

# NIGERIAN NATIONAL GENOMICS PROGRAM: MASTER FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT

## PURPOSE

Comprehensive mapping of all legal, commercial, intellectual property, and operational elements required for program execution. This document captures every protection mechanism, value separation structure, and stakeholder interest alignment necessary for lawyer review and stakeholder agreement.

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## PART I: STAKEHOLDER STRUCTURE & CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS

### A. PRIMARY CONTRACTUAL CHAIN

**Layer 1: Government Contract** - Federal Government of Nigeria (NABDA/Ministry of Science & Technology) → Basani Digital Innovations - Contract Type: Public-Private Partnership under ICRC regulations OR Technical Cooperation Agreement - Scope: Delivery of national genomics infrastructure and initial pilot program - Duration: 10-15 years (Build-Operate-Transfer structure) - Value: ₦[TBD] billion over contract life

**Layer 2: Execution Subcontract** - Basani Digital Innovations → Forric-Syndicate Consortium - Contract Type: Subcontract for technical execution and operation - Scope: Design, build, operate all technical and scientific components - Basani Role: Prime contractor, government interface, compliance coordination ONLY (no operational role) - Basani Compensation: Management fee 5-10% of government contract value

**Layer 3: Private Joint Venture** - Forric Technologies ↔ Syndicate.bio (separate from government contract) - Structure: 50/50 Joint Venture legal entity - Scope: Commercial exploitation of enhanced data products, technology licensing, regional expansion - Revenue: Independent of government contract revenue stream

### B. ENTITY DEFINITIONS & ROLES

**Federal Government of Nigeria (via NABDA)** - Data Sovereign: Owns all raw genomic data collected from Nigerian citizens - Infrastructure Owner: Owns physical biobank, sequencing equipment purchased with government funds - Regulator: Sets data access policies, ethical guidelines, participant protections - Funder: Provides 25-40% of program capital via budget allocations - NOT: Technology owner, platform operator, commercial entity

**Basani Digital Innovations Limited** - Legal Status: Nigerian limited liability company, registered in Abuja - Role: Prime contractor to FGN, pass-through to execution consortium - Functions: Government liaison, contract administration, stakeholder coordination, compliance reporting - Compensation: Coordination fee from government payments (5-10% of contract value) - Equity: ZERO equity in Forric-Syndicate JV or commercial operations - IP Rights: NONE - all IP belongs to either FGN, Forric, Syndicate, or JV - Duration: Exists as long as government contract active

**Forric Technologies** - Legal Status: [Nigerian/international company structure TBD] - Role: Digital infrastructure architect, platform developer, technology innovator - Core Value: MeddyPal platform, bioinformatics infrastructure, data access layer, indigenous technology solutions - Equity: 50% of Forric-Syndicate JV - Capital Contribution: \$5-10M (technology IP + cash operational investment)

**Syndicate.bio** - Legal Status: [Jurisdiction TBD - likely Nigerian subsidiary of international entity] - Role: Scientific strategy, laboratory operations, biobank management, pharmaceutical partnerships - Core Value: Lab infrastructure, genomics expertise, pharma networks, 54gene lessons learned - Equity: 50% of Forric-Syndicate JV - Capital Contribution: \$5-10M (lab infrastructure + expertise + cash operational investment)

**Forric-Syndicate Joint Venture (NewCo)** - Legal Status: Special Purpose Vehicle, Nigerian incorporation - Formation: Month 9-12 after legal framework complete - Ownership: 50% Forric, 50% Syndicate.bio - Purpose: Execute government contract + commercial operations - Governance: Equal board representation, major decisions require both partners' approval - Duration: Initially coterminous with government contract, can extend for commercial operations

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## PART II: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ALLOCATION & PROTECTION

### A. BACKGROUND IP (PRE-EXISTING)

**Forric Background IP:** - MeddyPal Platform: Complete EHR/PHR software system - Bioinformatics Pipelines: Genomic data analysis workflows, variant calling algorithms - Data Access APIs: Middleware for secure data access and analysis - Edge Computing Architecture: Low-bandwidth genomic analysis systems - Power Management Systems: Hybrid solar/battery/grid infrastructure designs - Sample Tracking Systems: LIMS with SMS integration for low-literacy contexts - Consent Management Platform: Multi-language, multi-modal consent capture and tracking - Indigenous Technology Solutions: Any other Africa-specific innovations pre-dating project

**Ownership:** 100% Forric Technologies **License to Project:** Forric grants non-exclusive license to JV for use in Nigerian genomics program **License Terms:** - Scope: Use within government contract scope only - Restrictions: Government cannot sublicense, transfer, or commercialize without Forric consent - Duration: During contract term + [5-10 years] post-contract for government use - Fees: Included in Forric's equity contribution (no separate license fee to JV) - Improvements: See Foreground IP section below - Exit Rights: If government contract terminates, Forric retains 100% of background IP

**Syndicate.bio Background IP:** - Laboratory Protocols: Sample collection, processing, storage, quality control procedures - Bioinformatics Methods: Variant interpretation, pharmacogenomics algorithms, population genetics models - Biobank Standard Operating Procedures: ISBER-compliant biobanking practices - Clinical Interpretation Frameworks: Genomic test result interpretation for clinical use - Pharmaceutical Partnership Templates: Agreements, data sharing models from prior experience - 54gene Institutional Knowledge: Lessons learned, risk frameworks, operational insights

**Ownership:** 100% Syndicate.bio **License to Project:** Syndicate grants non-exclusive license to JV for Nigerian program **License Terms:** Similar structure to Forric background IP above

**Critical Principle:** Background IP remains with originating party. Government/JV/other party receives USE rights only, not ownership transfer.

### B. FOREGROUND IP (CREATED DURING PROJECT)

**Category 1: Government-Funded IP** Created using primarily government funding within government contract scope:

- Raw Genomic Data: VCF files, sequencing reads from Nigerian participants
- Participant Phenotype Data: Clinical records, health outcomes, demographic information (collected per protocol)
- Research Protocols: Study designs, consent forms, participant materials
- Public Health Applications: Disease surveillance tools, population health analytics for government use

**Ownership:** Federal Government of Nigeria **Usage Rights:** - Government: Unlimited use for public health, research, policy - JV: Commercial usage rights (see below) - Forric/Syndicate: Access for research publications, methodology papers

**Critical Distinction:** Government owns DATA, not the TOOLS used to generate or analyze data

**Category 2: Enhanced/Derivative Data Products** Created by combining raw data with proprietary analysis methods, clinical integration, longitudinal follow-up:

- Integrated Genomic-Clinical Datasets: Genomic data linked with MeddyPal longitudinal health records
- Predictive Models: AI/ML models trained on combined datasets
- Pharmacogenomics Decision Support: Algorithms integrating genetic + clinical + drug response data
- Disease Risk Scores: Validated risk prediction tools for clinical use
- Research Cohorts: Curated subsets with specific phenotypes for pharmaceutical research

**Ownership:** Forric-Syndicate JV (Joint Ownership) **Rationale:** Value created through JV's proprietary integration methods, not raw data alone **Usage Rights:** - JV: Full commercial exploitation rights (licensing, partnerships, sales) - Government: Access for public health use at cost-recovery pricing - Forric/Syndicate: Can use in other projects outside Nigeria (de-identified, aggregated)

**Category 3: Technology Improvements/New Tools** Improvements to Background IP or entirely new technologies developed during project:

