

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Understanding is made and executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_, Philippines by and between:

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**, a National Government agency duly organized and existing under Philippine laws, with office address at San Lazaro Compound, Rizal Avenue, Sta. Cruz, Manila, represented herein by its Secretary, **HON. FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III, MD, MSc.** (hereinafter referred to as the "DOH");

- and -

**WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION**, an agency of the United Nations with office address at Building 9, San Lazaro Compound, Rizal Avenue, Sta. Cruz Manila represented herein by its Country Representative, **DR. SOE NYUNT-U** (hereinafter referred to as WHO);

-and-

**UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND**, an agency of the United Nations with office address at 30th Floor, Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza, Ayala Avenue cor. Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City represented herein by its Country Representative, **MS. SUNEETA MUKHERJEE** (hereinafter referred to as the UNFPA);

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**UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND**, an agency of the United Nations with office address at 31<sup>st</sup> Floor, Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza, Ayala Avenue cor. Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City represented herein by its Country Representative, **MS. VANESSA TOBIN** (hereinafter referred to as the UNICEF);

-and-

**WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME**, an agency of the United Nations with office address at 5/F Jaka 2 Building, Legaspi Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City represented herein by its Country Representative, **MR. STEPHEN ANDERSON** (hereinafter referred to as the WFP);

-and-

**ACCION CONTRA EL HAMBRE-PHILIPPINE OFFICE**, a non-stock, non-profit organization with office address at 12 Zipper Street, San Lorenzo Village, Makati City, represented herein by its Head of Mission, **MR. ERIC FORT** (hereinafter referred to as the "ACCION");

-and-

**CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL-PHILIPPINES**, a non-stock, non-profit children's organization with office address at Suites 1005 & 1006, 10/F West Trade Center, 132 West Avenue, Quezon City, represented herein by its Regional Program Coordinator, **MS. ELEANOR SALVADOR-PENA** (hereinafter referred to as the "CHILDREN");

-and -

**HELEN KELLER INTERNATIONAL-PHILIPPINES**, a non-stock, non-profit organization with office address at 704 Pablo Ocampo Street, Malate, Manila, represented herein by its Country Director, **MS. ELLEN E. VILLATE** (hereinafter referred to as the "HKI");

- and -

**MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES**, a non-stock, non-profit organization with office address at San Lorenzo Village Tolentino 9B, Makati City represented herein by its Head of Mission, **MR. BERTRAND ROSSIER** (hereinafter referred to as the "MSF")

-and -

**OXFAM GREAT BRITAIN-PHILIPPINES**, a non-stock, non-profit organization with office address at 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 150 Corporate Center, 150 Panay Avenue, Quezon City, represented herein by its Country Director, **MS. LILIAN MERCADO CARREON** (hereinafter referred to as the "OXFAM");

-and -

**PLAN INTERNATIONAL-PHILIPPINES**, a non-stock, non-profit organization with office address at Salustinia Bldg., 108 Aguirre, Legaspi Village, Makati City, represented herein by its Country Director, **MR. MICHAEL JOSEPH DIAMOND** (hereinafter referred to as the "PLAN");

-and -

**SAVE THE CHILDREN FEDERATION, INC.**, a non-stock, non-profit organization with office address at 1 Encarnacion Street corner Lapu-Lapu Avenue, Magallanes Village, Makati City, represented herein by its Country Director, **MS. LATHA CALEB** (hereinafter referred to as the "SAVE THE CHILDREN");

-and -

**WORLD VISION DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**, a non-stock, non-profit organization with office address at 389 West G Street cor. Quezon Avenue, Quezon City, represented herein by its Executive Director, **MS. ELNORA BAILEN AVARIANTOS** (hereinafter referred to as the "WORLD VISION");

(Collectively referred to as the "ORGANIZATIONS").



**WITNESSETH, That:**

WHEREAS, the DOH is one of the Departments of the National Government relied upon to address issues on health, nutrition, water and sanitation, and psycho-social problems prevailing in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a hazard-prone or emergency-prone country and the DOH is relied upon to provide support for disaster mitigation and preparedness, response in the event of a disaster, and assistance in all disaster-related activities;

WHEREAS, WHO is responsible for providing leadership on global health matters, shaping the health research agenda, setting norms and standards, articulating evidence-based policy options, providing technical support to countries and monitoring and assessing health trends;

WHEREAS, UNFPA addresses the RH needs of internally displaced populations during humanitarian crises and takes the lead in providing information and service to save mother's lives, reduced unplanned pregnancies, prevent and manage STI/HIV/AIDS and gender-based violence;

WHEREAS, UNICEF aims to provide the best quality of life by implementing programmes covering education, health and nutrition, HIV and AIDS prevention, child protection and emergency responses;

WHEREAS, WFP have programs designed to address the food security needs of vulnerable populations living in conflict-affected areas where there are large numbers of internally displaced persons and high rates of malnutrition;

WHEREAS, ACCION, which is part of the Action Against Hunger International network, provides nutrition, food security, water and sanitation, and health programmes to enable populations to regain their autonomy and self-sufficiency as soon as possible;

