



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**Innovative Change Collaborative (ICCo)**

**AND**

**Jharkhand State Livelihoods Promotion Society (JSLPS)**

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into on the Seventh of October in the year 2013 (Two Thousand Thirteen).

**BETWEEN**

Innovative Change Collaborative (ICCo), having its office at 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Ramnath House, Yusuf Sarai Community Centre, New Delhi 110049 (Hereinafter referred to as ICco, which expression shall whenever the context so requires or admits, mean and include their respective executors, administrators, legal representatives, subsidiaries, affiliates), on the first part

**AND**

Jharkhand State Livelihoods Promotion Society (JSLPS), an autonomous and independent society registered under the Societies Act in the year 2009 within the Rural Development Department, Government of Jharkhand. The society, created to serve as a special purpose vehicle for smooth implementation of poverty reduction schemes and programmes in the state, having its registered office at 3rd Floor, FFP Building, I HEC Campus, Dhurwa, Ranchi - 834004, Jharkhand (Hereinafter referred to as JSLPS, which expression shall whenever the context so requires or admits, mean and include their respective executors, administrators, legal representatives, and/or assigns), on the second part.

"ICCO" and "JSLPS" will separately be called as "Party" and jointly called as "Parties".

**1. Preamble:**

- 1.1. Whereas JSLPS is implementing the Government of India's National Rural Livelihoods Project and its flagship program Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP) in specific districts of Jharkhand through Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) identified for the

purpose. The governments of India and Jharkhand have allocated an estimated budget of INR 30 Crores for five years for implementing MKSP in Jharkhand.

1.2. ICCO is an international development agency with an aim to promote poverty alleviation and social justice across the world. ICCO believes that a multi-stakeholder collaboration is important to solve development challenges. In India, ICCO works through Innovative Change Collaborative (ICCo). Inspired by the spirit of stewardship, justice, empowerment and change promoted by ICCO, The Netherlands, ICCo was registered as a not for profit Trust in 2008. ICCo India is grateful to ICCO, The Netherlands for recognizing ICCo Trust as an affiliate of ICCO Cooperation which will contribute to the process of social and economic development and join hands with civil society, private sector & Government in finding lasting solutions to poverty and suffering.

1.3. Henceforth, Innovative Change Collaborative (ICCo) shall represent ICCO in all forums and act as the technical support agency. The contact person in ICCo office will be the Programme Officer for Fair & Sustainable Economic Development.

1.4. This collaboration is intended to strengthen the implementation of MKSP by leveraging the global experience of ICCO on Value Chain Development. It would thus hasten the progress of the JSPLS towards its goal of empowering women and universal elimination of poverty within a reasonable time frame. It is an appropriate moment for ICCO also to collaborate with a programme of the scale of the JSPLS to reach out with its messages and ideas to a wide population. Working with the JSPLS offers ICCO a unique opportunity to transmit its knowledge and experience for large scale impact across the poverty pockets of the country, which ICCO alone is not equipped to achieve. It institutionalizes GO-NGO partnerships for integrating best of both in the interest of rural communities.

## 2. Objectives:

2.1. JSPLS is implementing MKSP in Jharkhand and has identified a value chain perspective as crucial in implementing the project. JSPLS has approached ICCo for specific technical support to develop the capacity of JSPLS vis-à-vis value chain development;

2.2. ICCo, with its global experience in value chain development has agreed to develop the capacity of JSPLS under the theme. ICCo intends to place human resources through a proposed 'JSPLS-ICCo Value Chain Cell' and provide capacity building support through training, exposure and hands on demonstration. ICCo shall nominate an agency to oversee the administrative and financial aspects;

2.3. JSPLS agrees to internalize the value chain approach in its system and provide necessary administrative and operational support to the proposed 'JSPLS-ICCo Value Chain Cell'. This



cell will be responsible to prepare a five year perspective plan(SPIP) for MKSP implementation in the state;

2.4.JSLPS agrees to reach out to a mutually agreed number of women agriculturists through SHGs and Federations of SHGs. The numbers will be mutually monitored through a tool developed by ICCo and will be recorded with MKSP;

2.5.JSLPS to ensure adequate linkages and collaboration with other government departments for successful implementation of the proposed program as will be decided from time to time. This will also include disbursement of MKSP funds to PIAs.

3. In pursuance of above, NOW IT IS AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES AS FOLLOWS:

3.1.ICCo to provide budget, recruit and place FOUR professionals as part of the 'JSLPS-ICCo Value Chain Cell' from the following vocations.

- Sustainable Agriculture (2 persons)
- NTFP (1 Person)
- Private Sector Collaboration (1 person)

3.2.The team will administratively report to a nominated official in JSLPS and another nominated official from ICCo. ICCo shall appoint a designated partner to manage the administrative

3.3.The travel, administrative and other expenses for this cell will be managed by ICCo through a competent agency identified by ICCo.


