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Message by the Chief Executive Officer, Emmanuel Ngeh on December 27, 2022 General Assembly of PROSDOMA

It is with honor that I stand before you today and good to these beautiful smiling faces. It is regrettable that our president is not here with us today due to ill health but that notwithstanding he is here in spirit and he send his regards.. We will be reviewing our past activities and at the same time make projections for 2023. This year we faced two main challenges, the ongoing crisis in the Anglophones regions couple with the Covid 19 pandemic. The challenges were enormous but we managed to stand out tall in the face of these challenges. In order to succeed in implementing our activity plan, we went an extra miles into developing new strategies in engaging our partner organizations. We were forced to engage in peace building in areas that were most affected by the armed conflicts to ensure sustainable livelihoods. More than 75% of our members were affected and displaced by the crisis, we took the decision to embrace humanitarian actions. Now, for the third time, consecutively since 2021 we are reporting not only on sustainable development activities but equally on humanitarian assistance. We lost some of our members in 2022 as a result of the crisis reasons why we adopted in June 2022 a key component that could assist members in need.

(Let's stand up to observe a minute of silence in memory of our members (Fikio Lajo, (cocoa farmer), Mbate Isaiah (palm oil producer), Chumbe Effuba and madam Mirriam Afumba (cassava farmer) who left us as a result of the Anglophone crisis).

Our objective on empowering people so that they can improve on the food value change has been very successful with cassava processing in Ako. An expected 110 members will rise out of poverty. Oil palm registered a geometric increase in prices this year and many of our group members in Ako registered huge benefits ranging from 100.000-250.000 per farmer. The oil mills in Ako and Abuenshie have entered their full production and the results are encouraging. The corn mill in Nkambe is doing absolutely well.

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I personally applaud the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Ministry of Plan and Regional Development for their timely support. We really count ourselves lucky that we got one of the greatest donations from the Ministry of Agriculture, in addition to the Oil mill, the ministry gave a tractor. We thank the Minister for the support which will take us one step ahead. From the usual hoe and cutlass, we are a step into mechanized agriculture in full scale given that the existing tractor is old and malfunctioning.

The Asaka Community did much in hosting this year community animation gathering, where we all shared our ideas, knowledge and experience. We hope to organize more of such meetings in 2023. One of our member organizations. YODO engaged fish farmers and communities to restore degraded farms and water sources in Nkambe with water lovely trees planted.

Above all, we had a successful meeting with the farming population of Asaka, and we acquired and shared 10 tons of improved maize seeds to farmers and organized training workshops on the production of organic fertilizer at community levels and 10 outreach sensitization meetings were carried out by our Project Manager. By working more closely together across the various stakeholder groups and funding partners, we will ensure that our efforts are aligned to have the maximum impact, and that we truly function as leading charity organization in Africa. Apart from the goals that became our shared approach to making the world a better place for all, the Plan sets out shared goals for our internal operations as well. The strength of the departments clearly guides our work as we strive to build and improve sustainable practices in our work in all areas. PROSDOMA will continue to focus on empowering its members in the use of modern digital technology so that they can participate in the decisions that affect them and search for new opportunities to kickout of poverty. We will continue to work more closely together across the various stakeholder groups and funding partners, we will ensure that our efforts are aligned to have the maximum impact, and that we truly function as leading charity organization in Africa. Apart from the goals that became our shared approach to making the world a better place for all, we strive to build and improve sustainable

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practices in our work in all areas. Thank PROSDOMA for providing sponsorship for me to attend the international workshop in Rwanda.

Let me use this opportunity to express gratitude to all our partners, donors, volunteers, supporters and staff. Last but not the least I want to let you know that PROSDOMA website is again functional likewise the twitter account. Thanks to every one who participated to make this possible.

