



Republic of the Philippines
EASTERN VISAYAS HEALTH RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Agreement entered into and executed by and among:

The **DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY REGIONAL OFFICE NO. 8 (DOST RO 8)**, with principal office and address at Gov't Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte represented in this Agreement by its Regional Director, **ENGR. EDGARDO M. ESPERANCILLA**;

The **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - REGIONAL OFFICE VIII** with principal office and address at Gov't Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte represented in this Agreement by its Regional Director, **DR. MINERVA P. MOLON**;

The **COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION REGIONAL OFFICE NO. 8 (CHED 8)** with principal office and address at Tacloban City, represented in this Agreement by its Regional Director, **DR. MAURA CONSOLACION D. CRISTOBAL**;

The **DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGIONAL OFFICE NO. 8 (DILG RO 8)** with the office address at Kanhuraw Hill, Tacloban City represented in this Agreement by its Regional Director, **DIR. MARIVEL C. SACENDOCILLO**;

The **NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGIONAL OFFICE NO. 8 (NEDA RO 8)** with office address at Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte represented in this Agreement by its Regional Director, **ATTY. BONIFACIO G. UY**;

The **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REGIONAL OFFICE NO. 8** with office address at Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte represented in this Agreement by its Regional Director, **DR. RAMIR B. UYTICO**;

The **PHILIPPINE INFORMATION AGENCY REGIONAL OFFICE NO. 8** with office address at Tacloban City represented in this Agreement by its Regional Director, **MS. ALICIA P. NICART**;

The **NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL REGIONAL OFFICE NO. 8 (NNC RO 8)** with office address at Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte represented in this Agreement by its Officer In-charge- Regional Nutrition Coordinator, **DR. CATALINO P. DOTOLLO, JR.**;

The **UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES MANILA-SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES IN LEYTE** with office address at Palo, Leyte, represented in this Agreement by its Dean, **DR. SALVADOR ISIDRO B. DESTURA**;

The **UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE VISAYAS** with office address at Magsaysay Blvd., Tacloban City represented in this Agreement by its Dean, **DR. VIRGILDO E. SABALO**;

The **LEYTE NORMAL UNIVERSITY** with office address at Tacloban City represented in this Agreement by its University President, **DR. JUDE A. DUARTE**;

The **NAVAL STATE UNIVERSITY** with office address at Naval, Biliran represented in this agreement by its University President, **DR. MATIAS A. BENTOR, JR.**;

The **HOLY INFANT COLLEGE** with office address at Tacloban City represented in this Agreement by its College President, **SR. MARY CARMELA N. CABACTULAN, RSM;**

The **REMEDIOS TRINIDAD ROMUALDEZ MEDICAL FOUNDATION** with office address at Tacloban City represented in this Agreement by its President, **MS. JULIET G. ROMUALDEZ;**

The **EASTERN VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY (EVSU)** with office address at Tacloban City represented in this Agreement by its University President, **DR. DOMINADOR O. AGUIRRE, JR.;**

The **SAMAR STATE UNIVERSITY (SSU)** with office address at Catbalogan City, Samar represented in this Agreement by its University President, **DR. MARILYN D. CARDOSO;**

The **VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY (VSU)** with office address Visca, Baybay City, Leyte represented in this Agreement by its University President **DR. EDGARDO E. TULIN;**

The **EASTERN SAMAR STATE UNIVERSITY (ESSU)** with office address at Borongan, Eastern Samar represented in this Agreement by its University President, **DR. EDMUNDO CAMPOTO;**

The **ST. JOSEPH COLLEGE** with office address at Maasin City represented in this Agreement by its College President, **MOST REV. PRECIOSO CANTILLAS;**

The **UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN PHILIPPINES (UEP)** with office address at University Town, Catarman, Northern Samar represented in this Agreement by its University President, **DR. ROLANDO A. DELORINO;**

