

This Memorandum of Understanding is being executed at Vardhman Mahaveer Open University, Kota on this ------ day of ------2022 between Indian Red Cross Society National Headquarters,(IRCS for short), 1, Red Cross Road, New Delhi-10001, through ------, Joint Secretary, IRCS, NHQ (hereinafter to as party of the First Part).

## AND

Vardhman Mahaveer Open University, Kota for implementation of programmes through Mahesh Chand Meena, Registrar, Vardhman Mahaveer Open University, Kota (Hereinafter referred to as party of the Second Part.)

AND WHEREAS the First Party is a statutory humanitarian organization established in 1920 by the parliament under Indian Red Cross Society Act, XV of 1920. It is the largest statutory humanitarian organization with a network of more than 700 branches as State/UT, District & Sub-district levels and a large number of volunteers

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network spread throughout the country. That each branch is administratively and financially independent.

AND WHEREAS the First Party works as Auxillary to the Government and Armed Forces Medical Services and contributes to saving lives and protecting livelihoods, provides relief in times of disasters and other emergencies, endeavors to ensure accessibility to health services, promotes safe and healthy living, works to reduce stigma and discrimination enabling better integration for disadvantaged people, increase social cohesion and promote culture of non-violence and peace and is also engaged in various humanitarian activities and which inter-alia include disaster response, Disaster preparedness and promotion of Health and Care in the Community.

That the National Headquarters of the Indian Red Cross Society is at 1, Red Cross Road, New Delhi. The Secretary General Is the CEO of the IRCS, (NHQ).

AND WHEREAS the Second Party Vardhman Mahaveer Open University, Kota is a statutory University established through enactment of Legislature of State of Rajasthan and recognized by University Grants Commission under section-2 (1) of UGC Act, 1956. The University offers various Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Doctoral level progarmmes in various disciplines and is also actively engaged in research, extension, social & allied activities.

AND WHEREAS the First Party has agreed to collaborate with the Second Party on the terms and conditions as noted hereinafter.

## NOW THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITNESS AS UNDER:

- 1. This term of collaboration between the First Party and the Second Party shall be for a period of three years from the dated of execution of this MOU.
- 2. That both parties will work within the mandates of each organization and adhere to the broad principles of humanitarian action as followed by the Red Cross Movement worldwide namely Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity and Universality.
- 3. That the collaboration will be with the following broad objectives:
  - a) Building the resilience of communities to disaster and climate change through education, research and awareness programmes.
  - b) Strong emphasis on disaster risk management or natural, manmade hazards and related environmental, technologies and health hazards and risk.

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- c) Preventing new risk, reducing existing and strengthening resilience.
- 4. That the focused areas of collaboration will be following:
  - a) Disaster risk reduction, mitigation and preparedness.
  - b) Water Sanitation and Hygiene promotion(WASH)
  - c) Climate Change adaption
  - d) Environmental management and restoration
  - e) Ecosystem based livelihood support
  - f) Health and Blood services
  - g) Jointly designing and offering Certification, educational programmes in the above areas and related areas.
  - h) Any other area of mutual understanding
- 5. That both parties will draw upon the strengths of each other, which in case of the Indian Red Cross Society are its large Volunteer base and First Medical Responders and the expertise of the implementation of community directed programmes on the areas of interest. For Vardhman Mahaveer Open University, Kota it includes but not limited to the large multi-disciplinary and sectoral technical expertise, faculty with the capacity to evaluate components of the projects being implemented by the Indian Red Cross Society, undertaking research in related areas as well as the training programmes and projects undertaken by it that include community intervention components in the areas of humanitarian interest.
- 6. The Parties shall constitute a joint committee having equal representation of either party for administering the collaboration. The said Committee shall work under the chairmanship of the Joint Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society or any other officer nominated by the Secretary General. IRCS and Co-Chairman nominated by the Vice Chancellor. Vardhman Mahaveer Open University, Kota. The Committee shall inter-alia be entrusted with the task of preparing and designing the collaborative projects/programmes annually or on needs basis, general administration, allocation of resources needed, if any, including financial and other connected matters and any other matter for the smooth conduct of the collaboration.
- 7. The term of the annual plans will be as per calendar year and will commence from 1 January of each year.

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- 8. The details of the programmes/projects for year 2022-23 will be worked-out and agreed upon immediately after signing of the MOU and will be based on mutual consent between both the parties.
- 9. Either of the parties can exit from the collaboration by giving a written notice of three months, however, effort will be made to complete any ongoing projects/programmes under this MOU.
- 10. Dispute, if any on any matter concerned with this MOU and/or activities /Programmes undertaken under this MOU will be mutually resolved by both Parties and unresolved dispute shall be decided jointly by the officers nominated for this purpose by head of each party.

## COORDINATION

Both the parties will designate persons who will have responsibility for coordination and implementation of this agreement Participating Staff involved in any activities under this MOU must adhere to applicable laws and rules & regulations related to this collaboration.

## SIGNED IN DUPLICATE

This MOU is executed in duplicate with each copy being an official version and having equal legal validity. By signing below, the parties, acting by their  $\frac{d}{n}$ authorized officers, have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed, effective as of the day and year

FIRST PARTY

Joint Secretary

IRCS, NHQ

SECOND PARTY

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Vardhman Mahaveer சூட்டி பூப்பு உடிர்பு, Kota

Witnesses:

Secretary,

Rajasthan Red Cross Society, Jaipur

Vardhman Mahaveer Open University, Kota