I wish you fruitful deliberation on the 2023 activities plan. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023 TO YOU ALL, GOD BLESS PROSDOMA

Thanks for your attention

Emmanuel NGEH

CEO

Speech by the Project Manager Coordinator) Confidence Munko J. during the December 22, 2022 AGM Held at Holy War Hotel Nkambe.

I am very delighted to present this 2022 activity report. This report highlights our major activities that were undertaken in the heat of the humanitarian crisis in the Anglophones regions couple with the Covid 19 pandemic, at one point, there was lockdown and movement was restricted. We had to try as much as possible to adopt a new approach of holding meetings on zoom. I know some of you were not able to use the new digital technology but as you all notice, a team is moving round the communities to train all of you on how we can attend meetings using our phones.

In addition to the six programs, we recently added the Solidarity Fund which is a support scheme to our members who are in need. This brought us to adding a key component, humanitarian assistance.

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Each of our activities carried out drew inspiration from the overarching goals set out in the 2022 Action Plan. Our priorities were broken down into the following programs/components:

- ✓ **The landscape Restoration Committee – LARC**
- ✓ **The Input Supply Committee- ISC**
- ✓ **Processing and Transformation Committee- PROT**
- ✓ **Animation Committee-AC**
- ✓ **The Commercialization Committee-CC**
- ✓ **Task Force Committee to combat illegal logging-TAFCO**
- ✓ **Solidarity Fund-SOF**
- ✓ **Website Management Committee.**

The programs mentioned above are the sets ambitious development goals and they greatly define and oriented PROSDOMA. Its strive to promote sustainable development in Donga Mantung Division. Our field activities fall under the seven axes which guided our field intervention.

We are hoping to reach out to more farmers in 2023, and to explore more avenues especially in the domain of infrastructure development that will reduce post-harvest waste.

While wishing you fruitful deliberation, I wish you Merry Christmas and Happy New year in advance.

Confidence Munko

Project Manager

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Activity Report

The ongoing crisis in the North West and South West Regions of Cameroon has greatly affected our activities in the past years. Movement of persons were restricted in some localities and in some villages, majority of the farmers were displaced from their homes. This made us to record some slowdown in our activities and this is one of the reason the New Farm Tractor and New Oil Press Machine donated by government ministries are still in Mbalmayo and Douala respectively.

ACTIVITY 1: The landscape Restoration Committee - LARC



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Our tree nurseries which are located in Ako and Nkambe make up the core of our landscape's restoration activities. It is the nurseries that provide the seedlings that

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are used in planting in farms and degraded forests. This year, PROSDOMA was able to produce close to 15.000 plants seedlings. Apart from fruit trees, cocoa and palms, we equally added native trees. At the end of the year, we distributed only 80% of what was produced in the two tree nurseries. Farmers were scared from going to the farms during the planting period due to the arms conflict (Anglophone Crisis).

Results:

The following seedlings were produced in the two nurseries

In the Ako tree nursery we were able to produce:

- 6800 seedlings of cocoa
- 5500 seedlings of palms
- 250 grafted oranges

In the Nkambe tree nursery, we were able to produce:

- 750 Prunus Africanus
- 100 mahoganies
- 50 grafted pears
- 50 grafted mangoes

Under the tree nursery program, we trained 10 farmers on marcotting which is the simplest technique to multiply seedlings which have been produced through the grafting technique.

