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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

CZECH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

AND

MINISTRY OF LABOUR, HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF GEORGIA

CONCERNING

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT

**“SUPPORT OF EARLY DIAGNOSIS, PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF
ONCOLOGICAL DISEASES”**

IN THE FRAMEWORK OF
DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

BETWEEN

THE CZECH REPUBLIC

AND

GEORGIA

PREAMBLE

1. The official development cooperation between the Czech Republic and Georgia is based on the principles of partnership, efficiency, transparency, and contributes to the promotion of mutual political and economic relations between the two countries.
2. In accordance with the resolution of the government of the Czech Republic no. 480 from 25th July of 2014, the Czech Development Agency and Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia wish to cooperate on the project called “*Support of early diagnosis, prevention and treatment of oncological diseases*” (“project” thereafter, see attachment). The project will aim at prevention and early detection of breast and cervical cancer among women living in Georgia.
3. In this Memorandum of Understanding the Czech Development Agency and Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia govern their commitments leading to successful implementation of the project.
4. The Czech Development Agency and Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia are prepared to follow this Memorandum of Understanding with due care and efficiency, and will provide all information concerning the project to each other. The Czech Development Agency and Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia will discuss all matters that might arise within the context of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 1

Responsibilities of the Czech Development Agency

5. The Czech Development Agency is committed to:
 - 5.1 Ensure selection procedure for providers of goods and services, essential to the implementation of the project.
 - 5.2 Ensure project funding in accordance with the resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic for respective years.
 - 5.3 Ensure cooperation with the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia regarding implementation of the project activities and ensure that project is complementary to national policies.
 - 5.4 Ensure regular monitoring and access the project progress.
 - 5.5 Take necessary steps to procure the replacement of the head with source of Cobalt Teragam K-01 device.

Article 2

Responsibilities of the Ministry of labour, health and Social Affairs of Georgia

6. Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia is committed to:
 - 6.1 Provide necessary information related to the implementation of the project.
 - 6.2 Support to communicate with the relevant authorities of Georgia, eligible for providing all permits, licenses and other documents, in accordance of the Georgian Government's legislation, including costs related thereto, if any, for equipment, materials, and goods required for the execution of the project and to enable the project personnel to carry out their functions related to the execution of the project.
 - 6.3 Provide for reports, records, maps, statistics and other information in the ownership of the Ministry related to the project and likely to assist the project personnel in carrying out their duties.
 - 6.4 Provide for other measures within its competence which may facilitate the execution of the project.
 - 6.5 Communicate with project representative further strategy regarding cancer policy and take into account project results when further developing national strategy.

- 6.6 Ensure cooperation with state authorities on different levels, in particular regarding the customs and the value added tax.
- 6.7 Assist to communicate with relevant authorities in Georgia for provision of appropriate premises for screening centre in Zugdidi and in the other region where the project will be implemented.
- 6.8 Make efforts to achieve accreditation of oncological training program for primary health care medical staff.
- 6.9 Ensure ownership and operation of the TERAGAM cobalt irradiation unit by JSC Universal Medical Center for at least 5 years.

Article 3

7. All official communication between the Czech Development Agency and Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia will be transmitted in written or electronic form to the following addresses.

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Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia:

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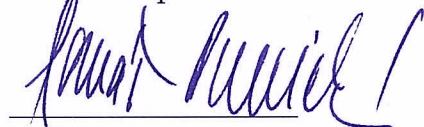
8. The above mentioned contacts can be changed by written notice.

9. This Memorandum of Understanding does not constitute an international treaty or legally binding agreement. It is intended to set out the frame commitments of the Czech Development Agency and Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia in relation to the implementation of the project only.
10. This Memorandum of Understanding will be applicable since the date of its signature until the date of the official termination of the project, and can be changed, amended or terminated, if necessary, following agreement between the Czech Development Agency and Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia.
11. All changes and amendments must be made in written form.

The Memorandum of Understanding is signed in 15th of July, 2015 in Tbilisi, Georgia, in four original copies in English language. Each party receives two originals.