The **SOUTHERN LEYTE STATE UNIVERSITY (SLSU)** with office address at Sogod, Southern Leyte represented in this Agreement by its University President, **DR. PROSE IVY G. YEPES;**

The **ST. SCHOLASTICA'S COLLEGE TACLOBAN** with office address at Maharlika Highway, Palo, Leyte represented in this Agreement by its College President, **SR. M. JOSEFINA G. NEPOMUCENO;**

The **PALOMPON INSTITUTE TECHNOLOGY (PIT)** with office address at Palompon, Leyte represented in this Agreement by its President, **DR. ANGELITA F. PAJARON;**

The **NORTHWEST SAMAR STATE UNIVERSITY (NWSSU)** with office address at Calbayog City, Samar represented in this Agreement by its University President, **DR. AVELINA N. BERGADO;**

The **DIVINE WORD HOSPITAL (DWU)** with office address at Tacloban City represented in this Agreement by its Hospital Administrator, **SR. ELIZA N. ARPON, OSB;**

The **PHILIPPINE NURSES ASSOCIATION - REGION VIII (PNA)** with office address at Tacloban City represented in this Agreement by its Governor, **MS. ELNORA O. ARGOTA;**

The **PHILIPPINE ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST-EASTERN VISAYAS CHAPTER (PAMET-EV)** with office at Tacloban City represented in this Agreement by its President, **DR. ESTRELLA A. DE DIOS;**

The **LEYTE MEDICAL SOCIETY (LMS)** with office at Tacloban City represented in this Agreement by its President, **DR. EDGAR C. GASCO**;

The **PHILIPPINE ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS** with office at Tacloban City represented in this Agreement by its President, **DR. LORY L. RUETAS**;

The **PHIL. INSTITUTE OF TRADITIONAL AND ALTERNATIVE HEALTH CARE-TACLOBAN HERBAL PHARMACEUTICAL PROCESSING & MANUFACTURING PLANT (PITAH-THPPMP)** with office at Bagacay, Tacloban City represented in this Agreement by its Plant Manager, **MS. AVELINA M. JUABAN**;

The **EASTERN VISAYAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (EVRMC)** with office at Tacloban City represented in this Agreement by its Chief of Hospital, **DR. AVITO H. SALINAS, FPCP, FPSN**;

The **MOTHER OF MERCY HOSPITAL (MMH)** with office at Tacloban City represented in this Agreement by its Administrator, **SR. LOURDES AMASCUAL, RSM**;

- WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the concern for a healthy nation is a major component of the Philippine Ten-Point Action Agenda for Development;

WHEREAS, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), through the **Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD)**, is the lead agency of the **Philippine National Health Research System (PNHRS)** responsible in coordinating and monitoring health research and development activities aimed at improving the health conditions of all Filipinos, promotes the creation of regional health research communities;

WHEREAS, the multi-dimensional character of health and nutrition problems besetting the country, necessitates collaboration between and among institutions and agencies which are stakeholders in health research;

WHEREAS, the Philippine National Health Research System (PNHRS) is a mechanism and strategy for collaboration and networking in health research to better combat health problems;

WHEREAS, the major stakeholders in health research in Region VIII recognize the need to collaborate to be able to share resources, expertise and facilities aligned with the PNHRS framework;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises and of the mutual covenants, clauses and stipulations hereinafter set forth, the Parties do hereby agree to collaborate and implement health research and development projects and bind themselves by the following terms and conditions of this **Memorandum of Agreement**:

ARTICLE I

NAME, DOMICILE AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be Eastern Visayas Health Research and Development Consortium (EVHRDC) otherwise known as EVHRDC. It shall hold office at the Department of Science and Technology Regional Office VIII, Gov't Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte.

Section 2. The primary objective of the EVHRDC is to strengthen the system of collaboration in Region VIII to develop and enhance capacity of institutions within the region engaged and which has interest in health research as a strategy to improve the health conditions of its people.