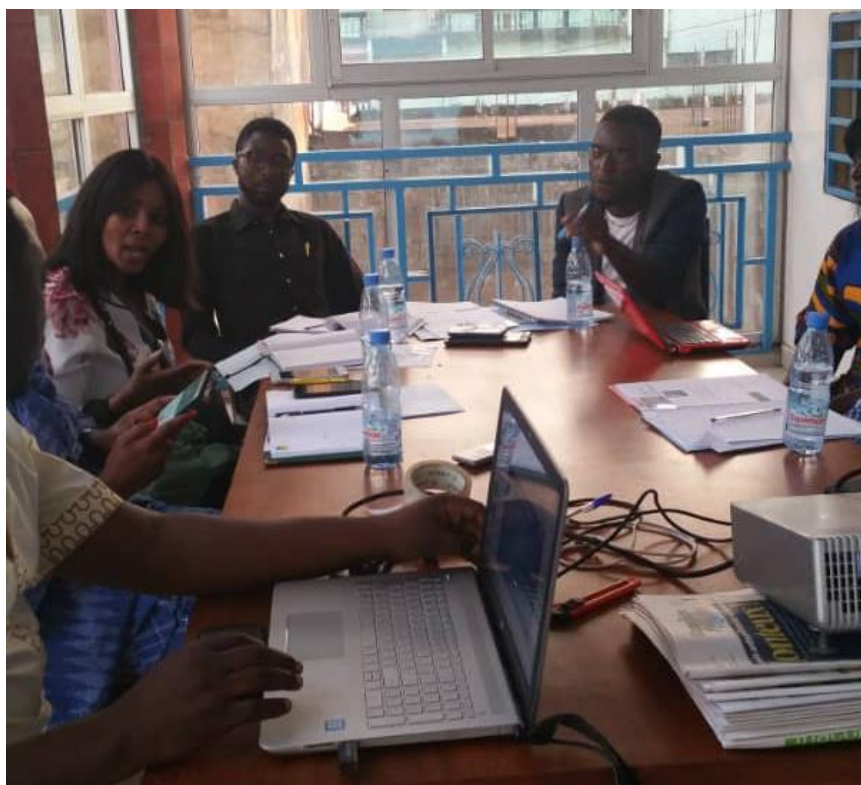
Activity 2: The Input Supply Committee- ISC

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The negative impact of the Russia-Ukraine war has been felt by almost all the farmers in Africa who rely on fertilizers. The 50kg bag of fertilizer which was previously sold at 15.000 Fcfa (approximately) \$30 USA skyrocketed to \$ 40.000 Fcfa (approximately) \$80 US dollars. In order to fill the gap, we had no other option than to train farmers in the production of organic fertilizer. We acquired 10 tons of improved maize seeds which were distributed to 300 farmers. The production was tremendous given the yield was estimated at over 38 tons excluding what was sold fresh by the farmers.



Results:

We organized three training workshops in Ndu, Nkambe and Ako to train farmers on the production of organic fertilizers. The training didn't only take care of organic fertilizer; farmers were equally trained on how to produce insecticides which will be environmentally friendly and how they could generate compost manure within the farms. And following the COVID restriction measures, we could not bring together more than 50 persons per training session. The result so far obtain is as follows

- Ako: 50 farmers
- Nkambe: 50 farmers
- Ndu : 50 farmers

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PROSDOMA trained a total of 150 farmers were under this program. And estimated 38 tons of maize was produced by 300 farmers who benefitted from the improved seed PROSDOMA bought from the Institute of Agronomic Research IRAD-Bambui.

Activity 3: Processing and Transformation Committee- PROT



Drying of Hot Pepper with the use of an Oven by our famers

This program benefitted support from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. The Ministry donated to PROSDOMA, a mini oil processing mill worth 3.5 million FCFA which will be transported to the site for installation in the months ahead. This is in addition to two existing old mini oil mill which can be seen below. The program worked on two speculations, cassava and palm oil. The quality of produce which was obtained was very encouraging. The Asaka Cassava farm was able to put into the market its first produce and byproduce. Processing cassava to 'Gari' and water fufu and we are now seeking partnership to empower farmers on

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Above pictures are from Ako oil press machine. (old but functions good)

how to produce starch from the waste water which can be an additional value. In addition, the Ministry of Planning and Regional Development, donated a corn mill which PROSDOMA installed in Nkambe, for its members and the general use of the population.

