

Maliwatch Minutes 8/29/09

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1. We adopted the minute from last meeting,
2. Were present: Harouna Maiga, Aliou Haidara, Fanta Angoiba and Abdoul Niang. Ibou was in Mali.
3. Harouna did a brief update of his trip to Mali. He met briefly with Ablo Doucoure but couldn't meet Lamine Coulibaly because, he was out of town.

We debate the Baguinda project. We tried to clarify the confusion about the project so the fund could be allocated. Harouna explained to the members how the project gets started.

The project was initiated by Djeneba Traore and she was later joined by Janet and Bintou Coulibaly (in 2007). The site in Banguineda was chosen in 2007 because of its closeness to Bamako. Bintou had done some research and found out what are the needs on the ground.

Pr. Diola has donated \$500 for the project and Maliwatch had allocated \$1500 for the same project in 2006. So the project has the total funding of \$2000.

Maliwatch project application form required for Maliwatch Project was not available at the time this project was approved. Boulel Toure of World Bank had offered to help them putting the project together in 2006.

4. Dimade project in Baltimore, Partenariat with Maliwatch. The Dimade organization is interested in joining Maliwatch for fund ringing purpose. The Executive committee has recommended that Dimade identify a project that both organizations could work on as partners.

5. We debate the possibility to revise the bylaw and add more members. That proposition was made by Ablo Doucoure who was absent at this meeting. He suggested adding the positions of: vice-treasurer and the vice-secretary.

5. We debate the upcoming Maliwatch meetings, the next meeting in DC and all other meetings can be moved to other possible locations: New York, DC or other cities in North America. The proposed date for the next meeting is the second week of January 2010 in Washington DC, since it will be late to setup any other possible date in November, June, May and September.

Aliou provided an update on MSAS 2008 report. He sent the report to Doulaye Dembele, the president who will send a copy to both Maliwatch and MSAS lists.