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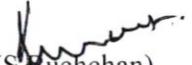
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Office Memorandum

**Subject :** Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding ((MOU) between the Government of India and the United Nations' World Food Programme for cooperation during 2019-2023 :-reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject above and to enclose herewith signed copy of Memorandum of Understanding ((MOU) between the Government of India and the United Nations' World Food Programme for cooperation during 2019-2023, for information and further necessary action.

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**AND**  
**THE UNITED NATIONS WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME**  
**ON COOPERATION FOR 2019-2023**



**Preamble**

This Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation for 2019-2023 (this “MoU”) is entered into between the Government of India (the “Government” or “GoI”) and the United Nations World Food Programme (“WFP”, together with GoI, the “Parties”). It builds upon the agreement entered into by the Parties dated 16 July 1968, known as the “Basic Agreement”.

India’s economic growth, self-sufficiency in cereal production in last two decades and subsequent classification as a ‘Lower-Middle Income Country’ has necessitated redefining the role of WFP in India. The presence of large scale social safety nets of the GoI to address the problems of malnutrition and food insecurity underlines the need for WFP’s strategic shift from food delivery to a catalytic role through technical assistance based on its global and in-country experience.

The WFP India Country Strategic Plan (2019-2023) (Annex 1: the “CSP”) has been developed based on request of the Government of India to assist in improved efficiency and nutritional effectiveness of social safety-net schemes and related efforts in the country.

The CSP focuses on technical assistance to ensure the efficient delivery of ‘Zero Hunger & National Food Security Act Strategies’ in line with the goals of the United Nations Zero Hunger Challenge and the targets and indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) (2015-2030) and Government of India’s priorities including the commitment to 2030 agenda to end hunger and promote sustainable food security and nutrition in the country.

Through the CSP budgeted at USD 20,024,321, WFP will focus on supporting the Government of India to make significant and measurable progress in order to contribute to a high-level Objectives:

- ensuring access to safe, nutritious and sufficient food for all people all year round;
- WFP seeks to support India to achieve SDG 2 by 2030 by capitalizing on its investment. As such, the overarching aim of the CSP is to facilitate India in getting on the requisite trajectory for sustainably reducing malnutrition, particularly stunting, and undernourishment by 2023 and achieving other SDG 2 targets. WFP’s support will contribute to maximizing returns on the substantial investments India is making towards SDG 2 by enabling India’s programmes (particularly, the schemes under the NFSA and NNM for improved efficiency and focusing on nutrition including fortification of various commodities) to be designed and implemented systematically and in accordance with do-no-harm principles; reach vulnerable populations;