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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between  
**Gender-responsive Coastal Adaptation (GCA) Project, Ministry of Women and  
Children Affairs (MoWCA)**  
and  
**Nowabenki Gonomukhi Foundation (NGF)**

### Background:

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Green Climate Fund jointly funded the project titled 'Enhancing adaptive capacity of coastal communities, especially women, to cope with climate change induced salinity' (short name; Gender-responsive Coastal Adaptation-GCA project), with the technical assistance of UNDP, which is being implemented by the Department of Women Affairs (DWA) and the Department of Public Health and Engineering (DPHE) in five upazila of Khulna (Dacope, Koyra, Palkgacha) and Satkhira (Assasuni, Shyamnagar) district under the leadership of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs. Three NGOs named BRAC, CNRS and DSK are working as responsible parties at the field level to implement the selected activities of the project.

### Rationale:

GCA Project is enhancing adaptive capacities of coastal communities through climate adaptive livelihoods. Among the climate adaptive livelihoods, Crab Nursing and farming are included. But considering the environmental safeguard, the seed should not be collected from wild locations which may increase the pressure on natural stock, claiming adverse impact on biodiversity. So, the alternative source for crab lets is required.

Nowabenki Gonomukhi Foundation (NGF) an NGO, located at Nowabenki village, Shyamnagar, Satkhira, is operating a crab hatchery. The crab hatchery is producing crab lets to supply quality seed to the farmers.

### Purposes:

As NGF is producing crab seed in its hatchery and GCA project is encouraging crab nursery and crab farming using alternative source. NGF and GCA Project is on the same footings. NGF hatchery is producing and selling seed and GCA needs seed. So, both parties can work together on the ground.

The purpose of the MoU is to purchase crab seeds by GCA project from NGF under certain mutually agreed conditions. Here NGF will be treated as crab seed producer and seller while GCA will be treated as buyer for its beneficiaries (crab producers).

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#### Understandings/ Conditions:

It goes without saying that the below terms assume a specific arrangement which in many cases may be different from other arrangements:

- NGF will supply the crab seed at a price of BDT. 2 per piece to the project beneficiaries of GCA project. The seed price will be fixed and GCA beneficiaries will pay the value of seed.
- As the crab seed nursing before releasing in grow-out pond is new, NGF will provide the post-sale technical service so that the GCA beneficiaries can make profit to sustain their livelihoods. NGF will provide the technical guideline but it will reserve the copyright of this document.
- NGF will assist/train GCA beneficiaries on-site and setting up the nurseries as they are developing other entrepreneurs. NGF will provide technical guideline documents and GCA will print it to provide to the beneficiaries
- GCA project will ensure the payments of the Crab seed value by the beneficiaries and NGF will supply seed to the GCA beneficiaries are priority basis. NGF will supply the crab seed after getting the demand of the beneficiary.
- GCA project will require 50000 – 100000 Crab seed per cycle means each 50 days of the year. The number of crab seed may be increase or decrease based on the success of the Crab nursery group.
- ⇒ NGF Crab hatchery will start hatchery operation in March for the coming production season and the first crab let harvest will be available by the end of March or early April. Hatchery production depends on several factors like weather conditions, availability of gravid crabs and other necessary medicines and reagents etc. However, depending on these factors, sometimes crab let production gets down 30,000 or less and in optimum condition hatchery production boost up to 150,000 or more.

#### Contact Points

All correspondence regarding administrative and financial issues shall be addressed by GCA Project Coordinator (PC) and in close consultation with the National Project Director (NPD) of the GCA project. The GCA project's Adaptive livelihood expert and Aqua culturist will be in responsible of regular business communication and coordination with the assistance of the responsible parties (BRAC, CNRS, and DSK). Climate Change Specialist of UNDP CO/BD and NPD will be responsible for overall strategic guidance and communication





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**Signing:**

In witness where off, by their signatures below, the parties have caused this memorandum of Understanding to be executed and effective as of the signing date.

1st party:	2nd party:
Signed on behalf of Gender-responsive Coastal Adaptation (GCA) Project. Md. Iqbal Hussain The National Project Director. (joint secretary)	Signed on behalf of NOWABENKI GONOMUKHI FOUNDATION (NGF): Md. Lutfor Rahman. Executive director.
Signature & date: <i>[Signature]</i> 23.12.2021	Signature & date: <i>[Signature]</i> 23-12-2021
Seal: Md. Iqbal Hussain National Project Director (Joint Secretary) Enhancing Adaptive Capacities of Coastal Communities, Especially Women, to Cope With Climate Change Induced Salinity Project Department of Women Affairs, Dhaka.	Seal:
Witness: <i>[Signature]</i>	Witness: <i>[Signature]</i>
1. MD. SAZZAD HOSSIN, Agricultural Engineer, GCA	1.
2. <i>[Signature]</i> Swaran Kumar Choudhan PM, Shyamagar, Serkhira,	2. <i>[Signature]</i> Md. Aledul Hamid DC (Prosperity) NGF.