

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
PARTNERSHIP ON BIDANI STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION

KNOW ALL MEN BY THIS PRESENTS

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) made and entered into and executed this _____ day of _____, 2024 at the City of Baybay, Leyte, Philippines by and among;

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 R.A. 9158 & 9437, with principal office at Visca, City of Baybay, Leyte, duly represented herein by its University President, **Dr. Prose Ivy G. Yepes**, and hereinafter referred to as “**VSU**”;

The **LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF HINDANG, PROVINCE OF LEYTE**, a political and corporate government unit with principal office in Hindang, Leyte, duly represented herein by its City Mayor, **Honorable Betty A. Cabal**, and hereinafter referred to as “**LGU-HINDANG**”;

The **LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF BAYBAY, PROVINCE OF LEYTE**, a political and corporate government unit with principal office at New City Hall, Government Center, Barangay Gaas, City of Baybay, Leyte, represented herein by its City Mayor, **Honorable Jose Carlos L. Cari**, and hereinafter referred to as “**LGU-BAYBAY**.”

WITNESSETH THAT:

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WHEREAS, the Barangay Integrated Development Approach to Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI) is a collaborative extension and action research program of higher education and institutions—private and public—initiated by state universities and colleges (SUCs), and implemented in and for barangays in partnership with local government units (LGUs), government agencies (GAs), and nongovernment organizations (NGOs);

WHEREAS, as SUCs’ extension program/project and LGUs’ development strategy in local governance in program planning and management of Program/Projects/Activities (PPAs), BIDANI supports, complements, and supplements the implementation of the existing salient provisions of the Philippine government’s Local Autonomy & Decentralization Program known as the Local Code of 1991, the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN), and the Local Governance Performance Management System (LGPMS), as well as the localization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

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WHEREAS, the BIDANI strategy is a delivery mechanism to accelerate rural and urban development of which nutrition is a crucial goal, objective, component, outcome, and indicator of development to achieve self-sufficiency and improved quality of life at the village level in a sustained and economical way through a more effective barangay/municipal/city structure and improved capacities of local government in planning and management of PPAs aimed at poverty alleviation and meeting the basic needs of the populace;

WHEREAS, BIDANI’s mission is to promote socioeconomic development through a process of participative planning and appraisal of activities, facilitated by academic institutions of higher learning through their extension program, and implemented by barangay people in partnership with government agencies and nongovernment organizations.

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