

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
LGED
and the
DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK SERVICES

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 Upazillas, and the staff of the DLS, DAE 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 DLS is necessary to establish and institutionalize the system and ensure coordinated delivery of services to the poor. DLS has the technical expertise and a functioning system throughout the country with sufficient number of skilled manpower that can assist in the implementation of the Livestock production sub-component of the project, which is entirely in within scope and responsibility of DLS. Therefore DLS 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 DLS are willing to cooperate with each other in training and technology transfer, a MOU is signed between LGED & DLS.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding entered into this 14th day of January 2004 by and between :

The Department of Livestock Services (hereafter referred to as DLS) under the Ministry of Fisheries & Livestock, is a public organization and represented in this document by its Director General Dr. Salehuddin Mahmud.

and

The Local Government Engineering Department (hereafter referred to as LGED) under the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operative, is a public organization and represented in this document by its Chief Engineer Mr. Md. Shahidul Hassan..

WITNESSETH that :

Whereas

- DLS has been charged with the responsibility to increase and sustain livestock production through extension services, technology transfer and improvement of animal health.
- The project's aim is to increase the income of the rural poor in the project area,
- The project and DLS, have agreed to enter into an understanding to cooperate in imparting training and providing technological support to the beneficiaries in the project area (Sunamganj, Hobigonj, Kishorgonj, Netrokona).

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

I. SCOPE OF OPERATION

The programmes of technical support between the project (Community Based Resource Management Project) and DLS will include, to the extent made possible by the project's finances, the followings.

- (a) Information and publication exchange :
- (b) Conducting research, training activities and workshops in livestock management veterinary services, and
- (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 DLS.

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 regulations and will devote themselves diligently and vigilantly to support the provision of services by DLS to the beneficiaries.
2. The project shall interface with DLS in the development and design of training programs and workshops.
3. The project will make physical arrangement for any training programme to be conducted in the project area.
4. The project shall provide DLS with copies of all its publications relating to this project .
5. The total training costs will be borne by the project.
6. The project will extend technical support and expertise to DLS as required.
7. The project will reimburse DLS for all transport and other costs as permitted under the project documents, for assisting in the implementation of the project.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DLS.

1. DLS will provide qualified personnel in supporting the project.
2. DLS personnel will act as resource persons in the training programs and workshops conducted for the beneficiaries and the target groups of the project.
3. DLS personnel will assist the project in conducting the PRAs and comment on the research programme proposed.
4. DLS will review the results of the research programme.
5. DLS personnel will attend training on the proposed technologies to be promoted and assist the project in preparing and distributing the extension materials.
6. Support the project by promoting the technology at various demonstration sites.
7. DLS personnel will impart training and advice to the project staff about any changes in Government procedures and policies.
8. DLS personnel will extend cooperation to the project staff for ensuring an atmosphere congenial to the development and management of the resources in the project area.

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

DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK SERVICES (DLS)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT (LGED)

BY :

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Dr. Salehuddin Mahmud)
Director General

(Md. Shahidul Hassan)
Chief Engineer

