



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

Preamble

In order to foster cooperation and collaboration in the area of Social Work Education the two institutions, namely, School of Social Work, Roshni Nilaya, Mangalore, India and Volda University College, Volda, Norway have agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) whose terms and scope is outlined below.

School of Social Work, Roshni Nilaya, Mangalore, India, managed by the Institute of Social Service, is a pioneer Institute of Social Work Education in South India established in 1960. For the past six decades, the College has been offering Social Work Programs as well as Programs in Humanities and Social Sciences both at the Undergraduate and Post-graduate level.

Volda University College, Volda, Norway established in 1994 offers training in Social Work along with other Courses in Arts and Humanities and Teacher Education. The College has a long tradition in Volda dating back to a Teachers' Training College which was first established here in 1895.

SCOPE OF THE COOPERATION

The two Institutions mentioned above have been collaborating since 2004 and the present MoU is a renewal/extension of the successful cooperation. The two Institutions will extend support and collaborate in the following areas:

1. Fieldwork Placement

The students of Volda University College will undertake Fieldwork Practicum in Mangalore and outskirts in order to fulfil the requirements of their Social Work Programs. The main tasks will be placement for fieldwork in reputed social work Agencies supervised by social work faculty of the Agency as well as the Institution, block placement and such other means as may be deemed necessary.

The placement of social work students will be the major thrust of the cooperation between the two Institutions and will include:

- Pre-arrival material and post-arrival orientation
- Assistance during arrival
- Arranging of suitable and reasonable accommodation
- Placement of students in established Agencies selected by the host Institute
- Field supervision in the assigned fieldwork Agency as well as overall guidance from the faculty of School of Social Work.
- Providing necessary support and guidance for visa related matters and registration on arrival.

2. Student Exchange

Students from both the Institutions may visit and undertake internships and educational tours in social work and other areas as part of cocurricular and extracurricular activities. The host Institution will facilitate such exchanges and oversee the logistics of accommodation, immigration formalities and other essentials.

3. Faculty Exchange

The faculty of both the Institutions may visit, deliver lectures and guide students during their Fieldwork Practicum. The host Institution will assist in providing suitable accommodation and immigration requirements.

4. Research Projects

Both the Institutions may initiate and undertake research projects as and when feasible. The Institutions may encourage the faculty to carry on research and educational projects with common external funding.

5. Conferences and Seminars

Conferences and seminars may be jointly organised as and when required. Priority will be given to Fieldwork Seminars for Agency personnel where Norwegian students are placed.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

Both parties understand that all financial arrangements will have to be negotiated and agreed upon with due regard to the availability of funds and other resources.

DURATION, RENEWAL AND TERMINATION

The duration of the MoU will be for a period of five years from the date of signing.

The MoU may be renewed after the completion of the five-year period.

An early termination will require six months' notice from either party. It may be noted that early termination will in no way affect the students pursuing their internships.



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