



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

The Indian Council of Medical Research, Department of Health Research
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, Ansari Nagar,
New Delhi-110029, India

AND

The University of Oxford, University Offices, Wellington Square,
Oxford, OX1 2JD, United Kingdom

IN THE FIELD OF collaborative research on infectious diseases commonly affecting
socially marginalized groups

is made between

The Indian Council of Medical Research (hereinafter referred to as “**ICMR**”) with its office
located at Ansari Nagar, New Delhi-110029, India;

AND

The University of Oxford (herein referred to as “**Oxford**”), whose administrative office is
located at University Offices, Wellington Square, Oxford, OX12JD, United Kingdom;

HEREINAFTER jointly referred as ‘Parties’ to this MOU:

WHEREAS ICMR is the apex body in India for the formulation and coordination of
biomedical research. It is an autonomous body under the Department of Health Research,
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India. Its research priorities
coincide with the national health priorities towards prevention of communicable diseases

and non-communicable diseases; improving reproductive and child health and nutrition; promoting basic medical sciences and drug research including traditional medicines. ICMR promotes biomedical research in the country through intramural and extramural research.

WHEREAS the Infectious Diseases Data Observatory (IDDO) brings together members of the global infectious disease community across the research and humanitarian sectors to collaborate in the generation, analysis and application of data to improve outcomes for patients. IDDO's coordinating office is based in the Centre for Tropical Medicine and Global Health at the University of Oxford.

WHEREAS, the **Parties** recognise their complementary strengths in the field of diseases affecting socially marginalised groups and wish to strengthen their relationship for the benefit of patients and the research community.

DESIROUS to work together in the areas and in the manner set out below considering vulnerability of socially and marginalized population of India for infectious diseases, especially diseases caused by dangerous pathogens.

India is also emerging as the health technology hub of the world with a large potential to support its own population as well as those from the global South in areas of drugs, vaccines, assistive devices, digital health, clinical trials, and health and human resources.

A large number of studies are carried out and data is collected from across the country. However, there is a need to systematically collate, synthesise, interpret and utilise the data. Researchers in Indian organizations have limited capacity to systematically set up the research questions, design studies adhering to international standards, collect high-quality data, pool and collate the data and carry out multiple steps of data cleaning, data analysis and finally translate the results into global public goods related to products, policy and practices.

HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1: Areas of Collaboration

- 1.1. Parties intend to work together for their mutual benefit in the field of infectious diseases commonly affecting socially marginalized groups and