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Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (the "MoU") is entered into on 9th of January 2018 between:

Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Maharashtra having its office address at 3rd Floor, New Administrative Building, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai - 400032 (hereinafter referred to as "DWCD"), and

Integrated Child Development Service Commissionerate having its office address at 1st Floor, Raigad Bhavan, C.B.D. Belapur, Navi Mumbai, - 400614 (hereinafter referred to as "ICDS"), and

Rajmata Jijau Mother-Child Health and Nutrition Mission, Maharashtra having its office address at Raigad Bhavan, CBD, Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400614 (hereinafter referred to as "Nutrition Mission"), and

Fight Hunger Foundation registered under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 in Mumbai since August 2012 having its principal office registered office at F/201, Sai Prasad Building, Sion Kamgar Cooperative Housing Society Limited, 29th Road, Bhandarwada, Sion West, Mumbai 400022 (hereinafter referred to as "Agency"),

And henceforth collectively both are referred to as "parties" to this MoU.



WHEREAS, DWCD is the nodal department of Government of Maharashtra which governs the implementation of schemes for welfare of women and children with specific focus on their growth, development and protection.

WHEREAS, ICDS is responsible for implementation of Integrated Child Development Scheme in the State of Maharashtra to address the growth needs of children under the age of six years, Pregnant and Lactating Women and Adolescent Girls.

WHEREAS, NUTRITION MISSION is responsible for acting as a think tank to give policy inputs to the Government of Maharashtra regarding evidence based interventions, to advocate regarding the importance of first 1000 days and achieve convergence between different departments with the common objective of reducing malnutrition and so on.

WHEREAS, Agency is an Indian not for profit, non-political and non-religious organization. Fight Hunger Foundation has a binding agreement with International NGO named Action Against Hunger, the world's leading organization specializing in malnutrition, implementing programs in 47 countries around the world. Since 2012, Fight Hunger Foundation has been implementing activities related to malnutrition prevention and treatment within the state of Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.

In January 2014, Agency, in collaboration with Sion Hospital, conducted sensitization training of 50 anganwadi workers from 11 different sectors of Mumbai on Community base Management of Acute Malnutrition. Agency has strong collaboration with Sion Hospital where the organization is supporting the production of Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT) since 2014 via a food technologist employed by the Agency supporting the unit technically. Agency was also contracted by the Public Health Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, UNICEF (Maharashtra) and Rajmata Jijau Child Health and Nutrition Mission to undertake SMART surveys in Jawhar, Mokhada and Vikramgad block of Palghar district in Nov/Dec 2015.

Agency has participated to the ISSNIP trainings and has supported its rollout across the state. On 4th August 2016, the organization inaugurated its first Outpatient Therapeutic Center within Shivaji Nagar in Govandi (Mumbai) and trained anganwadi workers for successful implementation of the program on Community based Management of Acute Malnutrition. Similarly, the agency opened its first Outpatient Therapeutic Center in Mokhada block of Palghar district on 18 October 2016 along with training frontline workers on implementation of the CMAM project.

The agency is likely to start an integrated project in Dharni block of Amravati district for a period of 3 years starting Jan 2018. Similarly, the project in Mokhada is now covering 59 villages (100% coverage) via 4 outpatient therapeutic centers which will run up to 2020.

This MoU is being entered into for collaboration on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects on reduction of malnutrition in the areas of Mokhada, Vikramgad and Jawhar block of Palghar district and Dharni block of Amravati district that has a high tribal predominance, poor health indicators and high malnutrition prevalence

This MoU also takes into consideration entry of the agency into 4 regions within the state of Maharashtra namely Konkan, Nagpur, Nashik, Amravati and within these regions any high burden district identified by Niti Aayog and as mutually agreed by the WCD, ICDS and the Nutrition Mission.

WHEREAS parties in principle agree to cooperate, to have further dialogues and to further negotiate and finalize the mutual beneficial relations.



