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This "Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)" refers to the knowledge partnership arrangements with the initiatives of "Odisha Development Fellow" interms of contributions and responsibilities between the Human Development Monitoring Agency, Planning & Convergence Department, GoO and the Sambalpur University, Jyoti Vihar, Burla, Sambalpur

1. WHEREAS Poverty & Human Development Monitoring Agency (PHDMA) is focusing on tracking the socio-economic development of the society, poverty reduction, improving human development programs. Human development does not occur unless economic growth is accompanied by other factors which determine the quality of life, such as good health, good education, reductions in poverty and inequality, involvement in participatory democracy, political stability, sustainable environment of forests, wildlife, air and water, less violent crime and basic human rights and envision the goal of transformation.

2. WHEREAS Sambalpur University (herein referred to as **SU**) established in 1966 and recognized by the University Grant Commission. It is a member of the Indian Association of Universities as well as Commonwealth Association of Universities. Sambalpur University has

been reaccredited by NAAC with A Grade in September 2016 for a period of five years. It has 20 Post-Graduate Departments, 1 Constituent Law Colleges, 1 Constituent Engineering College, A Directorate of Distance Education and a number of centers like Private Education Cell, UGC Human Resources Development Center (HRDC), an Academic Staff College. The University also offers number of Self Financing Courses. Besides, there are one hundred and forty affiliated colleges under the University. The University has envisioned being a centre of excellence in higher education with a focus on innovative teaching, learning, research, consultancy and extension activities for building a creative, enlightened and productive civil society.

The University empowers students with knowledge, skills, values and sensitivity necessary for successful citizenship. Creates and disseminate knowledge through interdisciplinary research and creative inquiry in developing a meaningful and sustainable society. Besides, equips the students with problem solving, leadership and team works skills and inculcating a sense of commitment to quality, ethical behavior and respect for others. It provides an enabling platform for free flow of ideas where discovery and creativity will foster professional growth and will usher in a better world. It ensures academic excellence in this dynamic knowledge economy by exposing the students to new ideas, new ways of understanding, new ways of knowing in their journey of intellectual transformation.

3. WHERE AS PHDMA has the mandate to track the progress of Poverty eradication, monitoring and improving Human Development Indicators, undertaking policy analysis, developing appropriate development strategies and programmes and evaluating their impact on the poor.

To achieve this goal, PHDMA has started to promote “**Odisha Development Fellow (ODev Fellow)**” in different academic field who will write articles / documents / presentations using data analysis, data visualization, creating summaries and reports.

Apart from this PHDMA has also decided to venture mapping the access of house holds to different Government Schemes / Programmes / Initiatives and to conduct a sample based house to house survey on a pilot basis in selected districts.

4. NOW THEREFORE, the **PHDMA** represented by the Member Secretary and SU represented by Vice Chancellor (VC) enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and agree to work jointly for designing framework to roll out action points for “**Odisha Development Fellow**” who will write reports / articles / documents / presentations using data analysis which included data visualisation, creating summaries and reports that synthesise findings from the surveys for government stakeholders. Which can be useful for government decision-making, policy revisiting, Prepare presentations, training materials, manuals and knowledge products for capacity building initiatives, publicity and branding

5. Objective of MoU

The focus areas of attention for the Odisha Development Fellows will be:

- i) Impact assessment of poverty reduction measures.
- ii) Transformative initiatives towards achievement of sustainable development.
- iii) Livelihood transformation and many others having potential of being a human interest story.
- iv) Partnership in growth, role of stakeholders and change agents.
- v) A systematic analysis of current processes of livelihood /income diversification and mobility of resources in relation to local and regional development in the respective research areas & Notable transition from subsistence farming to cash-crop production.
- vi) Find out reasons why households' purchasing power is not increasing even if their income increased, how to eradicate regional inequality, gender inequality in different aspects & Rural and urban food insecurity, intractable malnutrition problems and the growing incidence of overweight and obesity etc.
- vii) Study & research how Rural economic structure is constantly reshaped by forces of urbanization, expanding markets, returns to livelihood opportunities, changes in land use patterns and the inherent socio-demographic structure of villages.
- viii) Development of the idea that promotion of the rural non-farm economy should be an important component of India's rural transformation strategy & need to transform the workforce in Odisha away from low-productivity agricultural sector into high productivity sector.
- ix) What factors influence the implementation of different welfare schemes?
- x) Documenting voices transmitted into case studies, best practices which can be played as role models or show the path to the people of Odisha for their all-round development, i.e., in terms of their income, health, education.
- ix) Overall how people just make an effort to diversify their livelihoods as much as possible in order to reduce vulnerability to shocks and insecurities. Agricultural diversification, non-farm economic activities, multi-locality and resettlement are just a few key examples of rural livelihood strategies.
- xi) To share knowledge, provide expert support for research work and undertake research on Livelihood Transformations through an outsourcing agency or individual expert(s) to be selected by PHDMA under the technical guidance of SU.

6. Scope of MoU

There is an urgent need for identification, systematic codification, documentation and dissemination of good practices and innovative approaches in social sector delivery. Detailed analytical documentation, providing the nuances of these initiatives is required to facilitate adaptation and replication in new areas.

They would provide an analysis of the development initiatives by Governments in solitary or in partnerships which have contributed towards poverty alleviation and substantial improvement in development indicators.

These studies and compilations would show case innovative approaches, effective strategies, long-lasting impact and sustainability in reaching out to the marginalized sections of the population.

The processes which have increased effectiveness in service delivery, schemes which led to social change.