**Scenario 3A - Improvements to Forric Background IP:** Example: MeddyPal genomics module built on MeddyPal core platform - Base Platform: 100% Forric - Genomics Module Improvements: - If developed by Forric team using Forric resources: 100% Forric - If developed jointly with Syndicate/government input: Negotiated allocation (default: Forric retains majority + JV gets license) - If government-funded development: Government gets usage rights, Forric retains ownership + commercial rights outside government contract

**Scenario 3B - Improvements to Syndicate Background IP:** Example: Enhanced variant interpretation algorithms - Similar allocation logic as 3A above

**Scenario 3C - Entirely New Technology (No Background IP Basis):** Example: Novel biomarker discovery, new sample preservation method, unique African population genetics insight - Funding Source Determines Ownership: - Government-funded: Ownership to government, commercial rights to JV - JV-funded (donor/pharma): Ownership to JV - Forric-funded: Ownership to Forric, license to JV - Syndicate-funded: Ownership to Syndicate, license to JV

**Category 4: Publications & Academic IP** Scientific findings, research methodologies, population insights:

**Ownership:** Traditional academic principles apply - Researchers retain rights to publish findings - Participant data anonymized per ethics protocols - Acknowledgment of funding sources required - Government/JV have right to review for IP protection before publication (30-90 day embargo) - No party can block publication indefinitely (max 6-12 month delay for patent filing)

**Patents:** If patentable discoveries emerge: - Inventor(s) listed per legal requirements - Ownership per funding source as above - Revenue sharing if commercialized (per agreement)

## C. IP PROTECTION MECHANISMS

**For Forric: 1. Technology Escrow:** Source code, architectural documentation, deployment procedures placed in escrow - Releases to government ONLY if Forric breaches contract AND cannot cure within 90 days - Escrow includes restrictions: government can USE but not commercialize or transfer

2. **Trade Secret Protection:** Algorithms, optimization methods, indigenous innovation

techniques maintained as trade secrets

- Not disclosed in contracts or documentation
- Limited personnel access within JV
- Non-disclosure agreements for all staff with access

3. **Copyright Registration:** Software code, platform interfaces, documentation registered with Nigerian Copyright Commission

4. **Patent Strategy:** File patents on key innovations before project launch

- African regional patents (ARIPO/OAPI) to protect across continent
- US/EU patents if commercially relevant
- Government gets license, not ownership

5. **Contractual Restrictions:**

- Non-compete: Government/partners cannot develop competing platform during contract + [3-5] years
- Non-solicitation: Cannot hire Forric key staff for [2-3] years
- Confidentiality: Perpetual protection of trade secrets

**For Syndicate.bio:** 1. **Laboratory Protocols:** Maintain as proprietary know-how, not disclosed in contracts 2. **Pharmaceutical Relationships:** Protected under confidentiality agreements 3. **54gene Insights:** Documented lessons learned remain Syndicate property 4. **Quality Systems:** SOPs licensed to JV, ownership retained by Syndicate 5. **Biological Materials:** Syndicate-contributed reagents, cell lines, controls remain Syndicate property

**For Joint Venture:** 1. **Data Platform IP:** Jointly developed data access systems, APIs, analytics - Co-owned 50/50 Forric-Syndicate - Either party can use in other projects with other party's consent (not to be unreasonably withheld) - Third-party licensing requires both parties' approval

2. **Enhanced Datasets:** Commercial licensing managed by JV

- Revenue split per JV operating agreement
- Either party leaving JV gets continued access for research (not commercial)

3. **Brand/Trademarks:** "Nigerian National Genomics Program" or similar branding

- Owned by government (program identity)
- JV can use for marketing with government permission
- Forric/Syndicate cannot use government branding for non-project purposes

**For Government:** 1. **Data Sovereignty:** Raw genomic data legally remains in Nigeria, controlled by government - Physical storage on Galaxy Backbone or Nigeria-based infrastructure - Legal ownership never transfers to private parties - Usage rights granted via data access agreements

2. **Public Health IP:** Disease surveillance tools, population health applications developed for government

- Owned by government
- JV has rights to commercialize internationally (not within Nigeria without government approval)

3. **Infrastructure:** Physical biobank, sequencing equipment purchased with government funds

- Owned by government
- Operated by JV during contract term
- Transfers to government at contract end (BOT structure)

## D. IP DISPUTE RESOLUTION

**Ownership Disputes:** - Documented invention disclosure process: Who invented? When? Using what resources? - Neutral IP attorney review (agreed upon by parties) - Arbitration if unresolved (Nigerian Arbitration and Conciliation Act)

**Commercial Exploitation Disputes:** - JV Board votes on commercial deals (50/50 = both parties must agree) - Deadlock provisions: Mediation → Arbitration → Dissolution if truly irreconcilable - Buy-sell provisions: If parties fundamentally disagree, one can buy out the

other at fair market value

**Infringement by Third Parties:** - JV/owners jointly enforce IP rights against infringers - Cost sharing per ownership percentage - Settlement proceeds per ownership percentage

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## PART III: COMMERCIAL VALUE SEPARATION & REVENUE ALLOCATION

### A. REVENUE STREAM DEFINITIONS

**Stream 1: Government Contract Revenue** - Source: Federal Government payments under primary contract - Flow: FGN → Basani → Forric-Syndicate JV - Basani Take: 5-10% management fee - JV Allocation: Covers operational costs + reserves, no profit distribution - Use: Personnel salaries, lab consumables, cloud costs, equipment maintenance, facility operations - Restriction: Cannot be used for commercial activities outside contract scope

**Stream 2: Donor Grant Revenue** - Source: Wellcome Trust, Gates Foundation, NIH, World Bank, AfDB - Flow: Directly to JV (or via government depending on grant structure) - Use: Program expansion, specific research projects, capacity building per grant terms - Restriction: Must comply with donor restrictions (e.g., no commercial use, open data requirements)

**Stream 3: Pharmaceutical Partnership Revenue** - Source: Research collaborations, data access fees, sample access agreements with pharma companies - Flow: Pharma → JV bank account - Structure Types: - Research Services: Pharma pays JV to conduct specific studies (e.g., \$2-5M per study) - Data Access Licenses: Annual fees for curated dataset access (e.g., \$50-100K per company annually) - Sample Access: Fees for biospecimen provision for drug development (e.g., \$500-2K per sample set) - Strategic Partnerships: Multi-year deals with milestone payments + royalties on products developed

**JV Revenue Split:** - Operating Costs: Paid first (personnel, consumables, overhead) - Pharma Investor Returns: If pharma provided upfront capital, they receive preferred return (e.g., 6-8% annually) until capital + return recovered - Profit After Costs + Investor Returns: 50% Forric, 50% Syndicate.bio

**Stream 4: Academic Data Access Revenue** - Source: University researchers, academic institutions - Flow: Researchers → JV (via data access portal) - Pricing Tiers: - Nigerian Academic: ₦3-5M (\$2-3K) annually - International Academic: ₦15-30M (\$10-20K) annually - Purpose: Cost recovery only (not profit center) - Use: Offset cloud costs, data curation, support services

**JV Revenue Split:** Same as pharma partnership revenue above

**Stream 5: Technology Licensing Revenue (Forric-Specific)** - Source: Licensing MeddyPal platform, indigenous tech solutions to third parties OUTSIDE government contract - Examples: - Other African countries license MeddyPal for their genomics programs - Nigerian hospitals license MeddyPal SCD module - Biobanks license Forric's power management systems - Research centers license edge computing infrastructure

**Revenue Flow:** Third Party → Forric Technologies DIRECTLY (not through JV)

**Rationale:** Forric's background IP, developed independently of this project **JV Rights:** NONE - JV has usage rights for Nigerian program only, not commercial licensing rights **Government Rights:** NONE - this is Forric IP commercialization completely separate from government contract

