### **Agaram Foundation**

We signed an MOU in 2021 for a period of 5 years. The sphere of operations would be to support the students from agaram foundation with inputs from our incubation centre and that the vulnerable people who would really need an entrepreneurial initiative would be given training on social entrepreneurship, the need of the hour training and it is most suitable to train vulnerable people in social entrepreneurship as solving social problems with business acumen will be more suitable for them, we here would also be able to learn the leads they show in learning the SE models, we will also develop new models by research and experience.





# MADRAS SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK (MSSW) AND AGARAM FOUNDATION





13th March 2021

## Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Between Madras School of Social Work (MSSW) AND Agaram Foundation

This agreement is made on this day 13th March,2021

MADRAS SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK (MSSW), established in 1952, located in Chennai, South India, is an Autonomous Institution, NAAC accredited and affiliated to University of Madras. Madras School of Social Work was founded by Mary Clubwala Jadhav under the auspices of Madras State Branch of the Indian Conference of Social Work (renamed the Indian Council of Social Welfare) and the Guild of Service (central). The school is run under the aegis of the Society for Social Education and Research (SSER). The School is rated 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Social Work College in India and First in South India.

MSSW is established with a vision to be a global leader in education, research and intervention in social work and allied disciplines towards transforming the human potential into socially sensitive change agents for sustainable development and to create outstanding professionals, who will provide transformational leadership in the community and workplace.

#### AND

**AGARAM FOUNDATION**, represented by it's secretary Mrs.Jaishree Damodaran, a trust registered under the Trust Act, having registration number 674/2006, having its office at Agaram Foundation, 15, Krishna Street, T.Nagar, Chennai- 600 017, Tamilnadu,India

Agaram foundation, Chennai is working for the education of underprivileged children with a Vision bring about a significant positive change in the socio-economic status of the rural society by offering quality education to the deserving individual.

The foundation gained momentum in 2007 with significant contributions from the trustees and support extended by the Donors. We initiated the Vidhai Project in 2010, with 160 students, across 38 districts in Tamilnadu. Since then every year we reach out to deserving students from most backward parts of the state and provide them with UG Education Sponsorship with the help of funds from Donors and seats provided by Institutions. We also groom them holistically with the help of our Volunteers and Mentors to transform them into confident, competent and socially responsible medividuals. We are proud to say that we have made a difference in the lives of 3500+ deserving students till date.

## The following activities will be jointly planned and executed between MSSW-AGARAM FOUNDATION:

- We have come to an agreement that both agaram foundation and MSSW (Madras school of social work) will be promoting social entrepreneurship among the Rural, First generation students who have been meticulously selected and handpicked by the agaram foundation.
- 2. The term of this MOU would be valid for a minimum of five years, trying to promote a minimum of 100 social entrepreneurs.
- 3. The identified set of students from agaram will be recommended for a Boot camp being organized by madras school of social work and agaram foundation.closed with the most interested and eligible candidates will be given required mentorship, Hand Holding and can become incubaties of this project .Also necessary assistance will be provided to those incubated by madras school of social work.
- 4. It is also mutually agreed that both parties try to raise funds for the existence of this project, starting from Boot camp to fellowship.
- 5. We Will be open to having association with other organizations, corporates etc.. for the benefit of this project.
- 6. Both the parties would have the liberty to promote, pitch and include association for the success of this project with mutual concerns.
- 7. Wherever applicable, the concept patenting and other legalities would be followed mutually. As far as this project is concerned, there will be transparent financial engagement till the life time of this MOU.
- 8. It is also agreed that mutually, we will ensure spaces for incubators for their operations or works.

#### Duration

This MoU will be effective from the date of signing by both parties up to a period of 5 years and may be subject to extension by mutual consent of the parties in writing. The provisions of this MoU may be amended any time with mutual consent of the parties in writing.

#### Termination

Either party may terminate the agreement by giving 6 (six) months advance notice in writing. The amendment, termination and expiration of this MoU will not affect the terms of activities ongoing at the time of notification of amendment, termination or expiration, unless otherwise agreed upon between the two parties.

Each party will take approval from the other party in writing to use the later's name and logo for the activities hereunder on case to case basis and the other party will provide a reply at the earliest or maximum within 7 days in writing.

#### Jurisdiction

The MoU shall be governed by and constructed according to Laws in force in India. The parties hereby submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts situated in Chennai for all purposes.

#### Arbitration

In case of any dispute or difference arising out of the MoU, which cannot be resolved mutually between two parties, it shall be referred to two arbitrators to be appointed by both parties in the proportion of one each.

After hearing both parties the arbitrators will give reasoned and speaking award, which shall be binding on both parties. The venue of arbitration shall be Chennai, India.

#### Force Majeure

Neither party will be liable to the other for non-performance of this MoU or any part thereof due to Force Majeure conditions, such as Acts of Gods, fire, floods, earthquakes, explosions, acts of sabotage, or terrorism, war, riots and any other circumstance (natural) beyond the control of the party.

#### Notices

Any notices to be given under this MoU shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly and properly served Found Upon the parties hitherto if delivered against acknowledgement of by registered mail addressed to the parties herein at the addresses given at the initial paragraphs of this MoU or such changed address duly notified by the parties.

In witness thereof, the parties have set their respective hands here on 13.03. 2021.

For and behalf of MSSW For and behalf of Agaram foundation

Mr.K.A.Mathew IAS (Rtd.)

President

Madras School of Social Work.

Mrs. Jaishree Damodaran

Secretary- Trustee

**Agaram foundation** 

Date:

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Witnesses

Name & Address:

Signature

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