



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

SOLOMON ISLANDS NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

AND

WORLD VISION SOLOMON ISLANDS

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made on this.....^{11th}Day ofMARCH..... 2024.

BETWEEN:

Solomon Islands National University of P.O.BOX R113, Kukum Campus, Honiara, Solomon Islands, Represented by the Vice Chancellor Professor Transform Aqorau (hereinafter referred to as "SINU")

AND:

World Vision Solomon Islands of P.O Box 1359, Honiara, Solomon Islands, Represented by the National Director, Jimmy Nadapdap (hereinafter referred to as "WVSI")

Both of whom are hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"

WHEREAS:

A.WVSI is an organization that commits to serve vulnerable communities in Solomon Islands through the delivery of WASH, Health, education, livelihoods, gender and child protection and community resilience to disaster and climate change, these areas provided support to improve and transform the quality of life for vulnerable communities in Solomon Islands.

B. Solomon Islands National University is the tertiary institution in Solomon Islands established by the Solomon Islands National University Act of 2012 and come to effective in 2013. The University is fully own by the people and Government of Solomon Islands and its objectives is to "promote scholarship, research, free inquiry, academic excellence, and trade competence and in this process create, disseminate, maintain, and advance knowledge and productivity by teaching, training and other means, for the welfare and needs of the communities in Solomon Islands and the region".

C. The Parties agree to collaborate on WASH, Disaster Risks Reduction and Climate Change, Livelihood and Gender and Protection aligned with national needs and that of WWSI;

D. The Parties agree to pursue their collaboration and enter into this MOU under the terms and conditions stated herein.

NOW THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE

The intended purpose of this MOU is:

1. To have a non-binding expression of intention of the Parties concerning their respective responsibilities and contributions in regards to the specific work programmes of WWSI in the Solomon Islands.
2. To develop and establish a professional and transparent collaboration between the Parties that is mutually beneficial to the Parties, and serves the Parties' common interest of furthering strategic in livelihood, WASH, education, health, gender and protection and disaster risk reduction and climate change outcomes in rural communities the Solomon Islands.
3. Collaborate effectively towards developing and implementing initiatives and projects applicable to WWSI and SINU activities relating to WASH, Health, Education, Livelihood, Disaster Risks Reduction and Climate change, Gender and Protection and Research.
4. Collaborate effectively towards building inclusive and resilient communities in the Solomon Islands in the context of research and analysis of reports.

5. Build partnerships and coordinate resources to implement activities that will add values to both Parties.

ARTICLE 2: DURATION

1. The MOU shall be effective for the period of four (4) years and will come into effect on the date of signing by the authorized representatives of the Parties.

ARTICLE 3: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SINU

1. Research Collaboration and Innovation:

SINU shall develop and engage in joint research projects focusing on the strategic areas of WVSI. SINU will encourage academic staff and students to partake in research that aligns with WVSI's mission, fostering innovation and new insights.

2. Data Collection and Analysis:

SINU shall utilize its expertise in data collection and analysis to support WVSI's projects, including designing surveys, analysing data, and interpreting results to inform policy and practice.

3. Capacity Building and Knowledge Exchange:

SINU shall offer training and workshops for WVSI staff and the communities they serve, as well as facilitate knowledge exchange sessions to share insights and best practices.

4. Publication and Dissemination of Findings:

WVSI shall collaborate in publishing research findings and policy papers and use SINU's platforms to disseminate information to a wider audience.

5. Joint Monitoring and Evaluation of Projects:

The Parties shall develop a framework for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness and impact of our joint projects, ensuring alignment with the objectives of the MoU.

6. Student Engagement and Internships:

SINU shall provide opportunities for students to engage in internships and volunteer programs with WVSI, and encourage student research and thesis projects that contribute to WVSI's goals.

7. Advocacy and Community Engagement:

WVSI shall leverage SINU's position to advocate for relevant issues and engage with local communities to promote our joint initiatives.

8. Resource Sharing and Joint Funding Opportunities:

The Parties shall explore joint funding opportunities and share resources to enhance the efficiency and impact of our collaborative projects.