### Forric Keeps 100% of Technology Licensing Revenue Outside Nigeria Program

**Stream 6: Technology Licensing Revenue (Syndicate-Specific)** - Source: Licensing Syndicate's lab protocols, biobanking expertise, consulting services to third parties - Examples: - Biobank consulting for other African genomics initiatives - Laboratory training and certification programs - Quality assurance services for HBAfrica projects

**Revenue Flow:** Third Party → Syndicate.bio DIRECTLY (not through JV) **Rationale:** Syndicate's background IP and expertise **JV Rights:** NONE **Government Rights:** NONE

#### **Syndicate Keeps 100% of Technology Licensing Revenue Outside Nigeria Program**

**Stream 7: Regional Expansion Revenue (JV-Shared)** - Source: Replicating Nigerian model in Ghana, Kenya, South Africa, other countries - Structure: New country programs as separate entities, but using Nigerian proof-of-concept - Technology: Forric provides platform, Syndicate provides scientific expertise - Revenue: Forric and Syndicate split revenue from regional expansion per agreement - Option A: 50/50 split of net revenue from each new country program - Option B: Forric gets platform licensing fee + share of data revenue, Syndicate gets lab services fee + share of data revenue - To Be Negotiated based on actual regional deal structures

**Stream 8: Training & Capacity Building Revenue** - Source: Fees from training programs, certification courses, workshops - Categories: - Genomics Technician Training: Forric online platform + Syndicate scientific curriculum - Bioinformatics Bootcamps: Forric software + Syndicate genomics expertise - Clinical Genomics Training: Syndicate leads, Forric provides digital tools

**Revenue Split:** - If Forric platform-heavy: 60% Forric, 40% Syndicate - If Syndicate expertise-heavy: 40% Forric, 60% Syndicate - If balanced: 50/50

### **B. REVENUE WATERFALL (PRIORITY OF PAYMENTS)**

#### **From All JV Revenue Sources Combined:**

**Priority 1: Operating Expenses** - Salaries, consumables, cloud costs, facilities, insurance, etc. - Paid monthly from JV operating account

**Priority 2: Debt Service (if applicable)** - If JV takes loans for equipment/infrastructure - Paid per loan agreements

**Priority 3: Pharma Investor Preferred Returns (if applicable)** - If pharmaceutical companies provided upfront investment capital - 6-8% annual return on invested capital until capital + return fully recovered - Typical duration: 5-7 years

**Priority 4: Reserve Fund** - Build to 6 months operating expenses minimum (lesson from 54gene cash crisis) - Once achieved, maintain at 6-12 months depending on risk assessment

**Priority 5: JV Partner Distributions** - After all above paid, remaining profit distributed 50/50 Forric-Syndicate - Distributed quarterly or annually per JV operating agreement

**Priority 6: Reinvestment (at partners' discretion)** - Partners can vote to reinvest distributions for program expansion - Requires agreement of both partners

### **C. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS TO GOVERNMENT-OWNED DATA**

**The Core Tension:** Government owns raw genomic data (sovereignty) BUT JV needs commercial access to attract pharma investment.

#### **Resolution Structure:**

**Government Grants JV "Commercial Usage Rights":** - JV can ACCESS government-owned genomic data for commercial purposes - JV can ANALYZE and CREATE DERIVATIVE WORKS (enhanced datasets, predictive models) - JV OWNS the enhanced datasets and derivative works (not raw data) - JV can LICENSE enhanced datasets to pharmaceutical companies - JV CANNOT transfer raw genomic data to third parties without government approval

**Legal Instrument:** Data Access and Commercialization Agreement - Government = Data Custodian (owns + controls raw data) - JV = Licensed Commercial User (can access + analyze + create derivatives + license derivatives) - Third Parties = Sublicensed Users (get JV-created products, not raw government data)

**Example Flow:** 1. Government owns VCF files from 5,000 Nigerian genomes (raw data) 2. JV accesses VCF files via secure API, links with MeddyPal clinical data 3. JV creates “Enhanced SCD Dataset” = genomic + 5-year longitudinal outcomes + AI risk models 4. JV licenses Enhanced SCD Dataset to Novartis for \$5M 5. Novartis gets Enhanced Dataset (JV product), not raw VCF files (government data) 6. Government receives benefit-sharing payment from JV (e.g., 10-15% of licensing revenue)

**Government Benefits:** - Retains data sovereignty (raw data never leaves Nigeria legally) - Receives revenue share from commercial exploitation - Gets free access to JV-created enhanced products for public health use - Maintains control via Data Access Committee approving commercial licenses

**JV Benefits:** - Can commercialize insights and enhanced products - Can assure pharma partners of access (to enhanced data, not raw government data) - Clear legal basis for value creation separate from government asset

**Pharma Benefits:** - Gets high-value product (genomic + clinical + outcomes integrated) - Legally clean (licensing from JV, not navigating government data sovereignty issues) - Quality assured (JV-processed, not dealing with raw government database complexities)

## D. PROTECTION MECHANISMS FOR PRIVATE VALUE

### For Forric:

1. **Platform Independence:** MeddyPal exists and operates independently of genomics program
  - Government contract does not give government ownership of MeddyPal
  - JV license is non-exclusive: Forric can use MeddyPal for any other purpose
  - If government contract terminates, Forric keeps MeddyPal 100%
2. **Technology Escrow with Restrictions:**
  - Escrow release requires both: (a) Forric material breach, AND (b) cure period expired
  - Released code includes restrictions: government can use for Nigerian program only, cannot commercialize, cannot transfer to third parties
3. **Separate Revenue Streams:**
  - MeddyPal hospital licensing: Forric revenue (not JV)
  - Regional expansion platform fees: Forric revenue
  - Power/cold chain licensing: Forric revenue
  - Training platform fees: Forric revenue (or shared with Syndicate per agreement)
4. **Exit Rights:**
  - If government defaults on payments >6 months, Forric can terminate JV participation and retain all Forric IP
  - If JV becomes insolvent, Forric background IP cannot be claimed by creditors (protected via IP license structure, not transfer)
5. **Data Portability:**
  - Forric’s MeddyPal clinical data (patient health records, insurance data, etc.) remains Forric property even if linked to genomic data
  - If JV dissolves, Forric retains all non-genomic clinical data collected via MeddyPal

### For Syndicate.bio:

1. **Lab Independence:** Syndicate’s laboratory and biobank are Syndicate assets
  - Government contract does not transfer ownership
  - JV uses Syndicate facilities under services agreement
  - If contract ends, Syndicate keeps all lab infrastructure
2. **Pharma Relationships:**
  - Syndicate’s pharmaceutical company relationships and agreements are Syndicate property
  - JV benefits from these relationships but doesn’t own them
  - If JV ends, Syndicate retains pharma partnerships for future projects
3. **Scientific IP:**
  - Protocols, methods, interpretive frameworks remain Syndicate background IP
  - Licensed to JV, not transferred
  - Can be used by Syndicate in other projects
4. **Biospecimen Rights:**

- Samples collected under government program belong to government biobank
  - Syndicate's pre-existing biobank samples (if any) remain Syndicate property
  - Clear separation and tracking of government vs Syndicate samples
5. **Exit Rights:**
- Similar to Forric: can exit if government breaches, retains all background IP
  - Can continue laboratory operations independently of JV

