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**South Africa
and
Uganda**

Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa through its Department of Health and the Government of the Republic of Uganda through its Ministry of Health in the field of health. Pretoria, 27 January 2004

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT

OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

**THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH**

AND

THE GOVERNMENT

OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

THROUGH ITS MINISTRY OF HEALTH

IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Uganda, together referred to as "the Parties" and in the singular as a "Party");

DESIROUS to consolidate and strengthen the friendly ties and reciprocal understanding between the Parties;

CONSCIOUS of the desirability of promoting to the greatest possible extent the mutual knowledge, experience and understanding of their respective needs in human development according to the activities outlined in this Agreement, by means of friendly co-operation between them;

CONSIDERING the importance of international co-operation in the field of health;

CONSIDERING the mutual interest of the Parties in promoting health at national, regional, provincial and local levels and strengthening their respective services;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1
COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The competent authorities responsible for the implementation of this Agreement shall be-

- a) On behalf of the Republic of Uganda, the Ministry of Health; and
- b) On behalf of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Health.

ARTICLE 2
SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT

The Parties shall develop and expand co-operation in the field of health based on equality and mutual interest, in accordance with the domestic law of their respective countries.

ARTICLE 3
AREAS OF CO-OPERATION

The Parties agree to establish co-operation in the following fields of health:

- (a) epidemiological surveillance and demographic surveys;
- (b) vaccine development;
- (c) mother to child transmission of HIV;
- (d) human resource development including exchange of scientists;
- (e) drug procurement, distribution and management;
- (f) regulation on traditional medical practitioners; and
- (g) promotion of private/ public mix in health services.

ARTICLE 4
EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SURVEILLANCE AND DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEYS

- (1) The Parties agree to collaborate with regard to epidemiology by-
 - (a) developing models of extrapolating the findings of antenatal surveys to the whole population;
 - (b) developing methods and modes for combining STD and HIV prevalence data with behavioural and demographic information, for targeted decision making; and
 - (c) developing methods for conducting HIV incidence surveys and the most effective mechanism for reducing HIV incidence.

- (2) The Parties agree to collaborate with regard to surveillance by-
 - (a) sharing of common data elements for HIV behavioural surveillance, to enable the comparison of information trends;
 - (b) sharing of lessons around the strengthening and expansion of basic surveillance systems, for monitoring the prevalence and incidence of HIV/AIDS/STDs; and
 - (c) sharing common data elements for general disease surveillance and demographic survey, for comparing data and, therefore, sharing lessons more effectively.

- (3) The Parties shall agree to collaborate with regard to research, with particular focus on the following areas:
 - (a) vaccine research;
 - (b) prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV;
 - (c) behavioural change research models;
 - (d) sharing of lessons around community intervention trials, that are found to be effective.