

**GHANA NATIONAL TB VOICE NETWORK
REPORT ON ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 16TH AND 17TH
NOVEMBER 2022 AT SPLENDOR HOTEL, KUMASI.**



TB VOICE NETWORK AGM, 2022

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Ghana National TB Voice Network organized its first Annual General Meeting in Kumasi on the 15th-16th November, 2022. The Annual General Meeting was intended to deliberate on the activities of the network for the year ending 2021, review and promulgate the Constitution of the Network, elect regional executive of the network and deliberate on issues of key importance to the members on the Global Fund Community System Strengthening (CSS) activities. The meeting was in two sections; the ordinary session and the delegates conference.

1.1 OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference was duly opened and launch by the Board Chair of Ghana National TB Voice Network, Mr. Austin Arinze Obiefuna. He used the opportunity to comment on the past, present and future of the network, underpinning the challenges the network went through all these years, the contribution of the network towards TB case notification in the country, the prospects that the network hold for the Global Fund CSS project in Ghana among many other key activities the network is undertaking.

He declared the conference launch by highly commending the visionary leadership of the network, led by Mr. Jerry Amoah-Larbi and encourage all delegates to rally behind the national executive towards greater achievements for the network and its members.

1.2 SOLIDARITY MESSAGES FROM PARTNERS

Upon the launch of the conference, the ordinary session begins with solidarity messages from the StopTB Partnership Ghana, Collation of NGOs in Health, Ghana National AIDS Network (GHANET) and Christian Health Association of Ghana. All the networks were represented via zoom by their Presidents and CHAG was represented by the Senior Technical Officer in-charge of TB, Dr. Osei Adjei Francis.

The President of GHANET, Mr. Ernest Ortsin congratulated TB Voice Network for the successful organization of our Annual General Meeting. He emphasised the need to work together as our work interrelates. He encouraged members to always resort to the chain of command in reporting and addressing concerns.

The National Chairman of the Coalition of NGOs in Health, Mr. Bright AmissahNyarko also congratulated TBVN for the successful organization and encouraged us to review our activities with the sole aim of improving in all areas.

The Board Chairman of Stop TB Partnership Ghana, Mr. David Afreh congratulated TBVN on behalf of Partnership for the organization of the Annual general meeting. He congratulated

all community members for the effort they put in to ensure that TB cases are diagnosed and treated. He concluded by outlining the dedication and good work being done by management and staff of TB Voice Network. This to him is what has brought the organization this far.

The Senior Technical Officer for TB intervention, Mr. Francis Osei on behalf of CHAG congratulated members for the work done all these years especially under the NFM3. He threw light on some lapses and challenges and encouraged TB Champions and Paralegals to take advantage of this meeting and identify ways of improving their outputs.

1.3 DELEGATES CONFERENCE

Quorum was established for the commence of the delegates conference. The National Coordinator and Secretary, Mr. Jerry Amoah-Larbi confirmed the number and category of members present for the general meeting. All members present had their name tags worn around their necks. He officially welcomed all members to the general meeting. He followed it up with the introduction of the board members, management members and invited partners.



1.4 MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

The message of the board was given by the Board Chairman of TB Voice Network, Mr.

Austin Arinze Obiefuna. He congratulated members of the network for their hard work and contribution to the target of ending TB in Ghana. He emphasised that it is of the board's interest that members form integral part of the other projects that the board seeks to bring on board as we go forward. He added that from 2023, the board will institute an award scheme that would reward members who contribute greatly to TB case findings in the communities. This award scheme would be sponsored by the board led by him. He gave his remark on the main agenda that has been outlined to be presented to members.

1.5 PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW

The National Coordinator and Secretary, Mr. Jerry Amoah-Larbi presented reported on the performances of case findings by all our 99 TB Champions under the NFM 3 (That is 2021 and 2022). He presented data on the performances of TB Champions, Paralegals and community members. Management is of the view that to whom much is given, much is required. Under the NFM3, 25 new champions have been recruited to add to our existing numbers. In addition, the transportation and communication allowance has been increased substantially this year. Management therefore expects that case findings will improve especially in 2023. Members were encouraged to fulfil their responsibilities under the NFM 3 based on the signed agreement by all TB Champions with CHAG.



