Dated Aizawl, 26th, August, 2024

The Principal, Government Aizawl North College Ramhlun North Aizawl, Mizoram

Subject: Seeking permission to sign Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Respected Sir,

SHALOM in collaboration with PATH (an international organization working for Global health) and MSACS (Mizoram State AIDS Control Society) is currently implementing Project Sashakt in Mizoram under which adolescents and the youth in general form one component of the key population.

In order to take steps towards the same, SHALOM (Society for HIV&AIDS & Lifeline Operation in Mizoram) wishes to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with your institution in order to clarify roles and responsibilities with regard to working together towards developing the awareness of youth and young adult population about HIV & AIDS.

In this light, we have drafted a MoU which we have attached along with this letter. I request you to kindly read through the MoU carefully and make changes where you feel is necessary.

Awaiting your favourable response.

Thanking You.

Dr.ChawnglunghitfaFrecutive Officer SHALOM

CEO, SHALOM

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This contract agreement is made on date 26/08/2024 between <u>The Principal, Government Aizawl North College</u> (hereinafter shall be addressed as **First Party**) at <u>Ramhlun North, Aizawl, Mizoram</u> and <u>SHALOM Society</u> (hereinafter shall be addressed as **Second Party**) having its office at <u>A-48/1</u>, <u>Lalrengpuia Building</u>, <u>Lower Zarkawt</u>, <u>Aizawl</u> – 796007, <u>Mizoram</u>.

Both the parties have come together to collaborate and to make mutual efforts; andhave agreed to enter into a collaborative agreement for the following purpose:

- a. To raise awareness about HIV&AIDS and its related issues, especially among the young adult population including the college students.
- b. To inform and educate communities and promote awareness on HIV&AIDS and related issues, with the purpose of mitigating the epidemic in the state of Mizoram and reduce or prevent further transmission of the disease among the general communities, particularly among the young adult population.

SHALOM is implementing **Project Sashakt**, a PEPFAR (President Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief) project funded through PATH (an international organization working for Global health)in the state of Mizoram, with Mizoram State AIDS Control Society as the Nodal Agency for the project. Among the four objectives of the project, intervention among adolescent and young adult population is one of the key and integral part, with the purpose of sensitizing and educating the targeted population on HIV&AIDS and its related issues, preventing HIV transmission and promote safe behaviours.

Both parties, being legal entities in themselves desire to sign this MoU for advancing their mutual interests. Both the parties have expressed a common interest in achieving the goal of strengthening the youth with knowledge through this platform.

Now therefore, it is hereby agreed by and between the parties as follows:

- Government Aizawl North College will provide a room to SHALOM within the college premises.
- 2. SHALOM will utilize this room to provide the following services:
 - a. HIV Testingservices on a weekly/fortnightly basis through the Mobile Health Testing Units (MHTUs) of Project Sashakt, comprising of a Counsellor and a Laboratory Technician.
 - b. The room will be utilized to provide meeting space and encourage interaction discussion among students at least once every week or fortnightly. SHALOM staff will facilitate the meeting, and all meeting cost will be borne by SHALOM.
 - c. The room will be utilized to provide a platform for ideas, comments, and suggestions. Materials required will be provided by SHALOM. An informal helpline channel, preferably through social media platform will be developed through collaborative effort of the students and SHALOM staff.

- 3. SHALOM will conduct a survey amongst the students to assess their level of awareness regarding HIV&AIDS and related issues including substance abuse.
- 4. Aizawl North College will assist in identifying volunteers among their students, who in turn will be the key players for achieving the objective of the partnership.
- 5. Both parties will jointly develop IEC materials with support from IEC Division of MSACS, and involvement of the volunteers, which will be utilized to raise awareness on HIV&AIDS and related issues among the targeted population.
- 6. Peer referrals will be encouraged for availing testing services.
- 7. The following details shall be included in the college's brochure in order to endorse the services that will be provided by SHALOM:
 - a. Name of the NGO, i.e, SHALOM (Society for HIV/AIDS and Lifeline Operation in Mizoram).
 - b. Official Logo of SHALOM
 - c. Services provided
 - d. Address and official email:

Lower Zarkawt (opp. Zote Bakery)

Aizawl- 796007, Mizoram

Email: shalom_azl@rediffmail.com, shalomazl2014@gmail.com

SIGNED BY:

1. For and on behalf of Government Aizawl North College:

(Prof. S Haukhahlitming)

Principal Govt. Aizawl North College Government Aizawi North College

Ramhlun North

For and on behalf of SHALOM:

(Dr.Chawnglungmuana)

Chief Executive Officer

SHALOM

Chief Executive Officer SHALOM

3. For and on behalf of Authorized Faculty Members, Government Alzawi North College, Ramhlun North:

(Dr.SarojLaldinpuii) Co-Ordinator IQAC (Lianchhyngi)
Assistant Co-Ordinator IQAC

(Thanchhungi) i/c Red Ribbon Club

(Dr. C. Nunsiamliani) i/c Red Ribbon Club

4. In the presence of witnesses, Project Sashakt Officials, PATH, Aizawl, Mizoram:

(Christina Lalrindiki)
State Co-ordinating Officer
State Coordinating Officer

Project Sunshine, PATH Aizawl, Mizoram (Repert Lalrempuia) State Program Officer

PATH: Nonprofit organization

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