

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

LGED

and the

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

PRELUDE

LGED is implementing the Community Based Resource Management Project (hereinafter referred to as the Project) which seeks to increase the income of the landless and small and marginal farm holders in Sunamganj and the surrounding haors in a sustainable way. The joint IFAD/GOB aided project aims at increasing the incomes of the poor through five components, namely : (a) labour intensive infrastructure development; (b) fisheries development; (c) crop and livestock production; (d) provision of micro-finance and (e) the development of grass root institutional development.

In its implementation, the project would work closely with various Ministries and Government agencies in the project area. These include the DC and his staff, the UNO and his staff in each of the Upazilas, and the staff of the DAE, DOLS and DOF.

The project aims to assist the poor by facilitating the access of resources to the poor in particular the leases to the water bodies. The focus would be on the management of natural resources and the restoration of habitat with a view to increasing and sustaining all production systems, including fish, crops and livestock. In this context, the communities would be trained to manage their resources and undertake development-related initiatives to improve their lives. Habitat restoration measures include establishment of sanctuaries, creating facilities for community managed pisciculture in permanent water bodies and addressing the conflicts between rice and fish producers in the haors. In addition, the project would also encourage the communities to assist their less unfortunate members, especially indigent women. In this context, groups, particularly comprised of destitute women, will be given training and extension support to develop pond fish culture.

Therefore, a very close and effective coordination between the project, and DOF is necessary to establish and institutionalize the system and ensure coordinated delivery of services to the poor. DOF has the technical expertise and a functioning system throughout the country with existing number of skilled manpower that can assist in the implementation of the Fisheries production sub-component of the project, which is entirely in within scope and responsibility of DOF. Therefore DOF can play a very important role in technology transfer and providing training support to the beneficiaries including destitute women and the landless of the sub-project area.

Now, as both the project and DOF are willing to cooperate with each other in training and technology transfer, a MOU is signed between LGED & DOF.

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This Memorandum of Understanding entered into this 23 June, 2003 by and between :

The LGED and the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock (hereinafter referred to as MOFL) is a public Development activities and represented in this document by its Department of Fisheries (DOF).

WITNESSETH that :

Whereas

- DOF has been assigned with the responsibility to increase and sustain fishery production through Development and technology transfer and the enforcement of the various provisions in the Fisheries ACT, 1950.
- The project's responsibility is to increase the income of the rural poor in the project area,
- The project and DOF, have agreed to enter into an understanding to cooperate in imparting training and providing technological support to the beneficiaries in the project area.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the aforestated premises the LGED and DOF mutually agree as follows :

I. SCOPE OF OPERATION

The programmes of technical support between the project and DOF will include, to the extent made possible by the projects finances, the following:

- (a) Information and publication exchange :
- (b) Conducting Development Activities, training activities and workshops in fishery and resource conservation;
- (c) Technical advice and assistance as requested by the project, which fall within the objectives and jurisdiction of the project and within the scope and function of DOF.

II. TERM

The term of this understanding shall be for a period of 11 years from the date it is signed.

Either party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by written notice to the other party. This Memorandum of Understanding, however, will remain effective for 180 days from the date of issue of such notice.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PROJECT

- (1) The project and its employees will comply with all rules and regulation and will devote themselves diligently and vigilantly to support the provision of services by DOF to the beneficiaries.
- (2) The project shall interface with DOF in the development and design of training programmes and workshops.

- (3) The project will make physical arrangement for any training program to be conducted in the project area.
- (4) The project shall provide DOF with copies of all its publications relating to this project and findings of any research and adaptive trials undertaken.
- (5) The total training costs will be borne by the project.
- (6) The project will extend technological support and expertise to DOF as required.
- (7) The project will reimburse DOF for all transport and other costs, as permitted under the project documents, for assisting in the implementation of the project.

IV. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF DOF.**

1. DOF will act as facilitator in transferring the leases of all water bodies under MOU with Land Ministry to the Lease Management Committees as soon as the leases are made available and as soon as the LMCS are formed and performing effectively.
2. Such leases will be for two ten-year terms, renewed automatically.
3. DOF will ensure that the interests of the smaller leases are protected. To this end they will ensure that :
 - the areas of the lease granted to all lessees, especially the larger lessess, are demarcated and visible in full flood.
 - ensure that larger lessees are granted permits only after they have agreed in writing to demarcate their beel areas
 - terminate any lease under which the foregoing terms are violated.
4. DOF will provide qualified personnel in supporting the project.
5. DOF personnel will act as resource persons in the training prgramms and workshops conducted for the beneficiaries and the target groups of the project.
6. DOF personnel will make the beneficiaries and all lease holders aware of the project and its policies aith respect to the implementation of the component as well as the terms of the leases.
7. DOF personnel will impart training and advice to the project staff about any changes in Government procedures and polices.
8. DOF personnel will extend cooperation to the project staff for ensuring an atmosphere congenial to the development management of the resources in the project area.
9. Ensure compliance with the provisions of the Fisheries Act, 1950 by all leaseholders.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have affixed their signatures on the date fist written above.

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES (DOF)

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