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Shri Ratanbhai Rathwa
President, Adiwasi Jan Utthan Trust
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Dear Sir,

As an Organization and personally, we have enjoyed working with you for last 12 years. As per our detail discussion regarding how our organizations could collaborate to work together, following common goals and objectives were identified:

Goal:

A process of ecologically sound & sustainable development and societal reform keeping Nature, Women and Children in the Centre

Objectives:

1. Food & Nutrition Security & Sovereignty
2. Traditional health practices (including orphans, disadvantaged, differently abled and crime survivors / victim children and girls by refining traditional medicinal practices to deal with new challenges including psychological, social and physical).
3. Local health issues analysis and Natural & Ayurved treatment for community wellbeing
4. Local natural resources and traditional tribal wisdom based Education policy development and implementation with relevance of current Environment, Social and Science education tools & modules

5. Ecologically sound sustainable Natural resources & local biodiversity conservation and related local livelihood enhancements
6. Local biomass based renewable energy generation and its allied organic agriculture programme
7. Indigenous Seed bank creation
8. Strengthening of Local Governance with core focus on Gramsabha Empowerment through concerted action with women and children.
9. Implementation of Community Forest Rights (FRA 2006) and People's Biodiversity Register (BD Act 2002)

Your organization **AAJ** will fulfill the following roles, and/or provide the following services:

- Development of the local leadership and facilitation of the Fenai Rewakhand federation
- Engagement with local, district and State level Govt functionaries and political leaderships
- Regular functioning of the activities outlined in the objectives
- Regular discussions and monthly planning & reporting including analytical assessments of the progress of all works
- Regular discussions and monthly planning & reporting including analytical assessments of the IFA fellows

Team members from AAJ involved will be:

1. Ratanbhai Rathwa- Head AAJ (overall coordination, midterm review & modification of the programme based on feedbacks, motivation & involvement of local leadership)
2. Nandubhai Rathwa - IFA fellow (IFA reporting, CFR, Biodiversity, Organic farming, Seed bank, EEP)
3. Kalpnaben Rathwa - IFA fellow (IFA reporting, CFR, Organic farming, Seed bank, Baal Panchayat, EEP)
4. Rajeshbhai Rathwa - Chhatrawas teacher (Baal Panchayat, Children's parliament & SDG)
5. Geetaben Rathwa - Mahila Mandli Pramukh (Food & Nutrition Product development)

Our organization **HABITAT** will fulfill the following roles, and/or provide the following services:

- All technical supports and guidance for programme implementations in fields and at AAJ campus
- Project proposals for fund raising to support programmes of AAJ
- Technical assistance to AAJ for FCR and State/Central Govt level issues

Team members from HABITAT involved will be:

1. Dr Leena Gupta (overall coordination with IFA, AAJ and related organizations, proposal dev, implementations, technical supports)

2. Dr Sunil Dubey – IELA (science programme with children, programme dev.)
3. Mr Viren Lobo – IELA (Proposal/programme dev. & implementation, children’s parliament)
4. Gp Cap. Mr Pramodkumar Chandola (Sainik Talim for children, youth & women)

HABITAT will be responsible for the following contributions in cost and in-kind

- All transport costs of all HABITAT members from their respective places to AAJ campus.
- All costs / in-kind related to outside materials and tools for above said objectives

AAJ will be responsible for the following contributions in cost and in-kind

- Food & accommodation for HABITAT members
- Local transport facility
- Some costs/in-kind related to local materials and tools for above said objectives

During the collaboration, our partnership goal, objectives and work outputs will be reviewed regularly and based on that future works and strategy documents will be created.

This document is an agreed collaboration between two organizations – HABITAT and AAJ.

I submit that I am able to make decisions for my organization and agree to fulfill the above conditions as stated.

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Please return a signed letter of this agreement at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

(Leena Gupta)

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