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The Above two pics are related to Abuenshie Cassava processing Mill

Results: In all, 60 bags of ‘Gari’ were produced and the 300 kilograms of water fufu. In Ako, majority of the group and farmers are involved in cultivation of oil palms and PROSDOMA Mini Oil Press produced 35.000 liters of oil. The Abuenshie Mini Processing oil mill entered into production in April, and by December 31, it had processed 14.000 liters of oil.

Challenges: The only challenge faced by this program is the need to have a kernel cracker which can serve the two mills. This will enable farmers to have additional income from the sales of kernels.

Activity 4: Animation Committee-AC

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In 2022, we held 10 sensitization meetings to create awareness against the following:

- ✓ The use of toxic chemicals in fishing and inland fish farming (Ako, Nkambe and Ndu)
- ✓ The burning of Ankara (Nwa, Ako, Misaje)
- ✓ Poaching

and burning of the bushes (Ako)

- ✓ The unsustainable harvest of Non Timber Forest Produce-NTFPs (Ako, Lus and Adere)

PROSDOMA also organized the two days experience and knowledge sharing in the Asaka Community. Farmers from other communities were able to share with them and learn from one another. On the last day, the Asaka Community held their development meeting which was entire sponsored by PROSDOMA. When there was lockdown due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the coordination meetings were held on zoom. The zoom meetings proved to us that we needed to build up the skills of the farmers on how they can use digital technologies.

Activity 5: The Commercialization Committee-CC

PROSDOMA organized group marketing of cocoa and palm oil in Ako sub Division. The farmers organizations involved were the Nkambe-Ako Farmers Federation, Ako Farmers Union, Muye Palm Farming Group and the Young Farmers Development Group. PROSDOMA was able to market at very good price 190 bags of cocoa and 20.000 liters of oil. Through this group marketing, farmers were able raise more money and none of them sold his/her produce in green leaves.



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Activity 6: Task Force Committee to combat illegal logging-TAFCO

In 2022, PROSDOMA's intervention in the Mbembe Forest Reserve led to the arrest of 30 illegal machine operators. Out of the 30 that were arrested 10 of them were Nigerians. As the Anglophone crisis escalated, moving to the forest became very difficult for members of the task force.

Notwithstanding, this action alone has saved more than 5 hectares of forests which would have been cleared.

Activity 7: Solidarity Fund-SOF

This Solidarity Fund-SOF was adopted as the ongoing crisis was having untold effects on some of our members. PROSDOMA assisted 36 households who have been displaced due to the crisis with foodstuff (30 bags of rice, 36 mattresses, and blankets and also the family of some deceased members.



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The above two pictures: Training of women on organic fertilizer production in Ndu town.



Pictural view of Ako Palm oil Processing Factory.

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The project manager also made mention of some registered activities of the year among which are the visit to Mr Paul Kongnyu Paul's farm. He lost about four hectare of mature palm farm (producing palm farm) due to fire disaster and we visited the site for assessment and encouragement and also the visit to Madam Bawe Beltha and Mr Ndukong Stanislaus. They both had a similar problem. Their maize farms were attacked by weevil and warms and they also needed fertilizer. We visited their farms and made available to them insecticide and liquid organic fertilizers.



Field visit to Mr Kongnyuy Paul's Palm farm to assess damage by fire disaster.

Website Management Committee

A team of computer expert was paid to construct our website and thanks to most of our members who provided technical knowledge and activity pictures from the field. The

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field management did a tremendous job. Thanks to Fai Casian our consultant who is an expert in computing and is managing the site for now and we will want others who are interested to join him in order to properly manage our twitter account and website.

Another remark during 2022 farming season according to field report was that of labor shortage. Many group and individual farmers lamented losing their product because of man power. Many youths and inhabitant in our communities have migrated to neighboring Nigeria and urban centers in Cameroon (Douala and Yaounde) running away from the so call '**Anglophone Crises**'. The need for increased in **Improved farm seeds and seedlings** was a call for concern. Many farmers lamented they had very poor yield because they did not have access to good quality seeds and seedlings.

