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Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport

LETTER OF INTENT

BETWEEN

THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH (ICMR), DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH RESEARCH, MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE,
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

AND

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT
(RIVM),
MINISTRY OF HEALTH, WELFARE AND SPORT OF THE NETHERLANDS
FOR COOPERATION/COLLABORATION IN HEALTH SECTOR

In pursuance of the Memorandum of Understanding between The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport of The Netherlands in the field of healthcare and public health signed on 19 June 2025.

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health Family Welfare, Government of India

and

The State of the Netherlands, represented by Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport, on behalf of the Minister represented by Prof. Dr I.W.C.E (Isabel) Arends, Director-General of the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (Rijksinstituut voor Volksgezondheid en Milieu) (RIVM), having its registered office at Antonie van Leeuwenhoeklaan 9, 3721 MA Bilthoven, the Netherlands, hereinafter referred to as “RIVM”,

ICMR and RIVM, hereinafter individually referred to as a “Participant” and collectively referred to as the “Participants”.

The Participants,

Recognizing the importance of collaborative efforts in addressing global health challenges, particularly in the context of healthcare and public health,

Acknowledging their shared commitment to advancing research and innovation for the betterment of human and animal health, environmental sustainability, and socio-economic development, and

Desiring to foster interdisciplinary research and cooperation between the scientific communities of India and the Netherlands,

Hereby express their intention to collaborate on the following areas:

- i. Climate Change and Health,
- ii. Infectious Diseases including Antimicrobial Resistance
- iii. Vector Borne Diseases
- iv. One Health
- v. Disease Surveillance
- vi. Any other areas of mutual interest

under the following modes of collaboration

1. Joint research projects that address common challenges with funding to be provided by each Participant for their respective sides. RIVM intends to support projects on the Dutch side. The ICMR intends to support the projects on Indian Side. Exchange visits will be a part of the joint research projects.
2. Joint capacity building activities, including training programs, workshops, symposia and conferences, to enhance the expertise and capabilities of researchers and institutions in both countries.

Duration and Termination

This Letter of Intent (hereinafter referred to as “LoI”) shall come into effect on the date of its signing by the Participants and shall remain in force for five (5) years. The LoI can be extended or renewed further, by mutual consent of the Participants, in writing. Any Participant can terminate its participation in the LoI with a six (6) month written notice to the other Participant in advance.

The termination of the LoI will not affect the implementation of ongoing activities and programmes which have been decided by the Participants prior to the date of termination of this LoI, unless otherwise agreed by the Participants in writing.

Confidentiality, Intellectual Property Rights and Dispute Settlement

- i. The Participants agree to maintain the confidentiality of any non-public information exchanged during discussions and cooperation under this LoI. Such information, whether oral, written or otherwise, and marked or designated as confidential, shall be used solely for the purpose of exploring the cooperation envisaged in this LoI and shall not be disclosed to any third party without the prior written consent of the Participants, unless publication is required by compulsory law or court order. The Participants shall ensure appropriate protection of intellectual property rights generated from cooperation pursuant to this LoI, consistent with their respective laws, rules and regulations.
- ii. Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or application of this LoI will be settled by negotiations and mutual consultations.

This LoI does not legally bind any Participant to provide funding, nor does it constitute a legally binding commitment of any kind.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorized by their respective authorities /Government have signed this LoI in two originals in English language.

Signed by:


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Dr. Rajiv Bahl

Secretary, Department of Health Research &
Director-General, ICMR
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(MoHFW), Government of India

Date: 5/8/2026

Place: New Delhi

Signed by:


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Prof. Dr. I.W.C.E(Isabel) Arends

Director-General, RIVM
On behalf of the Minister of Health, Welfare
and Sport
The Netherlands

Date: 5/11/2026

Place: Bilthoven

Signed by:


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Witness: Dr. Tanvir Kaur

Head (IHD), ICMR
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(MoHFW), Government of India

Signed by:


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Witness: Nico Schiettekatte

Counselor for Health, Welfare and Sport
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