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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

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THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (hereinafter called MoU) is made on 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2021.

BETWEEN;

**MOTHER TERESA WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY, KODAIKANAL** Tamil Nadu, India established under Special Act of the Government of Tamil Nadu in 1984 (in this MoU called "MTWU")

AND

**NATIONAL AGRO FOUNDATION**, established as a Public Charitable Trust in 2000 having its registered office at "River Side" No.2, River View Road, Kotturpuram, Chennai – 600085, represented by its Managing Trustee, Mr. S.S.Rajsekar (in this MoU Called "NAF")

To implement the development programmes on various subjects jointly by sharing the plan and details of activities by each other for result oriented achievements as described below:

**1. STATUS OF THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

- 1.1 This Document may be basis for the preparation of formal contracts or agreements between the parties. For the purpose of implementing each specific contract or agreement of activity, both institutions shall prepare the necessary



documentation which shall be the object of a Specific Agreement or Contract to be executed by the concerned parties.

- 1.2 The parties do not enter into any legal relationship unless and until such formal contracts or agreements are executed.

## 2. OBJECTIVE OF THE MoU

2.1.1 The objective of the MoU is that MTWU and NAF desire to work together to expand cooperation and exchange of ideas in areas of mutual interest and wish to carry out programmes and activities in cooperation with each other.

2.1.2 MTWU and NAF may desire to undertake programmes in the areas of:

- a) Joint implementation of programmes for awareness, education, trainings, and seminars/ workshops including preparation of IEC (Information, Education and communication) materials on
  - i) Women Development and Empowerment
  - ii) Rural Women Entrepreneurship
  - iii) Food Science, Nutrition and Technology
  - iv) Plant Biotechnology etc.
- b) Joint implementation of field level activities such as survey, studies and research on social, educational, economic, environmental, legal and cultural aspects of the community in common or specific as decided by the parties.
- c) Joint implementation of research and development projects in the related areas such as Women Development, Food Science and Technology and Plant Biotechnology etc.
- d) Laboratory Cooperation program for MTWU Chennai Campus:
  - a. Lab facilities at NAF R&D Centre, Taramani, Chennai would be extended to MTWU students for carrying out short term and final year projects in related areas.
  - b. NAF could act as practical learning centre for B.Sc and M.Sc Foods and Nutrition students of MTWU Chennai Campus in the areas of Food Quality and Safety, Microbiology and Instrumental Analysis etc.
- e) Monitoring, Evaluation, Documentation and Report preparation of the activities of joint implementation by MTWU and NAF



### 3. COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT

- 3.1 To fulfil the aims and objectives of the MoU, the parties each shall appoint a Coordinator to develop and manage the joint activities undertaken, specific details of which will be set out in formal agreements. Any such formal agreements shall include:
- The responsibilities of each party
  - A schedule of the each activity
  - A budget and sources of finance for each activity, and
  - Management details for the conduct of each activity
  - Other services deemed for successful implementation of the activities
- 3.2 The finding of any research conducted jointly will not be shared or nor published without the written consent of both the parties
- 3.3 Any know-how, intellectual property arising out of the joint research works/projects shall be jointly held by MTWU and NAF
- 3.4 It shall be the joint responsibility of MTWU and NAF to execute necessary action for the protection of the intellectual property arising out of the joint research/projects through proper instrument such as patents, copyright etc.

### 4. PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

- 4.1 All the promotional material used by either party relating to this MoU must be submitted to the authorized representative of the other party for approval in writing prior to publication.
- 4.2 The authorized representatives for approval are set out below:
- MTWU – Dr.S.Meenapriyadharshini, Department and Centre for Women's Studies, Mother Teresa Women's University, India.
  - NAF – Dr. R. Kalpana, Head-R&D Centre, National Agro Foundation, Chennai, India.

### 5. DURATION AND TERMINATION

- 5.1 The MoU shall become effective on the date of this document is executed by both the parties and shall remain in force for a period of three (3) years.
- 5.2 Upon the completion of this term, the MoU may be revised upon the assent of both the institutions and such renewal shall take the form of a new MoU or of a specific Agreement or Contract.
- 5.3 Either party may at any time terminate the MoU by the giving of 90 days written notice.

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## 6. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTIES

Nothing contained in this Document shall be construed as constituting a joint venture, partnership, formal service arrangement of any kind between the parties or of appointing either party as an agent of the other.

## 7. VARIATION

This MoU may be varied or amended by mutual consent of the parties in writing and such variation or amendment shall become part of this MoU upon the giving of that consent.

### SIGNATURE OF PARTIES

**EXECUTED** for and on behalf of MOTHER TERESA WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY by an authorized officer.

Signature : *C. Hilda Devi*  
Name : Dr. C. Hilda Devi  
Position : Registrar I/c  
Date :  
**REGISTRAR,  
MOTHER TERESA WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY,  
KODAIKANAL.**  
**In the presence of** :  
Signature : *Dr. S. Meena Priyadharshini*  
Name : Dr. S. Meena Priyadharshini  
Position : Head and Director I/c  
Date :

**EXECUTED** for and on behalf of NATIONAL AGRO FOUNDATION by an authorized officer.

Signature : *S.S. Rajsekar*  
Name : S.S. Rajsekar  
Position : Managing Trustee  
Date :



**In the presence of** :  
Signature : *M.R.V.L.*  
Name : Dr. M.R. Ramasubramanian  
Position : Executive Director  
Date :