



WORLD FEDERATION OF THE DEAF



## Memorandum of Understanding between World Federation of the Deaf and the International Deaf Emergency

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### Preamble

**The World Federation of the Deaf** (hereinafter referred to as WFD)

And

**International Deaf Emergency** (hereinafter referred to as IDE) (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties").

This document serves as a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between International Deaf Emergency, which is headquartered in Washington, D.C USA and World Federation of the Deaf, located in Helsinki, Finland.

**Recognising** that WFD and IDE are independent international non-governmental and non-profit-making organisations.

**Noting** that the official language for written communication of WFD and IDE is English.

**The Parties therefore agree as follows:**

The purpose of this MOU is to outline the scope, conditions, roles and partnership between WFD and IDE.

As an International Deaf Emergency Community Partner, WFD is an internationally recognised deaf organisation provides and facilitates channels of contacts and communications between its Ordinary Members throughout the world, and is committed to actively engaging in community referrals in case of emergencies caused by natural disasters.

### **IDE Roles and Responsibilities:**

- IDE will serve as a coordinating body among various organisations, including WFD;
- IDE will develop tools to measure the impacts of emergency situations and how to response to such situations;
- IDE will contact WFD as a primary source of information to establish communication channel between IDE and the Deaf Community;
- Report Preliminary Damage Assessment and
- Recognise WFD as strategic service partner on the IDE website.

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**WFD Roles and Responsibilities:**

- Be ready to provide contacts among countries through the National Association of the Deaf;
- Be part of Disaster Emergency communications and
- Provide Deaf organisation planning and capacity building recovery.

**Commitment, Settlement of Disputes, and Termination**

- WFD and IDE confirm they are committed to co-operate and work together as much as possible in the fields mentioned above.
- All disputes which may emerge in relation to the interpretation or application of the present MOU shall be settled by means of consultations and negotiations between representatives of WFD and IDE.
- Either of the Parties may terminate the present MOU by means of written notification to the other Party. The termination enters into force after the period of 30 days that starts on the first day of the month following the month in which the other Party received the written notification of termination.

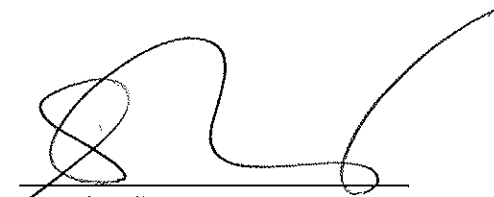
**Entry into Force and Duration**

Effective Date: 1 September, 2013.

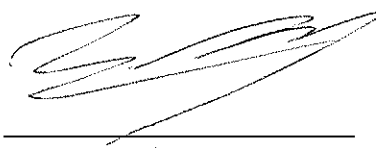
By signing below, WFD and IDE agree to the above roles and responsibilities, and agree to be part of strategic service partnerships to further wellness and human rights of deaf people all over the world. This document is presented as a covenant document and is not intended to be legally binding.

This MOU contains the entire understanding between the Parties in relation to its subject matter. There are no express or implied conditions, warranties, promises, representations or obligations, written or oral, or signed in relation to this agreement other than those expressly stated in it or necessarily implied by international law.

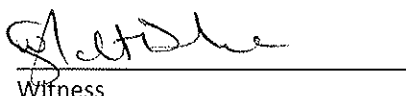
Signed at Reunion Island on the 24 day of May 2013



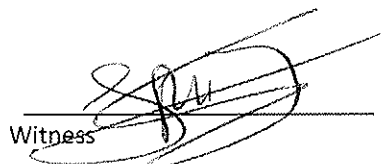
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