

**TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT FOR PEDIATRIC TB SERVICE DELIVERY IN
PRIVATE HEALTH SECTOR**

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Between

Revised National TB Control Program (RNTCP), Government of India,

AND

Solidarity and Action Against the HIV Infection in India (SAATHII)

AND

Dr. Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil Foundation, Medical college,
Ahmednagar

This Memorandum of Understanding is made on 30 day of Dec -2018 by and between the District TB Officer/Joint Director, District/State TB Office, Commissioner of Health & Family Welfare.

AND

Solidarity and Action Against The HIV Infection in India, the technical support partner having its office at H.No.-1-2-597/162, 11nd floor, Baraf baag colony, Lower tank bund, Hyderabad-500029 through its Project Director

AND

Dr. Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil ^{Foundation, Ahmednagar} a facility having its location at Valad road, (Ahmednagar) District acting through Dr. Dr. V. V. P. F. Medical college, Ahn. the authorized signatory, referred to as "Dr. V. V. P. F. Medical college, Ahn." which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context, include its successor in business, administrators, liquidators and assigns or legal representatives.

I. PURPOSE OF THE COLLABORATIVE PROJECT

SAATHII is implementing a program called Catalyzing Pediatric TB Innovations (CaP TB) that aims to increase the access to quality pediatric TB services to patients who access private health system in the selected districts of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Maharashtra. The purpose of the agreement is to set up a nodal hub facility for Pediatric TB management in private health sector/not for profit/non-governmental organizations run health facility through a public private partnership in CaP TB operational districts.

The CaP TB program is implemented in tripartite agreement between RNTCP (through its State/District TB Cell, the government program implementer authorized to leverage the government's RNTCP and allied health services), Solidarity and Action Against The HIV Infection in India (SAATHII), the

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technical assistance partner of RNTCP (authorized as technical support interface agency to enable access to TB care pathway for people visiting private health sector in state) and Private Health facilities (including Clinics, Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Pharmacies, Labs and other diagnostic centres run on a for-profit or non-profit basis)

II. RESPONSIBILITIES OF RNTCP (National Program Implementer):

1. To provide RNTCP TB treatment and prophylaxis drugs to the private health facility as per requirements.
2. To provide RNTCP registers and formats to the private health facility for reporting to RNTCP as per requirements.
3. To extend, at no cost, the diagnostic services including CBNAAT testing available in the public sector to the presumptive TB cases identified at the private health facility
4. To facilitate the transportation of samples (collected from private health facility) from RNTCP service delivery units to CBNAAT centers.
5. To provide IEC materials for private health care providers and patient education materials as per the requirements.
6. To share the data and patient level feedback for patients referred by private health facilities to public health facilities.
7. To provide support visits to private health facilities for smooth implementation.
8. To ensure public health action for those TB positives reported by private health facilities including counselling, drug adherence support till treatment completion, contact tracing, home visits based on the patient convenience, and offering HIV testing and Drug susceptibility testing, if eligible.
9. To provide incentives to private Health Care Providers for TB notification, and to TB patients under Nikshay Poshan Yojana through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) initiative
10. To facilitate organizing trainings/Continuing Medical Education (CME) activities for private health facilities and professional medical associations with the support from SAATHII.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF Solidarity and Action Against The HIV Infection in India (SAATHII) (Interface agency between RNTCP and private health facility):

1. To support RNTCP by providing TA to private health facility sites for provision of pediatric TB services in line with RNTCP guidelines including
 - a. Mapping and assessment of private health facilities providing pediatric care services.
 - b. Training and onsite sensitisation of the nodal hub and spoke site staff on RNTCP guidelines and Standards of TB care in India and provision of relevant materials
 - c. Periodic site visits to private health facilities to support the documentation, data generation, notification and reporting
 - d. Providing technical updates to the nodal hub site and other neighboring private facilities who are willing to refer to the nodal hub (also called as spokes)

- e. Demonstrating health education and counselling sessions to patients as per the requirements
- f. Provision of registers and formats as per the requirements
2. To establish linkages between private health facilities and RNTCP implementation units.
3. To facilitate linkages with RNTCP towards the supply of pediatric TB FDC drugs, Falcon tubes and other supplies and consumables to the private health facility as per the requirements.
4. To facilitate sample transportation from private health facility to CBNAAT centres through nearby RNTCP service delivery units or directly to CBNAAT centres for TB diagnosis.
5. To support the private health facility in Nikshay registration and TB notification to RNTCP.
6. To facilitate linkage with RNTCP regarding incentives for private sector, Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for notification by private health care provider and for TB patients under Nikshay Poshan Yojana.
7. To engage the professional medical associations of Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP), Indian Medical Association (IMA), AYUSH professional associations, Laboratory and pharmacists' associations, and other relevant providers and its members through trainings/CME programs for enhancing their participation and contributions to TB elimination efforts.
8. To link the private health facility and RNTCP in follow-up of TB patients towards public health action.
9. To report the program data to Central TB Division, State and District TB Offices and reporting/funding agency on a periodic basis.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF Dr. Vithalrao Vikhe Patil Foundation (Clinical services provider):
Medical College, Ammednagar

