Project Lead and Team</p> <p>This will be a long-term project for the club aiming for building capacity for midwives in S.L through training in country</p> <p>Building capacity and sustainability</p> <p>Stakeholders identified to date:</p> <p>AMF</p> <p>GNMRC</p> <p>Nursing/Midwifery Board S.L.</p> <p>Midwifery Association S.L.</p> <p>Chief Midwife S.L.</p>

	<p>Considerations from members:</p> <p>Tracy - possibility of running the Train the Trainer Program that has already been run in Tanzania</p> <p>Christina - works in the nursing / midwifery regulation board in S.L Following meeting she is due to have talks with Chief Midwife of S.L. and President of Midwives Association in S.L - she will raise with them our discussions as a club with Aminata to gauge their interest and support</p> <p>Ideas discussed</p> <p>Christina - In-service training. Aberdeen Women's Centre is the Centre for Excellence in SL - what do they do that we can learn from</p> <p>Animata - currently poor pay for nurses / midwives - if the government makes it legal that nurses / midwives get a good pay will have greater commitment from staff (from Aminata, SL is still one of the poorest countries in the world)</p> <p>Wife of the current President is a strong voice for women</p> <p>Tracy - ICM has a strong voice in lobbying governments. Aid organisations fabulous with assisting building infrastructure. Will be important to train in country</p> <p>Wendy - partner with Rotary Clubs in S.L / Consider applying for a Global Rotary Grant in the future to assist with project</p>	<p>Rotary Clubs in S.L.</p> <p>Government of S.L.</p> <p>President and his wife of S.L.</p> <p>Next project meeting for the AMF - 15th September at 1830hrs Brisbane time</p> <p>Zoom link</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting Address:</p> <p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82210170657?pwd=WG84TXVoRHRZQlZyaHpKRTFKa3Vudz09</p>
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