#### **For Government:**

1. **Data Sovereignty:**
  - Raw genomic data legally owned by government in perpetuity
  - Physically stored in Nigeria
  - Cannot be transferred outside Nigeria without government approval
2. **Infrastructure Ownership:**
  - Equipment purchased with government funds becomes government property
  - BOT structure: JV operates during contract, transfers to government at end
3. **Program Continuity:**
  - If JV dissolves or partners exit, government retains data and infrastructure
  - Can hire new operator or bring operations in-house to NABDA
4. **Benefit Sharing:**
  - Government receives percentage of commercial revenue from data exploitation
  - Free access to JV-created enhanced datasets for public health use
  - Capacity building (trained Nigerian staff, technology transfer)

## **PART IV: RISK ALLOCATION & MITIGATION FRAMEWORKS**

### **A. GOVERNMENT PAYMENT DEFAULT RISK**

**Primary Risk:** Nigerian government fails to pay contracted amounts on schedule

#### **Mitigation Layers:**

**Layer 1: Escrow Funding** - Government deposits 24 months operating funds in escrow account at project start - Escrow release: Quarterly upon JV submission of verified progress reports + expense documentation - Escrow agent: Major international bank or World Bank treasury services - Trigger: If government fails to replenish escrow below 12-month runway, donors can activate contingency funding

**Layer 2: MIEF Allocation** - Program included in Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (3-5 year budget plan) - Reduces annual budget battle risk - Backed by Presidential directive + ICRC approval

**Layer 3: Ministry of Finance Payment Guarantee** - MOF issues formal payment obligation guarantee - Legal instrument enforceable through Nigerian courts - Can be collateralized against future revenue streams (e.g., export earnings)

**Layer 4: Donor Co-Financing Trigger** - World Bank or other donor commits contingency funds activated if government defaults - Structure: If FGN payment >90 days overdue, donor releases bridge financing - Donor funds = loan to FGN (government must repay), not grant to JV

**Layer 5: World Bank Partial Risk Guarantee** - World Bank guarantees government payment obligations - If government defaults, World Bank pays JV and seeks reimbursement from government - Typical coverage: 80-95% of government obligations - Cost: Government pays guarantee fee to World Bank

**Layer 6: Reduced Operations Contingency** - If funding insufficient, JV scales down operations to match available funds - Priorities: Sample preservation (biobank integrity) > essential sequencing > non-essential activities - Staff reductions, delayed procurements, paused expansions

**Layer 7: Exit Rights** - If government payment default >6 months AND cannot be cured,



JV partners can terminate - Partners retain all background IP - Partners have option to purchase JV assets at fair value - Government keeps data and government-funded infrastructure

**Contractual Protection:** - Force majeure does NOT excuse government payment obligations (unless true national emergency declared) - Interest accrues on late payments (e.g., Nigerian prime rate + 2%) - Cumulative default >\$5M or >6 months = material breach allowing JV termination

## **B. INTER-MINISTERIAL CONFLICT RISK**

**Primary Risk:** Ministry of Health attempts to block, compete with, or take over program from Ministry of Science & Technology

### **Mitigation Layers:**

**Layer 1: Joint Governance Structure** - Steering Committee includes both ministries from Day 1 - Clear mandate: Ministry of Science & Technology = biobank/infrastructure, Ministry of Health = clinical applications/hospitals - No unilateral decision authority - both must agree on major decisions

**Layer 2: Presidential Directive** - President issues directive confirming Ministry of Science & Technology as lead agency - Directive preempts ministerial disputes by establishing clear hierarchy - Directive appoints dispute resolution authority (e.g., Chief of Staff or Secretary to Government)

**Layer 3: Legal Instruments** - MOUs between ministries signed before program launch - Clear delineation of roles and responsibilities - Non-interference clauses

**Layer 4: Hospital Access Agreements** - JV signs direct data sharing agreements with teaching hospitals - Agreements include clause: Hospital cannot be restricted from participating by any ministry - Appeals process if MOH attempts to block hospital participation

**Layer 5: Arbitration Clause** - Inter-ministerial disputes referred to ICRC or independent arbitrator - Binding arbitration prevents paralysis - 30-60 day resolution timeline

**Layer 6: Donor Leverage** - World Bank/donor funding conditioned on ministerial cooperation - If conflict disrupts program, donors can suspend disbursements (incentive for government to resolve)

**JV Protection:** - If inter-ministerial conflict prevents program execution for >6 months, JV can suspend operations without penalty - JV retains background IP and can exit if conflict proves irresolvable

## **C. DATA SOVEREIGNTY vs COMMERCIAL ACCESS CONFLICT**

**Primary Risk:** NDPC enforces data localization strictly, blocking international pharmaceutical partnerships

### **Mitigation Layers:**

**Layer 1: Pre-Approval from NDPC** - During legal framework phase (Months 0-9), obtain NDPC written approval of data governance model - NDPC approves multi-tier architecture before program launch - Approval covers: Primary storage in Nigeria, research tier for international collaboration, specific data transfer mechanisms

**Layer 2: Legal Opinion on NDPA Compliance** - Retain leading Nigerian data protection law firm to provide opinion - Opinion addresses: Is commercial usage rights model NDPA-compliant? Can enhanced datasets be licensed internationally? - Opinion shared with government and pharma partners for comfort

**Layer 3: Multi-Tier Technical Architecture**

**Tier 1 - Primary Storage (Nigeria-Based):** - All raw genomic data stored on Galaxy Backbone or Nigeria-hosted infrastructure - 100% compliance with data localization requirement - Government controls access

**Tier 2 - Research/Analysis Tier (Controlled International Access):** - De-identified datasets on AWS South Africa or EU regions - NDPA permits cross-border transfer to adequate protection jurisdictions (EU, US with SCCs, Malabo signatories) - Access via secure research environment (data visiting model): Researchers run analysis on platform, download results only (not raw data)

**Tier 3 - Enhanced Data Products (JV-Owned, International Licensing Allowed):** - Aggregated, anonymized, enhanced datasets created by JV - These are JV intellectual property, not raw citizen data - Can be licensed internationally like any other software/data product - NDPA restriction applies to personal data, not derivative analytical products

**Layer 4: Data Processing Agreements (DPAs):** - Pharma partners sign DPAs with JV as data processor - DPAs include: Data only processed for specific research purposes, not transferred further, deleted upon completion, Nigerian law governs - Standard clauses used in EU GDPR compliance (Nigeria's NDPA modeled on GDPR)

**Layer 5: Benefit-Sharing as Justification:** - NDPA allows cross-border transfer if "necessary for performance of contract between data subject and controller" - Participant consent includes: "Your data may be shared with international researchers to develop treatments for diseases affecting Nigerians" - Benefit-sharing mechanism (Nigeria gets drug access pricing, royalties) demonstrates benefit to data subjects

**Layer 6: Advisory Opinion from Attorney General:** - If NDPC interpretation unclear, seek advisory opinion from Federal Attorney General - AG opinion has legal weight and can clarify ambiguities

**Layer 7: Legislative Clarification:** - If necessary, work with National Assembly to amend NDPA or pass genomics-specific legislation - Precedent: Many countries have genomics carve-outs in data protection laws (e.g., research exemptions)

**Worst Case Contingency:** - If NDPC blocks all international data sharing, pivot to "on-premise" model - Pharma partners establish presence in Nigeria - Access data via secure portal without cross-border transfer - More expensive for pharma but technically feasible - JV charges premium for this service model

## **D. EQUIPMENT GEOPOLITICS RISK (BIOSECURE Act Impact)**

**Primary Risk:** US restricts Nigerian use of Western sequencing equipment, or Chinese equipment renders data commercially unusable with Western pharma

