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Word from the Chairman

BUPA in 2014

As we approach the end of the year, I once again take the opportunity to acknowledge the support that we continue to receive from our members. In particular, I would like to recognise the dedication the BUPA Executive Committee continues to give the association in spite of their punishing routines. Indeed, one of the most critical factors of any successful organisation is the officials. The team continues to highly collaborate in order to effectively meet the objectives of

BUPA. I am grateful for the time, effort and resources they put into their positions.

Development challenges are based on how Kenya's national and county executives and constituent assemblies develop, interpret and use their authorities and the systems they establish will create the enabling environment for future stability and growth. Good governance is indispensable in providing a level playing field in terms of access to quality health and education services, energy, and water and sanitation that are critical for not only boosting the potential for economic growth but also for reducing inequality and the prevalence of extreme poverty in society. I call upon all Busia Professionals to engage in their various spheres of practice and where appropriate through BUPA to effectively contribute to personal and national development

I would like to make a passionate appeal to all of you professionals from Busia County to register as members of BUPA and to encourage you to actively participate in our activities so that we together can contribute through our different professions to the growth of Busia. Once again I reiterate our drive to work with the County Government, all elected leaders, our members and stakeholders in implementing BUPA objectives in order to achieve development of the County and improved welfare of its people.

Thank you all and we look forward to a fruitful 2015.

BUPA Annual Dinner 2014

This year's Annual Dinner will be held on Friday 28th November 2014 at the Panafric Hotel starting at 6.30:00 pm. You are encouraged to attend this important event in our calendar where we celebrate our achievements for the year ending and deliberate on the new assignments in the year to come at a little cost of KES 3,500. For details on how to attend the dinner, contact the BUPA Secretary on 0722853439 or any of the office bearers listed at the end of this Newsletter.



Part of the guests during the 2013 BUPA Annual Dinner at the Panafric Hotel, including Dr. Chris Wanga (Chairman of BUPA) and Hon. Paul Otuoma (MP for Funyula Constituency)

Highlights of BUPA Activities in 2014

1. Meetings

BUPA Executive monthly meetings

As part of the role of the BUPA Executive, we are happy to report that their commitment has ensured that all scheduled monthly meetings were held as required. These monthly meetings are used to plan and review new and ongoing projects under BUPA.

Special meeting with Members of Parliament from Busia County

On 2nd July 2014, The BUPA Executive Committee held a consultative meeting with Members of Parliament from Busia County at the Nairobi Club. The MPs included Hon. Dr Paul Otuoma (Funyula Constituency), Hon. Michael Onyura (Butula Constituency), Hon. Mary Emasse (Teso South Constituency) and Hon. Arthur Odera Teso North).

The Senator and other Members of Parliament sent apologies due to various commitments. The meeting was called to brief the MPs of BUPA activities and deliberate on pertinent issues within Busia County and forge a way forward in collaboratively resolving them. The meeting identified the need to support Busia residents to form consortiums aimed at winning major contracts and membership groups based on common interests such as Busia Contractors Association among others.

Sugar cane was identified as a major challenge in land use in Busia as it is directly related to poverty with very poor returns on investment where the Mumias Sugar Company management has only further exploited the unsuspecting farmers. BUPA was encouraged to seek support to help carry out feasibility studies and address important matters to inform decisions such as investing or divesting from sugarcane farming.

The meeting further identified the need to redefine the development agenda so that we stop complaining amid plenty of resources. Busia residents were encouraged to get out of salary dependence which has been the biggest challenge to professionals and leaders by investing in business ventures that also serve to create employment as these will help in getting ourselves and our people out of the vicious cycle of poverty. The meeting identified the need to reverse the trend of being one of the highest remittance Counties with consumptive habits of goods and services we do not produce and aim at focussing on best practices while providing home grown solutions.

The leaders pledged to be its ambassadors in recruitment and in supporting implementation of BUPA objectives and promised to engage the County government more in the monitoring of the implementation of the County Integrated Development Plan.

Other key outcomes of the meeting was the plan for BUPA to open a Chapter in Busia and an agreement that BUPA proposes a development project covering Busia that the MPs would support by assisting in sourcing funds for it. This engagement with the MPs was in keeping with our pledge to work with both the County Government and all elected leaders within Busia in order to achieve development of the County and improved welfare of its people. We look

forward to more of such fruitful engagements as we endeavour to build Busia.

