



**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**Between**  
**Center for Disease Analysis Foundation (CDAF)**  
**And**  
**Republic of Armenia Ministry of Health**

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This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into from 13 September, 2018 by **Center for Disease Analysis Foundation (CDAF)** of 1120 W. South Boulder Road, Suite 102, Lafayette, CO 80026, USA and the **Republic of Armenia Ministry of Health (MoH)** of Government Building 3, Republic Square, Yerevan 0010. This MOU sets forth the terms and understanding between CDAF and MoH as it relates to CDAF's support of MoH in their effort to analyze the burden of hepatitis and develop strategies for elimination.

WHEREAS, in connection with the establishment of a business relationship between the parties whereby CDAF's Polaris Observatory was founded to provide epidemiological data, modeling tools, training and decision analytics to support eliminating Hepatitis B and C globally by 2030, and whereby MoH's mission includes elimination of hepatitis in Armenia by 2030, the parties wish to set forth their current understanding and certain agreements made to date with respect to such relationship.

The signed parties acknowledge that no binding contract is created by this MOU but agree to work together in the spirit of partnership to ensure that there is a visible and responsive leadership of the collaboration, and to demonstrate financial, administrative and managerial commitment to the collaboration.

**BACKGROUND**

The Republic of Armenia Ministry of Health is republican body of executive authority, which elaborates and implements the policies of the Republic of Armenia Government in the healthcare sector. Armenia has developed a new National Strategy for Parenteral Hepatitis for 2018-2022 in line with the WHO Global Strategy on Hepatitis. According to the National Strategy, the country plans to implement a number of strategic interventions on development of epidemiological surveillance system for viral hepatitis, development of national policy for prevention and control of viral hepatitis, implementation of infection prevention practices in health care facilities, implementation of treatment strategies in line with international strands with use of appropriate medications, staff and population awareness raising and education. To be able to implement all planned activities, the country needs support to conduct epidemiological analysis for Hepatitis C and B and conduct disease burden modeling and





economic impact analysis for Hepatitis C. Support in report preparation after disease burden modeling and economic impact analysis for Hepatitis C would also be appreciated.

The Center for Disease Analysis Foundation (CDAF) is a non-profit public health research organization specializing in epidemiology and disease modeling. CDAF's mission is to eliminate Hepatitis B and C globally by 2030. We provide countries across the world with verified epidemiological data, disease burden and economic impact modeling, smart intervention strategies, access to affordable diagnostics and treatments, innovative financing models and knowledge-sharing partnerships to eliminate this deadly disease. We accomplish our mission through two foundation initiatives: The Polaris Observatory and the Global Procurement Fund (GPRO).

### **ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

Republic of Armenia MoH is seeking collaboration with CDAF wherein CDAF will assist MoH in the following initiatives:

1. Develop a better understanding of HBV and HCV disease epidemiology in Armenia
2. Modeling of future HBV and HCV disease burden
3. Model economic impact of HCV disease burden
4. Develop hepatitis elimination strategies to meet WHO 2030 targets
5. Facilitate meeting with Stakeholders
6. Develop a Hepatitis Report summarizing the HCV/HBV epidemiology in Armenia and outcomes of the analysis

In order to complete the above activities, CDAF implements a Delphi process, the steps and responsibilities are outlined below:

1. The MoH will identify and coordinate the participants to be involved on the expert panel.
  - a. CDAF will conduct a background literature search to identify all available peer-reviewed and grey literature on key inputs of the model.
  - b. If provided contact information (email addresses), CDAF will coordinate with the expert panel for all future communication and meetings.
2. Expert panel will participate in two meetings to review current HBV/HCV epidemiology trends and strategies to minimize the burden, along with associated economic impact
  - a. The first meeting will be a teleconference, carried out via Skype or Webex. CDAF will coordinate the meeting.
  - b. The second meeting will be in-person, in Armenia, at a location to be determined. It is suggested that the second, in-person meeting take 2.5 days. CDAF will lead the meeting.
3. CDAF will prepare a draft report detailing the epidemiology and disease burden of HBV and HCV, and economic impact of HCV, as well as describing potential elimination strategies. CDAF will submit the draft to the MoH for review and incorporate feedback in a final report.





## FUNDING

Neither CDAF nor Republic of Armenia Ministry of Health is providing funding to the other party, and each party is responsible for funding their own activities associated with this MOU.

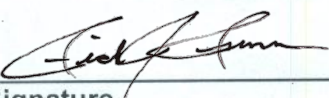
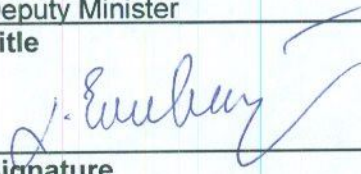
## MARKETING and PUBLICITY

CDAF and Republic of Armenia Ministry of Health may promote their collaboration to relevant sectors of the health care community, through regular and other communications, and through their respective websites, social media, and annual reports. Both CDAF and MoH will be bound by the rules for promotion of the other partner, including maintaining the quality of any logo.

## DURATION

This MOU will take effect upon mutual signing of the MOU document and will extend for a period of one year from signing. The MOU may be extended by mutual consent of both parties.

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