Section 3. Specifically, the consortium aims to:

1. Identify priority regional health problems for research;
2. Identify and implement priority research programs and projects targeting identified priority health problems;
3. Develop and/or enhance health research and development activities;
4. Establish a system of collaboration and resource sharing in undertaking health researches;
5. Generate resources for health-related researches consistent with the national and regional research agenda;
6. Develop capability in manpower, facilities and other infrastructure for health and nutrition researches;
7. Promote the utilization of health research findings;
8. Serve as clearinghouse for all health-related researches; and
9. Develop mechanisms and implement strategies to ensure long-term viability of the consortium.

ARTICLE II

ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE

Section 1. **ORGANIZATION.** THE EVHRDC REGION VIII shall be composed of the **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** and Committees on **RESEARCH MANAGEMENT, ETHICS REVIEW, RESEARCH INFORMATION** and **CAPABILITY BUILDING**. It may create other Committees as the need arises and upon consultation with the members.

Section 2. **COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.** The **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** shall be composed of the heads of the member institutions of the RHRDC VIII. Its functions are as follows:

1. Provide central direction and guidance of all health R&D activities in the region;
2. Establish policies and guidelines, in consultation with stakeholders, in the identification of priority health R & D programs and projects in the region;
3. Promote the development of research capacity and linkages on health R & D;
4. Review and approve the sub-committees' programs, activities, including their attending proposals;
5. Establish monitoring and evaluation mechanism to ensure long-term sustainability of the Consortium;
6. Oversee the overall implementation of the Regional Health Research and Development Consortium Region VIII programs and project;
7. Conduct periodic review of health research programs and projects
8. Serve as clearinghouse of all health research proposals

Section 3. **FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEES.** The committees shall be created to assist the Advisory Board in the conceptualization, planning and implementation of the various programs, projects and related activities of the EVHRDC.

Section 4. **COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH MANAGEMENT.** The **COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH MANAGEMENT** shall be composed of member agencies with proven capability in conducting and managing health research and development activities. The Committee's functions will be:

1. Identify research programs and projects which are in accordance with the National Unified Health Research Agenda (NUHRA) as well as research institutions which can implement the same;
2. Provide technical assistance in the development and actual implementation of health research projects; and
3. Review and monitor implementation of approved regional health research projects.
4. Conduct technical evaluation of health research programs and projects;

Section 5. **COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS.** The COMMITTEE ON ETHICS shall be composed of member-institutions with interest and capacity in reviewing ethical issues in health R & D activities. The Committee's functions are the following:

1. Advocate for the adoption of PNHRs guidelines on ethical standards and practices in health research;
2. Encourage the establishment of institutional ethics review committees in health research organizations in Region VIII;
3. Provide training and advocacy activities on ethics for members of institutional ethics review bodies.
4. Evaluate and recommend approval of proposals for ethical clearance

Section 6. **COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH INFORMATION.** The COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH INFORMATION shall be composed of member-institutions that shall take charge of ensuring dissemination and utilization of health research result. The Committee's functions are the following:

1. Develop a research information and utilization plan for various target clients;
2. Collect, package and disseminate research information;
3. Collaborate with government, private sector, and non-government organizations for the use and possible commercialization of health research results into policies, actions, products and services;
4. Develop a data bank on health research and resources including sources of funds and technical assistance

Section 7. **COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.** The COMMITTEE ON CAPABILITY BUILDING shall be composed of members institutions that can train and facilitate capacity development activities. The Committee's functions are the following:

1. Assess the human resource requirements for health research of the institutions within Region VIII;
2. Develop a strategic health research human resource development plan and monitor its implementation; and
3. Establish a sustainable mechanism for sharing of resources and exchange of technical expertise.