9. The Parties shall joint monitoring on bi-annual basis on its programs covered under this MOU.

10. These proposed roles and responsibilities are intended to ensure that our partnership not only meets but exceeds the objectives outlined in the MoU, ultimately contributing to the betterment of our communities

ARTICLE 4: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF WVSI

1. WVSI shall collaborate with SINU on climate change and disaster risks reduction, livelihood, WASH, health, education, gender protection sectors and research related to the implementation of project in the Solomon Islands.

2. WVSI shall provide support and collaboration to increase implementation of projects that related to WASH, Health, Education, Livelihood, Disaster Risks Reduction and Climate Change, Gender and Protection and Research.

3. WVSI shall joint monitoring with SINU on bi-annual basis on its programmes covered under this MOU.

ARTICLE 5: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.

1. The Parties agree that, in the event of research collaboration leading to patent rights, copyrights, or other intellectual property rights, a further agreement must be negotiated in each case in accordance with the policies of the Parties on intellectual property.

ARTICLE 6: CONFIDENTIALITY

1. Except with prior written consent of the other Party, neither Party may use or disclose to any third Party any confidential information about the project(s) shared between the Parties to this MOU.

ARTICLE 7: CONFLICT RESOLUTION

1. Any issue arising from the interpretation of this MoU shall be settled through consultations between the Parties or such other means as they may mutually decide.

2. In the case of any dispute pertaining to the interpretation or application of this MoU, the Parties shall seek to reach an amicable solution.

ARTICLE 8: TERMINATION

1. The MoU may be terminated at the end of the MoU duration as stated in article 2 above. The Termination shall only be taken after mutual dialogue and consideration in order to avoid any possible inconvenience to either Party.

2. Either Party has the right to terminate the memorandum without liability by giving six (6) months' notice in writing of such intent.

ARTICLE 9: AMENDMENT AND NON-ASSIGNMENT

1. This MOU may be amended at any time, upon written consent by the Parties.

2. Neither Party may assign this MoU or any of its rights or obligations under this MoU, in whole or in part, by

operation of law or otherwise, without the prior written consent of the other Party.

ARTICLE 10: ENTIRE AGREEMENT

1. This MOU contains the entire understanding and agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. It supersedes all previous representations, understandings, arrangements and/or agreements, oral or written, between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

ARTICLE 11: FORCE MAJEURE

1. Neither Party shall be held responsible for non-fulfilment of their respective obligations under this MoU due to exigency of one or more of the force majeure events such as, but not limited to, act of God, war, flood, earthquake, strikes, lockouts, epidemics, riots, civil commotion, etc., provided on the occurrence and cessation of any such events, the Party affected shall thereby give notice in writing to the other Party within one (1) month of such occurrence or cessation.

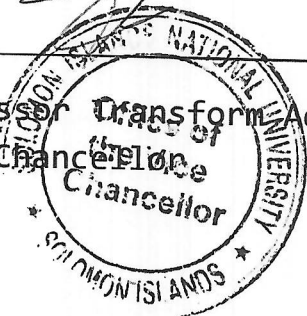
ARTICLE 12: GOVERNING LAW

1. The construction, interpretation and enforcement of this MoU shall be governed by the laws of Solomon Islands.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have affixed their signatures:

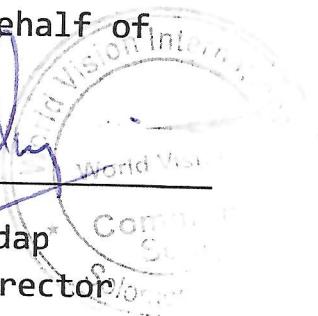
SIGNED on behalf of
SINU by

Professor ~~Dr. Transform~~ Agorau
Vice Chancellor
SINU



SIGNED on behalf of
WVSI by

Jimmy Nadapdap
National Director
WVSI




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Date: 11 / 03 / 2024

Place: KUKUM CAMPUS
HONIARA

Witnessed by

Signed: 

Name: SHADRACH FANTIA


Title: PRO VICE CHANCELLOR
(CORPORATE)

Date: 11/03/2024

Date: 11 March 2024

Place: KUKUM CAMPUS
HONIARA

Witnessed by:

Signed: 

Name: Irene C. Rosetti

Title: Operations Manager

Date: 11/3/2024

