

LINDI ISLAMIC FOUNDATION OF TANZANIA (LIFT)

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**MINUTES OF THE THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF THE  
LIFT HELD AT CWT BUILDING ON 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015.**

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## AGENDA 01

### ATTENDANCE

The attendance of the members is attached at the end of this minute. The total number who attended is twenty five (25), which is 47% percent of the active members and one (1) person from the body of trustees among the four members of LIFT body of trustees. Those who apologized sent their regrets prior to the meeting are five (5).

## Agenda 02

### OFFICIAL OPENING

The meeting was opened at 09:00 AM with an opening dua (prayer) by Education committee chairperson Mr. Ally Seif. Ismail Mbani served as the meeting facilitator.

## Agenda 03

### Opening Remarks and Welcome

Mr. Ismail Mbani Health and sanitation committee assistance chairperson made the opening remarks:

On behalf of the LIFT Board of Directors and as the meeting facilitator, he welcomed the attendees to LIFT's Third Annual General Meeting. LIFT has been a registered organization for 3 years. He told the attendees that they will receive an update on LIFT's 2015 activities and that each year LIFT's leadership will report to the members at the annual general meeting. Also members will be able to know the status and where LIFT is looking forward to accomplish for the next year. During the year, we learned about our strengths and weaknesses. Sometimes we made adjustments to our governance model to build on our strengths. LIFT will continue to look for ways to serve the people of Lindi region better. More important, this organization is about its members; and members' feedback, time, and even money is needed to help LIFT serve the most vulnerable people in Lindi.

## Agenda 04

### What is LIFT?

Mr. Ismail Mbani gave a review of LIFT. This was like a reminder for those whom this was not their first meeting to attend but also to have common understanding with those who attended in the meeting for the first time.



## Agenda 05

### Changes for 2015

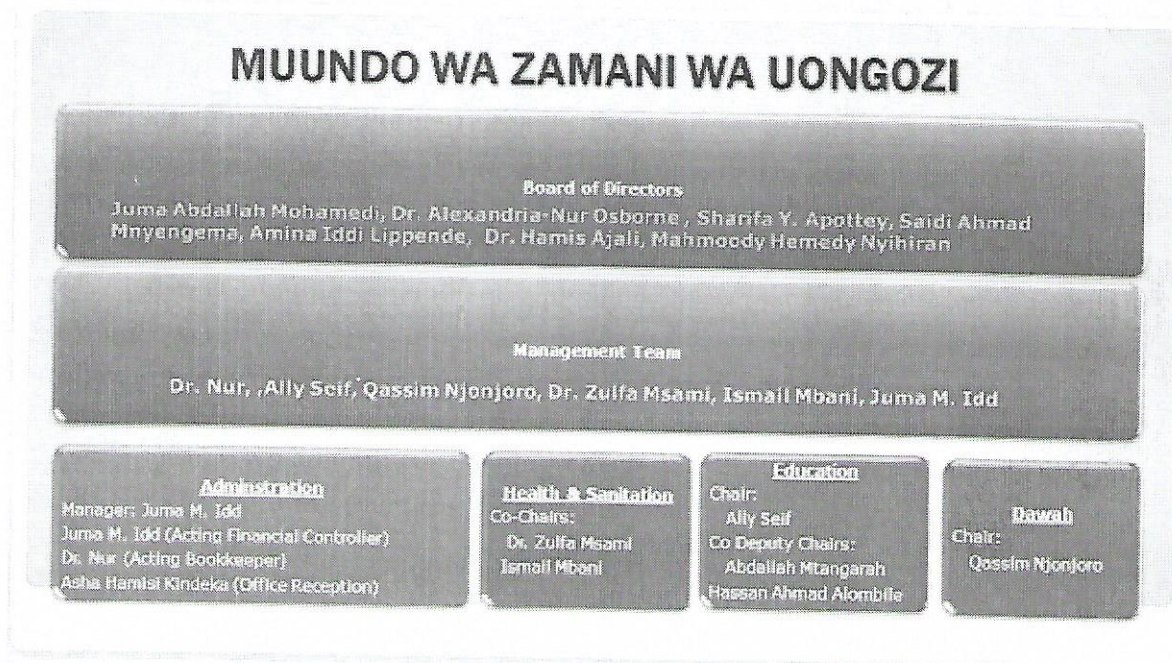
Mr. Ismail Mbani also explained about the changes that have been made in the organization as far as different important factors are concerned. The greatest change made within 2015 was reorganization of the organization structure from the previous 2014 organization structure where by program committees were reduced.

