MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AS REPRESENTED BY

KOREA FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL HEALTHCARE

KOFIH
Korea Foundation for International Healthcare

AND

THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI AS REPRESENTED BY

MINISTRY OF HEALTH & MEDICAL SERVICES

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& MEDICAL SERVICES

ON

SUPPORT SUB-DIVISIONAL LEVEL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL NCD STRATEGY AND THE NATIONAL DIGITAL HEALTH STRATEGY IN FIJI

February 2026

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AND
MINISTRY OF HEALTH & MEDICAL SERVICES OF REPUBLIC OF FIJI

This legally non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) details the recognized MOU between the Ministry of Health & Medical Services (hereinafter referred to as "MHMS") of the Government of the Republic of Fiji and the Korea Foundation for International Healthcare (hereinafter referred to as "KOFIH") of the Government of the Republic of Korea, expressing mutual interest in strengthening cooperation in the field of healthcare between the Parties. MHMS and KOFIH are hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Parties" and individually as "the Party."

Whereas MHMS has been recognized as an entrusted partner for Overseas Development Assistance (ODA), capable of managing donor funds and administering resources in accordance with the laws and regulations of the Republic of Fiji;

Whereas KOFIH, a public ODA agency in Republic of Korea, is dedicated to improving health in developing countries in cooperation with the Korean Government and implementing the projects listed in the MOU and will undertake the projects without direct or indirect discrimination of race, ethnicity, religion or creed, nationality, political beliefs, gender, handicapped status, or any other circumstances;

Now, therefore, the cooperation between the Parties on the projects of ODA may enable the development of healthcare and sustainable development, generating mutual benefits and strengthening the close relations between the two countries;

ARTICLE I: RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES

1.1. For the purposes of this MOU, each party is an independent contractor and not an agent or employee of the other party. Neither Party shall have the authority to make any statement, representation, or commitment of any kind, or to take any action that would be binding on the

other Party, except as may be explicitly provided for in this MOU or authorized in writing by the other party.

ARTICLE II: CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

2.1 Neither Party shall disclose, copy, reproduce, or otherwise make available any Confidential Information to any other person or entity without the consent of the other party. Parties agree to use their best efforts to maintain the confidentiality of Confidential Information. Confidential Information may include, by way of example but without limitation, data, know-how, designs, plans, reports, studies and findings.

2.2 The obligation to maintain confidentiality of Confidential Information shall expire at an earlier date if and when the information has entered the public domain by mutual MOU of the parties.

ARTICLE III: PROJECT GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

To improve the quality of life of people living with Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), it is necessary to strengthen local healthcare systems, establish digital health infrastructure in the agreed target areas, and enhance the capacity of healthcare workers for effective NCD management.

3.1. The Goal of the Project is to strengthen the local healthcare system and improve the management of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), with a particular focus on diabetes, thereby contributing to healthier lives and reduced NCD-related complications in Fiji.

3.2. The Objectives of this support include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 3.2.1. Expansion of online diabetes and related NCDs education programs for regional community healthcare workers.
- 3.2.2. Strengthening of community health systems for prevention, early detection, and management of diabetes and related NCDs.
- 3.2.3. Establishment of a referral and teleconsultation system across national, divisional, and community levels.
- 3.2.4. Introduction and utilization of smart/digital health solutions for patient registration, monitoring, and management of diabetes and related NCDs.
- 3.2.5. Joint project management, monitoring, and evaluation to ensure accountability, effectiveness, and sustainability of project outcomes.

All detailed activities for reaching the above-described objectives shall be jointly determined.

ARTICLE IV: PROJECT PERIOD

4.1 The project shall remain in effect from the date it is signed by both parties to December 31st, 2030.

4.2 If the project cannot be completed within the due date, for any reason, KOFIH must be informed at least one month prior to the end of the project, and the Signatories shall negotiate in good faith to reach an MOU for the execution of the project.

4.3 Next plan after the project duration will be determined by the Signatories, according to the result of the evaluation at the end of the project.

ARTICLE V: PROJECT BUDGET

5.1 The total grant for the project shall not exceed Ten Billion Korean Won (KRW 10,000,000,000) and may be adjusted in line with the guidance of the Government of the Republic of Korea.

5.2 The project budget shall be used exclusively for implementing project activities, covering administrative costs of KOFIH and relevant Development Partners, such as WHO or other expert organizations, and for monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of the project.

5.3 The project budget will not directly fund or transfer money to MHMS and will be managed and disbursed by KOFIH according to the agreed project activities, unless otherwise requested by MHMS.

ARTICLE VI: RESPONSIBILITIES

6.1 For the purpose of the project, KOFIH will:

6.1.1 Collaborate with MHMS to plan and coordinate project activities, and participate in regular monitoring, supervision, and evaluation meetings.

6.1.2 Dispatch Korean experts as necessary to provide technical advice, training, and on-site support related to project implementation.

6.1.3 Coordinate with international organizations such as WHO to mobilize additional technical support, and provide training and capacity-building programs for project staff.

6.1.4 Provide administrative and technical assistance related to project implementation, and conduct joint inspections and evaluations with MHMS.

6.1.5 Provide project-related materials, technical information, and best practices, and maximize the effectiveness of the project through regular reporting and results sharing.

6.2 For the purpose of the project, MHMS will:

6.2.1 **Project Coordination and Technical Support**: Supervise and coordinate project activities in Fiji, including providing necessary technical support and deployment of personnel for project implementation.

