

Memorandum of understanding between Le Mete Onlus and
University for Development Studies, School of Medicine and
Health Sciences

Le Mete Onlus

Via

Rome, Italy

University for Development Studies

School of Medicine and Health Sciences

Tamale

Ghana

1. PURPOSE

Le Mete Onlus and University for Development Studies, School of Medicine and Health Sciences hereby enter into an agreement for the purpose of sharing information, promoting access to teaching and learning materials, supporting research in health care with particular emphasis on children and other identifiable vulnerable groups.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The School of Medicine and Health Sciences of the University for Development Studies (SMHS-UDS) is the main provider of graduate and post graduate training in Medicine and Allied Health Sciences in the Northern Ghana.
- 2.2. Le Mete Onlus Italia (Le Mete) and its Ghanaian wing, Le Mete Ghana (LMG) are non-profit, non-governmental organizations (NPO, NGO) which seek to promote the delivery of health care to children especially, and other vulnerable and under served groups such as women and fistula patients, by harnessing resources from voluntary donors.
- 2.3. Le Mete shall provide a modern surgical theatre (the Centre) for Urological and other related surgical services.

- 2.4. Le Mete shall organize volunteer specialists to visit the Centre to offer direct clinical services and skills transfer to local counterparts, students and allied health groups.
- 2.5. Le Mete is committed to raising funds from private and corporate sources both locally and abroad to support its programmes.
- 2.6. Le Mete plans to enter into agreement with other stakeholders in Ghana including Ghana Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), to promote universal access to health care with particular reference to children and other vulnerable and underserved groups.
- 2.7. Le Mete is committed to ensuring affordability and financial access including but not limited to, registering vulnerable groups under the national health insurance, and thereby securing self-sustenance for the medium to long term.
- 2.8. All services provided by the Centre shall meet all ethical requirements as pertains internationally and specifically as required by Ghanaian laws, regulations and policies.
- 2.9. In consideration of the mutual agreements cautioned herein, the parties intending to be legally bound agree that:
 - a. The School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS-UDS) will provide support and assistance to Le Mete during its

performance of health promotion, medical and training activities.

- b. All programmes will be approved in writing prior to announcement of activities by the president of Le Mete or his representative and the Dean of SMHS-UDS

- c. Le Mete through the Centre shall provide a modern surgical environment for patients to receive ultra-modern quality care and use same as a platform for teaching and skills transfer.

- d. The Centre will offer training programmes and updates regularly to SMHS staff and students after formal requests have been made.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 SMHS-UDS agrees to:

- A. Assist in the promotion of research activities directed at children and other identifiable vulnerable groups.

- B. Endorse protocols mutually agreed to and received by both parties.
- C. Facilitate access to funding for applicable programmes by providing letters of endorsement, introduction to key persons and sharing of information in the capacity as an equal partner for programmes mutually consented to and approved by the Dean and the President of Le Mete and / or LMG.
- D. Provide qualified personnel to participate in quality assurance, health promotion and other relevant activities agreed upon by both parties.
- E. Make available on non-commercial terms services such as provision of lecture hall/conference room space for the execution of mutually agreed activities.

3.2 Le Mete and LMG agree to:

- A. Provide a modern Centre for urological and related surgical services with emphasis on children and other vulnerable groups.
- B. Raise funds locally and abroad to support the activities of the Centre.
- C. Ensure that the Centre achieves self sufficiency and runs sustainable programmes.

- D. Provide from time to time international expertise for the purpose of carrying out services at the Centre as well as training local staff and students.
- E. Assist in organizing applicable training programmes, workshops and conferences for Faculty, Medical, Nursing and Allied Health Students.
- F. Provide access to data for all joint programmes included in the MOU including Project Plans, Assessment Reports and Final Reports.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION

This agreement becomes effective upon the completion of the signatures of both parties and remains in effect, unless sooner terminated in accordance herewith, for a period of five years. At the end of the initial five years period, the agreement can be renewed if agreed upon by all parties in writing for an additional five years. If either party desires not to renew the agreement after any five year period, they will notify the other party in writing at least ninety

(90) days prior to the expiration of the current five year period that it does not desire further renewal.

5. TERMINATION

This agreement may be terminated at anytime by mutual agreement, or either party may unilaterally terminate at any time by giving the other party written notice at least one hundred and eighty (180) days prior to the desired termination date to allow for decisions regarding ongoing activities.

6. MODIFICATION

The only method by which the agreement may be modified is by a formal, written document signed by both parties. No other modifications, whether oral or written, are valid.

7. ASSIGNMENT

Le mete shall have the right to assign this agreement to its Ghanaian subsidiary, Le mete Ghana. All other instances neither party shall assign this agreement or obligations hereunder to any third party without prior consent of the other party.

8. APPROVALS

Dean, School of Medicine and Health Sciences, UDS Tamale

Name: Dr Sam Bugri

Title: CEO

Signature:

Date:

Le Mete Onlus

Name: Franco Iacometti

Title: President

Signature.....

Date:

Le Mete Ghana

Name: Akis Afoko

Title: President

Signature.....

Date