WHEREAS, CHILDREN provides assistance to children and families struggling in terrible poverty overcome the obstacles of poverty through sponsorship programs in education, health, nutrition, family assistance and youth; through housing programs and community projects;

WHEREAS, HKI has a coherent, integrated program of technical assistance to the Government of the Philippines (GOP) and Local Government Units, which includes activities in Vitamin A supplementation and other micronutrients; nutrition education; food-based interventions; maternal and child survival, reproductive health and primary eye care;

WHEREAS, MSF is an international humanitarian aid organization that provide emergency medical assistance to populations in danger, to victims of natural or man-made disasters and to victims of armed conflict, without discrimination and irrespective of race, religion, creed or political affiliation;

WHEREAS, OXFAM's focus in the Philippines is on sustainable livelihoods, education, conflict resolution, and disaster preparedness;

WHEREAS, PLAN is an international humanitarian, child-centered development organization that aims to achieve lasting improvements in the quality of life of deprived children in developing countries, through a process that unites people across cultures and adds meaning and value to their lives;

WHEREAS, SAVE THE CHILDREN implements child-focused education, health and emergency preparedness and response programs, with special focus of helping children made vulnerable by endemic poverty, natural disasters or by armed conflict;

WHEREAS, WORLD VISION is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome



poverty and injustice. It works for the well-being of the poor and vulnerable people through sustainable development, emergency response and disaster relief, and raising public awareness and advocating for justice;

NOW THEREFORE, premises considered, the parties, desiring to enhance relations in the field of health on the basis of mutual benefit, have reached the following understandings:

1. The Contracting Parties recognize and agree that human survival and well-being, especially in vulnerable groups, during any disaster or emergency is paramount. Thus, the DOH and donors such as the ORGANIZATIONS recognize and confirm that they should not be competing with each other to meet the most visible needs of the affected population in a disaster or emergency;

2. The Contracting Parties have collectively recognized, assessed, and agreed to the necessity for prompt, effective, and concerted coordination and support to the National Government's management, preparedness, and response in the event of a disaster and all disaster-related activities thereto;

3. The Contracting Parties mutually recognize, observe, and concur to the performance of activities involving the following:

- (a) Sharing of information among the parties through a common platform for ideas, including database, strategies, approaches, activities, plans and programmes with respect to disaster risks, mitigation, preparedness, and response;
- (b) Facilitating capacity building and skills development of the parties with critical expertise to support actors in disaster management through training, joint activities and sharing lessons learnt experiences;
- (c) Ensuring quick response by updating the Emergency Disaster Preparedness Plan and by synergising individual organization plans to assure early, effective and coordinated response to an emergency;
- (d) Enhancing partnerships by providing an interface through involvement in workshops and consultations with a view to promote partnerships;
- (e) Providing a venue/platform for contingency planning and disaster risk reduction development;
- (f) Determining the respective roles and responsibilities of each party during a disaster or disaster-related activity;
- (g) Sharing and providing technical advice and material assistance in all disaster-related activities;
- (h) Coordinating resources and logistics, including supply of commodities and services, to guarantee effective and efficient disaster response management; and
- (i) Providing medical assistance and response to emergencies of the population in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the DOH on emergency disaster and preparedness program and the humanitarian sphere standards and other international humanitarian laws.

4. The Contracting Parties have mutually decided to exert earnest efforts to dutifully perform the aforementioned activities.

5. Any dispute between and among the Contracting Parties arising out of the interpretation on the implementation of this Memorandum shall be settled through consultations or negotiation.

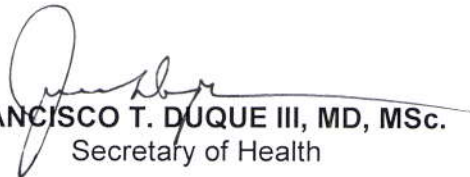
6. Any amendment or revision to the provisions of this Memorandum shall be done by mutual consent of all the Contracting Parties.

7. This Memorandum shall be effective upon signing by the Contracting Parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have hereunto set their hands on the date and place first above written.


**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

By:

  
**FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III, MD, MSc.**  
Secretary of Health

**WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION**

By:

  
**DR. SOE NYUNT-U**  
Country Representative

**UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND**

By:

  
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Country Representative

**UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND**

By:

  
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Country Representative

**WORLD FOOD PROGRAM**

By:

  
**MR. STEPHEN ANDERSON**  
Country Representative

**ACCION CONTRA EL HAMBRE**

By:



**MR. ERIC FORT**  
Head of Mission

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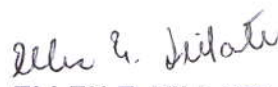
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**MS. ELEANOR SALVADOR-PEÑA**  
Regional Program Coordinator

**HELEN KELLER INTERNATIONAL-PHILIPPINES**

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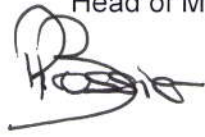
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