### **Mitigation Layers:**

**Layer 1: Western Equipment Specification** - Contract specifies Illumina or other Western manufacturer sequencing equipment - No BGI/MGI or other Chinese equipment for genomic sequencing - Reason: BIOSECURE Act makes Chinese-sequenced data unusable for US pharma partnerships

**Layer 2: Export License Pre-Approval** - Before procurement, apply for US export licenses for sequencing equipment to Nigeria - Illumina assists (they have export compliance teams) - Backup: Purchase through European distributor if US license problematic

**Layer 3: Equipment Ownership Structure** - Government owns equipment (purchased with government funds) - Government ownership may facilitate export approvals (government-to-government transfer) - JV operates under services agreement

**Layer 4: Syndicate Equipment Alternative** - Syndicate.bio already has Western sequencing equipment in their lab - Can process samples using Syndicate's equipment if government equipment unavailable - Mitigates procurement delays

**Layer 5: Regional Sequencing Backup** - Partnerships with H3Africa sequencing centers (South Africa, Kenya) as backup - If Nigeria sequencing blocked, can send samples to

partner centers - Not ideal (sample export complications) but ensures program continuity

**Layer 6: Political Risk Insurance** - Insure against US sanctions or export control changes blocking equipment - Insurers: Political risk insurers (MIGA, Lloyd's) - Coverage: Equipment replacement costs + operational disruption

**Layer 7: Diversified Technology Strategy** - Don't rely solely on sequencing technology that requires ongoing consumable supply from sanctioned regions - Maintain capability to do targeted genotyping (lower cost, less geopolitically sensitive) - Balance: Whole genome sequencing for deep research + genotyping for clinical applications

## E. FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY RISK

**Primary Risk:** Program unable to achieve revenue sufficiency, requires perpetual subsidies, becomes government budget burden

### Mitigation Layers:

**Layer 1: Phased Approach** - Start small (5,000 participants), prove sustainability before scaling - Demonstrate commercial value BEFORE expensive expansion - Each phase must show path to cost recovery

**Layer 2: Diversified Revenue Streams** - Government funding (25-30%) - Donor grants (25-30%) - Pharma partnerships (20-30%) - Academic access fees (5-10%) - Technology licensing (10-15%) - No single stream >30% reduces dependency risk

**Layer 3: Cost Control Measures** - Indigenous technology reduces costs 40-60% vs Western models - Edge computing reduces cloud costs 60-70% - SMS-based systems reduce smartphone dependency - Syndicate existing infrastructure reduces capital outlay - Lean operations model (avoid 54gene's >300 staff bloat)

**Layer 4: Early Revenue Generation** - Commercial revenue streams start Year 3 (not Year 5+) - Academic access fees from first 1,000 participants sequenced - Technology licensing begins during pilot phase - Training programs revenue from Year 2

**Layer 5: Reserve Fund** - Build 6-12 month operating reserve as buffer - Reserve replenished before profit distributions - If reserve depleted, automatic cost reduction triggers

**Layer 6: Exit Strategy** - If sustainability not achievable by Year 5, structured exit plan: - Option A: Government takes over operations (becomes NABDA program) - Option B: Sell to international biobank operator - Option C: License technology, close operations gracefully - Option D: Pivot to pure technology licensing (close biobank, retain IP)

**Layer 7: Contingent Liabilities Limited** - JV structured to limit partner liability - No personal guarantees from Forric/Syndicate principals - Government cannot claim partner assets beyond JV investment - Debt limited to operational borrowing (no long-term debt if unsustainable)

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## PART V: PARTNERSHIP GOVERNANCE & DECISION RIGHTS

### A. FORRIC-SYNDICATE JV GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

**Board of Directors:** - 4 directors: 2 appointed by Forric, 2 appointed by Syndicate - Chair: Rotates annually between Forric and Syndicate nominees - Quorum: 3 directors (must include at least 1 from each partner) - Voting: Majority of directors present required for ordinary matters

#### Major Decisions Requiring Unanimous Board Approval (Both Partners Must Agree):

1. Admission of new JV partners 2. Change in JV ownership structure (equity dilution, share transfers) 3. Incurring debt >\$1M or guarantees/liens on JV assets 4. Acquisitions or

mergers 5. Sale of JV or substantially all assets 6. Changes to IP allocation in JV operating agreement 7. Commercial licensing of enhanced datasets >\$5M value 8. Entering pharmaceutical partnerships >\$10M value 9. Geographic expansion beyond Nigeria (requires new business plan approval) 10. Changes to revenue sharing formula 11. Appointment/removal of CEO 12. Annual budget >10% variance from prior year 13. Related party transactions between JV and Forric or Syndicate 14. Voluntary dissolution of JV 15. Amendments to JV operating agreement

**Ordinary Decisions (Simple Majority):** - Hiring/firing of non-executive staff - Contracts <\$1M value - Routine operational matters - Academic data access approvals - Research publication approvals - Annual budget approval (if within 10% of prior year)

**Deadlock Resolution Process:** 1. Good faith negotiation: 30 days 2. Mediation: Neutral mediator, 60 days 3. Expert determination: For technical issues (e.g., IP valuation), binding expert decision 4. Arbitration: For legal issues, binding arbitration under Nigerian Arbitration Act 5. Buy-sell provision: If deadlock irreconcilable, one partner can trigger buy-sell

**Management Structure:** - CEO: Jointly appointed by Board, reports to Board - CTO (Forric nominee): Manages technology, platform, infrastructure - CSO (Syndicate nominee): Manages laboratory, biobank, scientific quality - CFO: Jointly appointed, manages finances, compliance, reporting - Regular management meetings: Weekly operations, monthly strategic review

## B. GOVERNMENT CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

**Joint Steering Committee (Government Oversight):** - Composition: - Ministry of Science & Technology: 2 members - Ministry of Health: 2 members - Ministry of Finance: 1 member - NABDA: 2 members - Basani: 1 member (non-voting observer) - JV: 2 members (Forric + Syndicate representatives, non-voting) - Independent experts: 2 members (scientist + ethicist)

- Functions:
  - Approve annual work plans and budgets
  - Review quarterly progress reports
  - Resolve policy issues and inter-ministerial disputes
  - Approve major changes to program scope
  - Oversee ethical compliance
  - Approve data access requests for government entities
- Meetings: Quarterly minimum, ad hoc as needed
- Decisions: Majority vote of government members (private members advise but don't vote)

**Basani's Role in Government Interface:** - Attend all Steering Committee meetings - Submit consolidated reports from JV to government - Manage government communication and stakeholder coordination - Escalate issues and facilitate resolution - NOT: Make operational decisions, manage JV operations, control budget

**Reporting Requirements:** - Monthly: Operational metrics (participants recruited, samples processed, data generated) - Quarterly: Progress report to Steering Committee, financial statements, risk register - Annually: External audit, scientific advisory board review, participant satisfaction survey - Ad hoc: Incident reports (adverse events, data breaches, equipment failures)

## C. DATA ACCESS COMMITTEE (COMMERCIAL OVERSIGHT)

**Purpose:** Ethical and scientific review of requests to access genomic data for research or commercial purposes

**Composition:** - JV representatives: 2 (Forric + Syndicate) - Government representatives: 2 (NABDA + Ministry of Health) - Independent scientists: 2 (Nigerian academics) - Ethicist: 1 (bioethics expert) - Patient advocate: 1 (sickle cell patient organization representative)

**Functions:** - Review and approve all data access requests (academic + commercial) - Ensure requests comply with participant consent and ethical standards - Assess scientific merit and feasibility - Determine appropriate benefit-sharing terms for commercial requests