1. Scope of Work:

In consideration of the premises the parties hereby agree as follows:

i. Activities to be carried out by the Agency

- Develop standardized training materials/packages (posters, flip books, leaflets, presentations, etc.) and monitoring tools for delivery of trainings at district and block level to ICDS staff (AWWs, AWHs, Supervisors and CDPOs) on topics related to Community based Management of Acute Malnutrition, Infant and Young Child Feeding (with specific focus on the 1000 days initiative), counselling and communication skills, etc.
- Promote role of the Community in management of malnutrition through technical assistance and support to the AWCs in implementation and monitoring of CMAM program through home visits and counselling.
- Support referral of medically complicated SAM children to Nutrition Rehabilitation Centers (NRC) for effective treatment, and of MAM children to Anganwadi centers in collaboration with AWW.
- Support implementation of the VCDC Centers wherever applicable and support in management of uncomplicated SAM.
- Raise funds to procure EDNS, hire additional staff, and conduct trainings to facilitate smooth implementation of projects.
- Monthly sharing of data on SAM/MAM/SUW/MUW with district officials and ICDS for collective efforts.
- Organize project review meetings/workshops with authorities to disseminate the findings and results with other stakeholders and decision makers as agreed upon through prior discussion.
- Conduct analysis of all the program data and report findings, needs and recommendations for wider dissemination.
- Layer existing projects with the 1000 days initiative or micro nutrient powder supplementation as and when need identified.
- Provide evidence based advocacy via learning's from the field and documentation through case studies, videos, etc.
- Undertake quantitative and qualitative nutritional assessments as baseline, midline and end line to support program evolution.
- Engage with DWCD, ICDS and Nutrition Mission in drafting policies, strategy and planning nutrition interventions at the state level as a support agency.

ii. Activities to be carried out by DWCD and ICDS

- DWCD, ICDS and Nutrition Mission will not provide any financial support, however, the frontline staff under DWCD, ICDS and Nutrition Mission shall support in implementation of the project in terms of administration facilitation only.
- Nutrition Mission will provide services of its existing staff, specialists, consultants, champions, trainers for identified activities to be taken up under this partnership.
- Nutrition Mission will share all the knowledge products including all research reports, training manuals, modules, data sets, documents, video films, and any such other material without charging any cost and strictly for the purpose of implementation of this programme only.
- Develop a collaborative strategy along with an activity plan at the block, district and state level.
- Provide permissions for all trainings, awareness camps, field events and other community mobilization activities identified during the project course.
- Provide permission to use EDNS for management of SAM children in project areas
- Provide permission to use MNP for management of pregnant women, adolescents and other malnourished children in project areas
- At field level, share lists of children, adolescents, lists of pregnant and lactating women.
- Share District Action Plan and data with particular emphasis on stunting, wasting and underweight.



- Support implementation and monitoring of field activities through field staff i.e. AWWs and Anganwadi supervisors.
- Provide permissions to undertake quantitative and qualitative nutritional assessments as baseline, midline and end line as and when needed.

2. General Provisions:

- It is hereby expressly made clear that the intention of the parties is not to create binding agreement between the parties and no party shall have right to file claim against other party.
- The representatives of all the parties shall specially monitor the progress of the initiatives undertaken under this MoU.
- The parties understand that neither this MoU gives any right to any party, nor does it creates a partnership, joint collaboration or employment is created as a result of this MoU. This MoU is not intended to create legally binding obligations on either Party.
- Each Party will bear all of its own expenses necessary to meet its duties and obligations under this MoU. Neither party can create or cause to create any charge against the other party as per this MoU.
- All the Terms and conditioned mentioned in the Department GR No: ABV-2015/CR No.31/Desk-5 dated 20th May 2015 regarding implementation of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives for Women and Child Development Department, Government of Maharashtra has to be binding on the Agency.

3. Validity of the MoU Agreement:

This MOU will come into effect on date of signature by all partners and will end after 3 Years from the date of signing of this agreement.

4. Amendment:

This MOU may be varied at any time by mutual agreement of the parties in writing. It shall be reviewed one month before the end of contract date or at a time mutually agreed by the parties for possible renewal.

Termination:

Each Party may terminate this agreement after giving the due notice of 30 days to the other Party.

In witness where of the parties have caused this Memorandum to be executed through their authorized representative on the day and year first above written.

For and on behalf of

Women & Child Development Dept., Govt. of Maharashtra	Integrated Child Development Services Commissionerate, Govt. of Maharashtra	Rajmata Jijau Mother-Child Health and Nutrition Mission	Fight Hunger Foundation
			
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