

**Memorandum of Understanding**

This Memorandum of Understanding is made on this March, 2014 by and between,

**Department of Health and Family Welfare in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, situated at Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-108** (hereinafter referred to as the "MoHFW")

AND

**Department of Disability Affairs in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, situated at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001** (hereinafter referred to as the "MoSJE");

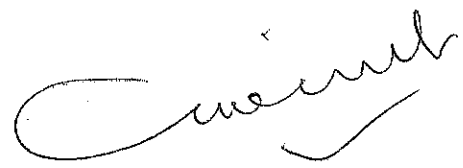
Whereas MoHFW has been implementing National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness (NPPCD) since the 2006-07 of 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan period and is running in 192 districts of 20 States/UTs and the same shall continue in the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan till 31.03.2017 and targeted to cover 200 new districts during the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan, MoHFW intends to have convergence of NPPCD with ADIP Scheme of MoSJE for two activities, namely,

- (i) Screening for hearing impairment will be a part of IEC activity at PHC, CHC, District Hospital as Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is unable to provide funding for this under ADIP scheme.
- (ii) Provision of Hearing Aids (digital type) to the identified Hearing Impaired persons as per terms and conditions of ADIP scheme by ALIMCO.

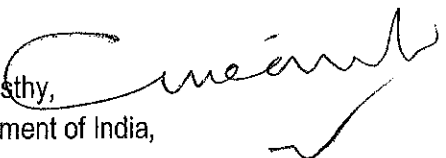
Through this convergence it is proposed to cover those patients who suffer from sensory neural hearing loss that is not amenable to medical or surgical correction and which requires hearing aid, and this needs to be fitted with the same at the district level through the District ENT Surgeon and the District Disability and Rehabilitation Officer. Also it includes children who are suffering from bilateral sensory neural hearing loss. The screening in outreach areas and supply of hearing aids will be done as per the prevalent guidelines issued by MoSJE for implementation of the ADIP Scheme.

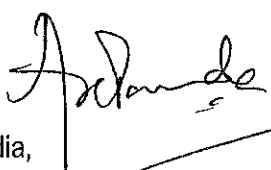
**IT IS THEREFORE HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The District ENT Surgeons/ CHC Medical Officer/PHC Medical Officer and Audiologist/Audiometric Assistant will include registration of screened persons as part of IEC activity at all the above three levels. The team conducting IEC activity will refer the identified hearing impaired person to the District ENT Surgeon and the Audiologist for confirmation of their findings and also ruling out the possibility of any other preventable/manageable causes for hearing impairment. On confirmation by the District ENT Surgeon and audiologist about the requirement of the fitting of hearing aid to the patient a prescription will be prepared as per ADIP proforma, along-with audiological assessment report. After suitable person is identified ALIMCO will ensure provisions of approved Hearing Aids within 60 days and will provide the same at district level.



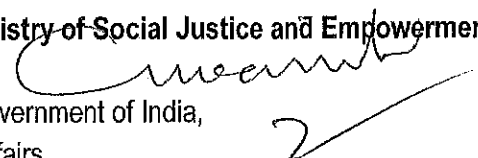
2. The hearing aid will be made and supplied by the agency identified by MoSJE i.e ALIMCO maintenance and repair of hearing aid supplied. If any, will be responsibility of the supplier as per ADIP Scheme.
3. In case of a person suffering from hearing impairment is identified in the OPD of district Hospital by the District ENT Surgeon/Audiologist meriting fitting of hearing aid(s), steps as outlined in the above paragraph will be taken in coordination with Districts Disability and Rehabilitation Officer for supply, fitting of ear mould, repair and maintenance of the hearing aid(s) as detailed in the previous paragraph.
4. MoSJE will provide the figures of hearing aid supplied to MOHFW at an interval of six months.
5. The expenditure for supply of hearing aid will be incurred by the MoSJE under ADIP scheme.
6. MoHFW will take necessary steps to ensure supply of hearing aid to a beneficiary only once in three years and prevent misuse and diversion of the hearing aid supplied by MoSJE.
7. The present MOU can be amended if so required in future to facilitate better coordination.
8. MOHFW will select new district in State as per State PIP proposal forwarded for inclusion during 12<sup>th</sup> Plan period. MoSJE will help in implementing the NPPCD in all these districts.
9. This agreement will be effective till March 2017.
10. Meeting with all concerned shall be held as and when required.

(i) For Party of the MoSJE:   
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this memorandum of understanding by their authorized signatories in the day and year first above written

Signed on behalf of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

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Witness:

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Signed on behalf of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

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