

**Minutes of ChildFund Alliance Board of Directors meeting
held on Wednesday, 14 November 2018
in Richmond, Virginia**

Attendance

Board Members and CEOs

Michael Rose	ChildFund Australia
Lennart Wiklund	Barnfonden
Paul Newbigging	CCF Canada
Nancy Hill	ChildFund International
Anne Goddard	ChildFund International
Barbara Holzbaur	ChildFund Deutschland
Gerald Doherty	ChildFund Ireland
Akito Okada	ChildFund Japan
Seungil Shin	ChildFund Korea
Simon Whyte	ChildFund New Zealand
Imma Barra	Educo

In attendance

Jinyi Park	ChildFund Korea
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Alliance Secretariat

Meg Gardinier	Secretary-General
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1 Apologies and opening remarks

Michael Rose opened the meeting and welcomed Board members.

Michael noted that Daniel Silva from ChildFund International and Jean-Pierre Barranger from EUPLM were apologies.

Michael thanked Board members for their participation in the joint meeting that had proceeded the Board meeting.

2 Minutes from previous meetings

The minutes for the Board meetings held on Tuesday, 8 May and Wednesday, 9 May 2018 in Brussels were approved.

3 Matters arising

Michael Rose referred to the minutes of the Brussels meeting and to the matters arising. He noted that the majority of matters arising had been completed and that a number of matters were due for discussion in the current meeting. Progress in relation to matters arising was noted by the Board.

In relation to the last item in the matters arising, Meg Gardinier noted that she had recently met with representatives of Accountable Now and that she has arranged for a training session to be conducted by them in Dublin, at the time of the May 2019 Dublin meetings. She noted that the Secretariat will work with CEOs in relation to membership of Accountable Now and the conduct of the training day in Dublin.

4 CEO Forum report

Joern Zieger provided a report on the first half day of the CEO Forum meeting

Joern noted that the CEOs had discussed membership growth and, in particular, had considered a possible new membership introduced by Educo. Educo has been in discussions with the Italian NGO, We World, which had connections with Educo's predecessor organisation. The CEOs consider that We World is a good prospect for membership and Joern asked for the Board's approval for continued exploratory discussions with We World. The Board indicated that it was happy for the discussions to continue. It was also suggested that Joern liaise with Lennart Wiklund who had played a significant role in discussions concerning Educo's membership.

Joern noted that the Program Committee has suggested new program standards and that these would be considered in the second day of the CEO Forum meeting. He said that the CEO Forum will provide a recommendation to the Board following its decision.

Joern noted that, on the second day of the CEO Forum, the CEOs would consider the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Emergency Response Strategies.

Joern also noted the recent performance of the Brussel's office and its recent success in securing a €3.88 million grant. He said that the CEOs are pleased with the performance of the EUO and that it was continuing to build.

5 Secretary General's report

Meg Gardinier presented her Secretary General's report (included in the Board papers) and highlighted a number of significant developments including:

- The securing of a US\$375,000 grant from the Oak Foundation for Child-Friendly Accountability work.
- ChildFund Alliance's participation in the High Level Political Forum 2018 (HLPF).
- ChildFund's engagement in HLPF side events.
- ChildFund's support for Educo in the Spanish government's high level meeting of Civil Society actors.
- An update on the Secretariat's UN representation.
- An update on work relating to CPiE and DRR.
- An update on achievements of the EUO including recent grant success.
- An update on staff movements.
- An update on partnerships.

Board members asked a number of questions concerning aspects of the Secretary General's report and congratulated Meg on the work undertaken and recent grant success.'

The Board noted the Secretary General's report.

6 Budget – year-to-date report

The Chair of the Finance Committee, Jim Tuite, joined the meeting and presented a report on the FY2019 budget and the Alliance's year-to-date performance. He also reported on the year end audit conducted by BDO.

In relation to the audit, Jim noted that BDO had issued an unqualified opinion. He also noted that US GAAP are changing and that this will impose new standards on accounting practices relating to revenue recognition, leases and restricted assets.

Jim noted that it was necessary to receive and approve the FY2018 Statements and to pass a resolution reappointing the auditor.

RESOLVED:

- The FY2018 Financial Statements of ChildFund Alliance be received and approved by the Board.
- That BDO be appointed as the auditor for ChildFund Alliance in respect of the 2019 financial year.

Jim then spoke to the FY2019 YTD financials. He noted that all dues had been recorded but not necessarily collected. He noted that US\$20,000 contribution had been made to rebuilding the surplus. He also noted an under-spend in relation to employment but said that some of this saving would be used for recruitment costs. He said that in summary, the Alliance had made a good start to the year.

The Board asked a number of questions in relation to the Financial Report and thanked Jim and other members of the Finance Committee for their contribution. The YTD Financial report was noted.

7 EUO report

Jose Faura joined the meeting to provide an update in relation to the EUO. He noted recent grant success and also a growth in multi-member participation. He reported that the EUO was now achieving a higher success rate having lifted the rate from 24% to 36%. However, he noted that the overall success rate was still relatively low.

Jose referred to the €3.88 million grant recently received for a program in Burkina Faso. He noted that, in accordance with the EUO plan, part of this grant would make a contribution to the operating costs of the EUO.

Board members asked a number of questions in relation to the EUO.

Michael Rose asked Jose to comment on the We World proposal. Jose reported on his discussions with We World and it was agreed that he would continue those discussions and involve Lennart Wiklund, where appropriate. Jose will aim to work with the Membership Committee to bring a proposal back to the Board at its meeting in May 2019.

8 Future meetings

Gerard Doherty reported on arrangements for the May 2019 meetings to be held outside Dublin. The meetings are due to take place from 20 to 25 May. Gerard was asked to check on the availability of the venue during the previous week so that consideration could be given to moving the meetings to that week.

Paul Newbigging indicated that CCFC was planning to host the May 2020 meetings in Paraguay but said that this had not yet been confirmed.

9 Other business

Michael Rose reminded Board members of the decisions made during the joint meeting and drew specific attention to the Board succession issue that had been discussed in the joint meeting. He confirmed that it was not his intention to stand for re-election in May 2019 and that it would be necessary for the Board to identify candidates for the Chair, Deputy Chair and Treasurer roles. It was agreed that Nancy Hill would speak with Board members to ascertain their interest in any of the roles and that Nancy would lead the nomination and election process.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

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