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### Enlarged ASODI Coordinators Meeting

Meeting began at 10.am prompt as scheduled with practical training on the various list. A standard was agreed on and the exercise was quite cumbersome. It took the coordinator two hours to come to completion.

At 12:00 noon, the Agenda of the meeting was disclosed by the president of ASODI, Mr. Ambanibe Jerome. He vividly read out the items agenda which was adopted without amendment.

In his key note welcome, the president of ASODI thank all the coordinators for sacrificing time and energy to attend this very important meeting. Before then, prayer was delivered by Madam Isiandang Pauline. She thank God for all the traveling mercies granted all the coordinators.

After prayers, there was introduction of coordinators. This lasted for five minutes. Conspicuously present was H.R.H. the Fon of Teze who is also the National Treasurer of ASODI.

The president continued his key role welcome speech by extending special thanks to coordinators who participated actively during the Research Exercise on Epilepsy. Special thanks was extended to the Coordinator of Ebang and the Coordinator of Ngwenjin, Mr. Adeibang Titus, in fact, he could express his feeling and asked the rest of the coordinators the copy from these two coordinators. A special hand clap was accorded the two coordinators.

Next on the Agenda was presentation of individual reports from coordinators. This was easily done and lasted for 3 minutes.

Next was to agree on a date for the distribution of basic school materials to orphans. September 1 – 5<sup>th</sup> was agreed as the time range for the distribution of school materials. Details of these dates as to where and when will be communicated later on.

The president also talked briefly on the sponsorship of orphans in APC. Teze. ASODI now has 51 orphans benefiting from the sponsorship of ASODI. He continued by informing coordinators about an opportunity for computer training. He also ceased the opportunity to present Mr. Oteh Montesque for assisting ASODI to come out with a child for children parliamentarian. Njikwa and widikum wer given the chance to give children for 2009 children parliamentarian.

He ended his speech by announcing that any body who had a deal with the former president of ASODI, Mr. Ofembe Cornelius. Finally, Mr. Ofembe Cornelius has finally been dismissed as a member of ASODI, and has been replaced by Mr. Abaaba Aloysius.

H.R.H. was given the chance to talk to his coordinators. He thanked all the coordinators present and asked the almighty God to enrich them abundantly for the humanitarian work they are doing.

The president finally concluded his speech by corrupting all coordinators as members though not duely registered. He promised the coordinators better days ahead.

Mr. Ambe Rene, coordinator for Mbengwi took the floor and expressed his feeling. He was very satisfied with the attendance and appreciated the efforts of ASODI. He suggested a standard form for information forms and promised his assistance where necessary.

He also suggested a better accommodation for subsequent meetings.

He suggested to members to be time conscious and a formal meeting be organized to update coordinators on recent innovations within the Association.

Next speaker was Mr. Mbah Bruno from widikum. He expressed his satisfactions and thanked Jerome for the humanitarian work.

Next speaker was Mr. Onjah Montesque, who is the coordinator of Njikwa. He compared his area of as a very bad area in terms of topography, reason why he could not come up with all the names of his patients. He invited the national presidents to visit his area to discover the difficulties he found himself. He expressed his satisfaction and thank the president of ASODI for promising to intervene fully in Njikwa.

Mr. Feigua Geoffrey, General Coordinator for upper Ngie was given the chance to air his feelings. He thank especially the coordinators of Widikum, Njikwa and Mbengwi for seeing them the first time.

He also gave a brief report on the goats' situation in upper Ngie. He reported that initially six goats were given to six orphans and these goats have started reproducing. In fact, he appreciated the work of ASODI. He reminded the management to also look into the plight of the disabled.

In responding to the issue of sponsorship to orphans in school of their choice, the president advised the coordinators to tell guardians to continue the struggle and pending feedback from the Donors of ASODI. The president finally cautioned all the coordinators to be serious over any activity concerning ASODI.

Mr. Onyah Montesque, talking as the chief of Bureau, General Affair, Divisional Delegation of Social Affairs informed the coordinators on the need of orphans and disabled to have National Disability Card. This will help especially children of handicapped persons are excluded from paying school fees. In this light, the Delegation of Social Affairs opens her doors for all Disabled to come for their National Disability Card.

The meeting officially ended at 2:30 pm with a group picture, and refreshment.