- Field Manager lamented when it was noticed on the field that some farmers are still fishing and hunting with the use of **toxic chemicals**. She clearly stated that investigation will be done and those responsible for such bad farming practices must be brought to justice and such practices must stop. She told the GA good news regarding this fight. He said Emmanuel Ngenge Ngeh (CEO) attended a meeting organized by **UNECE. Special Rapporteur on Environmental Defenders, 23 Nov. 2022**. It was good to know that there is a body set to defend our right and this is a motivation to our work. We are all encourage to be the watch dog and report every illegal activity related to forest exploitation and farming to the general executive who will investigate and take proper actions. These bad practices must stop. We will report to the government and if no action is taken, we will take to **UNECE** who is ready to defend our right. Privacy of information will be taken into consideration and for this reason members who don't want their identity to be disclosed should report and their privacy will be hidden.

Minutes of meeting arising from the general assembly meeting.

After the speech from the president and presentation of activity report by the project manager, the floor was then handed to the financial secretary for the presentation of end of year financial report.

Mr Chum Josha saluted those who were able to pay it their membership fees and membership dues completely and regretted 20% paid in their dues partially and about 10% did not pay in any Franc. He went further to remind the assemble of members and would be members on membership registration and dues as follows.

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1. Registration fee of a group is	=	10000Fcfa
2. Registration fee of a member is	=	5000Fcfa
3. Annual Membership per group	=	100000Fcfa
4. Annual Membership per individual	=	20000Fcfa

He went further to say that many could not pay in their dues as the result of the crises but that notwithstanding he urged them to pay in their areas before making any registration for 2023 in order to have full benefit of the organization as members. He however made a positive remark that financial reports for this year had improved compared to the previous years. He went ahead by reading the financial statement for the period and the balance sheet for 2022 and clearly spell out those who are owing their dues for 2022.

Matters Arising

Mr Ethemy Terence lamented what he went through as a refugee in Nigeria for eight months (8) months and thank God for his life. He was happy to be back home and to be part of the meeting. He cried when he expressed all he lost as a result of the ‘**Anglophone Crises**. He didn’t make any harvest be it maize, pepper and palm nut for a year now he said. More to that his farm is in the bush and he does not know where to begin. He needs a loan in order to begin else what can he do? He then proposed if PROSDOMA can initiate a **Credit Fund** to enable some of them bounce back. He cried out the death of **Fikio Lajor** a popular Cocoa farmer who was his neighbor and a member of the PROSDOMA. He said he is unable to pay his areas and not sure how he will raise money for 2023 registration and membership dues and pleading that his case should be given some consideration.

Madam Mpova veronica then took over after Terence and earmarked the need for PROSDOMA to put in place a **Farmer Store** in order to sale farm input and equipment to members at an affordable price and to the community at large. She lamented what she went through the whole two years farming season just because she had to buy farm input very expensive from neighboring Nigeria. This was welcome by the house.

Paul Kongnyu appreciated the field coordinator and the team who visited to assess and encourage him after his lost (palm farm fire disaster). He was thankful to the technical team and their recommendations to see him bounced back to normal. He recommended the good works of the team who visited and encourage them to keep up as their rewards lies ahead.

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Benjamin Fihnyuy just like any other members was extremely happy and thankful to partners regarding the news of an oil press machine and tractor. He recounted post-harvest lost as a result of poor functioning of the existing processing machines when it comes to palm oil. He is happy and waiting anxiously for the arrival of the new oil mill to be transported and install. He did not stop here; he went further with recommendation regarding the malfunctioning of the old palm oil processing machine which was taken note of by the technical bench.

Eyikeshi Hands Wane was of the opinion that because of the ‘**Anglophone Crises**’ that have affected every farmer in one way or the other couple with **COVID 19** crises, registration fee and membership dues should be reduce to encourage more farmers to join the union. A note was taken on this to be deliberated on next meeting schedule for 2023.