On behalf of the Czech Development Agency

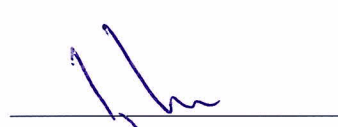
/Michal Kaplan, Director/



Tomáš Pernický

Ambassador

On behalf of Ministry of Labour, Health
and Social Affairs of Georgia



David Sergeenko

Minister

**Attachment to the Memorandum of Understanding between Czech Development Agency
and Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia**

Project: Support of early diagnosis, prevention and treatment of oncology diseases

Duration: 2014 - 2016

Budget: 1 100 000 EUR

Project Description

A. PROJECT GOAL, OBJECTIVES AND OUTPUTS

Project Goal

Support of healthcare services in Georgia

While cancer remains one of the principal causes of death across the world, many of its variants are perfectly treatable with a chance at full recovery, but only in the case that they are detected and treated in its early stages. This project intends to help combat cancer mortality in Georgia by facilitating the increase of diagnostic and treatment capacities available in the Samegrelo region precisely towards such purpose.

The project is divided into two complementary objectives: 1. The Provision of access of Women in the Samegrelo region to preventive oncological examination, and 2. Improvement in the effectiveness of the leukaemia treatment for children in Georgia.

The project's first objective is centred on the establishment of an oncologic screening centre in Zugdidi. The centre will provide examinations aim at the prevention and early detection of oncologic diseases (primarily breast cancer and cervical cancer) and will also provide oncologic treatment of improved quality. The establishment of the screening centre will be complemented by a series of outputs designed to further support the fight against cancer mortality in the region. Doctors and nurses from local clinics will be provided training in advanced methods of diagnosis and treatment, while local specialists in oncology will be further trained as „professional assistants“, who will ensure continued education of medical personnel of rural medical clinics. Furthermore, the project will endeavour to train “peer educators” who will actively engage, with the help of rural medical clinics, in awareness raising campaigns focused on the early diagnosis and prevention of cancer (breast and cervical).

The second objective will be satisfied by a provision of modern medical equipment for the diagnosis and treatment of child leukaemia; and through a training program which will help the laboratory personnel and medical professionals make full use of the supplied equipment through improved knowledge of effective methods of diagnosis and treatment of child leukaemia.

Project Outcomes

The results of the project will be:

1. Provision of access of Women in the Samegrelo region to preventive oncological examination

The project will help to establish a new oncological screening centre, which will facilitate the prevention and early diagnosis of oncological diseases. The establishment of the screening centre will take place in cooperation with the administration of the Zugdidi district and the NCDC

2. Improvement in the effectiveness of the leukaemia treatment for children in Georgia.

The project will contribute to the necessary specialisation of the treatment of child leukaemia through a promotion of more thorough diagnoses of the varieties of leukaemia.

Project Outputs

Ad outcome 1: Enhancement of access for Women to preventive oncological examination

1.1. Improvement in the professional capacity of the staff of rural health clinics

Doctors and nurses from rural clinics will undergo a training program and will apply their improved knowledge in their daily practice at their respective clinics.

1.2. Establishment of capacities in oncological education

Specialists in oncology will be further trained as „professional assistants“ for the continued education of medical staff from rural clinics.

1.3. Foundation of a screening centre in Zugdidi

The screening centre will give its patients access to preventive mammographic and ultrasound examinations. The centre will further provide preventive examinations focused on the early detection of cervical cancer (PAP tests). Simultaneously, the centre's medical staff will work to provide information and increase the awareness of local women regarding oncological diseases.

1.4. Increase in the awareness of prevention and early diagnosis of cancer

The project will endeavour to train „peer educators“, who will actively engage in awareness raising campaigns focused on the early diagnosis and prevention of cancer. Rural clinics will participate in this campaign through the distribution of information (promotional documents) focused on the prevention of breast cancer and cervical cancer.

Ad outcome 2: Improvement in the effectiveness of the leukaemia and other oncological diseases treatment in Georgia.

2.1. Supply and installation of medical equipment for diagnosis and treatment of children leukaemia

Selected health care provider will use the supplied equipment in order to improve their capacity for the diagnosis and treatment of various forms of child leukaemia.

2.2. Improvement in the professional capacity of the medical staff at the department of children haematology

The laboratory staff of selected health care provider will be trained in the optimal use of the supplied medical equipment. Furthermore, doctors will be trained in more effective methods of diagnosis and treatment. Additional training will be provided to nurses and other laboratory personnel.

2.3. Enhancement of accessibility of radiotherapy treatment for oncological patients in Georgia

Change of head with source of current radiotherapy Cobalt Teragam K-01 device operational in JSC Universal Medical Center in Tbilisi.