

## 2023-2024 World Help Partnership Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding

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### Introduction

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between \_\_\_\_\_ and World Help establishes the broad mutual understanding of the two organizations regarding their strategic relationship, developed with the purpose of supporting each other in the fulfillment of their shared vision for addressing physical and spiritual needs in \_\_\_\_\_.

The parties to this MOU recognize the independence of each organization and enter this agreement in a spirit of mutual trust, respect, and shared faith. This MOU is therefore a statement of the general relationship and mutual intent to which the two organizations commit themselves. Within the framework of this MOU, it is possible that specific projects will be designed and implemented. In such cases, separate agreements will also be developed that stipulate the particulars of those projects including the scope, management, reporting requirements, and deadlines. The parties to this MOU will work together to ensure that any such agreements will be developed in keeping with the spirit and principles stated in this MOU.

### World Help

World Help is a faith-based humanitarian organization that exists to serve the physical and spiritual needs of people in impoverished communities around the world. Our strategy is based on the belief that true transformation is only possible when the needs of the body and soul are addressed simultaneously.

We are committed to purposeful investment through sustainable programs, enabling individuals and communities to thrive – body, mind, and soul – and building lasting change for generations to come.

### Partnership Foundation

***“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”*** Ecclesiastes 4:9-10,12 (NIV)

*“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of **your partnership in the Gospel** from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”* Philippians 1:3-6 (NIV)

Upon these two key passages a biblical model of partnership can be established. Two are better than one because, in biblical partnership, we have a multiplied return on our combined work and investment. Our partnership is based upon the mutual vision of providing **Help for Today, and Hope for Tomorrow**.

We agree to work together as equal partners in the Gospel so that the Kingdom of God may be advanced, especially in the least-reached areas of the world. What neither one of us can achieve separately, we can accomplish together because our confidence is in God's faithful promise to complete His good work through us and our partnership.

### **Partnership and Project Principles**

World Help enters partnerships and selects projects based upon the following principles:

1. Spiritual Development
  - a. Directly or indirectly provides opportunities for evangelism and discipleship.
  - b. Strengthens the testimony and reputation of the local church.
  - c. Complements the existing outreach of the local church.
  
2. Community-focused
  - a. Benefits the entire community or targets marginalized groups (women, children, disabled, low social status).
  - b. Requested by beneficiaries and involves them in design and implementation.
  - c. Implemented in a manner appropriate to the local religious, cultural, economic context.
  - d. Beneficiaries can evaluate the program and give feedback.
  
3. Poverty Alleviation
  - a. Resources reach intended beneficiaries.
  - b. Strengthens the local economy and does not undermine it.
  - c. Beneficiaries experience a measurable improvement in living standards and/or quality of life.
  
4. Empowerment
  - a. Increases beneficiary motivation and avoids dependency.
  - b. Equips beneficiaries with productive skills and/or tools.
  - c. There is a clear exit strategy for World Help support and introduction of program sustainability.

### **Operating Guidelines**

1. Open communication is critical to any relationship, and we agree to develop and foster an approach to communication that is honest, respectful, collaborative, and timely.

2. Financial disbursements from World Help are to be used only for their intended purpose and may not be redesignated without prior written consent from World Help. World Help may request financial reports and supporting documentation for any project or program at any time. Further guidelines are noted in project-specific MOUs.
3. Leadership, staff, and representatives of your organization should not attempt to solicit funds from, nor present project proposals to any donor, partner, or visitor from World Help. You agree that project proposals within the understanding of this agreement shall be made directly to World Help and not to World Help donors. Any questions received from donors about project budgets or details that have not yet been confirmed must be directed to World Help.
4. You must disclose to World Help any allegations or instances of impropriety or mismanagement of your organization, its leadership, and staff within 14 days of it being brought to your attention. This includes criminal charges, civil litigation, negative media exposure, regulatory issues/penalties, adverse audit findings, and notable complaints from your staff, beneficiaries, or other donors.
5. Both parties commit to maintaining strict confidentiality regarding any sensitive information. This includes, but is not limited to strategic plans, financial information, contact information, and any other confidential material. Your staff, volunteers, and representatives must adhere to this confidentiality policy even after the termination of our partnership.
6. You may not offer employment or contract paid services to any current or former World Help staff without prior written consent from World Help.

### **Time Period**

This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in place effective December 1, 2023 until modified in writing by both parties.

### **Termination**

This partnership may be terminated at any time at either party's discretion.

- a. Upon termination of the partnership, you agree to complete and send required reporting for any outstanding projects or programs according to previously agreed upon deadlines. If these projects or programs cannot be completed by the agreed upon deadline, World Help may request a full or partial return of disbursed funds.
- b. Upon termination of the partnership, you agree to maintain confidentiality as described in the Operating Guidelines above.
- c. Upon termination of the partnership, you agree that you will not solicit World Help donors for funding unless your relationship with the donor(s) pre-existed the establishment of your partnership with World Help.
- d. Upon termination of the partnership, you agree not to offer employment or contract paid services to current or former World Help staff as outlined in the Operating Guidelines above.

**Authorization**

We mutually commit our respective ministries to partnership under the terms of this agreement together with any additional Memorandum(s) of Understanding (MOU). May the cause of Christ be advanced in and through our partnership to the glory of God.

For Partner:

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Date:

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For World Help:

Title:

Date:

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