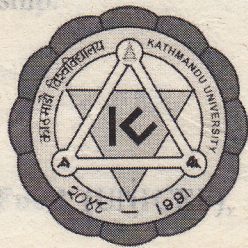


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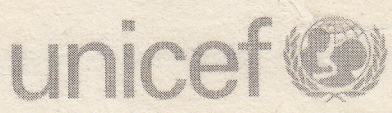
Between

**Kathmandu University (KU)**



And

**The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)**



## I. Background

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17<sup>th</sup> April, 2014

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Between:

**Kathmandu University**, an autonomous, not-for-profit public higher education institution (hereinafter referred to as “**KU**”). KU aspires to become a world class university devoted to bringing knowledge and technology to the service of Nepal. Its mission statement is “to provide quality education for leadership.”

And,

The **United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)**, the United Nations Organization for children, (hereinafter referred to as “**UNICEF**”). UNICEF is the driving force that helps build a world where the rights of every child are realized. It is mandated to advocate for the protection of children’s rights, to help meet their basic needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential.

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In this context UNICEF recognizes the role of KU in the building and leveraging off the human resources infrastructure through innovative programs.

## 2. Objectives

UNICEF and KU (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties") enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (referred to as "MOU") pursuant to the desire to develop their collaboration in the areas of:

- 1) **Development of academic programs** in areas related to child and gender sensitive social policies and evaluation;
- 2) **Promotion of a culture of innovation** and entrepreneurship among young people
- 3) **Collaboration in advancing evidence-based and equity** focused research in public policies related to gender inequality, child rights, disability, and best practices in management
- 4) **Creation of a platform for intellectuals and policymakers to exchange ideas** and solutions for social challenges that face Nepal; and
- 5) **Dissemination of strategic information** on gender issues and well-being of children in Nepal

The parties will pursue other areas of collaboration to be agreed upon from time to time.

**NOW THEREFORE the Parties agree as follows:**

## 3. Term and Termination

- 3.1 This MOU shall commence upon its signature by the two Parties.
- 3.2 This MOU may be terminated by either Party giving one month's written notice

#### 4. Roles and Responsibilities

4.1 This MOU will be supplemented by a separate Program Cooperation Agreements, which will specify roles and responsibilities of the Parties.

#### 5. General Provisions

5.1 The Parties shall not assign their rights or obligations to any of their successors or assignees, unless by the express written agreement of the other party.

5.2 Neither Party has the authority to make decisions for the other, or to enter into obligations on behalf of the other.

5.3 This MOU shall constitute the whole and entire understanding of the Parties with respect to the matters specified herein and supersedes all previous verbal or written representation or communication with respect thereto.

5.4 No amendments, variations or modifications in respect of this MOU shall be effective and binding unless in writing and signed by each of the Parties or their authorized agents in the presence of witnesses.

#### 6. Parties Addresses

The Parties hereto respectively choose *domicilium citandi et executandi* for all purposes of and in connection with this agreement at the following respective addresses:

*For KU:*

**DHULIKHEL**

**KAVREPALANCHOWK**

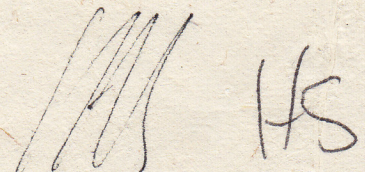
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*For UNICEF:*

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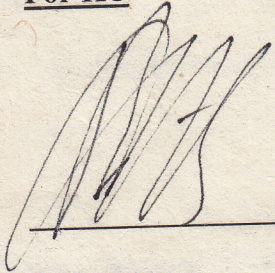
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties hereto, acting through their representatives thereunto duly authorized, have caused this MOU to be signed.

DONE at Dhulikhel on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014 in two (2) originals, both copies being equally authentic.

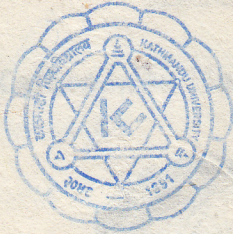
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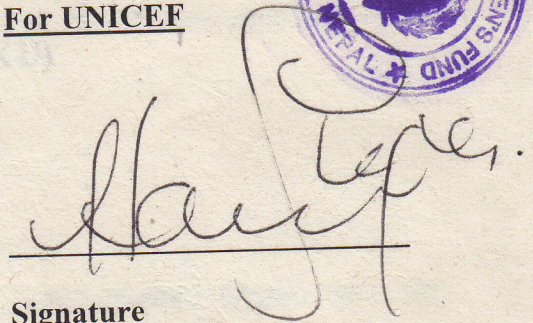
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Prof. Dr. Ram Kantha Makaju Shrestha

Vice-Chancellor



For UNICEF



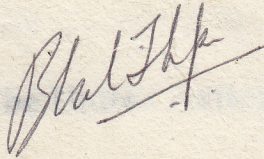
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Ms. Hanaa Singer

Representative

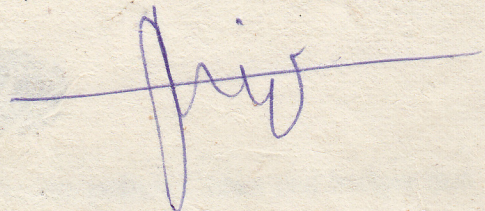


Witness:



Witness:

Amjal Rabi



Kathmandu, Nepal

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