Section 8. **ROLE OF THE DOST REGIONAL OFFICE.** The DOST REGIONAL OFFICE shall perform the following functions:

1. Serve as technical SECRETARIAT of the Eastern Visayas Health Research and Development Consortium (EVHRDC);
2. Trustee and depository of health research funds, unless otherwise specified by funding agencies;
3. Administer and release the Eastern Visayas Health Research and Development Consortium (EVHRDC);

4. Submit technical and audited financial reports on projects and activities undertaken by the Eastern Visayas Health Research and Development Consortium (EVHRDC).

Section 9. QUALIFICATION FOR AND EXPANSION OF MEMBERSHIP. Any public, private or non-government organizations in Region VIII which has the intent, capability and resources to undertake health research or related development activities can become a member of the EVHRDC. The Executive Committee may expand the membership of the EVHRDC based on approved guidelines.

Section 10. DUTIES OF MEMBER INSTITUTIONS. The member institutions shall have the following duties:

1. Commit and align institutional resources to the EVHRDC goals and objectives;
2. Provide expertise in the conduct of training, seminars and other advocacy activities of PNHRs-supported regional health research and development projects;
3. Provide counterpart funds in the amount to be agreed by the members for the implementation of health R & D programs and projects;
4. Undertake annual inventory of institutional research capabilities and resources to assess the region's performance in health research; and
5. Designate permanent and alternate representatives to the various working committees of EVHRDC.

Section 11. BENEFITS OF MEMBER INSTITUTIONS. The member institutions can participate in the following activities that may be instituted by the EVHRDC.

1. Strengthening of research capabilities through complementation and sharing of resources;
2. Access to various human resources and institution development programs and projects of the EVHRDC and PNHRs, and
3. Sharing of scientific information through library linkage and similar arrangements.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS

Section 1. The Eastern Visayas Health Research and Development Consortium (EVHRDC) shall meet on a date agreed upon by all parties. It may set regular and special meetings on a fixed date to be determined by the members. It shall keep minutes of all meetings furnishing copies thereof to all concerned. Hosting of meetings shall be rotated among the member-institutions and the principle of complementation of resources and expertise shall be adopted.

ARTICLE IV

OWNERSHIP AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Section 1. Intellectual Property Rights, Royalties and Innovation. Ownership and right to innovative discoveries, royalties and intellectual property rights that may arise from the activities undertaken pursuant to this Agreement shall be governed by pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 8293 or Intellectual Property Code of 2002 and DOST Memorandum Circular No. 001 series of 2002 and other applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Section 2. Utilization of Research Outputs and Findings. The EVHRDC shall exert all efforts to ensure dissemination and utilization of the results of all researches undertaken by the Consortium.

ARTICLE V

OTHER PROVISIONS

Section 1. All parties concerned shall exercise full diligence, good faith and commitment to ensure compliance to the stipulations of this Agreement subject to the internal rules and regulations of the individual institutions/ parties. Any problem, question or conflict that may arise from this Agreement shall be resolved through consultation.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

Section 1. This MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT may be amended, altered, modified, supplemented and terminated upon mutual consent of all parties concerned.

ARTICLE VII

EFFECTIVITY

Section 1. This MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT shall take effect immediately upon the signing hereof and shall remain in full force and effect unless sooner terminated as provided above or by written agreement of all concerned parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to this MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT hereunto subscribed and affixed their signatures this 1ST day of December 2016 in Tacloban City, Philippines.

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SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

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Executive Director, PCHRD

ERNESTO M. GRANADA
ARD-Technical Operations, DOST8

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for and in the TAC, this 17 day of Nov. 2018, personally appeared:

| Name | CTC/ID No. | Date/Place of Issue |
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| <u>EDMUNDO A. CAMPOTO</u> | <u>Passport ID No: EB7208287</u> | <u>01/21/2018</u> |

Who are known to me and to me known to be the same persons who executed the foregoing MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT consisting of _____ () pages including this page on which the acknowledgement is written and signed by all parties and witnesses on each and every page thereof and acknowledged the same to be their voluntary act and deed as well as of the entries represented.

WITNESS MY HAND AND NOTARIAL SEAL on the date and place above written.

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