1.6 BRIEFING ON GLOBAL FUND NEW FUNDING MODEL (NFM 4)

The Alternate member of TB Voice Network at the Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM), Mr. Richard Socrate Adzesi took members through the new funding model 4 strategy for 2024-2028. He outlined the new targets that have been set with the additional funding that is coming on board. This to him is an assurance that the work being done under NFM 3 will move into NFM4. He encourages members to brace themselves for the task ahead by achieving outstanding targets under the NFM 3 and using that as the catalyst to work under the NFM4.

1.7 MEMBERS WELFARE SCHEME

The Finance Officer of TB Voice Network, Mr. Ernest Ani Ampofo outlined the welfare scheme proposed by management for the consideration of members. He said the need has arisen due to many instances in which members face some difficulties and had to take management members to personally use their funds to come to their aid. He took members through the source of funding for the welfare scheme and the rates of claims to be paid out to members. All members present approved the scheme to start and review rates as time goes on. It was agreed that the scheme takes off from January 2023 and membership of the scheme must be on voluntary basis. Monthly payments would be made individually to designated organization Momo number.



1.8 ELECTION OF REGIONAL EXECUTIVES

All existing regional executives were called out by the National Secretary and congratulated for their services in past years. This was followed up with nominations by regional members. The nominees were voted upon to fill three key positions which were Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The national officers pledged their continuous support and collaboration with the regional executives to ensure that case findings and community activities are efficiently done going forward.



Regional Executives are listed below.

REGION	CHAIRMAN	SECRETARY	TREASURER
GREATER ACCRA	MOHAMMED SEIDU	MORISSON RICHMOND	JOSEPH OKANTEY
CENTRAL	MICHAEL KUGBLENU	GATSIKO CECILIA	BONDZIWAA NUNOO
EASTERN	ABRAHAM TETTEH TAWIAH	HAMIDA ABDUL RAHMAN	KOUFI ROBERTS
WESTERN	GREGORY KWAMENA	AGUDEY JOSPEH	PRISCILLA OTI

WESTERN NORTH	ORLANDO SIRIKI	AUGUSTINA MENSAH	FRANCIS NSOR
BONO	ALHAJI MAHAMA	GAWUSU IDDRISU	GABRIEL ASANTE
BONO EAST	VICENT DARTEY	COSMOS BOMEDEM	DIANA NAAIPOGE
AHAFO	SARFO MINTAH	KWAME BOAHEN	KWAME BOAHENE
NORTHERN	AMJAD ABDULAI	RAMATU KORAM	ABUKARI ADAM
NORTH EAST	YENNU ABRAHAM	RHODA DUFOUK BIDUKI	KARIM SEIDU
SAVANNAH	TIMOTHY TUNGME NE BAYEL	RASHIDA ABU	RAPHAEL BABA
UPPER WEST	ABASS LEBEEH	RAPHAEL SABOGU	FRANCIS XAVIER KANTUSONG
UPPER EAST	NURUDEEN YAKUBU	JANET AYUMBEO	BISMARCK JOHN ATTA
VOLTA	VISAR DEFOR KWAKU	REGIS TORNYYI	FRANCIS PLAHOLOU
ASHANTI	HUSSEIN ALHASSAN	RUKAWAL AWAL	NICHOLAS KUMI

1.9 VALIDATION OF AMMENDED CONSTITUTION

The National Secretary, Mr. Jerry Amoah-Larbi took members through the constitution and emphasized on the amended portions. Key amongst them were the structure of leadership, disciplinary issues and resolution. After comments and suggestions, the meeting approved the amended constitution to be used by the organization to govern its operations.

1.10 ALL OTHER BUSINESS

Management emphasized on the purpose of WhatsApp platforms that have been created. They urged members to be circumspect with what they put there. It should be very responsible statement and grievances must be put across without attacks and insults.

TB Champions re-echoed the challenges they face with respect to the non-timeliness of the payment of their monthly stipends by CHAG and the need for management to engage further to ensure it comes earlier than they do due to current economic situations in the country.

1.11 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

A member, Miss. Charity Femeyibor moved for the adjournment of the meeting till further notice and it was agreed by all members present.

2 CONCLUSION

The ordinary session and the delegate conference was successfully held. All pictures for the events can be accessed via the link below;

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1o0KekDjfnzIM0InBQZIV1xaJ2q9jKWIf/view?usp=share_link

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MR. JERRY AMOAH-LARBI

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