

1. **Introduction**

1.1. This Memorandum of Understanding is between the Paramount Chief

PC Alhaji Mohamed Sama Kuyondo W
Luawa Chieftain
Kailahun District

(full names and addresses and position)

PC Alhaji Mohamed S.K. Banyo For Kailahun District and

Advocacy Movement Network with its head office in Freetown (hereinafter referred to as AMNet).

1.2. The aim of this Memorandum of Understanding is to provide guidance, counseling and support to the Chiefs and collaborating partners handling Anti-Child Bondo and other related children's issues.

Advocacy Movement Network (AMNet) has agreed to collaborate with the Paramount Chiefs in implementing a project using a multi-disciplinary approach to address the problem of Bondo on children in the Kailahun District. This Memorandum of Understanding aims to provide clarity and agreement on the specific roles and responsibilities of the Paramount Chiefs and AMNet.

For the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding, (Bondo) on children is defined as:-
The initiation of the (girl) into the Bondo Society below the age of eighteen (18) years

Objectives of the Project

To respond to the multiple needs of children under eighteen relating to Bondo and children's rights through collaboration with other stakeholders and ownership.

Areas of Collaboration and Coordination between the Paramount Chiefs and AMNet

1. Development of operational guidelines and sensitization materials for the stakeholders and AMNet in dealing with Bondo cognizant of provisions of the Child Rights Act 2007, the Anti-human Trafficking Act 2005 and minimum international standards to which Sierra Leone is a party.
2. Training to enhance the professional needs of collaborating partners and other stakeholders.
3. Reporting and investigating practices of Child Bondo and other child abuses.
4. Collection of data relative to Child Bondo and other child abuses. This data to include: type of offence; geographical location of offence; sex and age of survivor/perpetrator; relationship between survivor/perpetrator; time(s) and date(s) of offence(s); time period between offence and report (to either Community Heads, Police or Social Worker); manner and result of joint investigations; where perpetrator charged to court; result of court proceedings including adjournments, findings of the court and sentences (where applicable); details of protection requirement for the child (needed and accomplished), etc...

ibilities of the Paramount Chiefs and AMNet

amount Chiefs will work with sub-section chiefs, Community Leaders, Leaders of secret societies, nity Organizations, Local Government, the Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone, Community rganizations and other relevant stakeholders to :-

Ensure that no girl that is below the age of eighteen years is initiated into the Bondo society and prevent the initiation into the Bondo on such girls, make and implement byelaws and other strategies to achieve this goal .

Ensure that Sowies forming part of the FSU in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs will cooperate in the investigation of all Child Bondo related cases.

Ensure that District Council, Community Heads, FSU and Ministries (MSWGCA and MOHS) staff receives appropriate joint training. This may include in-house and out of station training provided by AMNet and pertinent stakeholders.

Ensure that it receives timely and effective communication of monthly statistics collected by Stakeholders (AMNet, FSU, MSWGCA and MOHS).

Share information with AMNet, FSU, MOHS and MSWGCA concerning relevant information gathered on CHILD Bondo and other child abuses.

Share information regularly on this agreement and monthly findings at local level.

will:-

Ensure the provision of appropriate training, advocacy and sensitization materials cognizant of national laws, policies of government and minimum international standards.

Setting up of School Clubs for sensitization on:

- Child Bondo
- and other children's immerging issues

Share information with the Paramount Chiefs, District Council, FSU, MSWGCA and MOHS concerning training, sensitization, and all interventions related to the Child Bondo and other child abuses issues.

Solicit funding to jointly undertake interventions.

Provide a Local Consultant to act as the Joint Coordinator for the Paramount Chiefs, Local Council, and FSU, MSWGCA and MOHS and other pertinent stakeholders.

The representative of AMNet role would be to liaise regularly with the Paramount Chiefs, FSU, MSWGCA and MOHS to ensure standardization and quality of work methods throughout Kailahun District.

He/she would also be responsible for ensuring the timely and effective communication of monthly statistics to all Stakeholders.

Ensure that all detailed reports stay confidential.

I Conditions

The implementation of this agreement will be in compliance with the respective administrative rules and procedures of the Paramount Chiefs and AMNet and be subject to the availability of funds (*where applicable*).

This agreement will take a partnership approach in terms of all interventions.

Both parties shall abide by all the provisions of national laws in the implementation of this MOU.

TIME FRAME

THIS MOU IS LIFE BINDING BUT MAY BE RENEWED AFTER EVALUATION BY THE PARTIES AND EITHER PARTY CAN TERMINATE THIS AGREEMENT BY GIVING THE OTHER PARTY THREE MONTHS IN ADVANCE NOTICE IN WRITING OF SUCH TERMINATION.

DISPUTE

ANY DISPUTE ARISING FROM THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SOLVED AS BEST AS POSSIBLE AMICABLY BETWEEN THE PARTIES AND WHERE NECESSARY AN IDENTIFIED THIRD PARTY AGREED BY THE PARTIES CAN MEDIATE A SETTLEMENT IF THE PARTIES EFFORT TO RESOLVE A DISPUTE HAS FAILED

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto or their duly authorized representative affixes their signatures/seals to signify their agreement.

Name:
Advocacy Movement Network (AMNet)

Name:
Paramount Chief

Witnesses



Kailahun District Council
Chairman



Chairman Council of Paramount Chiefs
Kailahun District

Head Soweis
Kailahun District



Chairman (Commissioner)
Human Right Commission



The Sierra Leone Police
Family Support Unit
Kailahun



Magistrate