

# Memorandum of understanding

between

## **Le Mete Onlus, Italy**

Strada Vecchia Valenza, 10  
15040 - Ticineto, AL, Italia

and

## **Le Mete Ghana**

Hse No NK1  
Nanton Street, Kanvili, Tamale, Ghana.

### **1. PURPOSE**

Le Mete Onlus and Le Mete Ghana hereby enter into an agreement for the purpose of sharing information, enhancing health care and promoting access to health care with particular emphasis on children and other identifiable vulnerable groups.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. Le Mete Ghana is non-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Ghana which seeks to promote the delivery of health care to children especially and other vulnerable and under-served groups such as women and the elderly by harnessing resources from voluntary donors at home and abroad.
- 2.2. Le Mete Ghana seeks to partner with its Italian sister organization - Le Mete Onlus and its partners in Italy and elsewhere to raise funds for the delivery and promotion of health programs to children and other vulnerable groups in Ghana.
- 2.3. Le Mete Onlus is a non-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO) which seeks to promote the delivery of health care to children especially and other vulnerable and underserved groups such as women and the elderly by harnessing resources from voluntary donors.
- 2.4. Both Le Mete Ghana and Le Mete Onlus are committed to:
  - a. provide a modern surgical theatre (the Centre) for Urological and other related surgical services, ensuring affordability and financial access and thereby securing self-sustenance for the medium to long term;
  - b. support other initiatives and projects in line with the mission of both organizations upon formal agreements, as opportunities and needs emerge over time;

- c. raise funds from private and corporate sources both locally and abroad to support its programs;
  - d. plan to enter into agreement with other stake holders in Ghana including Ghana Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs).
- 2.5. Le Mete Ghana will organize volunteer specialists to visit the Centre to offer direct clinical services and skills transfer to local counterparts, students and allied health groups.

### 3. AGREEMENT

3.1. According to the present MoU the parties agree that:

- a. All programs will be approved in writing by the presidents of Le Mete Onlus and Le Mete Ghana before any activity may start.
- b. Le Mete Ghana will provide **support and assistance to the Le Mete Onlus** to find local collaborators for the execution of planned activities: building the Centre, to provide medical training to Medical Students and Nurses, to give health education to people, outreach in villages.
- c. Le Mete Ghana will organize and run efficient services at the Centre in line with previously agreed priority areas arrived at with Le Mete Onlus and its Italian collaborators.
- d. Le Mete Onlus together with Le Mete Ghana shall provide the resources to build and maintain a modern surgical environment for patients.
- e. The Centre will offer training to relevant staff categories as well as trainees from collaborating institutions.
- f. Le Mete Ghana ONG engages itself and is committed to give step by step detailed account for all expenditures and purchases with particular care for funds coming from Le Mete ONLUS Italia.
- g. Le Mete Ghana will send invoices and receipts of all expenditures as soon as received from Italians or other donors.
- h. Once a year Le Mete Ghana will give to Le Mete Italia a detailed report and account of all realizations, projects and ordinary activities.

3.2. All common initiatives and projects (including the services provided by the Centre in collaboration with other partners) shall meet all ethical requirements as pertains internationally and specifically as required by Ghanaian laws, regulations and policies.

## **4. RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **4.1. Le Mete Ghana agrees to:**

- a. Represent Le Mete Onlus in Ghana and to act on its behalf when it will be requested through written demand.
- 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 its President.
- d. Provide leadership and direction at the local level to all projects initiated by Le Mete Onlus and its collaborators in Italy.
- e. Prepare the ground for future financial autonomy to run programs began with Le Mete Onlus and its collaborators.
- f. Provide access to data for all joint programmes included in the MOU including Project Plans, Assessment Reports and Final Reports as well as audited financial report on an annual basis.

### **4.2. Le Mete Onlus agrees to:**

- a. Raise funds locally and abroad to support the activities of the Centre and other initiatives and projects mutually agreed upon.
- g. Endorse protocols mutually agreed to and received by both parties.
- b. Support the Centre in achieving self sufficiency and runs sustainable programmes.
- c. Provide on a need base international expertise for the purpose of carrying out services at the Centre as well as training local staff and students.
- d. Assist in organizing applicable training programmes, workshops and conferences for Doctors, Nurses, Medical and Nursing Students.

## **5. 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 is automatically renewed.

## **6. TERMINATION**

This agreement may be terminated at anytime by mutual agreement and immediate effect. Alternatively, either party may unilaterally terminate it 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.

**7. MODIFICATION**

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

**8. ASSIGNMENT**

Le Mete Onlus 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.

**9. APPROVALS**

**Le Mete Onlus**

**Name: Franco Iacometti**

**Title: President**

**Signature.....**

**Date:**

**Le Mete Ghana**

**Name: Akis Afoko**

**Title: President**

**Signature.....**

**Date**