An archive of individuals and their stories who through their dedication contributed towards the processes of change, and can be thus designated as Change Makers.

The mode of documentation would be Human Interest Stories, Case Studies, Impact Analysis, Outcome analysis and Policy papers.

The ODeV-Fellow will have to give a declaration that the content can be quoted by and used by GoO for training and IEC, publicity, branding and impact analysis.

ODev Fellow would be....

Anyone who is preferably a Post Graduate in Economics, Sociology, Anthropology, Political Science, Rural Development, Women Studies, and Development Studies, Public Policy or any other subject. Person who has extensively worked in the development sector, has a keen interest in the themes and sectors concerning PHDMA, can be recommended by the committee based on the synopsis submitted and details of bio-data. Institutions with which PHDMA has MoU as Knowledge Partner can nominate scholars and faculty as well. Individuals who would document processes of change, transformation through audiovisuals and having a vibrant experience with the process of Development.

PHDMA will have conditional rights over the same. The **ODeV-Fellow** will also give a declaration that the work was done with **PHDMA** and will be quoted as such.

The Content scope will cover a range from Human Interest Stories, Case Study Report, Policy Paper, and Impact and Outcome Analysis as decided jointly by the institution and **PHDMA**.

The **ODeV-Fellow** will be recommended by the institution with the clear indication of the area /sector / theme and the type of content. NO institution in one point in time can have more than **25 ODeV-Fellows**.

7. Timeline for Submission of Documents

Following are the timeline to submit their work:

- Human Interest Stories (30days) - (Budget not more than Rs 1500 per story)
- Case Study (30-45days) - (Budget not more than Rs 2500 per story)
- Policy Paper(30-60days) - (Budget not more than Rs 4500 per story)
- Impact Analysis(90days-1year) -(Budget not more than Rs 25000- Rs 50000 for one scheme /initiative / programme)

The templates of Application Form & Concept Note are available in the website (www.phdma.odisha.gov.in)

8. Obligation of SU

To recommend scholars who belong to your Institution along with their CVs from the Departments such as Economics / Sociology / Anthropology / Public Administration / Social works / Political Science / Mass Communication / Rural Development and Management / Development Studies / Sustainability Management / Public Policy and Governance to take up the following assignments.

- Human Interest Stories
- Success Stories
- Impact & Outcome Analysis
- Policy briefs
- Evaluation of Selected Government Schemes
- Case Studies

To work jointly to Develop research methodologies, research models /frameworks for undertaking various research works on Human Development & undertake thematic and evaluation studies (through the agency to be selected /human resources and provided jointly by PHDMA and SU) relevant to Poverty Alleviation, Human Development, Food Security & Nutrition and Livelihood Transformation.

9. Financial Obligation

PHDMA shall provide financial requirements to SU for providing the support indicated above which will be job specific.

10. Duration

This MoU shall be effective on signature of both the parties and shall continue in full force and effect for 10 years unless terminated earlier or extended in writing by either of the parties. The third year will be devoted for handover and transfer of technology and datasets.

This MoU may be amended in writing through an exchange of letters between the parties. The letters exchanged to this effect shall become an integral part of the MoU.

The parties shall have the right to terminate this MoU, by 30 days written notice to this effect, if it considers that the continued implementation of the MoU is impossible or impractical or unforeseen causes beyond the control of the parties. The parties agree to ensure best efforts to minimize any cost that may arise out of an early termination.

11. Notices

Any notice to be given under this MoU shall be validly sent through signed scanned copy by e-mail or delivered by hand to the party to be notified at the address here in indicated.

All notices to PHDMA shall be delivered to:

The Member Secretary
Poverty & Human Development Monitoring Agency (PHDMA),
Planning & Convergence Department,
2nd Floor, North Annex Building,
Lokaseva Bhavan, Bhubaneswar,
Odisha-751 001.
Email: phdmaodisha@gmail.com; phdma@yahoo.in,
www.phdma.odisha.gov.in

All notices to SU shall be delivered to:

Vice Chancellor
Sambalpur University
Jyoti Vihar, Burla, Sambalpur
Odisha, India-768 019
www.suniv.ac.in


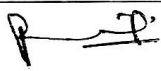
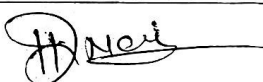
12. Forceand Majeure

The term Force Majeure as employed herein shall mean any unforeseen even of either party that delayed, hinders, either temporarily or definitely or prevented or is otherwise frustrated by reason of force majeure, which shall mean war, civil commotion, fire, flood, action by any government or any event beyond the reasonable control of the party affected, then the party so affected shall promptly notify the other party in writing specifying the nature of the force majeure and of the anticipated delay in the performance obligation under this MoU and as from the date of that notification where upon both parties will be relieved from such obligations reciprocal obligation. The party to which notice in given shall have the possibility to dispute the existence and /or applicability of Force Majeure in the conditions set forth in the section "Settlement of Disputes".

13. Sworn Statement

We have read and understood the content of this MOU and that the information furnished herein is accurate to the best of our knowledge.

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) IS THEREFORE SIGNED BETWEEN:

For Poverty & Human Development Monitoring Agency (PHDMA)	For Sambalpur University (SU)
Signature: RR Sahoo	Signature: 
Name: Ms. Roopashon Sahoo IAS	Name: Prof. Sanjay Kumar
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Date:	Date: 31.08.2021
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WITNESS-1	WITNESS-2
Signature: 	Signature: 
Signature:	Designation: Director, SAIC
Name: Prabir Kumar Khilari OAS	Name: Prof. Pradeep K. Nayak
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