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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH & UNIVERSITY OF KHARTOUM

For Establishment of Service Integrated National Mycetoma
Control Program

Introduction:

Whereas the National Ministry of Health, here in after referred to as NMoH in respect of its national responsibility to health planning, and the University of Khartoum hereinafter referred to as UoK through the Mycetoma Research Center in respect of its dedication to the continuous discovery and development of scientific knowledge and clinical skills applied to the care of Mycetoma patients.

Mycetoma Research Centre conscious that a multidisciplinary approach targeting Mycetoma patients, aware of the fact that mycetoma management combines medical and surgical interventions, national and international collaboration is mandatory and research and publication in mycetoma the NMoH decided to scale up these interventions and made them accessible to whole country patients.

In the pursuance of the above, The NMoH and UoK through the Mycetoma Research Center established a national steering committee. The committee role was provision of vision for the control of the Mycetoma in the country and present recommendations regarding the best model for that. The national steering committee through various and comprehensive jointly practical and scientific sessions, constructed a document based on the role, responsibility and capacity of the two entities. Recording and reconfirming that in pursuance of the commitment of the two entities, the NMoH and UoK duly reach an agreement on the following text.

The purpose of this agreement is to establish communication and coordination between the two above mentioned parties. Furthermore, to foster the services and the resources allocated to control the Mycetoma Disease in Sudan, and provide model for control of this disease that serves as a national and regional reference.

Scope of coordination:

The NMoH in the capacity of the undersecretary shall offer any possible help and support to the MRC and the jointly formulated program to control the Mycetoma. The University of Khartoum in the capacity of the Vice Chancellor shall offer any possible help and support to the NMoH and the jointly formulated program to control the Mycetoma. The Directorate General of Curative Medicine (DGCM) and Communicable Diseases Control Directorate (CDC) on behalf of the NMoH and the Mycetoma Research Center (MRC) shall be closely working together to ensure that the component of this agreement is well implemented and seek its update whenever that it is needed. The DGCM and CDC seek the best possible mechanisms and resources (human, capital..etc.) to ensure that the National Mycetoma program is implemented and making

progress. The MRC should establish full coordination and ensure the application of the NMoH guidelines and systems for Communicable Diseases Control. The CDC and MRC should establish coordination mechanisms for setting and communicating the program policies, guidelines, work plans, operational materials and the system for monitoring and evaluation of the program activities and its outcome.

Responsibilities of NMoH:

The NMoH is responsible for provision of the following components:

1. Establish the National Mycetoma Control Program as an entity responsible for ensuring that Mycetoma patients get access to high quality of care and ensure that measures are taken in preventing the disease and late presentation.
2. Ensure that the program guidelines are adopted at state and health facilities levels and integrated in the state ministry of health structure and plans
3. Hire the program national staff -as agreed upon- to run the program activities at various health system levels in coordination.
4. Provide sufficient support to help in incorporation of budget for the necessary equipment and medical supplies, implementation of the MOU and program various activities.
5. Establish regular monitoring of the program activities and arrange with the program director the system and any support needed for implementing related activities.
6. Involve potential partners for enforcement of advocacy and support.

Uok Responsibilities:

University of Khartoum through the MRC is responsible for the following

1. Hosting of the National Program at the centre premises at Soba University Hospital, the centre will build separate section to accommodate extra national program staff.
2. Hiring the national program Director; the Mycetoma Research Centre director by his/her status is the NMCP program director. University of Khartoum is expected to consider NMoH criteria of selection of national program directors.

3. The centre will support the program with sufficient laboratory equipments and materials to establish The National Program Reference Laboratory.
4. The centre will provide technical support to the program and help in developing the training manuals, program guidelines and any other necessary documents either by its available resource persons, research products or its affiliated entities.
5. The MRC in its capacity with the support and backing of NMoH will seek to establish any possible scientific collaboration with counter research centers regionally or internationally.
6. The centre will provide seed money to cover the running cost of the program office daily activities e.g. stationeries, computers, communication system and others.

This agreement is effective from the date of signing by the involved parties. The above-mentioned bodies are expected to start to fulfill its responsibilities accordingly and immediately after signing of this agreement.

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