

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) is entered into among

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And

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On the day of November 2, 2014,

1. Preamble

This memorandum of understanding (MoU) is the broad mutual understanding among the two organizations regarding the strategic relationship in establishing collaboration to bring development among the poor and disadvantaged community members. This MoU recognizes the autonomy of each organization and entering in this agreement with a spirit of mutual trust, respect, commitment and a shared vision for poverty alleviation and with special focus on the poor. It is therefore a statement of mutual intent to which both organizations are bound. For specific jointly developed programs, agreements will be entered into in the form of grant agreements or other documents based on specific program plans and budgets.

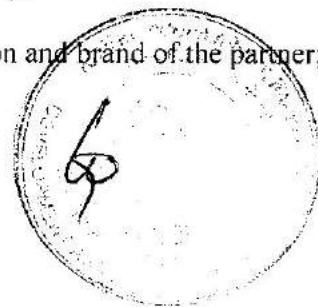
2. Overview of the collaborative organizations

Brief profiles of both collaborating organizations are attached as part of this MOU.

3. Underpinning Principles

Working arrangements will protect the interests of these parties by:

- Respecting the autonomy, community standing, reputation and brand of the partner;



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- Providing the potential to complement and build on the partner's strengths;
- Protecting the intellectual identity of the partner;
- Providing the opportunity for further work cooperation and growth; and
- Ensuring confidentiality of discussions and proposals until otherwise mutually agreed.

4. Purpose

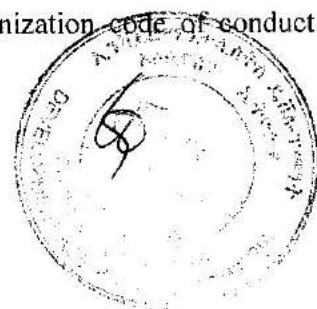
By signing this Memorandum of Understanding, both organizations agree to collaboratively attain the following objectives:

- Develop a framework within which organization to this MoU can work collaboratively;
- Enhance capacities of both organizations to better position themselves in responding to community priorities through collective project development, fund raising and implementation;
- Improve access to information and up-to-date development approaches in terms of program improvement, quality and sustainability;
- Enhance opportunities for effective fund raising through designing joint feasible, participatory and sustainable programs and projects; and
- Implementing community based projects in Ethiopia.

5. Common Values

Our common values are:

- Respect, mutual benefit, participation and dialogue;
- Willingness to work together to resolve differences and conflict in a manner consistent with these values;
- Transparency among partners;
- Sensitivity towards children, the elderly, persons with disability, gender and environment;
- Non-partisans and non-affiliated to political and terrorist organisations; and
- Compliance with the norms of not-for profit organization code of conduct in their respective countries;



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6. Areas of cooperation and collaborative work

6.1. Cooperation, Coordination and Joint Program Implementation

In recognition of the Purpose and Standards of the Memorandum of Understanding, both parties agree to:

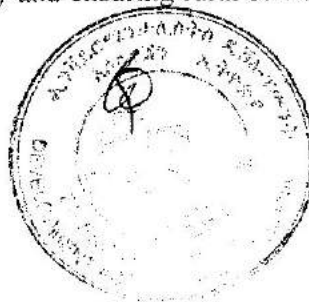
- Joint resource mobilization;
- Hold regular consultation forums to discuss and deliberate on issues of common concern, exchange and share new information pertinent to our works;
- Establish a close working relationship on an equal partnership basis through communications;
- Provide mutual support in areas of common interest, including joint promotion and publicity where applicable;
- Enhance partnership and linkages, collaboration and cooperation between each other and development partners;
- Joint engagements in project implementations mainly but not limited to environmental rehabilitation/protection, provision of clean water, construction of hygienic and sanitation facilities, construction of classrooms and improving agricultural inputs and techniques.


6.2. Information Exchange

- Serve each other as an effective communication channel for sharing of relevant information in poverty alleviation interventions;
- Explore experiences from different relevant sources such as like-minded not for profit organizations, research institutions, consortiums and networks for common use and benefit; and
- Identify, document and share common issues, concerns good practices for the purpose of scaling up, learning, improvements, etc.

6.3 Capacity Building

- Create opportunities for capacity building of each other including, development management, empowerment and enhancement of individual skills and ability to nurture common interest and harmony in alleviating poverty and ensuring rural self-sufficiency; and



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- Support each other in skill developments mainly in project designing, proposal writing, monitoring & evaluation, etc.

6.4 Communicating and Lobbying

- Work with the government authorities at regional and local levels to create an enabling environment for all partners and the achievement of common goal; and
- Facilitate international, national, regional and local lobbying works in relation to livelihoods promotion, natural resource management and poverty reduction policies, strategies and practices, with particular focus on targeting and empowering of the most poor and marginalized people.

7. Costs for Collaborative Exercises

It is agreed that costs for any collaborative or joint exercises will be covered, unless agreed otherwise, by each organization.

8. Term or Duration and Review of this MoU

The term of this MoU is for a period of five years and may be modified or extended upon written mutual agreement. It shall be reviewed at least annually by both parties to ensure that it is fulfilling its purpose and to make any necessary revisions.

9. Conflict Resolution

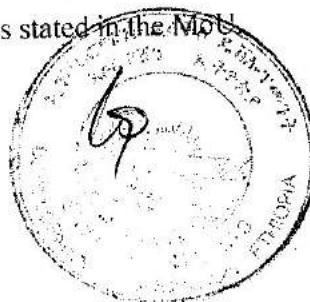
We enter into this MoU in a spirit of mutual trust and intend that all unforeseen matters on issues that arise, as the relationship evolves, will be resolved in a spirit of mutual understanding. In the event that there is a conflict, it shall be resolved in a peaceful and amicable manner. Every effort will be made to settle the matter through dialogue and negotiation and to accommodate the policies and intention of one other's respective policies.

10. Effective Date

This Memorandum of Understanding is effective from the date of signing by both parties

11. Authorization

The signing of this MoU is formal undertaking and implies that signatories will strive to the best of their capacity to reach the objectives stated in the MoU.



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On behalf of the organization I represent, I willingly sign this MoU and contribute my best to fulfill and abide by all the above mentioned terms in here.

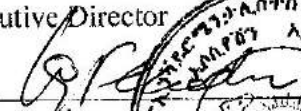
For and On behalf of:

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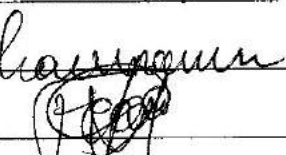
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