

SUMMARY OF 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



It is with great pleasure and accomplishment that I present to you our 2017 Annual Report, this being our third Annual Report, since the Samuel Amo Tobbin Foundation, formerly known as the Tobinco Foundation, took off in 2015. The report takes account of the main activities that were undertaken during the year under review. It gives us the opportunity to look back at our programmes and projects undertaken in 2017 and also highlights some of our achievements as well as look forward to achieving greater heights in the year, 2018.

A major successes of the past year has been the adult literacy project where participants, mainly young widows who had lost confidence due to their vulnerability were trained in literacy and numeracy as well as in bead making. This newly acquired skill of the young widows has turned around the fortunes of many of them who currently use the bead making for income generation and as a result have now been relieved from extreme poverty and are therefore now able to support themselves and their dependents.

Aside the widows, our numerous other beneficiaries including brilliant but needy children, the aged, people with strange and expensive diseases who are unable to pay for their medical bills, children on the street, people with disabilities and the poor in general have continued to be supported in diverse ways.

Our 2017 Annual Report basically provides an overview of the work of the SAT Foundation for the year under review. It covers the background of the foundation since its inception, gives highlights of some of our activities, the impact of our work as well as provides the financial status of the foundation in the fiscal year.

The Samuel Amo Tobbin (SAT) Foundation, formerly known as the Tobinco Foundation, is one of the leading humanitarian organisations in Ghana. It is dedicated to fighting poverty among vulnerable individuals and groups to give them hope. We place special emphasis on widows and orphans, the poorest of the poor in society as well as people with disabilities. The implemented projects and activities were aimed at empowering our beneficiaries to ensure they gain confidence to be able to support themselves and their dependents as they improve upon the quality of their lives and contribute their quota to their communities and the nation at large.

For the year under review, 2017, the SAT Foundation supported over 600 vulnerable individuals and groups in the areas of health, education, livelihood and economic empowerment as well as social safety. We further collaborated with other institutions, groups and associations to address issues of vulnerability, abuse and stress. Our programmes and activities included organizing a social livelihood adult education project with skills training to provide livelihood and economic empowerment and confidence to some of our disadvantaged beneficiaries; giving hope to some young widows by training them and granting them soft loans so they would be economically

empowered; paying for the school fees of poor but brilliant and needy pupils and students through our scholarship scheme; and counseling and linking people to some public social resources. Other projects and activities included public education campaigns on health and sanitation issues, lightening up the lives of poor and disadvantaged children with some interesting social gathering activities at festive occasions.

We look forward to supporting more people living in poverty and add value to their lives as we meet them at the point of their needs in the areas of education, health, sustainable livelihood and economic empowerment as well as in social safety.

I wish to express our gratitude to the Executive Chairman of the Tobinco Group of Companies, Elder, Dr. Samuel Amo Tobbin, who has been the originator and the main sponsor of the Foundation right from the time when he privately did all the philanthropic acts by himself until it was officially set up as a non-for profit arm of the Tobinco Group of Companies and even now still continues to sponsor the humanitarian and philanthropic aspects as well as a greater percentage of other activities of the Foundation. I wish to also thank, our Board Chairperson, Mrs. Mary Tobbin Osei, who has been the main pillar behind the Foundation. Other members of the Board have also selflessly supported us with their rich experiences and expertise and we are very grateful to them.

I am grateful also to all members of the Tobinco Group of Companies, for their diverse support, particularly, Tobinco Pharmaceuticals Limited, Abii National Savings and Loans, Entrance Research and Pharmaceutical Centre and Priority Insurance, who gives us financial assistance to augment what the Executive Chairman provides. We cannot end without mentioning the Atinka Media Village, the TV and the Radio, who gives us free airspace for advertisement and our public education and sensitization programmes

As you read the report, I wish that you gain insight into all our activities. On behalf of the Foundation's staff, I wish to assure all our stakeholders that we will do our best to delve deeper into managing social development issues so that we can present even better programmes and projects to ensure that our beneficiaries attain quality lives to be able to support themselves, the development of their communities and mother Ghana at large

I wish to thank you all as we look forward to another amazing year at the SAT Foundation

Signed: 

Millicent Akoto