

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC
AND
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA
ON COOPERATION
IN THE FIELD OF HEALTHCARE

The Ministry of Health of the Italian Republic and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia, hereinafter referred to as the “Participants”,

Guided by their mutual desire to further develop the friendly relations between the States of the Participants,

Desiring to foster and strengthen the cooperation in the field of healthcare,

Have entered into the following Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MoU”):

Article 1
Cooperation

The Participants will cooperate within the field of healthcare.

Article 2
Areas and Forms of Cooperation

1. The cooperation between the Participants may include, but is not limited to, the following areas:
 - a) public health protection and promotion,
 - b) maternal and child health protection,
 - c) implementation and development of the National Health System,
 - d) development of primary health-care system and nursing,
 - e) fight against communicable and non-communicable diseases,
 - f) any other mutually agreed areas of cooperation.
2. The cooperation between the Participants, may take the following forms:

- a) exchange of best experience and skills,
 - b) joint clinical and scientific researches and publications,
 - c) meetings and mutual visits of delegations, working groups and field experts,
 - d) establishing direct contacts between the health institutions of the States of the Participants,
 - e) organizing and participating in conferences, symposiums, seminars, workshops etc.,
 - f) medical personnel trainings,
 - g) any other forms of cooperation of a mutual interest to the Participants.
3. The exchange of information will not concern personal data. Any personal data will be aggregated to make them anonymous. The exchange of individual personal data, if necessary, will be governed by a specific arrangement, signed by the Participants, in compliance with national legislation, with the European standards and other applicable international regulations.

Article 3

Central Authorities

1. This MoU will be implemented through direct communication by the Participants.
2. This MoU will be implemented in accordance with the Italian and Armenian legislations, as well as applicable international law and, as for the Italian Republic, the obligations arising from Italy's membership of the European Union.
3. This MoU does not constitute an international agreement which may lead to rights and obligations under international law.

Article 4

Expenses

The activities set forth in this MoU will be implemented by the Participants according to their ordinary budget availability without any additional cost for the State budgets of the Italian Republic and the Republic of Armenia.

Article 5
Joint committee

1. The Participants will set up a Joint committee, composed of representatives designated by the Participants, which will oversee the implementation of this MoU and further elaborate the details of the cooperation.
2. The Joint committee will meet annually or whenever will be deemed appropriate by the Participants, alternatively in the Italian Republic and in the Republic of Armenia.

Article 6
Divergencies

Any difference in the interpretation and/or implementation of this MoU will be settled amicably through direct consultations and negotiations between the Participants.

Article 7
Amendments

The Participants may amend this MoU in writing by mutual consent.

Article 8
Effects, Duration and Expiration

1. This MoU takes effect on the date of signature.
2. This MoU will remain valid for five (5) years, and will be automatically renewed for further periods of five (5) years, unless one of the Participants notifies the other, of its intention to terminate it, six (6) months prior to the intended date of expiration.
3. The expiration of this MoU will not affect the programs and activities already initiated within its framework and not completed by the date of expiration, unless the Participants agree otherwise.

Signed in Rome on 07/10/2021, in two originals, each in the English, Italian and Armenian languages, all the texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence, the text in English will prevail.

**For the Ministry of Health
of the Italian Republic**

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