



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING N° 0010-0000 /MINSANTE/2011

Defining the collaboration framework between the Ministry of Public Health and the Regional Center for the Welfare of Ageing Persons in Cameroon (RECEWAPEC), in the domain of disease control, particularly health care of the elderly.



BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH

HERE-IN-REFERED TO AS "MINSANTE"

Represented by Mr ANDRE MAMA FOU DA, Minister of Public Health

On the one hand,

AND

THE REGIONAL CENTER FOR THE WELFARE OF AGEING PERSONS IN CAMEROON

HERE-IN-REFERED TO AS "RECEWAPEC"

Represented by THE PRESIDENT GENERAL, PRINCE BENGHA NGOCHIA MARTIN

On the other hand.



PREAMBLE

Affirming the willingness of the Government in the Strategic Document for Growth and Employment to define the common principles of intervention in view of improving the health status of all Cameroonians ;

Considering the stand taken by MINSANTE in its Health sector Strategy to promote the development of Partnership actions in the health domains,

Mindful of the Health Sector Partnership Strategy adopted by Government in a bid to harmonize practices of contracting ;

Considering the role of the National and International actors in the charitable sector and the population in the health sector ;

Considering the engagement taken by the Government to ameliorate the health of the elderly, through community management and curative management of cases ;

Considering the fact that, taking care of the elderly contribute in the extension of life expectancy in Cameroon ;

Giving the willingness of RECEWAPEC to participate in the National Program for Disease Control.

The parties understood that their obligations are defined by the following enumerated dispositions.

Article 1 : Objectives of the MoU

The main objective is to promote quality health care of the elderly particularly eye care in communities in collaboration with existing mission and government hospitals wiith eye care departments.

Article 2 : Commitments of the Regional Center for the Welfare of Ageing Persons in Cameroon

1. Respect the National Health Policy spelt out in the Helath Sector Strategy (HSS) ;
2. Respect the legislative and regulatory framework notably standards, health map and pricing ;
3. See the sound implementation of the project ;
4. Respect the fundermental principles of the public service mission namely, equal access for all and flexibility ;



5. Make available in their health institutions, internships opportunities for eye care health personnel, consult patients and distribute eye glasses, in collaboration with competent health officials of MINSANTE and partners ;
6. Build and equip medico social and recreational clubs for the elderly in the 10 Regions of Cameroon after prior authorization from competent authorities ;
7. Provide an annual report of activities to the Ministry of Public Health,
8. Invest any proceeds emanating from the projects to enhance eye care and the fight against blindness ;
9. Facilitate inspection missions to RECEWAPEC structures by officials of the Ministry of Public Health.

Article 3 : Commitments of the Ministry of Public Health.

1. Respect the autonomy of the Regional Center for the Welfare of Ageing Persons in Cameroon as a charitable legal entity ;
2. Facilitate the exemption from import tax and VAT on donated and purchased health materials and equipment ;
3. Provide technical support for the eye care in communities and families and in authorized health structures of RECEWAPEC ;
4. Ensure the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of this MoU.

Article 4 : Modalities for the implementation

Projects and activities envisaged in the present MoU shall be executed with :

1. Financial, human and material resources of RECEWAPEC,
2. Financial, human and material resources from the Ministry of Public Health within the limits of its budget,
3. Assistance from partners like the German Foundation SENIORENHILFE KAMERUN e.v. « HELP FOR THE SENIORS IN CAMEROON », Indian NGOs, HelpAge International and Araving Institute of Community Ophthalmology of India (LAICO), the U.K International NGO, Right-to-Sight., etc.

Article 5 : Follow up and evaluation of the implementation of the MoU

(1) A steering committee, shall animate and follow up its execution on the basis of follow up and evaluation indicators.



(2) the committee shall meet yearly and is made up of experts and personalities known for their various technical competences in the domain.

(3) the committee is comprised of:

President: the Director of Health Care Organisation of MINSANTE or his representative;

Vice President: the President of RECEWAPEC;

Members:

- the Sub Director for Endemic Diseases DLM/MINSANTE
- the Sub Director for Health Promotion DPS/ MINSANTE;
- the Deputy Director for National Cooperation DCOOP/ MINSANTE;
- the Chief Medical Officer, of an authorized Health unit of RECEWAPEC ;
- two (02) representative of RECEWAPEC.

(4) The President of the committee can invite any other person to participate at the committee session on consultative basis, regarding his competence.

(5) the secretariat of the committee shall be handled by RECEWAPEC and shall ensure the :

- preparations of meetings;
- production of annual work plans and reports relating to the MoU;
- implementation of the recommendations of the committee.

(6) The cost of functioning of the committee shall be borne by its budget.

Article 6: Duration – Cancellation of the MoU

The duration of the MoU is five years renewable automatically except one party denounces with proof of a written and mailed document three months before the end of duration.

ARTICLE 7: Provisional Measures

In the event of non observance of commitments taken in articles 2 and 3, suspension of the MoU follows notification.

ARTICLE 8: Settlement of conflicts

In the event of failure of mediation by the steering committee, the parties shall resort to arbitration by third party and seeking a national jurisdiction. In this case, the Yaoundé Court is competent.



Article 9: Amendment

(1) the present Memorandum of Understanding shall be amended by mutual agreement of the parties through exchange of correspondences between them.

(2) Any amendment of this Memorandum of Understanding will take effect three months after exchange of correspondences between the parties.

Article 10; Entry into force and denunciation of the MoU

The present Memorandum of Understanding will take effect from the date of signature by the parties.

Article 11: Language

The original version of the MoU is in English language. Nonetheless, being a bilingual country, French translation will be made.

ARTICLE 12: Domiciliation

For all correspondences, enquiries or communication of documents, parties elect the following domiciliation:

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