- Monitor use of data by approved requesters - Annual review of data access policies

**Decision Process:** - Applications submitted via online portal with standardized forms - Staff review for completeness (15 days) - Committee review and decision (30-60 days depending on complexity) - Approvals require majority vote - Commercial requests require unanimous approval (sensitive given government data sovereignty)

**Appeal Process:** - Rejected applicants can appeal to external scientific advisory board - Appeals heard within 60 days - Advisory board recommendation sent to Data Access Committee for reconsideration

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## PART VI: LEGAL INSTRUMENTS & DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

### A. INTER-PARTY AGREEMENTS

**1. Government Prime Contract (FGN ↔ Basani)** Contract Type: PPP Agreement under ICRC regulations - Key Sections: - Scope of services (deliverables, milestones, performance standards) - Payment terms (amount, schedule, conditions) - Ownership of assets (data, infrastructure, equipment) - Intellectual property allocation - Regulatory compliance obligations - Reporting and audit requirements - Performance guarantees and penalties - Termination conditions - Dispute resolution mechanism - Force majeure provisions - Governing law: Nigerian law, arbitration in Abuja

**2. Subcontract Agreement (Basani ↔ Forric-Syndicate JV)** Key Sections: - Pass-through of government deliverables to JV - JV's obligations and performance standards - Payment flow (government → Basani → JV, less Basani management fee) - Basani's coordination services and compensation - IP allocation (confirms government contract IP terms flow down) - Liability allocation: JV liable for technical execution, Basani liable for government interface - Term: Coterminous with government contract - Termination: If either government contract or JV terminates, this terminates - Disputes: Arbitration

**3. JV Operating Agreement (Forric ↔ Syndicate)** Key Sections: - Entity formation and ownership (50/50) - Capital contributions (cash + in-kind) - Governance (board structure, decision rights, deadlock resolution) - Management (CEO appointment, CTO/CSO roles) - IP allocation (background IP licenses, foreground IP ownership) - Revenue sharing (waterfall, distribution priorities) - Non-compete and non-solicitation provisions - Transfer restrictions (cannot sell JV shares without other partner consent) - Admission of new partners (requires unanimous consent) - Exit rights and buy-sell provisions - Dissolution procedures - Indemnification (partners indemnify each other for breaches) - Governing law and arbitration

**4. Technology License Agreement (Forric → JV)** - Grant: Non-exclusive license for Forric background IP for use in Nigerian genomics program - Scope: MeddyPal platform, bioinformatics tools, edge computing systems, etc. - Term: During JV operations + [5-10] years for government use - Fees: Included in Forric's equity contribution (no separate license fee) - Restrictions: JV cannot sublicense, transfer, or commercialize outside Nigeria program without Forric consent - Improvements: Enhancements to Forric background IP remain Forric property - Support: Forric provides technical support and updates - Termination: If JV terminates, license terminates; government gets limited continued use license

**5. Technology License Agreement (Syndicate → JV)** - Similar structure to Forric license above - Covers: Laboratory protocols, biobank SOPs, bioinformatics methods, etc.

**6. Data Access and Commercialization Agreement (Government ↔ JV)** Purpose: Grant JV commercial usage rights to government-owned genomic data - Grant: JV can access, analyze, create derivative works from raw genomic data - Ownership: Raw data remains government property; enhanced datasets are JV property - Restrictions: JV cannot transfer raw data to third parties without approval - Benefit-sharing: JV pays government [10-20%] of commercial licensing revenue - Access mechanism: Secure API with audit trail - Data Access Committee oversight - Term: During government contract +

commercial exploitation period - Termination: If JV breaches data security, government can revoke access

#### **7. Inter-Ministerial MOU (Ministry of Science & Technology ↔ Ministry of Health)**

Purpose: Clarify roles, prevent conflict - Delineation: Science & Technology = biobank/data infrastructure, Health = clinical applications/hospitals - Joint governance through Steering Committee - Non-interference commitment - Hospital access facilitation by Ministry of Health - Dispute resolution through Presidential arbitration - Term: Duration of genomics program

#### **8. Pharmaceutical Partnership Agreements (JV ↔ Pharma Companies) Structure**

Types: - Research Services Agreement: Pharma pays JV to conduct specific studies - Data Licensing Agreement: Annual access to curated datasets - Strategic Partnership Agreement: Multi-year collaboration with milestone payments - Key Terms: - Scope of data access and permitted uses - Confidentiality obligations - Publication rights and IP ownership of discoveries - Payment terms (upfront, milestones, royalties) - Benefit-sharing with government/participants - Data security and compliance requirements - Term and termination conditions

**9. Non-Disclosure Agreements (Multiple Parties)** - All parties sign NDAs protecting: - Trade secrets and proprietary methods - Participant confidential information - Commercial negotiations and terms - Unpublished research findings - Term: Perpetual for trade secrets, [3-5] years for commercial information

**10. Non-Circumvention Agreement (All Private Parties)** - Basani, Forric, and Syndicate agree: - Not to bypass each other to deal directly with government or other partners - Not to compete with program during contract term + [2-3] years - Not to solicit other partners' key employees - Term: During contract + [2-5] years post-termination

**11. Consent Forms and Participant Agreements** - Multi-language, IRB-approved consent forms - Tiered consent: Broad research vs specific studies vs commercial partnerships - Benefit-sharing disclosure: How participants benefit from commercial uses - Data protection and privacy explanations - Right to withdraw consent and consequences - Return of results policy

## **B. REGULATORY COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTATION**

**ICRC Compliance (PPP Regulations):** - Outline Business Case (OBC) - Full Business Case (FBC) - Value for Money assessment - Procurement documentation (competitive bidding for private partner) - Contract registration with ICRC - Annual PPP compliance reports

**NDPC Compliance (Data Protection):** - Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) - Data protection policy and procedures - Data processing registers - Data breach notification procedures - Cross-border transfer mechanisms (Standard Contractual Clauses) - Privacy notices for participants - Annual NDPC compliance reports

**Ethics Approvals:** - National Health Research Ethics Committee (NHREC) approval - Institutional Review Board (IRB) approvals for all participating institutions - Annual ethics renewal and adverse event reporting - Consent form updates approved by ethics committees

**Biosafety & Biosecurity:** - NABDA biosafety approvals for GMO work (if applicable) - Import/export permits for biological materials - Biosecurity procedures for biobank - Infectious disease control measures

**Financial & Tax:** - Audited financial statements (annual) - Tax compliance certificates - Transfer pricing documentation (if international transactions) - Anti-money laundering compliance

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## **PART VII: EXIT SCENARIOS & TRANSITION PLANNING**

## A. PLANNED EXIT (END OF CONTRACT)

**Build-Operate-Transfer Completion:** - Timeline: End of 10-15 year government contract  
- Trigger: Contract term expires, all deliverables completed, government satisfied

**Asset Transfer to Government:** - Physical Infrastructure: Biobank, sequencing equipment, laboratory → Government (NABDA) - Data: Already government-owned, remains with government - Software: Government receives perpetual license for government use only (not commercial) - Documentation: SOPs, protocols, training materials transferred - Staff: JV assists with transition of operations to NABDA staff

**JV Retained Assets:** - Background IP: Forric and Syndicate retain 100% of pre-existing IP - Enhanced Datasets: JV retains commercial rights, provides government free access for public health - Commercial Relationships: Pharmaceutical partnerships can continue under new structure - Regional Operations: JV can continue operating in other countries

