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**Memorandum of Understanding
Between
National Research Institute of Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases
Tehran-Iran
&
KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation, The Netherlands**

Mission Statements

**National Research Institute of Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases
(hereafter referred to as NRITLD)**

The aim of NRITLD is to fulfill the educational, diagnostic, therapeutic and research needs in the field of Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases in Islamic Republic of Iran, neighbouring countries and/or other countries

KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation

Global elimination of tuberculosis through development and implementation of effective tuberculosis control strategies

Preamble

In order to support the Ministry of Health and Medical Education of Iran to achieve the Millennium Development Goals in combating TB, the National Research Institute of Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (NRITLD), Massih Daneshvari Hospital, Shaheed Beheshti University of Medical Science of Islamic Republic of Iran would like to collaborate with national and international training and research institutes. Conducting various training courses, surveys and research projects for preventing and controlling respiratory diseases particularly issues related to Tuberculosis and Smoking, air pollutions, GARD (global Alliance against Chronic Respiratory Diseases) as well as other mutually interested subjects are among these measures.

Given the existence of proper relevant groundwork as well as a desire by both NRITLD and KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation for promotion and

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expansion of international collaboration in implementing training courses, research and educational programs for controlling respiratory diseases especially TB, this Memorandum of Understanding was prepared and ratified by the representatives of, both institutes. The current MoU will be enacted according to the rules and regulation of both Institutions.

ARTICLE 1

The period of collaboration will be indefinite, as long as both parties are satisfied with the co-operation, and as long as there is adequate funding for the KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation supported activities.

ARTICLE 2

NRITLD ensures legal, ethical and administrative clearance of the current MoU and activities conducted under this agreement.

ARTICLE 3

All plans, technical documents and publications developed through this MoU will have the ownership of the NRITLD, and will duly acknowledge the contribution of KNCV advisors as appropriate. KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation is entitled to use the collected data for publication based on mutual agreement with NRITLD.

ARTICLE 4

4.1 By end August of every year an annual plan of activities of the following year will be agreed upon between two parties.

4.2 In case, the expertise is not available within two parties, both parties are entitled to invite external experts (in coordination with the other party).

ARTICLE 5

Areas of collaboration between the two parties are:

1 Training/Education

- 1.1 Selection of topics, participants and timing of joint training by NRITLD and KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation through annual activity plans
- 1.2 Development of Training curriculum by NRITLD and KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation
- 1.3 Organization and coordination of training courses (including logistics and administration) by NRITLD, KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation and other interested organizations
- 1.4 Providing trainers and faculty members by NRITLD, KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation and Stop TB partners.

2 **Human Resource Development** (MPH students and PHD students)

- 2.1 Registration of MPH and PHD students in Iranian Universities by NRITLD
- 2.2 Technical assistance in terms of mentorship and short educational visits to the Netherlands to be organized jointly by NRITLD and KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation and KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation's collaborating Universities in The Netherlands
- 2.3 Implementing short-term research courses by NRITLD and/or KNCV TB Foundation
- 2.4 Providing consultants for guiding related theses and research projects by KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation and NRITLD
- 2.5 The number of MPH and PHD students will be agreed upon during the process of approval of each year's annual activity plan.

3 **Research**

- 3.1 Selection of topics, development of research protocols by NRITLD and KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation
- 3.2 Implementation of research projects by NRITLD with monitoring of KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation, if required
- 3.3 Data collection and verification by NRITLD with assistance of KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation, if required
- 3.4 Data analysis and manuscript preparation by NRITLD and KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation
- 3.5 Publication and dissemination by NRITLD and KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation.

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