

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RELATING TO THE ACUTE RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS (ARI) RESEARCH PROJECT IN THE PHILIPPINES**

### **GENERAL**

1. THIS MEMORANDUM expresses the understandings of the Governments of the Philippines and Australia concerning the responsibilities and contributions respectively of the two Governments in regard to the Acute Respiratory Infections Research Project located in Bohol Province of the Philippines which is intended to assist in the establishment and support of an ARI rural area research unit as further described and detailed in Annex I to this Memorandum.

### **AUTHORITIES**

2. The Executing Authorities for this Project will be: For the Government of the Philippines: The Research Institute for Tropical Medicine, the Ministry of Health. For the Australian Government: The Australian Development Assistance Bureau of the Department of Foreign Affairs. The Australian Development Assistance Bureau may nominate suitably qualified agents to undertake any part of its functions on its behalf.

### **DURATION**

3. This Memorandum will take effect from the date of its signature and the Project will be deemed to have commenced from July 1982. The Australian contribution to the Project and all undertakings given herein will cease 3 years after the date of signature of this Memorandum or on such other date as may subsequently be arranged between the two Governments.

### **RESPONSIBILITY**

4. Responsibility for development and direction of the Project will be vested in a Project Co-ordinating Committee, whose chairman will be as appointed by the Government of the Philippines. This Co-ordinating Committee will include representatives of the Philippine Government Ministry referred to in Clause 2 above, or nominated at the discretion of the Philippine Government, as well as a nominee designated by the Australian Embassy in Manila. The Co-ordinating Committee will meet not less than twice per year. Functions of the Project Co-ordinating Committee will include:

- (a) co-ordinating policy for the Project,
- (b) reviewing and reporting on progress to the two Governments,
- (c) recommending to the two Governments changes in program, budget and future development.