2. BUPA Investment and Consultancy Activities

BUPA is in the process of incorporating two companies, BUPA Consultancy Services Limited and BUPA Investment Company Limited, in order to meet its objectives for the members.



Part of the BUPA Executive in deliberations: (L-R) Dr. J. J. Masiga (vice chairman), Dr. Chris Wanga (Chairman), and Mr. Leonard Radoli (Secretary)

BUPA Consultancy Services

BUPA Consultancy Services was established to carry out the business of a consulting, implementing and providing a wide range of services to companies, organisations, institutions and individuals. BUPA Consultancy Services will only

be involved in consultancies which are beyond the capacity of individual consultancies.

Among its objectives are:

- To provide consultancy services pertaining to educational, vocational and industrial training in all aspects
- To provide consultancy services in human resource, accounting, strategic planning, corporate governance and project management
- To provide consultancy services with regard to market analysis, business appraisals, business and market research surveys, and training on various

capacity building programs for livestock farmers and agro-based services

- To provide consultancy services and training with regard to environmental assessment services under the Environmental Management and Coordination Act (EMCA) 1999 and the National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA) Regulations for purposes of meeting requirements during implementation of projects
- To promote the innovation, development and management of sustainable natural resources and livelihood technologies suitable for the African environment
- To generate, analyse, document and disseminate information and research findings for the enrichment of community initiatives in Busia County through publications, seminars, exhibitions and training workshops and any other such media

BUPA Investment Company Limited

The BUPA Investment Company Limited was formed in order to enable BUPA members participate in investment activities within the County or elsewhere as may be deemed fit.

Among its objectives are:

- To carry on the business of an investment company and to invest in, purchase or by any other means acquire property for any estate or interest and to develop the same
- To invest in, purchase or acquire and hold shares, stocks, bonds, obligations and securities issued or guaranteed by companies
- To invest in and carry on the business of management and real estate agents for buying, selling and rental of residential and commercial properties and construction of houses, and to work manage and control the same
- To invest in financial services



A map showing the location of Busia and its neighbouring Counties in Kenya

On 15th February 2014 a special meeting was convened at the Railway Club for members to brainstorm on activities for the Investment Company. Among issues deliberated upon were the registration process of the Company, safeguarding individual investments, financial facilities available on the market to aid in the process of investment, and the setting up of an investment committee. The meeting resolved that all registered BUPA members be encouraged to make a minimum commitment of KES 100,000. Details of the how to make this commitment may be obtained from the BUPA Committee. Focus was on putting up an office block and rental income units within Busia with matching funds from a commercial bank.

3. Busia Professionals Recognised

The sons and daughters of Busia continue to receive recognition for their outstanding services in their various professional fields. In December 2013, two BUPA members were awarded State Commendations of Kenya by His Excellency the President of Kenya. Dr Christopher Wanga was awarded the Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear (MBS), while Arch. Steven Oundo received the Order of the Grand Warrior of Kenya (OGW). Arch. Oundo was also elected as the Chairman of the Association of Professional Societies in East Africa (APSEA). Mr Allan Bukusi was also elected Chairman of the Board at the Professional Trainers Association of Kenya. Congratulations to you all for your distinguished services.

BUPA Office Bearers

In accordance with article 8 (iii) (c) of the Busia Professionals Association's Constitution, the 5th Annual General Meeting of the Members of Busia Professionals Association was held at the Nairobi Railway Club on Saturday 14th September 2013 at 2.00 pm. At the meeting, the following were elected as office bearers:

Chairman:	Dr. Christopher Wanga	Assistant Secretary:	Reginald Okumu
Vice Chairman:	Dr. J. J. Masiga	Treasurer:	Joseph Ouma
Secretary:	Leonard Radoli	Assistant Treasurer:	Dr. Beatrice Bunyasi

Executive Committee Members are as follows:

George Odwori	Selina Makokha
Kizito Masinde	Steven Oundo
Florence Amoiti	William Ikapel

In addition to the officials above, Honourable Amos Wako and Professor Christine Mango were nominated as trustees of BUPA.

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