



Memorandum of Understanding

Between

African Centre of Excellence on Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology (ACENTDFB), Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria

And

SightSavers, Nigeria Country Office, Kaduna, Nigeria

1.0 Preamble

The African Centre of Excellence in Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology (ACENTDFB) domiciled in Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria is one of the ten World Bank-supported Centres of Excellence in Nigeria as part of strategic interventions in higher education in Africa. The Centre as part of fulfilling its mandate, seeks to partner with both governmental and non-governmental institutions in the health sector particularly those that implement field and laboratory activities in the control of NTDs and related diseases.

Sightsavers is, a non-governmental organization with its' Head Office in the UK that started in 1950 (SightSavers is the trade name of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind that initially targeted the control of river blindness, but subsequently expanded into the treatment of lymphatic filariasis, trachoma and other NTDs.). The organization provides support to state and federal governments towards the elimination of neglected tropical diseases, working in partnership with organisations such as The Carter Centre, USA and institutional funders including the UK's Department for International Development (DFID).

The ACENTDFB seeks to collaborate with the Sightsavers in the execution of its mandates. ACENTDFB and SightSavers Nigeria hereby agree to work together in advancing strategies for the mapping, control, elimination, management and impact assessment of neglected tropical diseases in Nigeria.

The cooperation shall include but not limited:

- a) student internship placement
- b) capacity building
- c) advocacy for the elimination, prevention, control, treatment and elimination of neglected tropical diseases.

2.0 Student Internship

- 2.1 SightSavers will provide internship placement places for ACENTDFB students in its activities (data collection, epidemiological surveys, etc). Duration of the internship shall be a minimum of one month and maximum of two months.
- 2.2 SightSavers will not pay salaries or reimburse expenses during for the interns during the internship

- 2.3 SightSavers will within one month of signing the agreement share with ACENTDFB the list of planned mapping and surveys for NTDs for each year to enable ACENTDFB plan for students' placement
- 2.4 ACENTDFB shall be responsible for the upkeep of the internee during the internship period.
- 2.5 SightSavers will not be liable for the students during the internship as regards to security of the students, travel and medical insurance, etc.
- 2.6 ACENTDFB will lead in the development of an internship module, which shall encompass field works, data gathering and analysis.
- 2.7 Each individual intern shall be bound by the regulations, policies and procedures that govern SightSavers activities during the internship period/
- 2.8 The parties to this agreement will agree on the number of interns to be allocated to each programme activity.
- 2.9 Each intern shall, at the end of the internship period, submit a report of his/her activities to the Country Director of SightSavers and Project Coordinator of ACENTDFB for sign off.

3.0 Epidemiological Mapping and Analysis of Neglected Tropical Diseases Samples

- 3.1 ACENTDFB shall support SightSavers Nigeria, in carrying out an epidemiological burden analysis of neglected tropical diseases, including but not limited to molecular analysis of clinical samples from neglected tropical diseases cases. Such support and joint activities shall mutually benefit both parties to this agreement and be carried out in accordance with conditions specified.

3.2 ACENTDFB shall engage, from time to time, SightSavers' staff to support training activities. All costs associated with such training will be paid for by ACENTDFB

4.0 Linkage with International Agencies and Institutions

4.1 SightSavers will collaborate with ACENTDFB on funding opportunities while also providing information, which may include funding opportunities, and other international agencies involved with NTDs as well facilitate linkage of ACENTDFB with other Nigerian NGOs working on NTDs.

4.2 SightSavers will also partner with ACENTDFB on other potential areas of collaboration including advocacy for the control and elimination of NTDs.

5.0 Effective Date of Agreement and Termination

5.1 The agreement shall come into effect immediately the two institutions represented by their respective heads sign the MoU and will be for two years at the first instance.

5.2 There shall be an annual appraisal of the MoU to assess level of compliance and determine any changes needed for improved collaboration between both parties.

5.3 Either party to the agreement may terminate the MoU at any time by providing a written notice regarding the programme to the other party. Effective date for such termination shall be at least three months from the date of such notice.

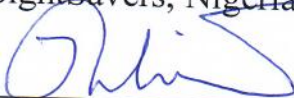
6.0 Collaboration Management

The collaboration between the two institutions shall be managed and coordinated by the Country Director of SightSavers and the Project Coordinator, ACENTDFB.



Signatures

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Signatures

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19th April 2018
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