

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

STATE PLANNING COMMISSION (SPC), CHATTISGARH, PANDIT RAVI  
SHANKAR SHUKLA UNIVERSITY (CWS), RAIPUR

AND

SOCIETY FOR PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH IN ASIA (PRIA)

Re: Knowledge for Change (K4C): An Global Consortium for Training in  
Community Based Research

### **Preamble**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) documents the nature of the collaboration between the State Planning Commission (SPC), Chhattisgarh, Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University (Centre for Women's Studies), Raipur and the Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA), New Delhi; in support of the creation of a global training initiative "Knowledge for Change (K4C): An International Consortium for Training in Community Based Research (CBR)" under the direction of Dr. Budd Hall and Dr. Rajesh Tandon, UNESCO Co-Chairs (the "K4C Consortium").

### **Purpose**

The K4C Consortium will build a Mentor Training Program (MTP) curriculum, which will include an online component, face to face interaction and a supervised field research. Mentors trained in the curriculum will be active in various countries, which will function as 'training hubs'. This tripartite partnership will function as one among these global hubs. The K4C Consortium will respond to the contemporary societal challenges through an international partnered training initiative focused on the development of research capacities for the co-creation of knowledge through collective action by community groups and academics on issues related to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## **Principles of MoU**

This MOU is not intended to create any legally binding obligations on SPC, PRSU or PRIA, but is intended to facilitate discussions of their shared interests and commitment to follow the proposed goals, anticipated outcomes, methodology, and management structure for realizing the objectives of the K4C Consortium.

Details of the implementation of any particular initiative resulting from this MOU shall be negotiated between the parties as each specific case may arise, and if all the three are agreed on the certain issue / issues that could be implemented / made part of agreement. All the three parties understand that financial arrangements will have to be negotiated and will depend on the availability of funds.

This MOU is valid for a period of one year from the date of signing. Any party may terminate this MOU upon 90 days written notice to the other. Modifications to this agreement may be made by mutual agreement of the parties in writing signed by the parties. Upon expiry, the parties may wish to renew the agreement in writing for a period of time to be determined by mutual consent.

## **Areas of exchange and cooperation**

The K4C Consortium, under the overall supervision of PIA and UVic, and in partnership with SPC, Chhattisgarh, PRSU, Raipur and PRIA, New Delhi will focus on the development of research capacities for the co-creation of knowledge through collective action by community groups and academics working together in various training hubs around the world.

This will contribute to strengthening the trainees' employment and career opportunities, enhancing institutional capacity in CBR at HEIs and CSOs, and generating contextually and culturally relevant learning materials and resources in local languages, which will be accessible to students, academic researchers, activist citizens, civil society organizations and the general public.

The training hub at Raipur, with support from SPC Chhattisgarh, PRSU, Raipur and PRIA, New Delhi will focus on the co-construction of knowledge and its application to the solution of community issues linked to at least three of the UN SDGs (Indigenous development, water governance, poverty and inequality, climate action, gender equality and violence against women ).

To achieve this, the expectations from the institutions, party to this MoU are:



### SPC, Chhattisgarh

- Supporting the K4C Consortium
- Suggesting research themes to be undertaken, linked to local contextual issues
- Involving other universities in the state
- Using the research findings generated, to find local solutions, linked to UN SDGs.
- Providing financial support, to the tune of INR 5 Lakhs, for MTP
- **The amount of projects will be paid to Registrar, Pt.Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur Account No. 10049592111**

### Centre for Women's Studies, Pt. RSU, Raipur

- Commit to train four mentors each, in the next four cohorts of the MTP in 2018 & 2019
- Designing and conducting the training of students and practitioners in CBR methodology
- Conduct locally relevant research, linked to UN SDGs
- Share the research findings with relevant stakeholders
- Organize six monthly sharing workshops with SPC
- Conduct locally relevant research, linked to UN SDGs "including evaluation of Government policies and schemes and suggest mid course correction and suggest measures for improved delivery through effective implementation.
- Will prepare report of activities performed, annually and share with project partners.

### PRIA, New Delhi

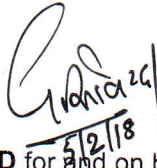
- Organize K4C mentor training program
- Provide professional support to PRSU mentors in conducting CBR courses at the university level and in doing research
- Co-convene K4C global consortium consultations in the implementation of K4C with respect to UN SDGs.

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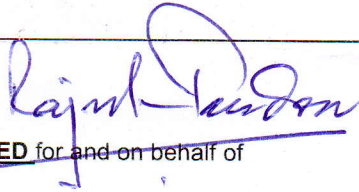
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