3.4.JSLPS to provide office space for the 'JSLPS-ICCo Value Chain Cell' in their office premises. This includes furniture and other accessories in addition to providing support staff and other amenities for running the "JSLPS-ICCo Value Chain Cell".

3.5.JSLPS will appoint one professional from its existing staff as 'Team Anchor' to coordinate the activities of the cell and provide the leadership to the appointed staff. The Team Anchor will also coordinate with ICCo on regular basis. The expenses of the Team Anchor will be borne by JSLPS out of its own budget.

3.6.Quarterly reviews will be held by ICCo and JSLPS to review the progress of the cell and address challenges in this arrangement. The cell will also prepare a monthly plan and submit to JSLPS/ ICCo.

3.7.As part of the capacity building initiative, ICCo will conduct trainings, organize exposure visits and establish market linkages for the producer groups as per the requirement.

3.8.JSLPS to adhere to the visibility guidelines developed by ICCo. JSLPS will also actively collaborate with ICCo to develop visibility tools and discuss the viability of the project with the outside world.





After discussions, the parties have arrived at the following agreement:

1. **Duration of contract:** This agreement is valid for a period of two years from the date of signing. The agreement commences on November 1, 2013 and terminates on October 31, 2015. This period can be extended with written consent from both the JSPLS and ICCo based on progress of the partnership, achievement of specific objectives and targets.
2. **Area of operation:** The area of operation of the project will be the state of Jharkhand.
3. JSPLS and ICCo will carry out the following tasks as soon as the Memorandum of Understanding is signed:

**A. JSPLS**

- i. Issue an advisory to PIAs and all related agencies regarding the establishment of the 'JSPLS-ICCo-Value Chain Cell';
- ii. Within 30 days of signing the MoU immediately undertake the task of developing a perspective Plan for the next two years and a more detailed action plan for the rest of the financial year ending March 31, 2014;
- iii. Provide all standard facilities for the project;
- iv. Regularly coordinate with ICCo for implementing the project
- v. Conduct Quarterly reviews of the Cell.

**B. ICCo**

- i. Recruit and place all the core staff as required for delivering the work plan within Two months of signing of MoU;
- ii. Ensure capacity building and training initiatives for the team, including the Team Anchor; develop the standard implementation practice and project operational plan under MKSP

**4. Operations and co-ordination**

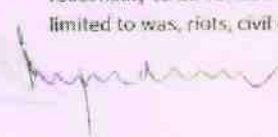
- i. The training resource persons will be provided by ICCo
- ii. ICCo will assist JSPLS in effectively carrying out the plan by actively intermediating with the MKSP when required, besides monitoring through the regular reviews. This will include providing inputs to improve quality, help build linkages with resource persons and Institutions, and any other support as may be needed by the NSO for effective delivery of partnership outcomes.

**5. Publicity and visibility**

- i. ICCo and JSPLS shall mutually acknowledge the contribution of each other in public communications wherever possible

**6. Force Majeure:**

- i. For the purpose of this agreement, 'force majeure' means an event which is beyond the reasonable control of a party, either ICCo or JSPLS, and which makes a party's performance regarding its obligations hereunder impossible or so impracticable as reasonably to be considered impossible in the circumstances and includes, but is not limited to war, riots, civil disorder, earthquake, fire, explosion, storm, flood and



other adverse weather conditions, strikes, lock-outs or other similar action, political uncertainties, change in priorities in the state Missions, change in priorities at national Mission, which are not within the power of the party invoking "force majeure" to prevent any other action by the other party.

- ii. The failure of any party, either the ICCO and JSLPS, to fulfil any of its obligations hereunder shall not be considered to be breach of, or default under this agreement in so far as such inability arises from an event of force majeure, provided that the party affected by such event should take all reasonable precautions due care and reasonable alternative measures to the satisfaction of the other party, all with the objectives of carrying out the terms and conditions of this agreement.
- iii. In the event of a force majeure, the JSPLS and ICCO shall consult with each other, with a view to agreeing on appropriate measures to be taken under the circumstances

**7. Termination**

This agreement can be terminated by either side with a written notice of 90 days showing adequate reason.

**8. Disputes and Arbitration**

Any dispute between ICCO and JSLPS on any matter that has relevance to the smooth and effective functioning of the project shall be settled through mutual discussion

In affirmation, the parties here to have signed this Memorandum of Understanding on this day

Authorized Signatory for

**Innovative Change Collaborative (ICCO)**

Signature and seal:

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Date: **11/11/13**

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Place: **RANCHE**

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