**Wind-Down Process:** - 12-month transition period after contract end - JV continues operations while training government staff - Gradual handover of responsibilities - Final audit and asset inventory - Final payment and profit distribution to partners

**Post-Contract Relationship:** - Government may hire JV for ongoing services (maintenance, training) - Forric continues MeddyPal licensing to government - Syndicate may provide ongoing laboratory consulting - Collaborative research continues (academic partnerships)

## B. EARLY TERMINATION BY GOVERNMENT

**Triggers:** - JV material breach of contract (performance failure, data breach, fraud) - JV insolvency or inability to continue operations - Government policy change (de-prioritization of genomics) - Budget crisis requiring program cancellation

**JV Material Breach Scenario:** - Government provides written notice of breach - JV has [60-90] day cure period to remedy - If not cured, government can terminate immediately - Government withholds final payment, may claim damages - JV must transfer all assets and data immediately - JV partners remain liable for breach damages

**Government Convenience Termination:** - Government decides to end program for policy reasons (not JV fault) - Government provides [6-12] months notice - Government pays JV for: - All work performed to date - Reasonable wind-down costs - Early termination fee ([10-25%] of remaining contract value as compensation) - JV retains all background IP and commercial rights - Orderly transition process

**Asset Disposition:** - Government keeps data and government-funded infrastructure - JV removes or sells JV-funded equipment - Background IP remains with originating partners - Enhanced datasets: JV retains commercial rights, government gets perpetual public health license

## C. EARLY TERMINATION BY JV

**Triggers:** - Government payment default >6 months uncured - Government material breach (blocking operations, breaching data access agreement) - Inter-ministerial conflict preventing operations >6 months - Force majeure making operations impossible >12 months

**Process:** - JV provides written notice of termination grounds - Government has [60-90] day cure period - If not cured, JV can terminate without penalty

**Financial Settlement:** - Government pays all amounts due for work performed - Government may owe early termination compensation if government caused termination - JV has no obligation to continue operations or transfer assets beyond contractual minimums

**Asset Disposition:** - JV retains all background IP (no transfer to government) - JV may remove JV-funded equipment - Government keeps data (already owned) - Government-funded infrastructure: Depends on termination cause - If government fault: JV may have

option to purchase at depreciated value - If JV fault: Government keeps all infrastructure

**Commercial Rights Protection:** - JV retains commercial rights to enhanced datasets created to date - JV can continue commercial relationships with pharma partners - JV can license technology to other countries

## D. PARTNER BUYOUT/ RESTRUCTURING

**Triggers:** - One partner wishes to exit JV - Partners have irreconcilable strategic differences - One partner breaches JV operating agreement - Financial distress of one partner

**Buy-Sell Process (“Texas Shootout”):** 1. One partner offers to buy other’s 50% stake at specified price 2. Other partner has 3 options: - Accept offer (sell for that price) - Reject and buy offering partner’s stake at same price - Reject and continue JV (if offer was not good faith) 3. 60-day decision period 4. If buying, closing within 180 days

**Valuation Methodology:** - Fair market value determined by independent valuation firm - Factors: JV assets, revenue, enhanced dataset value, contract value, IP - Discounted cash flow + market multiples - Partners can mutually agree on valuator or each appoints one + they pick third

**Background IP Treatment:** - Exiting partner takes 100% of their background IP - Remaining partner gets continued license for Nigeria program only - If both exit and JV dissolves, each keeps own background IP

**Enhanced Dataset IP Treatment:** - If one partner buys out other: Buyer gets 100% of enhanced datasets - If JV dissolves: Partners either: - Jointly own 50/50 going forward (co-license to third parties) - One partner buys other’s share of enhanced datasets - Enhanced datasets licensed to new operator

**Government Approval:** - Major restructuring requires government consent (maintains program continuity) - Government has right to approve new partner if original replaced - Government cannot unreasonably withhold consent if qualified partner

## E. INSOLVENCY/ BANKRUPTCY

**JV Insolvency:** - If JV becomes insolvent, enters bankruptcy - Background IP protected: Cannot be claimed by creditors (licensed, not transferred) - Government-owned data unaffected - Partners’ limited liability protects personal/corporate assets beyond JV investment - Government may take over operations directly or hire new operator

**Partner Insolvency:** - If Forric or Syndicate enters bankruptcy: - Their background IP protected in bankruptcy estate - JV license survives bankruptcy (protected under bankruptcy law) - Non-bankrupt partner can continue JV operations - Bankrupt partner’s JV equity may be sold (subject to right of first refusal by other partner)

**Continuity Planning:** - Critical personnel cross-trained to prevent knowledge loss - Documentation comprehensive (avoid key person dependency) - Technology escrow ensures access if Forric becomes unavailable - Multiple laboratory vendors (not sole-sourced) ensure operations continue if Syndicate unavailable

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# PART VIII: SPECIFIC WORK SCOPE ELEMENTS

## A. TECHNICAL INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERABLES

**Forric Responsibilities:**

1. **MeddyPal Platform Integration**
  - EHR module for sickle cell disease
  - Genomic data integration interface



- Clinical decision support system
  - Patient portal (SMS + web + app)
  - Clinician dashboard
  - Insurance integration module
  - Data export APIs
  - Offline/low-bandwidth functionality
  - Multi-language support (English, Yoruba, Igbo, Hausa minimum)
2. **Bioinformatics Infrastructure**
    - Genomic analysis pipeline (quality control, alignment, variant calling, annotation)
    - Edge computing cluster for local analysis
    - Cloud infrastructure integration (AWS South Africa)
    - Data warehouse architecture
    - API layer for secure data access
    - Analysis workspace for researchers
    - Automated reporting system
    - Quality monitoring and alerting
  3. **Data Security & Governance Platform**
    - Encryption systems (data at rest + in transit)
    - Access control and authentication (role-based, multi-factor)
    - Audit trail and logging
    - Data breach detection and response
    - Consent management system
    - Data access request portal
    - Usage tracking and billing
    - Compliance reporting (NDPA, ethics)
  4. **Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS)**
    - Sample tracking from collection through analysis
    - Chain of custody documentation
    - QR code + manual backup system
    - Integration with sequencing instruments
    - Quality control workflow
    - Inventory management (reagents, consumables)
    - Automated alerts (temperature, inventory levels, sample expiry)
    - SMS notifications for field collectors
  5. **Power & Infrastructure Management**
    - Hybrid solar/battery/grid system design and deployment
    - Smart power management (prioritization, load shedding)
    - Real-time monitoring and alerts
    - Predictive maintenance scheduling
    - Backup generator integration
    - Uninterruptible power supply (UPS) for critical equipment
    - Remote diagnostics capability
  6. **Training & Capacity Building Platform**
    - Online learning management system (LMS)
    - Low-bandwidth video content delivery
    - Interactive training modules (genomics, bioinformatics, ethics, data protection)
    - Certification tracking
    - Knowledge assessments
    - Support documentation and help desk

#### **Syndicate.bio Responsibilities:**

1. **Biobank Infrastructure**
  - -80°C freezer installation and commissioning
  - Sample storage racks and organization system
  - Temperature monitoring and alarm systems
  - Access control and security
  - Sample inventory management
  - Backup power and failsafe mechanisms
  - Expansion capacity for future growth
2. **Laboratory Operations Setup**
  - Sequencing platform installation (Illumina)
  - Workflow optimization (throughput, cost, quality)
  - Quality control procedures
  - Reagent procurement and supply chain

