

MAFFKAM MEDICARE
(MAFFKAM-SL)

Field Report

(Pre-visit to MAFFKAM-SL Poultry Farm)



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By: Program Manager

Background:

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of **MAFFKAM MEDICARE** in the last quarter of 2022 wanted to get first-hand information about the work/operation of the poultry farm Located in Baimbaya village in the Port Loko District of Sierra Leone. Therefore, the CEO as head of **MAFFKAM** in the UK chapter requested the organizations' Sierra Leone chapter management to visit the farm and access information that will be used as strategies to improve the farm management and administration.



Volunteer staff in the Ferry on trip to Lungi

On the 7th January, 2023, five volunteer staff of **MAFFKAM-SL** Sierra Leone chapter management traveled to Baimbaya village to meet and discuss with farm staff and also get information from farm and village residents. It is specifically against this brief backdrop this report is prepared for the kind attention of **MAFFKAM-SL** Board, CEO, the general management teams and partners about the findings and outcomes of the pre-visit which had one broader goal and three specific objectives.

Goal:

The overall goal of the pre-visitation is to meet with the farm management team to access information through open discussion and use outcomes to design farm development strategies in 2023.

Specific Objectives:

1. To acquaint **MAFFKAM-SL** Sierra Leone Chapter management with the poultry farm management team members in one year,
2. Identify and adopt practical poultry farm and management structure development strategy/s in one year,
3. To provide health care support to a poor young woman in Baimbaya village in the Port Loko District in one year.

Activity/s:



The pre-visitation focused mainly on two key activities which include but, is not limited to the following;

1. Five **MAFFKAM-SL** chapter volunteer staff from Freetown visit and meet with existing **MAFFKAM-SL** poultry farm management team members/volunteer staff at Baimbaya village,
2. Identify and make plans to take a young woman with infected wound on feet to Freetown for better treatment.

1.1.a The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of **MAFFKAM MEDICARE** requested the **MAFFKAM MEDICARE** National Coordinator (NC) SL Chapter to visit Baimbaya village in the Port Loko District to meet with existing poultry farm management volunteer staff and also ascertain concrete information that will help inform them and improve on the overall management of the farm. On the 7th January, 2023, five **MAFFKAM** volunteer staff traveled from Freetown on ferry to Lungi and firstly met with the existing poultry farm management volunteer staff. The NC introduced the visiting team members. After series of discuss, the NC suggested that the team should first search and meet with the sick young woman and later hold a brief meeting on the farm. This was agreed upon and the team left the farm yard in search of the woman.

2.2 At the entrance of the Baimbaya village the team met the young woman with septic sore on the feet seated in pain under a plum tree. All African visiting protocols were duly observed and the NC informed the crowd about **MAFFKAM** mandate and its activities in Sierra Leone. After this, he conveyed the message of the CEO to the target young woman. After lengthy discuss on how to help treat the young woman, it was agreed that the woman be moved to Freetown hospital/s in order to get better treatment which was further based on the strong advice of the CEO. What was made clear is that the sick young woman should be



accompanied by a young lady to provide support at the hospital.

Just after the above discussions, it was unanimously agreed that the sick lady be moved to Freetown on the 8th January, 2023 and be taken to a good hospital on the 9th January, 2023. Between the discussions, the **CEO** was opportune to talk to crowd via WhatsApp video call. The team thanked all the villagers present and bid farewell and returned to the farm yard.

1.1.b. At the poultry farm yard, the **NC** thanked all **MAFFKAM** team members from Freetown and Baimbaya for their generous support to the program. He stated that the visitation to the poultry farm site is not a witch hunt organized by the **CEO** but, to introduce the **MAFFKAM** Freetown volunteer staff to the members of the poultry management at Baimbaya. He continued to say that key objective of the visit is to see the farm and proffer better management strategies that are sure to develop the farm especially in 2023. He revealed that from this visit, series of activities will organized and supported by **MAFFKAM** to further support the development of the farm. At the end, he introduced the Program Manager (**PM**) and provided time for him to make a brief statement.



In his statement, the **PM** said that this is a good initiative that is sure to provide huge employment for young people in the District. He thanked the **MAFFKAM CEO** for giving this opportunity to young people. He also informed that poultry farm management that they should take this farm very seriously. He ended up by stating that in 2023, new strategies will be put in place to ensure the development of the farm and provide for all to enjoy the work. He thanked all for the kind attention.

Because of time, the head of the poultry farm management was given the chance to also make a brief statement. He told members that this year will surely be a different year in the history of the farm. He promised that his team members will work with the **NC** to ensure the development of the farm and its products. At this point, the meeting ended and the Freetown team was taken back to Lungi ferry.

Finding/s:

The following are some the key finding from the field trip;

1. There is little or no cordial working relationship between and amongst poultry farm management team,

2. Poultry management team has little or no idea about improved poultry farm management,
3. There is huge need to do proper monitoring and evaluation of the activities of the farm and its management,
4. It was found out that there is huge need for capacity building on general program management,
5. There is a huge need material and tools support to the farm.

Recommendation/s:

The following are some of the key recommendation/s made from the field visit;

1. **MAFFKAM** UK chapter support capacity building training/s for the poultry farm management members,
2. **MAFFKAM** UK chapter Provides material, food and tools support to the farm,



