

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Memorandum of Understanding is being executed at 23<sup>rd</sup> on this day of March 2020 between Indian Red Cross Society, National Headquarters, (IRCS for short ), 1, Red Cross Road, New Delhi-110001, through \_\_\_\_\_, Indian Red Cross Society, National HQ (hereinafter referred to as Party of the First Part) along with its Himachal Pradesh State Branch(hereinafter referred to as Party of the Second Part)

AND

Central University of Himachal Pradesh for implementation of Programs through the Vice-Chancellor , Central University of Himachal Pradesh (hereafter referred to as Party of the Third Part ).

AND WHEREAS the First and Second Party are 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 36 states/UT branches and more than 1100 branches at District & Sub-district.

AND WHEREAS the First and Second Party work to provide Aid to the sick and wounded members of the Armed forces of the Union in accordance with the terms and spirit of the Geneva Conventions of the 12<sup>th</sup> August, 1949 and discharged of other obligations developing upon the Society under the conventions as the recognized auxiliary of the Armed Forces Medical services, Aid to demobilised sick and wounded members of the Armed Forces of the Union, Nursing and Ambulance work, relief for the mitigation of the suffering caused by epidemics, earthquakes, famines, floods and other disasters, whether in India or outside, the improvement of health, prevention of disease and mitigation of suffering and such other cognate objects as may be approved by the society from time to time.

AND WHEREAS the Third Party is an Institution of national importance setup by the Indian Government with its campuses at Dharamshala, Shahpur and Dehra, Kangra , District Himachal Pradesh. It is one of the fifteen Universities setup by Central University Act, 2009. The University currently has 12 schools and 32 department/centres. It has 07 undergraduate courses, 24 post graduate courses and 29 Doctoral courses.

AND WHEREAS the Third party has grown steadily and surely towards its vision to become renowned by catering to the needs of the society, both regionally and nationally.

AND WHEREAS the first and second party have agreed to collaborate with the Third party on the terms and conditions as noted hereinafter:

NOW THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITNESSES AS UNDER :

1. The term of collaboration between the First Party and Second Party on the one hand and the Third Party on the other shall be for a period of three year from the date of execution of this MOU.
2. That all three 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, Humanitarianism, Impartially, Neutrality, Independence , Voluntarism , 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.
  - b. Strong emphasis on disaster risk management on natural , manmade hazards and related environmental , technological and health hazards and risk.
  - c. Preventing new risk, reducing existing risk and strengthening resilience.
4. That the focused areas of collaboration will be following:
  - i. Disaster risk reduction , mitigation and preparedness.
  - ii. Water sanitation and hygiene promotion (WASH ).
  - iii. Climate change adaption.
  - iv. Environmental management and restoration.
  - v. Ecosystem based livelihood support.
  - vi. Health and blood services.
  - vii. Any other area of mutual interest
5. That all these 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 implementation of community directed programmes on the areas of interest. For CUHP, it is the large multi-sectoral technical expertise, faculty with the capacity to evaluate components of the project being implemented by the Indian Red Cross Society as well as 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 representation of Third party equal to the combined representation of First and Second party, for administering the collaboration. The said committee shall work under the Chairmanship of the officer nominated by the Secretary General, Indian Red Cross Society and Co-Chairman nominated by the Vice-chancellor, CUHP. The committee shall inter-alia be entrusted with the task of preparing and designing the collaborative projects annually or on need 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 project will be as per calendar year and will commence from each year.
8. The details of the programmes/projects for 2020 and 2021 will be worked-out and agreed upon immediately after the signing of the MOU and will be based on mutual consent among the parties.
9. Any dispute in the conduct of the programme will be mutually discussed and decided by the Chairman and Co-Chairman of the committee set up and if necessary , by the Secretary General , IRCS and the Vice-Chancellor, CUHP , However , decisions relating to projects where the funding is from single organization/sourced by one organization will be decided by the head of that organization who in case of the, Indian Red Cross Society will be the Secretary General, IRCS and in case of CUHP will be the Vice-Chancellor , CUHP and whose decision shall be final and binding on the Parties /Joint Committee.

10. Either of the parties can exit from the collaboration by giving a written notice of three months, however , efforts will be made to complete any ongoing projects, under this MOU.

11. NOW THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITNESSED AS UNDERIN , WHEREOF THE PARTIES ABOVE NAMED HAVE SUBSCRIBED AND SIGNED THIS MEMORANDUM ON DATE AND PLACE MENTIONED HEREINABOVE.

**Authorized Signatory**

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National Headquarters,  
1, Red Cross Road,  
New Delhi-110001

  
Secretary General  
(FIRST PARTY)  
Indian Red Cross Society  
National Headquarters  
New Delhi-110001


  
Deputy Secretary  
Indian Red Cross Society

**Authorized Signatory**

Indian Red Cross Society,  
Himachal Pradesh State Branch

  
General Secretary  
(SECOND PARTY)  
Indian Red Cross  
Shimla - 171002

Witnesses:

  
19/09/2020  
Secretary  
IRCS, HP State Branch  
Shimla - 171002

**Vice Chancellor**

  
कुलपति  
Central University of Himachal Pradesh  
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(THIRD PARTY)

Witnesses:

  
17/2/21  
Deputy Secretary  
Indian Red Cross Society

