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**Letter of Understanding**

Between

**Kurukshetra University**

(Represented by the Registrar)

And

**The UN World Food Programme, India**

(Represented by the Country Director)

For

**Collaborative research, knowledge sharing and participation in advocacy, sensitization and capacity strengthening on gender, climate change and nutrition issues**

**WHEREAS**, in order to support the Government of India (GoI) in its efforts to address the food security and nutrition needs of the population, WFP has signed an MoU with the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare for the current CSP (2019-2023) for supporting the government's efforts towards achievement of sustainable development goal 2 by providing technical assistance and transfer and exchange of knowledge, skills and expertise to concretely

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strengthen the existing systems. The dialogue on the new CSP (2023-27) is currently underway extending the mandate to work on these aspects over the next 5 years, the MoU for which will be signed in early 2023.

**Whereas** aligned with the Partnership MoU with GoI, recognizing the potential areas for knowledge collaboration with Kurukshetra University (KU), a detailed proposal indicating potential areas, especially related to nutrition, climate change and gender equity and empowerment was shared with Kurukshetra University.

**Whereas the Kurukshetra University (KU)** established in 1956 is an A+ grade NAAC accredited university focused on preparing a class of proficient scholars and professionals with ingrained human values and commitment to expand the frontiers of knowledge for the advancement of society.

**Whereas, World Food Programme (WFP)**, an autonomous joint subsidiary programme of the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, with headquarters in Rome, Italy, acting through its country office in INDIA.

**Whereas**, through its Country Strategic Plan (CSP), WFP seeks to support the government of India in achieving its targets under Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 2 and 17 by capitalizing on its investments under four sub-targets of SDG 2:

- SDG 2.1: By 2030, end hunger and ensure access by all people, in particular the poor and people in vulnerable situations, including infants, to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year round.
- SDG 2.2: By 2030, end all forms of malnutrition, including achieving, by 2025, the internationally agreed targets on stunting and wasting in children under 5 years of age, and address the nutritional needs of adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women and older persons.
- SDG 2.3: By 2030, double the agricultural productivity and incomes of small-scale food producers, in particular women, indigenous peoples, family farmers, pastoralists and fishers, including through secure and equal access to land, other productive resources and inputs, knowledge, financial services, markets and opportunities for value addition and non-farm employment.
- SDG 2.4: By 2030, ensure sustainable food production systems and implement resilient agricultural practices that increase productivity and production, that help maintain ecosystems, that strengthen capacity for adaptation to climate change, extreme weather, drought, flooding and other disasters and that progressively improve land and soil quality.

**Whereas**, in order to support the Government of India in its efforts to address the food security and nutrition needs of the population, WFP has signed an MoU with the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare for the current CSP (2019-2023) which also includes focusing on issues of gender, climate change and nutrition among others. The dialogue on the new CSP (2023-27) is currently underway extending the mandate to work on these aspects over the next 5 years, the MoU for which will be signed in early 2023. To take forward these commitments in this agreement and the forthcoming MoU, WFP and KU seek to work together on research, capacity



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building and policy advocacy relating to **gender, climate change and nutrition** (the “Project”).  
The objectives of this project are as under:

- (i) To enhance gender equality and women empowerment through gender transformative approaches and gender mainstreaming around intra-household access to food, improved nutrition and social and financial inclusion;
- (ii) To work in the climate resilience, adaptation and resilience building to establish scalable models to ensure that farthest are reached first with sustainable and resilience strategies;
- (iii) To enhance the nutritional effectiveness of the Government’s food-based safety nets (Targeted Public Distribution System, Mid-Day Meals and Integrated Child Development Services) by increasing knowledge of and demand for diverse, nutritious and fortified foods.

**Whereas**, WFP and KU seek to undertake a strategic knowledge collaboration to address the key challenges with respect to food and nutrition insecurity as scoped out in Annexure I.

**Whereas**, both WFP and KU recognize the importance and value of cooperating with each other and therefore desire to strengthen their relationship by entering into this Agreement with the purpose of providing a coherent, predictable and structured framework for collaboration to support the implementation of the Project.

**Now therefore**, it is agreed that parties shall engage in partnership and knowledge collaboration under this LoU and shall be guided as follows:

#### **Article I**

##### KU shall

- 1.1 Identify a Partnership Manager as well as focal points in the Women’s Studies Research Centre, Department of Social Work, Home Science and Institute of Environmental Studies for regular dialogue, discussions and support to WFP. This Manager would be responsible supervision and coordination under this project and liaise with designated person/s from WFP.
- 1.2 Provide technical support on gender, climate change and nutrition in following areas:
  - Research
  - Community engagement
  - Training and capacity building
  - Oversight and monitoring
- 1.3 Support in broadening the implementation of activities across India through its network of partners in other states.
- 1.4 Support and guide any local partners hired by WFP to support implementation of project activities.

#### **Article II**

##### WFP shall

- 2.1 Identify overall Partnership Manager and designated contacts for the three areas of collaboration (gender, nutrition and climate).



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- 2.2 Receive 2 interns per year from KU for their professional development.
- 2.3 Provide funds for key research and pilot activities, including consultations depending upon availability.
- 2.4 Consult with technical teams in KU for technical advice and support.
- 2.5 Prepare a Project Strategy and Implementation Plan for project implementation.
- 2.6 Undertake other activities as deemed necessary for smooth functioning of the project.

### **Article III**

#### **Together**

- 3.1 WFP and KU will formulate a Steering Committee comprised of representatives from both the organizations that will meet quarterly (in person or virtually) to review the progress of implementation, etc.
- 3.2 KU and WFP shall jointly monitor progress of the project implementation and suggest solutions for addressing gaps.
- 3.3 KU and WFP shall jointly identify global/national best practices in supporting gender, climate change and nutrition
- 3.4 KU and WFP shall jointly document good practices/ success stories.
- 3.5 KU and WFP shall jointly issue and disseminate communications and advocacy related to the project such as press releases, publications, workshops etc.
- 3.6 Planning and organization of events for policy advocacy, including consultations or conferences.

### **Article IV**

- 4.1 The obligations of WFP and KU under this LoU are subject to the constitutional, financial and budgetary rules of WFP and any decision of WFP/KU.
- 4.2 Both sides agree to treat confidentially any sensitive information exchanged in the course of implementation of this LoU. Should either side wish to disclose such information to third parties it shall seek prior written concurrence from the other side.

### **Article V**

5.1 Any claims, controversies or disputes between the Parties arising under this Agreement or under any agreements and/or documents entered into in connection with this Agreement, shall be settled amicably through consultations or negotiations between the Parties to the Dispute and in accordance with Article VI (Settlement of Disputes) of the Basic Agreement between the Government of India and WFP.

### **Article VI**

6.1 Nothing in this Letter of Understanding or any document entered into in relation to this Letter of Understanding will imply a waiver or be construed as waiver, express or implied, by WFP, the United Nations or the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) of any privileges or immunity enjoyed by them pursuant to the 1946 Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, the 1947 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of

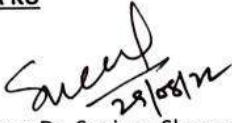


Specialized Agencies, customary international law, other relevant international or national arrangements and under domestic law.

**Article VII**

- 7.1 This LoU shall commence on the date the last of the Parties signs this LoU (the "Effective Date") and the total duration of the collaboration would be 31<sup>st</sup> December 2027.
- 7.2 This LoU may be modified in writing by mutual consent between KU and WFP by exchange of letters.
- 7.3 This LoU shall enter into force upon signature by both KU and WFP.

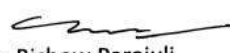
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