- Preventive maintenance schedules
- Calibration and validation
- Waste management (biological, chemical)
- 3. **Sample Collection & Processing Protocols**
  - Phlebotomy procedures and training
  - Sample preservation methods
  - Transport and cold chain logistics
  - Sample quality assessment
  - DNA extraction protocols
  - Library preparation for sequencing
  - Quality metrics and acceptance criteria
- 4. **Scientific Quality Assurance**
  - Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for all laboratory processes
  - Quality Management System (ISO 15189 alignment)
  - Internal quality control (positive/negative controls, replicates)
  - External quality assessment (participation in proficiency testing)
  - Non-conformance tracking and corrective action
  - Continuous improvement processes
- 5. **Bioinformatics Pipeline Development**
  - Variant interpretation algorithms
  - Pharmacogenomics annotation
  - Population genetics analysis tools
  - Disease risk score calculators
  - Integration with clinical databases
  - Report generation (clinical + research formats)
- 6. **Clinical Integration Support**
  - Genetic counseling protocols
  - Return of results procedures
  - Incidental findings policy
  - Clinician education programs
  - Clinical utility studies design
  - Outcome measurement frameworks
- 7. **Pharmaceutical Partnership Development**
  - Identification of potential pharma partners
  - Due diligence and partner evaluation
  - Negotiation of collaboration agreements
  - Study design for pharma-sponsored research
  - Data package preparation for licensing
  - Relationship management and reporting

#### **Joint Forric-Syndicate Responsibilities:**

1. **Participant Recruitment Strategy**
  - Community engagement and education
  - Recruitment materials development
  - Consent process design
  - Incentive structure
  - Retention strategies
  - Feedback mechanisms
2. **Data Integration & Analysis**
  - Linking genomic + clinical + patient-reported data
  - Quality assurance of integrated datasets
  - Statistical analysis plans
  - Publication planning
  - Intellectual property identification and protection
3. **Regulatory Compliance**
  - Ethics applications and renewals
  - NDPA compliance monitoring
  - Biosafety compliance
  - Adverse event reporting
  - Regulatory audits and inspections
  - Policy updates and training

## **B. GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Ministry of Science & Technology / NABDA:** 1. Inter-ministerial coordination 2. Regulatory approvals facilitation 3. Budget allocation and payment processing 4. Galaxy Backbone data hosting provision 5. Policy framework development 6. International collaboration facilitation 7. Progress monitoring and reporting to Presidency

**Ministry of Health:** 1. Hospital access facilitation 2. Clinical staff training support 3. Clinical guidelines integration 4. Public health application development 5. Health insurance integration support

**Ministry of Finance:** 1. Budget appropriation 2. Payment guarantee issuance 3. Donor co-financing arrangements 4. Financial compliance oversight

## C. BASANI RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Prime contract management
  2. Government communication and liaison
  3. Stakeholder coordination
  4. Progress reporting consolidation
  5. Issue escalation and resolution facilitation
  6. Compliance tracking
  7. Documentation management
  8. Meeting coordination (Steering Committee)
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## PART IX: UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS REQUIRING DECISIONS

**Legal Structure:** 1. Should JV be Nigerian-incorporated SPV or consortium without separate legal entity? 2. If SPV, what is optimal corporate structure for donor compliance and tax efficiency? 3. Should Basani have any equity in JV or purely fee-based relationship? 4. What is Syndicate.bio's legal status in Nigeria (subsidiary vs branch vs direct presence)?

**IP Rights:** 5. Exact percentage split for jointly-developed IP? 6. Mechanism for valuing background IP contributions (appraisal vs negotiation)? 7. IP dispute resolution: Nigerian courts, international arbitration, or expert determination? 8. Patent filing strategy: Nigeria only, African regional (ARIPO/OAPI), or global?

**Commercial Terms:** 9. Exact benefit-sharing percentage government receives from commercial licensing? 10. Pharma investor preferred return terms if they provide upfront capital? 11. Pricing tiers for academic vs commercial data access? 12. Regional expansion revenue split formula?

**Governance:** 13. CEO recruitment: Internal hire, external search, secondment from partner? 14. Deadlock resolution: Include buy-sell, arbitration, or dissolution preference? 15. Board composition: Include independent directors or only partner nominees?

**Financial:** 16. Exact government vs donor vs pharma vs partner funding allocation? 17. Escrow amount: 12 months, 24 months, or different? 18. Performance bond amount Basani must provide to government? 19. Currency for contracts: Naira, USD, or both (and exchange rate risk allocation)?

**Risk Allocation:** 20. Force majeure definition and payment obligation effects? 21. Liability caps for each party? 22. Insurance requirements (amounts, types, providers)? 23. Indemnification scope and limitations?

**Data Rights:** 24. Can JV use government data to train AI models that are then licensed separately? 25. What happens to enhanced datasets if government terminates contract? 26. Can participants revoke consent retroactively (and what happens to already-shared data)?

**Exit:** 27. BOT timeline: 10 years, 15 years, or flexible based on milestones? 28. Asset valuation method if early termination or buyout? 29. Non-compete duration and geographic scope?

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## PART X: SUCCESS METRICS & ACCOUNTABILITY

**Government Success Metrics:** - Data sovereignty maintained (100% raw data in Nigeria) - Inter-ministerial cooperation achieved (zero blocking conflicts) - Budget disbursed on schedule (>90%) - Participant enrollment targets met - Scientific publications produced - Clinical utility demonstrated - Benefit-sharing revenue received

**Basani Success Metrics:** - Government satisfaction rating (quarterly surveys >80% satisfied) - Contract renewals achieved - Zero payment defaults to JV - Stakeholder coordination effectiveness - Regulatory compliance maintained (100%)

**Forric Success Metrics:** - Platform uptime (>99%) - User satisfaction (clinicians + researchers >80% satisfied) - Technology commercialization revenue generated - Cost reduction achieved vs Western models (>40%) - Indigenous innovations deployed successfully - Regional adoption of Forric technology

**Syndicate Success Metrics:** - Sample quality (rejection rate <5%) - Sequencing quality (>95% samples meet 30x coverage) - Data quality (pass international standards) - Pharmaceutical partnerships (3-5 active by Year 5) - Scientific publications (10-20 by Year 5) - Clinical utility demonstrated

**JV Success Metrics:** - Participant recruitment (meet timeline targets) - Operational sustainability (revenue covers costs) - Commercial partnerships established - Enhanced datasets created and licensed - Financial reserves maintained - Staff retention (turnover <20% annually)

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## CONCLUSION: COMPREHENSIVE PROTECTION FRAMEWORK

This master document captures:

1. **Contractual clarity:** Three-layer structure (FGN-Basani, Basani-JV, Forric-Syndicate JV) with clear roles
2. **IP protection:** Background IP retained, foreground IP allocated by funding source and value creation
3. **Commercial separation:** Government contract revenue vs private commercial revenue streams clearly separated
4. **Risk mitigation:** Multi-layer protections for government payment, inter-ministerial conflict, data sovereignty, equipment geopolitics
5. **Value protection:** Each party's unique value (Forric technology, Syndicate expertise, government data) legally separated and protected
6. **Exit flexibility:** Planned BOT, early termination, partner buyout, insolvency scenarios all addressed
7. **Governance:** Clear decision rights, deadlock resolution, accountability metrics

**Next Steps for Stakeholder Review:** - Basani: Confirm government interface role comfortable, no operational responsibility - Forric: Confirm background IP protections adequate, technology commercialization rights clear - Syndicate: Confirm scientific independence maintained, pharma relationship ownership clear - Lawyers: Review for enforceability, identify gaps, draft detailed contracts from this framework

**Outstanding for negotiation:** Specific percentages, dollar amounts, timelines per Part IX questions.