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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Director Open School Madhya Pradesh (Govt. of Madhya Pradesh School Education Department) Shivaji Nagar M,P, Board of Secondary Education Premises ,Bhopal M.P.

And

Maharishi Vaishnav, CEO, Foundation to Educate Girls Globally (Educate Girls or FEGG), Mumbai, India with Hendoffice at C-103-104 Remi Bizcourt, Veera Desai Road Andheri West Mumbai 400053, (Maharashtra – India),

The Government and Foundation to Educate Girls Globally shall be individually referred to as a "Party" and jointly as "Parties".

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# Article-1-Brief Description of Project:

The Madhya Pradesh Open School Directorate M.P. Education Deptt Government of Madhya Pradesh and Foundation to Educate Girls Globally - Educate Girls are entering into an MOU to provide Technical and Managerial assistance to State Open School Madhya Pradesh, as part of the technical assistance programme FEGG will perform a Landscape Research to assess the education ecosystem and develop a high level roadmap for the Director Open School Madhya Pradesh through which enhanced number of learners will be able to acquire certifications for 10th and 12th grades, and other certifications in line with the National Institute of Open School framework. This open school model will be implemented in a strengthened manner in the entire state of Madhya Pradesh.

The journey with learners at a State Open School can be viewed across the following 4 key steps:

- 1. Awareness and mobilization of learners including broad awareness campaigns and targeted mobilisation of the marginalised workers through front line workers
- 2. Registration for the certificate: An online platform for self-registration, minimal documents for registration, minimal fee structure and June to July annual calendar for their registration.
- 3. Engagement of learners: Online repository of content and offline learning material in the study centres for the registered learners
- 4. Examination process and results: Offline proctored examinations and mechanism for quick and accessible results and certificates for the learners

Article 2: Director MPSOS School Education Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh, hereinafter referred to as "The MPSOS School Education Department Government of Madhya Pradesh" represented by Director Open School M.P. Bhopal

# Article 3: Brief Background of Partner

Established in 2007, Foundation to Educate Girls Globally (also known as Educate Girls) is a non-profit registered under Section 8 of the Indian Companies Act, 2013 to serve the cause of girls' education. Educate Girls mobilizes public, private, and community resources for all girls to have access to quality education. Leveraging the existing public investment in schools, Educate Girls' program model pivots on Enrolment – Retention – Learning-based activities to ensure that all girls go to school.

Empowering Out-of-School Girls: Initiatives to Educate Girls in Madhya Pradesh:- In Madhya Pradesh, access to primary and middle education remains a challenge for girls, with many factors such as poverty, cultural norms and distance from schools, obstacles have to be faced. Recognizing this, Educate Girls has made significant efforts to empower out-of-school girls and facilitated their education. In Madhya Pradesh, Educate Girls started working in Jhabua District in 2016 and since then, it is currently working with 1,105 Team Balika's (Village Volunteers) and 422 Field coordinators in Alirajpur, Barwani, Dhar, Jhabua, Sidhi, Singrauli, and Shahdol districts. In partnership with the government, Educate Girls is facilitating the enrolment, retention and learning of out-of-school girls.

In about 16 years of its existence, Educate Girls has come a long way in creating evidence-based solutions to ensure access to education for all girls. Since inception the programs have expanded and evolved at scale. Following are some of the major milestones in a decade plus journey:

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- From a 500-school pilot in 2007, Educate Girls' programme has expanded to over 50,000+ schools in over 19,000+ villages across 21 educationally backward districts
- Educate Girls has built a network of 20,000+ Team Balika the community volunteers who spearhead the interventions on ground for girls to get their right to education
- Till date Educate Girls has enrolled 1.4 million+ out-of-school girls into schools and retained on an
- Educate Girls has improved learning outcomes for over 1.9 million+ children through its learning
- Educate Girls has impacted an overall of 15.5 million+ children through its combined work on enrolments, retention, learning support and improvement in schools governance and
  - Selected in 2019, Educate Girls is Asia's first organization to be a part of The Audacious Project a funding initiative driven by the coalition between leading organizations & individuals who invest in critical projects with potential to create global change. Educate Girls' audacious idea is to bring 1.56 million Indian out-of-school girls (nearly half of the total OOSGs) back to school by March 2025 and expand its presence across 35,000 villages in India's 4 most populous states of India (Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Bihar).