1. To provide support to RNTCP and SAATHII for the provision of pediatric TB services at their facility.
2. To designate a staff member for the provision of pediatric TB services, and documentation and reporting.
3. To depute the designated staff and Medical Officer for participation in trainings and other capacity building activities.
4. To provide pediatric TB services as per RNTCP's technical and operational guidelines and Standards of TB Care in India (STCI) including TB screening, sample extraction and transportation, TB diagnosis, and TB treatment and prophylaxis.
5. To provide referrals of presumptive TB cases to CBNAAT Lab under RNTCP and other accredited private CBNAAT centres (if required) and offer RNTCP drugs at no cost to TB patients.
6. To ensure the coordination with RNTCP and SAATHII team for timely tracking of TB services by presumptive TB/confirmed TB positives/contacts of TB and also follow-ups till completion of treatment/chemoprophylaxis
7. To ensure the notification of diagnosed TB cases to Nikshay.
8. To maintain documents and records as per the program requirements and submit reports to SAATHII and RNTCP.

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Anti Tuberculosis Officer

9. To ensure the confidentiality of patient information and provide stigma-free services.

V. COMMENCEMENT

- 1) This Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective upon signature by the parties. It shall remain in full force till the completion of CaP TB program by September 2021.
- 2) SAATHIL, the technical support partner, authorised by RNTCP will support the private health sector in commencement and close coordination for smooth rollout.

VI. RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT

- 1) This Memorandum of Understanding is renewable at the option of D.Y.V.V.P.F. Medical College Hospital/RNTCP/SAATHIL. The MoU will be renewed annually.
- 2) Three months prior to the expiry of the Memorandum of Understanding due to efflux of time, RNTCP/SAATHIL/ D.Y.V.V.P.F. Medical College, Ahmednagar Hospital shall intimate other parties on their intention to renew or not to renew the Memorandum of Understanding.
- 3) In the event that one of the parties decides not to renew the Memorandum of Understanding, they shall give notice to the others regarding the cancellation of partnership.
- 4) In the event that parties decide to renew the Memorandum of Understanding, the terms and conditions of this Memorandum of Understanding, as may be amended, will apply *de novo*.

VII. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

- 1) Any party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding after giving three months notice to the other parties at the address provided in this Memorandum of Understanding for correspondence or the last communicated for the purpose and acknowledges in writing by other party.
- 2) If any dispute or disagreement arises between the parties during the course of provision of service, the same shall first be resolved amicably by mutual discussion and negotiation. In case of unresolved differences, either party can give three months notice on termination.

VIII. ADDRESSES FOR CORRESPONDENCE In witness thereof, the parties herein have appended their respective signatures the day and the year above stated.

Signed For and on behalf of Dr. Vithal Rao Vikhe Patil Foundation's Medical College, Ahmednagar

Name: Dr. Sunil Mhaske

Designation: Dean

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 30th Dec 2018

In the presence of **DEAN**
Name and Signature Dr. Vithal Rao Vikhe Patil Foundation's MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL Ahmednagar

Date: 30th Dec 2018

Signed For and on behalf of SAATHI, H.No.-1-2-597 16 2, 11nd floor, Baraf baag colony, Lower tank bund, Hyderabad-500029:

Name: Dr. A. Sathish Kumar

Designation: Project Director

Signature: A. Sathish Kumar

Date: 30th Dec 2018

In the presence of
Name and Signature

Date: 30th Dec 2018

Signed For and on behalf of RNTCP
Joint Director, State TB Cell (Address)/ DTO/CTO

Name:

Signature: [Signature]

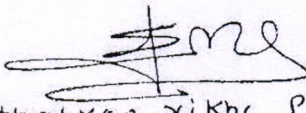
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In the presence of **City Tuberculosis Officer**
Name and Signature Ahmednagar Municipal Corporation, Ahmednagar
Family Welfare Society (Umbrella Society), RNTCP
Ahmednagar Mahanagarpalika, Ahmednagar

Date: 30th Dec 2018


ADDENDUM -1

CaP TB program documentation and the data generated from documents at the nodal hub pediatric TB site will be used for data analysis towards evidence generation on the outcomes of pediatric TB management in the private health sector. The data from the baseline and the periodic follow-up will inform the change and the progress from this partnership arrangement.

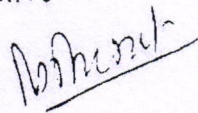
Hospital Authority/Representative : 
Name and Signature : Dr. Sunil Mhaske
Date : 30/12/2018

DEAN

Dr. Vithalrao Vikhe Patil Foundation's
MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL
Ahmednagar

SAATHII/Representative 
Name and Signature : Dr. A. Sathish Kumar, Project Director
Date

District TB Officer/Representative
Name and Signature
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