

## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2018 was a positive and eventful year for SAT Foundation despite some few hitches, all the same the year has been fruitful.

We took considerable actions to incorporate documentaries in all our programs to bring about visibility and build relationship with all the subsidiaries. I must say that this strengthened our relationship with all subsidiaries towards our CSR activities. Our style of work ensured continuous improvements and promoted agility in responding to the needs of beneficiaries. For me, it has been great working with SAT Foundation and I am greatly humbled.

Our work plan for the year 2018 focused on our 4 thematic areas which include; Health, Education, Secured Livelihood and Economic Empowerment and Social Safety. Within these thematic areas, criteria have been developed to help the Foundation streamline its activities. Forms have also been designed for effective data collection and management of cases.

Some of our major achievements for the year under review included;

- ❖ Commemoration of UN day for Charity: This special UN day is observed around the world on 5<sup>th</sup> September each year. The Samuel Amo Tobbin Foundation by the support of Mrs. Mercy Araba Sika Tobbin and Tobinco Pharmaceuticals Ltd. donated boxes of assorted medicines, soap, bathroom slippers and other items to Nsawam Prisons, Awutu Senya Prison Camp as well as the Pantang Psychiatric Hospital. Diapers and hair



products were also distributed to mothers at Mantse Agbonaa, a suburb of Gamashie. The total support amounted to over GH¢100,000.00.

- ❖ We also commenced a training program for craftsmanship in the areas of Garments and Electronics. This is a collaboration with GIZ in providing skills to beneficiaries have been enrolled with master craftsmen to undergo apprenticeship training. 17 beneficiaries have been enrolled in these 2 professions (13 in Garments and

4 in Electronics). 6 sewing machines have been donated to beneficiaries under the Garment tradesmanship training.

- ❖ We have also established collaborative relationship with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) and would be working with them in various ways to support refugees in Ghana.
- ❖ We successfully supported 4 major complicated medical conditions among the 10 beneficiaries supported for the year and they are doing very well.
- ❖ We supported 35 brilliant but needy students under our educational support scholarship scheme.
- ❖ Beneficiaries under the Adult Literacy Program have been trained in soap and detergent making. In addition to the classroom work participants are now able to make detergents such liquid soap, parazone and floor cleaners. Beneficiaries were also trained in bead making. These have provided them with an additional source of income.
- ❖ We also had the maiden beneficiary's retreat to climax the year's activities. The retreat dubbed "*Aseda Kese*". Almost all the previous and current beneficiaries of the Samuel Amo Tobbin Foundation were present. Testimonies were shared and prayers were said for the Group CEO and his family as well as the entire Group of companies.

All these achievements are geared towards making all subsidiaries more visible as the Tobinco Group, through the Samuel Amo Tobbin Foundation gives back to society.

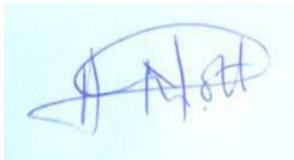
We are progressing steadily in extending a helping hand to the weak, vulnerable and marginalized in society. As the Group's theme for 2019 inspires, we look forward to going the extra mile in our drive to bring hope to many.

I wish to express our gratitude to the Executive Chairman of the Tobinco Group of Companies, Chancellor, Nana Amo Tobbin I, who has been the originator of the Foundation right from its inception. Our appreciation also goes to the Executive Director of the Tobinco Group, Mrs Mercy Tobbin for her continuous support to 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.

Special thanks to all members of the Tobinco Group of Companies for their diverse support, financially and in other forms to augment the donations of the Executive Chairman. We also render much appreciation to the Entrance University Hospitals for providing medical support and health talks during our engagements with vulnerable groups throughout 2018. We also appreciate the contributions of the Atinka Media Village, for assisting in promoting the Foundation's activities. Our final appreciation goes to our external collaborators; University of Ghana, Centre of aging studies and Department of Social work, UNHCR, GIZ/GSDI and the master craftsmen Associations and beneficiaries of SAT Foundation for your continuous engagement and trust. Without you, our success would not be possible.

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 continue to present innovative programmes and projects to ensure that our beneficiaries attain quality lives to be able to support themselves, the development of the society and the world at large. Our teams feel engaged and empowered to always do better and push our shared ambitions to greater heights by going the extra mile. We will continue to work assiduously to make Tobinco Group the market leader and to secure even better results and market shares, as well as continue to be an attractive company to work for.

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

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Signed:

Harriet Nottinson Asante (Mrs)