Article 4: Role of Partner Functions and Obligations of the Foundation to Educate Girls Globally

- Conduct landscape research for the state open school
- Develop detailed strategy and phase wise implementation roadmap for MPSOS O Identify and build consensus on Tracks from the roadmap and deploy technical resource persons
- Undertake any small research needed to build evidence to assist system strengthening.
- Provide Technical and Managerial support through TSU (Technical support Unit) as per

This MoU is a 3 years engagement from the signing of the MoU to develop and implement the strategy roadmap for MPSOS:

Scope: To conduct an in-depth landscape research to gain a holistic understanding of the educational landscape in Madhya Pradesh and identify the gaps and the opportunities. This involves understanding the needs of the learners, current state assessment of the education ecosystem, stakeholders and identifying best practices in the open schooling ecosystem. This will help in defining the infrastructural, operational and technical framework for the proposed state open school.

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Track 2: Development of MPSOS Roadmap (2 months)

Scope: To design a detailed roadmap and implementation plan for the next 3 years. It includes defining MPSOS's organization and governing structure and establishing the operational framework of the open school. The roadmap will specifically emphasize four key pillars: awareness and mobilization of learners, registration for certificates, engagement and learning support, and the examination process and results. It will also provide critical milestones, timelines, budget estimates, and resource considerations.

Track 3: Deploy a Technical Resource Team basis identified and agreed areas in the MPSOS roadmap (3 months): FEGG will deploy a team suited to implementation of the strategy that will assist the nodal officers at MPSOS in implementing the roadmap.

Track 4: Implementation of MPSOS strategy roadmap 3 Years extended as per need): Technical Human Resource with adequate competency skills will assist the units in MPSOS to enhance the system, making it more learner centric and future ready.

# Article 5: Role of the MPSOS (M.P. Govt Education Deptt Government M.P.)

1. Designate a Coordination and Nodal officer: Both entities shall mutually decide and designate a nodal officer. The nodal officer will have responsibility for fulfilling the objectives of this agreement and also will carry out all activities mutually agreed by the parties.

Necessary letters and instructions issued to enable meetings and discussions with the officials and stakeholders during Landscape study

Set up a Steering Group for timely feedback and inputs provided on the methodology and progress on the Landscape study and its recommendations.

High Level dissemination of the of the Landscape study and the MPSOS roadmap

5. Provide space at the MPSOS/ relevant department for the Technical human resources deployed and assign a nodal officer to each Tasks/Tracks agreed for delivery.

6. Set up a Regular monitoring, feedback and support mechanism to keep the progress on-track.

Article 6: Any research / document arising out of the implementation of this MoU shall be jointly authored by the parties.

## Article 7: Non-binding MoU for future cooperation

This MoU describes the general conditions and arrangements for further progress between the parties and is non-obligatory. Neither party shall be liable to the other for any claim, loss, cost, liability or investment opportunities arising out of it directly or indirectly. This MoU is therefore not enforceable in any court of law.

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## Article 8: Duration and termination

This MoU shall remain in effect for a period of 3 Years from the effective date and can be terminated in writing by either party at any point of time with a natice of 30 days. The MoU can be further extended to such further time not exceeding another months as per mutual understanding between the Parties.

## **Article 9: Terms and Conditions**

- 1. The Parties hereto agrees that the terms and conditions of the MoU and other confidential information shall not be disclosed to any third party without prior consent in writing from the non-disclosing party, unless such disclosure is required by law.
- 2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the MoU, neither Parties hereto shall be liable for reason of failure noris delay in the performance of duties and obligations under the MoU if such failure or delay is caused by an event of force-majeure.
- 3. Either parties reserves its right and is entitled to enter into similar MoUs with other parties and opposite party shall have no objections for the same.

## **Article 10-Financial Obligations**

**No Payment will be made by MPSOS** to Educate girls for implementation of activities under the preview of this MoU.

Agreed and Accepted: For and on behalf of the Government

Authorized Signatory Name:P.R.Tiwari Designation: Director MADHYA PRADESH STATE OPEN SCHOOL Zone-I, Board Office, Campus Open School Building Shivaji Nagar Bhopal Madhya Pradesh 462011 Witness:	For and on behalf of Foundation to Educate Girls Globally  Authorized Signatory name: Maharishi Vaishnav Designations: Chief Executive Officer, No.
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