



# Memorandum of Understanding

# Between

**KIOCH Partners of America, KPALS Inc.** 

USA

And

Kathmandu Institute of Child Health Nepal

2021

## BACKGROUND:

**KIOCH Partners of America, KPALS Inc.** is a non-profit corporation organized under General Laws Chapter 180 of Commonwealth of Massachusetts, (Pending 501c(3) approval) with the objective of providing expert, financial, technical and other support to the **Kathmandu Institute of Child Health** in Nepal to directly influence the provision of internationally accepted healthcare to child population of Nepal.

Kathmandu Institute of Child Health is a not-for-profit organization, duly registered with the Government of Nepal and affiliated with social Welfare Council of Nepal, established in 2017. It works for promotion of child health through health education, preventive, curative, and rehabilitative health care in Nepal. It aims to deliver integrated multispecialty high-quality healthcare that is affordable, accessible, and available to all children, thus advancing Quality of Life of Children in Nepal. KIOCH focuses on providing solutions to ever rising healthcare needs and consistent poor health outcomes for millions of children in Nepal. It believes on timely adaptation of scientific medical advances, technologies and valued people-centered care that are of international standards. KIOCH is led by a group of professionals actively engaged in social welfare and well-being of people.

#### **PREAMBLE**

This MoU is made between **KIOCH Partners of America**, **KPALS Inc.**, **USA**, hereafter referred to as KPALS and **Kathmandu Institute of Child Health**, **Nepal**, hereafter referred to as KIOCH. This MoU sets out the terms and conditions under which the two organizations have agreed to work together to realize the aims and objectives of providing outstanding and holistic care to the child population of Nepal. The spirit of this initiative is intended to establish a channel for KPALS to support the work of KIOCH in Nepal by means of technical collaboration, fund raising and other financial support, and promotion of each other's objectives. This will underpin the shared commitment of both organizations to transforming healthcare provision to improve health and wellbeing of Nepal's children.

In pursuance of this aim, the two entities, KPALS and KIOCH have agreed to the following:

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. The MoU essentially sets out the general nature of the co-operative agreement between KPALS and KIOCH. It is not intended that the agreement shall give rise to any legal rights or obligations between the two institutions.
- 2. Neither party assumes any financial obligations arising from the MoU except as mutually agreed under separate schedules jointly established from time to time.



3. Specific projects encompassed by this MoU will be agreed upon by both parties.

#### THE GOAL

The intended goal of this MoU is to develop and maintain an ongoing relationship between the two organizations. The relationship will provide opportunities for members of both organizations to collaborate with reciprocity to realize the aim of providing outstanding and holistic care to the child population of Nepal.

#### SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

KPALS and KIOCH propose to collaborate in areas of mutual interest. These may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Financial support for construction and operation of hospitals
- 2. Technical support and expertise to actual provision of care eg. telehealth, medical record system, link between the clinical, research and innovation experts in the United States and KIOCH.
- 3. Promotion of the KIOCH's vision eg. meetings/conferences



#### COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION OF TIDS AGREEMENT

- 1. This agreement will come into effect at the time of signing and will remain in force until either party gives three (3) months' notice in writing of a desire to amend or terminate the agreement. It is further agreed that any decision to allow this MoU to lapse will take into consideration the time needed for completion of any projects or events under way.
- 2. A separate agreement could be made, when felt necessary and appropriate, regarding the specific activities or programs to be undertaken jointly by KPALS and KIOCH.

#### CONTACT PERSONS

Prof. Dr. Bhagawan Koirala

Initiator, Chairperson

(Signed on behalf of Kathmandu Institute of Child Health)

Date: August 16, 2021

Sendu Institute

Dr. Prakash Paudel

President

(Signed on behalf of KIOCH Partners of America, KPALS Inc.)

Date: August 17, 2021