### Reorganization

The Board of Directors approved the recommendation of LIFT's Management Team to reduce the number of program committees. The reorganization was requested to,

1. To better align the organization to LIFT's mission.
2. To direct LIFT's limited resources to those programs that align with its mission.
3. To have a bigger impact by focusing LIFT's resources on its core objectives.
4. To give other members an opportunity to serve on LIFT committees.
5. To give existing committee members, including chairpersons, an opportunity to reaffirm their availability to serve
6. To align together those programs that significantly serves the same purpose

The selection of the two committees is not a reflection of the success or failure of any committee or person. The old and new structures are presented below:





## 2015 MUUNDO WA UONGOZI

### Lindi Islamic Foundation of Tanzania

#### Board of Directors

Mahmoody Hemedy Nyihiran (Chair), Dr. Hamis Ajali (Secretary and Executive Director), Sharifa Y. Apotey (Treasurer), Dr. Alexandria-Nur Osborne (Founder), Juma Abdallah Mohamedi, Saidi Ahmad Mayengema, Amine Iddi Lippende,

#### Management Team

Dr. Hamis Ajali (Chair), Ally Seif (Secretary), Dr. Zulfu Msami, Ismail Mbani, Juma M. Idd

#### Health & Sanitation

Co-Chairs:  
Dr. Zulfu Msami  
Ismail Mbani

#### Education

Chair:  
Ally Seif  
Co-Deputy Chairs:  
Abdallah Mtangera  
Hassan Ahmad Alombile

### Agenda 06

#### Program Committee Updates

The LIFT two 2015 program committees presented their reports; Education and Health & sanitation.

#### Education-Presented by Mr. Ally Seif

Mr. Ally Seif had mainly two reports to report that was

1. Construction of an Early child development center at Mchinga 1 village,
  - He explained about the main goals of the project. Including Construction and provision of quality ECD center infrastructure so as to bring about sustainable learning environment and provision for improved primary school readiness to Mchinga I village and nearby villages. Building strong foundation of Islamic knowledge to these children's as well as providing employment opportunities to the people of Mchinga villages
  - The project involves the construction of buildings to house, equip and furnish an Early Child Development center at Mchinga I village in Lindi district of Tanzania. The Phase 1 construction entails the building of one block comprising one large classrooms to accommodate 50 boys and girls of pre-primary school age and attached office, one block for prayer hall, one block for kitchen and dining hall, one block for two teachers quarters one block to house administration offices and lecture hall, one block for staff toilets, one block for student toilets, a playing grounds, and a thatched roof open banda/hut for outside activities.



- He also explained about the status of the project and accomplished activities were well identified including. Ownership of land legally, clearance of the forest and finding community task force. And lastly finding a specialist who will be managing the project.
- In this report he lastly mentioned the main challenges that affects the project being resources (financial, human and time)

## 2. LIFT Second Annual Ramadan Quran Recitation Contest

The Second Annual Ramadan Quran Recitation Contest was held on July 11, 2015, Ilulu Stadium Lindi Tanzania. In this Quran Recitation Contest More than sixty students from 12 Islamic Schools (madrassas) competed in 4 categories (Juz), whereby we had 29 contestants for Juz 1, 21 for Juz 2, 8 for Juz 3 and 8 for Juz 4. This has become a good event to boost children's habit to read quran and increase their Iman.

## Health-Presented by Dr. Zulfa Msami

Dr Zulfa had two main projects as well

1. LIFT Cervical Cancer Screening Program January 2015 with partner Stepping Together Inc. (USA)
  2. Cervical Cancer Screening Program August 1-9 2015 with partner Stepping Together Inc. (USA)
- During 2014/15 the health committee has paid much attention on doing cervical cancer screening for 300 cancer also doing follow ups on improving the health of those women who were screened and found with the problem. The committee was able to form and select areas where the program will be carried out for the period of October and December. 2014 Those areas selected were Kitomanga, Mchinga, Kilangala, Mvuleni, Mipingo, Namkongo, and Kingulungudwa and Kilolabwani. The Total number of women who were registered were 273.
  - In January 2015 the health committee in cooperation with stepping together from America made another cervical cancer screening program for 220 women. Among 224 women who have been registered 2 women were found with symptoms of cervical cancer. And two (2) women were found with cancer the processes to treat those women started whereby they were sent to Dar es salaam for treatments but unfortunately one died but the other one is doing well enough
  - August 2015 the health committee arranged follow up program for those who have been screened in January. Besides the follow up program the committee also participate in Nanenane grounds during agricultural ceremonies with the program of cervical cancer screening program where by 104 women were screened as well as 17 women among the 20 women who were screened during January were screened once again

- The health and sanitation committee also participated in the independency ceremonies event by providing sanitation equipment's including brooms, slashers, carriers at Mnonela village which were used for 09 Dec 2015 as the honorable fifth president of Tanzania Dr John Pombe Joseph Magufuli announced that day to be used for cleanness.
- The main challenge in this committee was once again resource including time to participate in this activities, constrained budget and human resources.

