

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

International Research and Exchanges Board ("IREX"), represented by Rob Cronin, Vice President
and
Public Service Development Agency ("PSDA"), represented by Ketevan Gomelauri, Deputy
Chairperson
and
Georgian Libraries Association ("GLA"), represented by Rusudan Astani, Director
and
and Institute for Development of Freedom of Information ("IDFI"), represented by Giorgi Kldashvili,
Director

PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) establishes the guidelines for collaboration between the parties on the implementation of the Georgian Public Services through Libraries (GPSLib) project. The purpose of this is to set forth the understandings and intentions of the Parties with regard to the shared goals of the GPSLib project. The Parties specifically acknowledge that this MOU is not an obligation of funds, nor does it constitute a legally binding commitment by any Party.

INTRODUCTION

The GPSLib project aims to pilot a model where libraries help deliver public services and provide access to information to rural populations. This model will be piloted in four libraries that were jointly selected by Parties located in Zugdidi, Khulo, Khidistavi, and Nukriani. Parties agree on the joint implementation of the activities envisioned by the project and, committing to work together towards achieving the following project goals:

1. Provide equal access to information and public services through community spaces
2. Develop economic opportunities at all levels
3. Bring citizens' voices online and connect them to government resources

The above goals will be accomplished by undertaking a range of key activities, including a) assessment of the library development needs; b) facilities and equipment upgrades at selected libraries; c) capacity building measures for the librarians; and d) awareness-raising activities and relevant events as included in the project design.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Parties mutually agree to:

- a. Provide open communication and leadership to achieve the mission and goals of this partnership
- b. Work together to achieve project goals and targets
- c. Meet as needed for the purposes of program planning, and monitoring and evaluating outcomes

TERMINATION OR AMENDMENT

This Memorandum is at-will and may be modified by consent of the Parties. This MoU shall become effective upon signature by the Parties and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any

one of the Parties involved. In the absence of joint agreement by the parties on the termination of the MoU this Memorandum shall end upon the expiration of the project on December 31, 2014.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands on the date and place first above written:

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