

## **Minutes of Meeting of SDG 1 (No poverty) Group Held on 8th September, 2020.**

### **AGENDA**

1. Opening prayer
2. Opening remarks by the coordinator
3. Reading of minutes of last meeting
4. Correction and Adoption of the minutes of last meeting
5. Business of the day
6. Adjournment of meeting
7. Closing prayer

#### **Opening prayer**

The meeting started with an opening prayer said by Dr. A.S Sajuyigbe at about 10:30 am

**Opening remarks by the coordinator:** The new coordinator welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced herself as Dr. Mrs Elizabeth Alori. She explained why she was the one coordinating the group, that it was as a result of the swapping that was done by the vice chancellor. She said the major goal of the group is to increase the per-capital income of the populace and that as a university, the group should work together to achieve that objective starting with the immediate environment.

**Reading of minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of last meeting was read by the secretary Mr Solaja

**Correction and Adoption of the minutes of last meeting:** No correction was identified and the minutes was then adopted by Dr. Joseph Madugba and seconded by Dr. James Obi.

**Substantive Business of the day:** The discussion of the meeting centred on the matter arising from the minutes of last meeting, peculiarly identifying research areas that can help the group to achieve her goal. To this, more research areas were suggested by some members in addition to what had been submitted before. For instance, Dr. A.S. Sajuyigbe added **Entrepreneurship Development as an Alternative Paradigm to Poverty Reduction: an Empirical Investigation**

and Dr. Ben-Caleb briefly presented **Financial Behaviours and Financial Wellbeing of the Poor and Vulnerable in Nigeria Amidst Corona Virus Pandemic**. The topics were unanimously accepted by the group. Dr. Mrs Alabi observed advised that the scope of the study areas should start from the host community from which it can then spread to Kwara State and Nigeria as a whole. The opinion was corroborated by Dr Adedoyin who added that the groups' research must be tangible and impactful: studies that will not end on the shelves as research papers.

Dr. Olawoye also emphasised the need to start from Omu Aran. Mr Adetifa opined looking at how entrepreneurship in Landmark has impacted its immediate environment (Omu Aran). Dr. Ben-Caleb remarked that the groups' activities as an SDG group should be linked to No Poverty, taking into cognisance the place of financial intelligence in ending poverty.

The coordinator stated that the groups' research should be supported with trainings, seminars and the likes to make it more impactful. Dr Mrs Alabi, however, suggested that the trainings should not be free: participants should pay a token so that the activities can be appreciated. On the other hand, Dr Mrs Olaniran opined balancing the issue of the trainings coming at a token because there are some people that could be genuinely interested in acquiring skills through the trainings who may not have the financial well withal to participate. She suggested identifying them and allowing them take part in the trainings.

The coordinator hinted that the management is awaiting proposals accompanied with budget from the group and the house unanimously agreed that the secretary should make the proposed topics available to members who should indicate the three they would be able to work with, after which the three with highest subscription would be selected for onward proposal development.

The house agreed that research work and trainings would go on simultaneously and Mr. Adetifa was given the assignment of developing a proposal with a budget on entrepreneurship training which would be submitted at the next meeting.

Dr. Alabi moved a motion for adjournment which was seconded by Mr Adetifa. The closing prayer was said at exactly 11: 23am by Mr. Fayomi.

## **Resolutions**

- ❖ Research work and trainings would go on simultaneously
- ❖ Mr. Adetifa will present a proposal with budget on entrepreneurship training at the next meeting.
- ❖ The secretary should make the proposed research topics available to members who would indicate the three they would be able to work with, after which the three with the highest subscription would be selected for onward proposal development.

## **Attendance**

1. Dr.Elizabeth Alori .....Coordinator
2. Dr. A.O. Adekiya
3. Dr Ben-Caleb E.
4. Dr. Joseph Madugba
5. Dr KehindeAdegbite
6. Dr.OlayinkaAlabi
7. Dr. James N. Obi
8. Dr. A.S Sajuyigbe
9. Dr. C.M. Aboyeji
10. Dr OgadimmaArisukwu
11. Dr. S.O. Olawoye
12. Dr.Olaniran A.F.
13. Mr. Ajiboye Babatunde. O.
14. Mr. AdetifaOlufemi
15. Mr. Oluwafemi O. Fayomi
16. Mrs Opeyemi Oriade
17. Mrs. DiarahIjeyinwa Sandra
18. Ayeni Edidiong
19. Dr.S.A Adedire
20. Adenike. O. Oladipupo
21. Dr. A.G. Adeyonu .....Absent with permission
- 22. Mr. S.O. Solaja .....Secretary**