Aaron Jato took the floor and was worried about Cocoa farmers. He said 60% of their produce (Cocoa beans) is sold to Nigerians. He lamented that Nigerian dictate the market price of their produce and they sale at a lost but have no choice because they are unable to transfer their produce to cities like Bamenda and Douala in Cameroon due to poor road network and the so call ‘**Anglophone Crises**’ that prohibited movement with too many controls spot that requires financial settlement. He is crying to the marketing board to find a solution to their problem to minimize their lost.

3pm - 4pm Break time.

2023 Plan of action and recommendations:

- Report illegal logging and bad farming practices to (use of toxic chemicals for hunting and fishing) *UNECE. Special Rapporteur on Environmental Defenders.*
- Organize end of year price award ceremony to best young farmers and women in different domain of activities. 10 awards in total by December 2023.
- Partner with Nkambe and Ako Municipal councils to set up environmentally friendly trees (economic trees inclusive) nursery project. To be planted in 2024.
- Write a project and solicit for funding regarding the construction of Asaka bridge. (It should be noted that the said bridge had taken more than **eleven (11) souls** and uncountable food stuff (**post-harvest lost**)).

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-Organize five conferences in 2023 to educate on biodiversity, climate change and reforestation.

-Train farmers on “Project writing” and book keeping skills so that farmers can be able to solicit for farmers loan when need be. It was realized that most farmers banks don’t grant loan to small farmers because they are unable to present a convincing project.

-Increased palm nursery by 3000 seedlings by April 2023.

- Next meeting is scheduled to take place 30th March 2023 and members are advised to pay their dues before then.
- It was agreed that everything being equal, the new oil press machine and the tractor should be on site and functional by mid-February 2023.
- Creation of a farmer’s store in Ako town before 2023 farming season March 2023.
- Members were asked to create twitter account and follow PROSDOMA, share and like the page. Download and create zoom account.
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- Overhaul the old oil press machine in preparation for the peak farming season 2023.
- Purchase Brand new Honda Motor Cycle to facilitate movement by Field Management.

The meeting that started at 12pm was officially closed at 6:30pm with a word of gratitude from the secretary who was thankful and overwhelm with the massive turn out, deliberations, contributions and plan of actions/recommendations that are remarkable. Pastor Chum Joshua Tata then finalized with a word of prayer thanking God for making it possible that all went well, thanking God for the gathering and for bringing every one safely to the meeting ground and trusting God to take each and every one to their respective home safely. Above all he calls on God almighty to use His ultimate power at his own appointed time and bring an end to the Anglophone crises and COVID19 pandemic.

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Attendance sheet.

A) Group Members Present:

1. NKAMBE AKO SMALL FARMERS FEDERATION.
2. AKO FARMERS UNION
3. NKAMBE FARMERS UNION.
4. BONGBI COMMON INITIATIVE GROUP.
5. HOLY WAR FARMING CIG.
6. MUYE PALM FARMING GROUP.
7. PLAN WITH GOD CIG
8. YOUNG FARMERS DEVELOPMENT GROUP (YOFADG)

B) Individual members (farmers)

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| 1. ETHEMY TERENCE | 2. Ngeh Pamela |
| 3. Eyikeshi Kuzana Wanne | 4. Ndobi Theresa |
| 5. Kanjo Evodia | 6. Mpova veronica |
| 7. Benjamin Fihnyuy | 8. Elisabeth Tsi |
| 9. Tamfu Donatus | 10. Ndukong Stanislaus |
| 11. Nsanyuy Kingsley | 12. Ndukong Jude. |
| 13. Alenyu Caleb | 14. Raheal Bari |
| 15. Aaron Jato | 16. Bawe Beltha |

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Confidence Munko	Field coordinator	
Kongnyu Paul	Adviser 1	
Blessing Munchep Jator	Treasurer.	
Margaret Mbuli	Adviser 2	
Chum Joshua Tata	Financial secretary	
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