MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

AGREEMENT FOR SWASTHYA SETU PROJECT

Agreement entered into on this Dt. 01-04-2026

Between

Party 1

Chief District Health Officer-District Panchayat, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Bhavan Building (3rd floor), Health Branch, Borsad Chokdi- Anand-388001

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Party 2

Pramukhswami Medical College, Bhaikaka University, Karamsad- 388325, Anand

Background:

Gujarat has been a leader in development, particularly in the health sector, and remains committed to achieving the targets set under Sustainable Development Goal 3: Good Health and Well-being for all. The state ranked first in the nation for SDG 3 performance in NITI Aayog's SDG India Index for two consecutive rounds (2020-21 and 2023-24). Despite this notable progress, challenges persist in certain areas of public health.

Anand district includes one District Hospital, one Sub-District Hospital, six CHC-FRUs, and 14 CHCs, lacks a government medical college and hospital, though it has one private medical college. Surprisingly, despite its economic stability, Anand ranks among the top three districts with high maternal mortality. The district comprises eight talukas, with Khambhat, Borsad, Anand, and Petlad having the highest maternal mortality rates. The primary causes of maternal deaths were malnutrition and limited access to government healthcare services.

Out of the 10 sanctioned posts of Obstetrician & Gynaecologist at CHCs, only 4 are filled. Similarly, only 1 out of the 7 sanctioned posts Paediatrician is filled. This shortage of specialists adversely affects the overall maternal & child health. It is observed during the review that lack of specialist in the CHC and absence of Government Tertiary Care resulted in failure of early detection of the bad obstetric conditions and timely referral. A major factor behind this is the lack of healthcare specialists, such as obstetricians and paediatricians, at the CHCs. This shortage of healthcare professionals requires urgent attention to improve good quality obstetric care services.

To address this, an innovative solution – SWASTHYA SETU is proposed, under the National Health Mission's State Level Innovations through SHSRCG, to establish a partnership with a private institution, where a specialized team will visit district CHCs to provide consultations and improve maternal and child healthcare. This initiative, modelled after the CM-SETU scheme currently implemented in the state, will involve specialist team from the local private medical college in Anand district. The team will provide three key services to enhance healthcare outcomes.

Aim:

To make consultative services of specialists of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Medicine & Paediatrics care available at the CHCs by leveraging the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model.

Arrangement:

At the two CHCs: Borsad and Ras, a team of gynaecologists and paediatricians from Pramukhswami Medical College will offer consultation services once a week (Tuesdays at Borsad & Thursday at Ras) and Physician once in fortnight (alternate Tuesdays at both CHCs). In case of any emergency or Holiday, visit will be scheduled on an alternate day.

Role of Pramukhswami Medical College & Shree Krishna Hospital

- Deputing Assistant Professor or more senior faculty from Departments of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Paediatrics and Internal Medicine (Physician) as a specialist team for the agreed CHCs (Borsad and Ras) and agreed periodicity.
- The consultants from PSMC & SKH will spend Four hours in the morning between 9.30 A.M. to 1.30 P.M. for visits to CHCs.

Role of District Health Authorities

- Providing space and adequate seating arrangements to the visiting consultants and patients for OPD-based day care at the concerned CHCs.
- Availability of all necessary instruments, equipment and support is to be ensured by the Superintendent of the concerned CHC.
- Laboratory services for all basic investigations to be ensured.
- Ensure screening and appropriate referral of patients to CHCs level so that eligible specialist-level cases are referred to the visiting specialists for consultation and management.
- Maintain records specialist visits, patients referred at CHCs and seen by the consultants, for documentation and follow-up purposes.
- Ensure monthly progress reports are shared by CHCs in the predefined format (tracking sheet), including regular updates on the number of patients attended, treated, referred, and their outcomes.
- Payment of eligible charges to the Pramukhswami Medical College & Shree Krishna Hospital/ visiting consultants on a monthly basis as per services provided, within the first week of the next month.

Expected Outcomes:

- Availability of specialist services related to Obstetrics, Gynaecology, Paediatrics, Internal Medicine at CHC.
- Early identification of the at risk patients & complications will help timely initiation of treatment, referrals and better health outcomes.
- Improved quality of Maternal, child and NCD healthcare service delivery

General Terms and Conditions

- During OPD consultation at the CHCs, the visiting consultants shall not promote any private practice.
- The patient should not be referred to any private hospital for management.
- If a referral is required, it has to be done through Superintendent of the CHC.

Financial Terms & Condition

- Total budget of Rs. 9,60,000 is sanctioned under NHM HSS 21.5.7 Other Innovations – State Level (SHSRC) for FY 2026-27 and the expense will be booked under the same.
- Payment shall be provided at the rate of Rs. 1,000/hour/consultant, subject to a maximum of 4 hours per visit, based on the actual number of visits conducted.
- Payment will include travel, incentives and all other incidental expenditures for the visiting team. No additional payment shall be made over and above the approved rates for the consultation visits.
- Payment for the activities will be made, on monthly basis, by the District Health Society – Anand to Pramukhswami Medical College & Shree Krishna Hospital/visiting consultants after verification of records and attendance.

Amendment:

Any Amendment to this Agreement shall be valid and binding on the Parties only if it is made in writing and signed by duly authorized representatives of each Party.

Notices:

Any amendment, notice, or other communication under this Agreement shall be sent by personal delivery or courier or email/facsimile or by registered mail to Parties at their respective addresses set forth below:

For Medical College:
Pramukhswami Medical College,
Bhaikaka University,
Karamsad- 388325, Anand

For Chief District Health Officer-
District Panchayat,
Building (3rd floor), Health Branch,
Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Bhavan
Borsad Chokdi- Anand-388001

Limitation:

The Contribution of services provided by the said Medical College Hospital to the District Health Office, Anand under this Agreement does not imply any further commitment to this Project or any other projects, other than as expressly provided in this Agreement.

Resolution of Disputes:

i. Any dispute or difference between the parties arising out of or in connection with this MoU including the validity thereof shall at first instance be resolved amicably through negotiations or discussions between the parties.

ii. If the dispute remains unresolved, then the same shall be taken up by the respective higher offices.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF the parties here to have set their respective hands-on the day, month and year first here in above written.

Signed and Delivered for and on behalf of Pramukhswami Medical College, Bhaikaka University, Karamsad- 388325, Anand By: Name: Dr. Jyoti Tiwari Title: Registrar, Bhaikaka University Date: 18/09/2026	Signed and Delivered for and on behalf of Chief District Health Officer- District Panchayat – Anand By: Name: Dr. P.R Patel Title: Date: 18/09/26
REGISTRAR BHAIKAKA UNIVERSITY KARAMSAD	Chief District Health Officer District Panchayat, Anand

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