

Indian Council of
Social Science Research



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

**INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH (ICSSR),
NEW DELHI**

and

**INDIAN COUNCIL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH (ICMR),
NEW DELHI**

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Indian Council of Social Science Research (herein after referred to as **ICSSR**), having its office at JNU Institutional Area, Aruna Asaf Ali Marg, New Delhi, through its authorized signatory **Chairman**, which expression unless repugnant to the context or the meaning thereof shall include its permitted assigns and successors.

AND

Indian Council of Medical Research (herein after referred to as **ICMR**) with office at Ansari Nagar, New Delhi through its authorized signatory **Director General**, which expression unless repugnant to the context or the meaning thereof shall include its permitted assigns and successors.

Whereas both the above mentioned parties having signed the Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to a MoU), which will lay the foundation for cooperation and joint action in the area of developing health care delivery system in tune with the people's aspirations in furtherance of the recommendations of the earlier ICSSR-ICMR Joint Panel suggesting alternative models of health care delivery for the people, keeping in view the socio-economic and cultural realities of the country agree as under:

1. OBJECTIVES

- a) To develop better understanding of health related issues of the people through social and behavioural research and devise ways to make health for all a reality.

- b) Mutual acknowledgement of the experience, expertise and capabilities of ICSSR and ICMR and give due importance in collaboration, resource sharing and partnership.

2. STRATEGIES

- a) To sponsor
 - i) Research projects on mutually identified specific areas of concern.
 - ii) Theme based status papers and guidelines on specific matters
- b) To publish reports of sponsored projects/papers and disseminate results
- c) To organize
 - i) Seminars and workshops to deliberate on important issues
 - ii) Training/sensitization programmes for health and social sciences professionals
- d) To do advocacy for people oriented health policy and programmes.

3. OBLIGATIONS

With a view to achieving the objectives set forth in the preceding para, ICSSR and ICMR agree to jointly discharge the following responsibilities:

- a) To constitute a joint panel, co-headed by the Chairman ICSSR and Director General ICMR & Secretary Department of Health Research, consisting of eminent health and social & behavioural sciences experts including policy and programme people
- b) To organize a brain storming workshop to identify the priority areas for joint action
- c) To constitute sub-groups on specific priority areas to carry forward the given task
- d) To hold at least two meetings in a year of the joint panel to take stock of the work done and discuss and decide the way ahead.

4. FURTHER ACTS & ASSURANCE

Both parties agree to execute and deliver all such further instruments and to perform all such further acts as shall be necessary and required to carry out the provisions of this MoU and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby.

5. MONITORING & IMPLEMENTATION

Both parties agree to jointly develop and devise implementation strategies and time-bound action plan for effective impact to meet the desired objectives. Both parties agree to share the responsibility of servicing the joint panel, various committees and sub-groups etc. formed under this MoU earmarked to each party. Each party will act as the secretariat and meet the host obligations in respect of the committee, or sub-group etc. earmarked to it.

The overall process of implementation will be assessed and evaluated through the joint panel whose meetings will be alternately hosted by ICSSR and ICMR

6. FINANCE

Both parties agree to bear all the necessary expenses for the activities undertaken under this MoU falling in their respective share under clause 5 from their respective budgets. This will include inter-alia, the following

- a) Funds for undertaking research projects in the extramural mode;
- b) Expenses related to all holding meetings (joint panel, committees, sub-groups etc), workshops, seminars etc convened during each year of the project period

7. COPYRIGHT AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

All reports and documents produced under this MoU shall be credited to both the parties.

8. AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT

The obligations of ICSSR and ICMR have been outlined in this MoU. However, during the operation of the MoU circumstances may arise which may call for alternations or modifications of this agreement. These alterations will be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing

No amendment or change hereof or addition hereto shall be effective or binding on either of the parties hereto unless set forth in writing and executed by the respective duly authorized representatives of each of the parties hereto.

9. VALIDITY & TERMINATION

This MoU shall come into effect upon signature of both the parties on the date set forth below and will be in force for five years. It may be extended further in its present form or with modifications as may be agreed upon through mutual consent. This MoU can be terminated at any time through mutual consent on three months notice in writing from either side.

10. JURISDICTION

In the event of any dispute arising between the two parties, only the Courts at Delhi/New Delhi will have the jurisdiction.


11. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither ICSSR nor ICMR shall be liable to each other for failing or delay in the performance of any of its obligations under this MoU to the extent such failure or delay is caused by riots, civil commotions, war hostilities between nations, government laws, orders or regulations, embargos, actions by the government or any agency thereof, acts of God, storms, fires, accidents, strikes, sabotages, explosions or other similar or different contingencies beyond the reasonable control of the respective parties.

12. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED IN


If any doubt arises as to the interpretation of the provisions of this agreement or as to matters not provided therein, parties to this agreement shall consult with each other for each instance and resolve such doubts in good faith.

For the ICSSR
New Delhi


(Prof. Sukhadeo K. Thorat)
Chairman
ICSSR, New Delhi

SUKHADEO THORAT
Chairman
Indian Council of Social Science Research
(Ministry of Human Resource Development)
Date: 29.05.2012
Place: New Delhi, India

For the ICMR
New Delhi


(Dr. Vishwa Mohan Katoch)
Director General
ICMR, New Delhi
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Date: 29.05.2012
Place: New Delhi, India