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# Secretary, Government of India

Department of Health Research Ministry of Health & Family Welfare **Director-General** 

Indian Council of Medical Research

INDO/FRC/649/10-IHD Dated: 10 October, 2025

Sub: Renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between ICMR and DNDi

Dear Dr. Pizarro,

Thanks for your letter and the proposed extension of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 between ICMR and DNDi for cooperation in neglected diseases for a period of 5 years.

ICMR and DNDi have worked towards building up of a strong relationship in the area of neglected and vector-borne diseases.

The proposed extension of MoU by DNDi is acceptable to ICMR along with the 1 additional area of research.

1. Drug Discovery and development towards Pandemic Preparedness.

As per clause 6 (Term) of the original MoU, the ICMR conveys its approval to extend the provisions of the 2015 ICMR-DNDi MoU which will be in effect for successive five years from the date of its expiry i.e. 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2025. The jointly agreed upon and duly signed statement indicating the above mentioned one additional point shall enter into force on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 as an Appendix to the original MoU.

Once the extension of the MoU is established through our exchange of letters and signing of the statement, the implementing agencies, modes of cooperation and other provisions will remain the same as stated in the 2015 MoU throughout the extension period i.e. till 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2030. For reference, a copy of the MoU signed in 2015 MoU is attached.

Two original copies of the statement duly signed by me are attached, an original copy of which may please be returned to us after your signature.

We look forward to hearing from you and to the continuation of this bilateral collaboration. We also deeply appreciate your continued leadership and commitment to this program.

Best regards,

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r. Rajiv Bahl

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Luis Pizarro
Executive Director

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## **Enclosures:**

- 1. Two copies of the statement on renewal of ICMR-DNDi MoU
- 2. A copy of the ICMR-DNDi MoU signed in October, 2015

## Renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding

## between

Indian Council of Medical Research, (ICMR)

and

**Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative (DNDi)** 

## **STATEMENT**

The ICMR-DNDi Memorandum of Understanding signed on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 is hereby renewed as per clause 6 (Term) of the 2015 ICMR-DNDi MoU and extend its provisions which will be in effect for the successive five years from the date of its expiry i.e. 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2025

We here agree to cooperate and include the one additional area of research during the extended duration of the MoU which shall enter into force on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2025.

1. Drug Discovery and development towards Pandemic Preparedness.

All terms and conditions such as the implementing agencies, modes of cooperation and other provisions as agreed upon under the ICMR-DNDi MoU signed in 2015 shall remain the same and will be followed by both the Parties throughout the extension period till 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2030.

For the ICMR Rajni Bell

Dr. Rajiw Bahi Director General

Indian Council of Medical Research

For the DNDi

Dr. Luis Pizarro
Executive Director

**Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative** 

Date 10/19/25

Date 13/10/2025