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This Memorandum of Understanding (the "MoU") is entered into on the 24/11/2015 between

- Women and Child Development Department, Government of Maharashtra having its office address at 3rd Floor, New Administrative Building, Opposite Mantralaya, Mumbai (hereinafter referred to as "WCD department")
- Rajmata Jijau Mother-Child Health and Nutrition Mission, having its office at 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, GT Hospital, LT Marg, Fort, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400001 (hereinafter referred to as "Mission")
- 3) Reliance Foundation (RF), MUMBAI, a not-for-profit company incorporated under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 as amended (now section 8 of Companies Act, 2013), and having its registered office at 9th Floor, Maker Chambers IV, 222, Nariman Point, Mumbai 400021, hereinafter referred to as "Reliance Foundation"

WCD Department, Mission and Reliance Foundation are hereinafter individually referred to as a "Party", and collectively referred to as the "Parties" to this MOU

WHEREAS, Women and Child Development Department, Government of Maharashtra is the nodal department which governs the implementation of schemes for Nutrition & Welfare of women and children with specific focus on their growth, development, protection and nutrition.

WHEREAS, the Mission is the primary agency responsible for energizing programmes and policies that promote child nutrition in Maharashtra and act as a catalyst for generating innovative ideas and concepts, after studying best practices to tackle child malnutrition in and outside India. WHEREAS, Reliance Foundation, a not-for-profit company, is engaged in philanthropic initiatives. Reliance Foundation focuses on five core pillars of Rural Transformation, Education, Health, Urban Renewal and Arts, Culture & Heritage. RF has a comprehensive approach towards development with an overall aim to create and support meaningful and innovative activities that address some of India's most pressing developmental challenges and transforming lives of people in a sustainable manner

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This MoU is being entered into for collaboration on development of Kitchen Gardens across the state of Maharashtra to reduce malnutrition and improve health and nutrition of women and children in the state.

WHEREAS parties in principle agree to cooperate, to have further dialogues and to further negotiate and finalize the mutual beneficial relations.

- The objective of the MoU is to establish and promote Kitchen Gardens across the State of Maharashtra.
- 2. In the first phase, it is proposed to initiate Kitchen Gardens initiative in six districts i.e. Pune, Thane, Palghar, Yavatmal, Parbhani and Nashik as follows:
  - a. As a first step, Demonstration Kitchen Gardens shall be established at one Anganwadi in every block in each of these 6 districts.
  - b. Along with the Anganwadi, if possible Kitchen Garden shall also be facilitated in that village School, PHC and Sahyogini's Home.
  - c. WCD Department and Mission, shall facilitate in building awareness on nutrition, identification of Anganwadis, mobilization of trainees, Providing Training Infrastructure and so on.
  - d. Reliance shall provide technical support by way of Orientations / Workshops, Trainings and Handholding support for establishment of these demonstration Kitchen Gardens.
  - e. Eventually, these demonstration Kitchen Gardens shall serve as training center for the rest of the Anganwadis in that block.
  - f. Department's vision is to have kitchen garden in all Anganwadis. These Kitchen Gardens shall ensure
    - i. Improved nutrition for children & mothers in that Anganwadi
    - ii. Imbibe in children importance of nutrition and evoke interest in farming
    - iii. Serve as role model for villagers and encourage them to establish kitchen garden to ensure year round nutrition for the family.
- 3. In the second phase, this initiative shall be rolled out to rest of the districts.

- The parties to this MOU shall constitute a working subgroup to work out operational modalities and detailed implementation plan for successful achievement of the programme goals and objectives.
- 5. The representatives of all the parties shall specially monitor the progress of the initiatives undertaken under this MoU.
- Each Party will bear all of its own expenses necessary to meet its duties and obligations under this MoU. Neither party can create or cause to create any charge against the other party as per this MoU.
- 7. It is hereby expressly made clear that the intention of the parties is not to create binding agreement between the parties and no party shall have right to file claim against other party. The parties understand that neither this MoU gives any right to any party, nor does it creates a partnership, joint collaboration or employment is created as a result of this MoU. This MoU is not intended to create legally binding obligations on either Party. Except as expressly provided by this MoU, no Party will be liable for or bound by any representations, acts or omissions whatsoever of the other party.
- This MOU will come into effect on date of signature by all partners and will end after 3 years from the date of signing of this agreement.
- 9. This MOU may be varied at any time by mutual agreement of the parties in writing. It shall be reviewed one month before the end of contract date or at a time mutually agreed by the parties for possible renewal.
- 10. In witness where of the parties have caused this Memorandum to be executed through their authorized representative on the day and year first above written.

For and on behalf of:

Women and Child Development Department

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Rajmata Jijau Mother-

Child Health and Nutrition Mission

**Reliance** Foundation

Authorized signatures

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