### 3. Qurbani/ Udhiya Program Dhul Hijjah 1436 (2015)

Another project that was presented was the Qurbani program whereby cows and goats/sheep were distributed in different areas in Lindi during Dhul Hijjah which could be used by the people during 'Eid el hajj ceremony. In this program 26 cows were distributed in 20 areas of Lindi and Kilwa also 77 goats/sheep's were distributed in 13 areas in Lindi and Kilwa as well.

### 4. Iftar Ramadhan program

## Agenda 07

### Financial Report – presented by Mr. Ismail Mbanani

Mr. Ismail Mbanipresented a summary of LIFT's 2015 financial expenditures and budget. As of December 1, 2015,

2014 Carry-Over	7,244,557
Petty Cash	12,000
2015 Donations	29,871,330.65
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>37,127,887.65</b>

#### YTD 2015 Expenditures

Bank Charges	191,000
Disbursements:	15,269,015.65
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>15,460,015.65</b>

Cash on hand	21,667,872
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- He also reported about programs which were on the estimated budget as
  - 1) Education and zakat including education assistance, Mchinga project and Qurbani/ Udhiya Program Dhul Hijjah 1436 (2015), 'Eid el hajj
  - 2) Iftar Ramadhan program
  - 3) Health screening program



- 4) Quran contest
- 5) Ramadhan Iftar program
- Lastly he talked about pledges including reminding members who promised to contribute money for LIFT and encourage others to provide financial and personnel assistance as well

## Agenda 08

### Important announcement and Discussion Facilitated by Ismail Mbani

- Mr. Ismail Mbani introduced Nuru Ally as a new member and LIFT Project Coordinator who will be working in LIFT office and be responsible for management of all LIFT projects and Nuru was given a chance to introduce herself.
- One of the members suggested that not only Nuru should introduce herself but all members in the meeting should introduce one's self so that we can know each other well. Introduction process started and all members introduced themselves.
- One of the member asked "The Early Child Development center that is going to be constructed at Mchinga 1, in which environment will it be? And what about those people who are not staying at Mchinga 1 since the distance will be too far for the children to afford to go on their own?" Ally Seif who is the chairperson of education committee responded that the school is at Mchinga 1 in an area famously called Minara miwili on the top of a small mountain. This projects will benefit mostly the people living in Mchinga 1 as they will be close to the school but that does not mean that only children from Mchinga 1 should/would be enrolled in the school, instead every parent who can afford to take their children from the nearby villages to the school are warmly welcomed
- A member asked that LIFT is well understood now in Lindi and it is smoothly growing but why do we still have that small office? What about constructing another new office??...Dr. Nur responded to the question that " we cannot use the money dedicated for other programs to build an office, people provide their donations in specific areas for instance education then that money has to be allocated for education programs and not otherwise unless if there is money remaining, but also it the matter of priorities we can let people suffer with problems because we want to build an office we must help target population first" Mr. Ismail Mbani also added ideas on the same thing that LIFT is still a small organization for now we do not have enough money to build the office but we have little that can solve small problems that our Muslim brothers and sisters face, but when LIFT gets enough money and grows up even more a new and nice office will be built.
- A member who was her first time attending the meeting suggested that we should not mainly depend on external donors, instead we should find means which LIFT could have its own source of fund, and that suggestion was agreed by many members.
- Another question was asked about what does Islamic rules say for the cases where the money donated for Qurbani has remained... Mahmood, LIFT Board Chair, responded

that the sharia says, “ the money is supposed to be given to those people who engaged themselves in Qurbani processes including transportation, delivery etc.” but LIFT still has that remaining amount of money because those who were given that money provided that money back to LIFT so as it could be used for other programs.

- Many people suggested that LIFT should find a way to remind those who have signed for pledges.

## Agenda 9

### OFFICIAL CLOSING

The meeting was closed at 12:20 by making collective Dua led by Mr. Ally Seif.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,

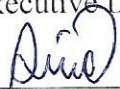
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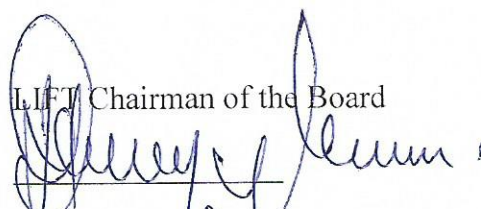
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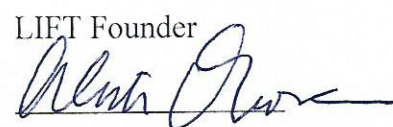
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