

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
TECHNICAL SUPPORT PARTNERSHIP ON DATA-DRIVEN DEVELOPMENT**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) made and entered into by and between:

ACTION FOR ECONOMIC REFORMS ("AER"), a non-stock, non-profit organization, duly organized and existing under Philippine law, with address at Unit 1403 West Trade Center, 132 West Avenue, Quezon City, Philippines, and represented herein by its Senior Fellow and Chief of Party for the COLLABDev Project, duly designated and authorized by the AER Board to negotiate and sign on behalf of AER for the COLLABDev Project, **Ms. JENINA JOY CHAVEZ**, and hereinafter referred to as "**AER**";

and

The **VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY (VSU)**, an institution of higher learning established under Presidential Decree No. 470 as amended by Presidential Decree No. 700, and converted into a state university by virtue of R. A. 9158 and R. A. 9437, with principal office at Visca, Baybay City, Leyte, Philippines, duly represented by the University President, **Dr. EDGARDO E. TULIN**, and hereinafter referred to as "**VSU**".

Witnesseth, That:

WHEREAS, data-driven approaches are essential to the design and implementation of policies and programs for human development;

WHEREAS, the best way to encourage government, industry, the academe, local communities, and the public to adopt data-driven approaches to policy, program, and project implementation is to demonstrate actual initiatives on the ground;

WHEREAS, starting January 2021, **AER**, a civil society policy, advocacy, and action think tank working on key issues around fiscal reforms, health measures, industrial policy, and freedom of information, embarks on a 30-month project, "*Coalescing Organizations towards Locally Led Actions to Boost Development*" ("**COLLABDev**"), in partnership with the United States Agency for International Development (**USAID**);

WHEREAS, the COLLABDev Project is intended: i) to champion human-centered data-driven development in the Philippines by using data-informed and technology-enabled participatory decision making to address issues in local development, ii) to harness the power of participatory systems design thinking in the utilization of data and technology for evidence-based solutions towards human development, iii) to work with coalitions of local actors to implement data-driven initiatives in locally-identified priority areas, and iv) to identify and address gaps and weaknesses in and constraints to data-driven approaches through evidence-based policy recommendations and actions;

WHEREAS, the COLLABDev Project has four (4) components, namely: i) Development Data Lab ("**DDL**"), which leads the data-to-evidence initiatives, and covers data collection, management and analytics, and is responsible for identifying data sources and improving data generation to obtain high-quality data, creating the centralized Dashboard that is customizable to local needs, and generating the evidence base necessary for policymaking, ii) Policy Development Lab ("**PDL**"), which leads the evidence-to-policy and policy-to-development initiative, and is responsible for designing and advocating for legislative and executive policies, and building local capacity in evidence-based policymaking and monitoring and evaluation, iii) Data and Tech Alliance for Development ("**DATA4Dev**"), which leads the partnerships initiative through collaborations with local and national actors within and outside the consortium, and iv) Policy and Research Institute for Development ("**PRIDE**"),


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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Republic of the Philippines)

Quezon City) S.S.

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for and in Quezon City, this OCT 29 2021, personally appeared the following:

Name _____

Government-Issued ID Card

Jenina Joy Chavez

- QCitizen Card with Control No. 06700000446212;
Date of Expiry: 07/10/2031

Edgardo E. Tulin

- Visayas State University ID no.: V000522

known to me and to me known as the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument and they acknowledged to me that the same is their free and voluntary acts and deed and that of the corporation/entity herein represented.

This instrument pertains to a Memorandum of Agreement consisting of seven (7) pages, signed by the Parties concerned and their instrumental witnesses on the spaces provided therefor and sealed with my notarial seal.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL on the date and place first above written.

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Brgy. Nta. Cruz Palo Leyte
Roll No. 67376 / May 21, 2017;
IBP Lifetime No. 017330, dated May 19, 2017
PTR No. 3863746B / January 04, 2021, Palo Leyte
MCLE No. VI-0014914 / November 8, 2018 / PASIG CITY