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Since its founding in 1943 as the Swiss Tropical Institute (STI), the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH) has now become a world renowned institution for teaching, research and services in the field of International Health Development. Its multi- and cross-disciplinary activities and experiences include: scientific laboratory studies, conceptual clinical work and practical transfer of technical expertise to health system planning and programs in local, national and partner countries. It also take part in teaching within the medical, philosophy, natural sciences, and historical philosophy facilities, as well as is engaged in post-graduate education and advanced training on national and international levels.

In face of the global challenges evident in the field of health risks and disaster studies, and considering the largely complementary efforts made by both institutions, a closer collaboration in research and training could help to address priorities in public health, and assist reduction of disaster related mortality and morbidity, and preparedness of health systems.

The collaboration entailed joint training, conduct of collaborative research studies and providing joint consultancy services.





The project activities implemented in partnership will be carried out to the best satisfaction of both partner Institutions. The efforts made by both institutions in the field of health risks and disaster studies call for a broader collaboration in order to address the priorities in public health, to assist reduction of disaster related mortality and morbidity, and preparedness of health systems. Therefore the partners wish to conduct collaborative activities in research, advanced training and consultancy services.

This agreement will be in force for a period of five (5) years from the latest date appearing below. At the end of the five year term the agreement is to be automatically renewed for one additional five year term provided that neither party gives written notice of the termination of the agreement to the other party.

## A. The objectives of the collaboration will be:

- 1. Undertaking collaborative research in epidemiology, public health, disaster preparedness and response, and working towards joint publications.
- 2. Strengthen collaboration in the field of teaching/training related to the joint research projects.
- 3. Enable and facilitate mutual projects through the respective networks.
- 4. Provide joint consultancy services of national and international interest.

## B. Overall arrangements:

The overall arrangements (type of project, approaches, training components, supervision etc.) for each link activity including the respective budget and financing schemes need to be summarized in a project document and agreed upon by all partners concerned before the start of the activity. If judged operationally adequate, a contract will be established for specific project defining roles and responsibilities of both partners.

## C. Resource Mobilization:

Both parties agree to work together to mobilize joint resources through development of joint proposals and seeking of funding from potential partners. Irrespective of receiving funds from partners, both the institutions will leverage their resources to carry out some of the activities where there is scope for mutual participation.

The parties agree that before any particular cooperative project or program is initiated, all operational and financial details will be mutually agreed upon and will be subject of a separately executed agreement between parties.

#### D. Evaluation:

The program is assessed by the joint review of the progress reports and the operational plans during the steering committee meetings of each of the main program. In addition, representatives of the institutions make regular site visits involved based on the respective operational plans. The institutions involved may also call for an external evaluation when considered necessary.



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