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MEMORADUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between



DEBRE BERHAN UNIVERSITY (DBU)

And



CultivAid

Knowledge based Development

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## 1. Definition of Partners

**Debre Berhan University** hereinafter referred to as “**DBU**”

**CultivAid** hereinafter referred to as “**CultivAid**”

Hereinafter jointly called the “**Parties**” and individually called a “**Party**”

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets for the terms and understanding between parties to establish training, demonstration and research site (TDR Site) and training program development at DBU.

## 2. Preamble

Debre Berhan University (DBU), is a Public University established in 2006 with a vision of being a chosen and reputable university in the nation by 2020 G.C in terms of higher education, research and community services.

**CultivAid:** CultivAid is an Israel social enterprise that specializes in knowledge development with a focus in the agricultural, water and nutrition. CultivAid has been working in Ethiopia since 2013. Together with local partners in Tigray, programs have established a farms, training sites and an internship program to build the capacity for the next generation of Ethiopian agronomists. CultivAid is a member of the Sekota Declaration taskforce and is developing similar programs with other universities.

The program developed is part of the North Shewa Development Program that aims to support the Beta Israel communities in North Shewa while seeking to implementation a regional mechanism for capacity building and technology transfer.

The establishment of the training centers and the related activities occur in three steps over the course of 3-5 years. During the Stage 1 meetings are conducted to develop a road map and to select the site location. The initial stage will finalize relationships/agreements with stakeholders, develop a conceptual plan for a 2 hectare site, design a draft implementation plan and secure the required resources.



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Stage 2, following the securing of the required funds, the next stage will be to finalize an engineering plan, procurement of all materials, finalize the implementation plan and establish the training center.

Stage 3 emphasizes building of local knowledge with specialized training programs that build capacity and specialization. During this stage the practical course work of the university will be piloted at the site and the curriculum will adjusted for integration with the site. CultivAid's internship program will be implemented for university and TVET graduates. Following stage 3 further assessment will be conducted to expand collaboration of the university in the region with possible scaling up to additional university sites and to initiate direct implementation with communities and within watersheds.

The training, demonstration and research site could be equipped with drip irrigation, sprinklers, greenhouses, seedling nursery, and advanced agro-techniques to facilitate the development of Ethiopia's agricultural knowledge infrastructure and support a new generation of farmers. Once the site is finalized the TDR Site will provide training program for professionals, development agents and experts, internship program for agronomists training program for TVET and university students, Seasonal open days and on-going demonstration, Yearly report and evaluation of implementation, trainings and technologies. Specific deliverables will be set after finalizing the site and partnership will be established between universities with Hebrew University in Israel.

Therefore, this MoU is developed to facilitate the working relationship among the parties that will be involved in the establishment of the TDR site in DBU.

### **Purpose**

This MoU is to establish Training, Demonstration and Research site of 2 hectares and training program development at Debre Brehan University



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### **Duration of MOU**

This MoU shall be operational upon signing and will have an initial duration of 12 months with the extension dependent on acquiring the required resources. Following the allocation of the required resources a 3-5 year program will be implemented. All activities conducted before this date within the vision of the joint collaboration will be incorporated and become inclusive under this MOU.

### **Main Strategies of the MOU**

The parties agreed in this MOU that they will employ the following strategies, so as to achieve their objectives:

1. Conduct trainings and other capacity building activities for teachers, students, development agents, agronomists and the community using different methodologies.
2. Provision of different technology supports for the community, organizations farmers based on vulnerability status.
3. Conduct trainings and other capacity building activities for university and TVET students.
4. Establish a Training, Demonstration and Research site

### **Roles and responsibilities of each party**

#### **CultivAid**

1. Develop a conceptual plan for a Training, Demonstration and Research site at the university.
2. Develop price quotes and recommended suppliers for each equipment and material.
3. Develop program budget requirements
4. Develop the required material for fund raising
5. Draft implementation plan together
6. Develop a draft/proposal for a training program.



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7. Recruit 3 people from the Debre Berhan area to undertake an internship program with CultivAid in Mekelle and return to program implementation.
  8. Organize a stakeholder meeting for February 2020 to develop a regional plan
  9. Establish connection with Hebrew University's Faculty of Agriculture and promote opportunities.
  10. Jointly work for raising the required resources

#### **DBU**

1. Establish a work team/focal persons to work with CultivAid on the program
2. Review and approval of TDR conceptual design.
3. Draft implementation plan together
4. Identify funding sources and establish communication with MOSHE
5. Support communication with regional stakeholders for a regional stakeholder meeting
6. Support logistics in the region by providing a vehicle upon request, meeting rooms or other logistical items.
7. Develop research prioritization and a profile of selected researchers.
8. Identify the need of the community and organizations related with agricultural technologies
9. Identify and select those staffs participate on TDR site and for training
10. Support the activities related to CultivAid and the Beta Israel Community of North Shewa
11. Jointly work for raising the required resources

#### **Confidentiality**

Each party agree that the design and training program that will be generated through partnership is will be kept confidential until the final product is released and the parties will notify the other party in sharing the information external to this partnership.

#### **Extension of Agreement**



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The MOU may be extended taking in to consideration with justified demand for extension and common consent of all signing parties.

### Communications

All communications for the purposes stated under this MoU will be made through the focal person selected for each.

### Signatory Parties

The Parties hereto have executed this MOU in four originals of equal meaning and content. The Parties agree that this MoU describes the intention of the Parties in relation to the establishment of Training, Demonstration and Research Site/

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