6.2.2 **Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting**: Monitor the progress of the project and ensure timely submission of reports from partner institutions, and jointly conduct all monitoring and evaluation (M&E) activities with KOFIH and other relevant partners.

6.2.3 **Cooperation and Decision Making:** Cooperate with KOFIH in project implementation, share progress through quarterly meetings, and make joint decisions on the strategic directions and implementation plan.

6.2.4 **Local Coordination:** Facilitate coordination with the Northern Health Division, sub-divisional health offices, and community health centers to ensure effective Project implementation at the local level. (Relocated from original 7.1.

6.2.5 **Data Sharing and Synergy:** Provide KOFIH with relevant health data and statistics necessary for Project planning, monitoring, and evaluation, in compliance with national laws and regulations, and coordinate with other development partners in Fiji to avoid duplication and maximize synergy in Project implementation.

6.2.6 **Administrative and Operational Facilitation:** Address administrative and operational issues arising during Project implementation, support smooth Project execution, and facilitate: **Visa and Registration:** Visa facilitation and assistance with local registration for KOFIH's Korean experts. **Office Space:** Provision of appropriate office space for Korean experts during their assignment. **Customs and Tax Administration: Administering the process for the waiver of customs duties and import excise taxes**, including submitting the necessary applications and documentation to the Fiji Revenue and Customs Service (FRCS) for all Project-related materials imported under the terms specified in clause 6.2.7

6.2.7 **Customs and Tax Exemption (Government of Fiji Commitment): MHMS, to request for waiver of customs duties and import excise taxes** for the importation of **government approved project-related materials**, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Customs Tariff Act (including Codes 284 and 285) and standard national laws and procedures, provided that applications for such exemptions are submitted to FRCS prior to the arrival of goods. (Note: Value Added Tax (VAT) remains applicable.)

ARTICLE VII: FORCE MAJEURE

7.1 Neither of the Parties will be responsible or liable for loss, damages, determent or delay caused by, inter-alia, acts of God, major government action, sanctions, strikes or other industrial action, fire, civil or military authority war (whether declared or not). Nor shall either Party be responsible or liable for any direct or consequential loss arising from the foregoing.

ARTICLE VIII: SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

8.1 If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever arise between the Signatories in connection with or arising out of the MOU, the Signatories will make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by joint consultation

ARTICLE IX: GENERAL CLAUSE

9.1 Written amendments to this MOU may be attached by mutual MOU and approval and signed by both parties after due consideration.

9.2 This MOU may be terminated in an emergency situation by a joint decision of the official representatives of the Signatories, following consultation and due consideration.

9.3 Should there be any violation or damage caused intentionally by either party, after due notice in writing, may bring an end to this MOU.

9.4 This MOU shall take effect from the date of signing and shall remain in effect until the project end date, as stated in ARTICLE 4.1.

ARTICLE X: NOTICES

10.1 Any notice, document, or other communication to be given or served by the HMNS to the KOFIH under the MOU shall be deemed to have been duly given or served if it is in writing, signed on behalf of the MOH and is delivered to the KOFIH Ghana office, with a copy to the KOFIH, by (a) hand; (b) courier; (c) registered mail; or (d) email to:

10.2 Notices to KOFIH will be sent to:

Ms. Heeeun Kim

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10.3. Notices to MHMS will be sent to:

DR Luisa Cikamatana

Acting Permanent Secretary for Health and Medical Services
Ministry of Health and Medical Services

88 Amy street, Toorak, Suva, Fiji West 2223
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With copies to:

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Head of Executive Support Department
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ARTICLE XI: PUBLICATIONS

11.1 Parties are encouraged to publish the results of their joint work in a collaborative fashion for the benefit of the public. Guidelines for authorship of major international peer-reviewed journals shall be used to determine authorship. Each party shall provide the others with a copy of each manuscript and abstract at least 30 days before submission for publication in a journal or presentation at an international meeting. The parties will have the right to examine the publication before it is printed and disseminated, and to request changes to the use of their name

ARTICLE XII: TERMINATION

12.1 This Memorandum of Understanding will be effective until December 31st 2030. The Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either party, provided that the terminating party notifies the other party at least 90 days in advance of termination providing the written notice of termination through diplomatic channels with details of the reasons for termination. The other party may request a meeting at which the reasons for termination may be discussed to see if they may be resolved.

ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENTS

13.1. The parties may agree to amend this Cooperative MOU in writing by mutual consent.

ARTICLE XIV: EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS.

14.1 This Memorandum of Understanding may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

14.2 Annex: Support Sub-Divisional Level Implementation of the National NCD Strategy and the National Digital Health Strategy in Fiji – Formative Study Report.

ARTICLE XV– LEGAL EFFECT

15.1 The Parties acknowledge that this MOU is not legally enforceable, but that does not diminish the intention of the Parties to comply with the terms, conditions, responsibilities and undertakings stipulated in this MOU.

The Parties hereto affix their signatures on the date and place indicated below.

Korea Foundation for International Healthcare	**Ministry of Health & Medical Services**
Republic of Korea	**Republic of Fiji**
President	**Minister for Health and Medical Services**
Il-Soo Ha, M.D., PhD.	**Dr Atonio Rabici Lalabalavu**
Signature:	***Signature:***
Date: 13 Feb., 2026	***Date:*** 16. 2. 2026.