

# MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

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This Agreement entered into and executed this January 11, 2022 at \_\_\_\_\_ by and between

The **VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY**, an institution of higher learning established under Pres. Decree No. 470 as amended by Pres. Decree No. 700, and converted into a state university by virtue of R.A. 9158 & 9437, with principal office at Pangasugan, Baybay City, Leyte, duly represented by its University President, DR. EDGARDO E. TULIN, hereinafter referred to as "VSU",

and

The **UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES LOS BAÑOS**, a constituent university of the UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, the National University of the Philippines, created by virtue of Act No. 1870, as amended and re-organized and operating by virtue of PD 58 and RA 9500, with office address at College, Los Baños, Laguna, represented herein by its Chancellor, DR. JOSE V. CAMACHO, JR. hereinafter referred to as "UPLB".

## WITNESSETH

**WHEREAS**, the **Barangay Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI)** is a network and a collaborative Extension and Action Research program of higher education and institutions-private and public; initiated by the State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), and implemented in and for the barangays in partnership with the Local Government Units (LGUs), Government Organizations (GOs) and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs);

**WHEREAS**, BIDANI as an extension program/project/tool of SUCs and as a development strategy in local governance supports/complements/supplements the implementation of Local Autonomy & Decentralization program, a salient provision of the Local Government Code of 1991; the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN), Localization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the Local Governance Performance Management Systems (LGPMs);

**WHEREAS**, the primary vision of BIDANI is to achieve nutritional improvement, self-sufficiency, and improved quality of life at the village level in a sustained and economical way through the integration of development efforts by all government and non-government agencies;

**WHEREAS**, BIDANI as a network program of State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) envisage being a responsive network of academic institution geared towards nutrition-in-development;

**WHEREAS**, the **VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY**, having the manpower capabilities and facilities to conduct applied research and extension activities, is one of the seven original key regional centers of the BIDANI Network Program, and an institutionalized extension program of VSU formerly Visayas State College of Agriculture (ViSCA) in 1998;

**WHEREAS**, the **UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (UPLB)** being the mother SUC of the BIDANI Network Program, spearheaded the implementation of BIDANI in SUCs in the country.

**WHEREAS**, the BIDANI Program is composed of various innovative project components, namely: (1) **Barangay Integrated Development Approach (BIDA)** which is the process of adopting the BIDANI strategy to generate and sustain active and coordinated participation of all sectors at various levels, and to build capacities of local government in systematic development planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluation of projects embodied in a Barangay Integrated Development Plan (BIDP); (2) **Barangay Management Information Systems (BMIS)** which is a people-based information system for gathering, organizing, storing and updating data about the barangay for evidence-based policy and decision making and, development planning through community survey and family survey using the UPLB-registered and copyrighted BMIS software developed in 2003 and deposited at the National Library on March 01, 2008, under Registration No. N 2008-101, and (3) **Participative Nutrition Enhancement Approach (PNEA)** which is a participative and individualized strategy in preventing malnutrition among 0-24 months old children through the life cycle approach and building capacity of the local leaders and nutrition front liners in nutrition program management towards food and nutrition security.

JOSE V. CAMACHO, JR.

Chancellor