

FIRST AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This amendment, effective as of August 15, 2024 (the “Amendment”), amends the Memorandum of Understanding (“MoU”) effective as of March 12, 2024, by and between College of the Marshall Islands, a public community college organized and existing under the laws of the Marshall Islands and having a principal place of business at PO Box 1258 Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands (“CMI”) and Grameen Foundation USA, a non-profit organization organized under the laws of Oklahoma, USA, with a principal place of business at 1400 K Street NW, Suite 1255, Washington, DC 20005 (“GFUSA”) (collectively the “Parties” and individually each a “Party”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, GFUSA and CMI mutually agree to that they wish to amend the MoU;
and

WHEREAS, both Parties agree that changes to the Scope of Work is needed in order for both Parties to further GFUSA’s mission to enable the poor, especially women, to create a world without poverty, by developing the Digital Exchange Empowering the Pacific Region (DEEPR) - a digital learning and exchange platform (and/or developing integrations to existing platforms with complementary features) that will serve the needs of the Pacific Island region by providing open access to relevant technical resources through a physical access point within CMI’s premises, the MoU is hereby amended as follows:

Attachment 1 Scope of Work is deleted in its entirety and replaced the revised Attachment 1 attached herewith.

Attachment 2 Quarterly Narrative Report Template is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the revised Attachment 2 attached herewith.

Other than as specifically amended as set forth herein, the MoU remains in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties hereto has caused this Amendment to be executed effective as of the date set forth above.

GRAMEEN FOUNDATION USA

COLLEGE OF MARSHALL ISLANDS

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1ST AMENDMENT TO ATTACHMENT 1

Scope of Work

BELUU will develop Digital Exchange Empowering the Pacific Region (DEEPR) - a digital learning and exchange platform that will serve the needs of the Innovation Grantees, Community of Practice (CoP) and interested parties in the region by providing open access to a knowledge base of technical resources and links relevant to Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE) and the Blue and Green Economy. BELUU will invite the CoP members and other organizations to contribute their tools and curricula and provide references to materials and other adult learning materials that are available as public goods.

As an example, DEEPR will host Grameen's own WEE tools, including financial literacy curricula, best practices for economic strengthening initiatives (e.g. microfinance, savings groups), business, and resilience skills training; guides to digital finance and mobile money, Grameen's LedgerLink digital recordkeeping software for savings groups, gender toolkit and male engagement strategies, and trainings in managing innovation grants. Relevant external links will also be part of the content, such as the Pacific Gender and Climate Change Toolkit by UN Women and training sites such as Alison.

To encourage use of the DEEPR platform and to address internet connectivity and/or computer access issues, the BELUU program will establish a DEEPR Host in each of the four countries (Tuvalu, Nauru, Republic of Marshall Islands and Palau). Further, BELUU will provide training on the platform through sessions/meetings with the CoP and Innovation Grantees. BELUU will aim to slowly turn over the curation and maintenance of the DEEPR platform to the CoP and/or a leading CSO, PSE or public body with the capacity and interest to own it for its continued operation.

CMI, as the DEEPR Host is responsible for:

1. Establishing and setting up a physical access point, including computers with stable and standard internet connectivity, and ensuring minimum security and its sustained operational viability over a period of one year after the end of the BELUU program (September 30, 2025). Host will provide a working set of guidelines that will provide information of operation hours, access capacity or limit, cleanliness and maintenance.
 - a. Security Measures - These can be based on the level of protection desired by the Hosts to protect assets and facility occupants. Take into consideration distances to entrance and exit points and open areas that allow easy visual detection by occupants. If there are any undesired circumstances (ex. accidents), have a proper reporting and feedback mechanism in place.
 - b. Hours of Operations: Normal business working hours.
 - c. Operations and Maintenance - Assign key personnel that will be in-charge of custodial care, maintenance of learning facilities and

- equipment available. Provide local operation hours, and guidelines for maximum number of people at a given time to ensure safety of the Host team and other visitors of the space.
2. Providing guidance to users for access and navigation of the DEEPR platform. Registration on the access visitation on the physical site may be done so that GFUSA may identify the users of the platform (including information on name, organization, location, email or contact number, gender, and if representing the youth sector). All data shall be collected and provided to GFUSA in accordance with the applicable data protection laws.
 3. Creating and co-designing with BELUU, a distinctive signage to include the general BELUU Project branding and language, and affixing it at a strategic location to garner attention to encourage engagement
 4. Giving priority to BELUU innovation grantees to use the computers to submit their reports, attend virtual meetings, work with their mentors/technical advisors
 5. Providing feedback to Grameen regarding access point usage
 6. Assisting and supporting in the launch of the Community of Practice through the Grameen website.
 7. Aiding in cultivating local interest on the DEEPR platform, such as through social media posting, newsletters, and any other channels (following Grameen review and BELUU branding).
 8. When feasible, offering pertinent links, materials, and references for potential integration within the DEEPR platform.
 9. Periodically attending Grameen meetings (at least once every quarter and on a per need basis) to deliberate on feedback, challenges, accomplishments, and other pertinent matters.
 10. Participate in Knowledge Sharing activities to connect with CoP members, Innovation Grantees and other BELUU stakeholders
 11. Provide recommendations for sustainability and use of space and equipment beyond the BELUU program.
 12. Ensure safekeeping, due care and utilization of the supplies and equipment purchased for the purposes stated in this agreement.
 13. Replace, at no cost to GFUSA, any lost or missing equipment purchased under this Agreement.
 14. Return to GFUSA, as may be reasonably requested, any supplies or equipment procured under this Agreement.

**1ST AMENDMENT TO ATTACHMENT 2
Quarterly Narrative Report Template**

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| Name of Organization: | College of the Marshall Islands |
| Name of Project: | Building Economic Inclusion via the Blue Economy (BELUU) |
| Project Start and End Dates | March 12, 2024 - June 30, 2025 |
| Activity Site(s)/Location(s): | Marshall Islands |
| Primary Point of Contact/Title: | |
| Phone Number: | |
| E-mail Address: | |
| Submission Date of Quarterly Report: | |
| Quarter Start and End Dates | |

1. **Summary of Project Achievements during this Quarter:** *Please summarize activities and successes for this reporting period only. Describe any events or trainings that were organized, the topics discussed, and characteristics of beneficiaries.*

2. **Implementation Challenges:** *Please describe any challenges faced by the project during this reporting period, including any security, financial, and/or personnel management issues. Describe the impact that these challenges had on the project and how the organization responded. If the challenge(s) still exist, describe what steps will be taken.*

3. **Broader Developments:** *Has project implementation been affected by any political, social, or environmental events in the country or region during the reporting period that the organization did not initially anticipate? If so, please describe any positive or negative impact that these have had on the project and how the organization has responded to these events.*

4. **Lessons Learned:** *Specify any lessons learned during this reporting period.*

5. **Program Impact, Highlights, Success Stories:**
*Please include photo credit information and confirmation that appropriate permissions have been obtained from subjects/photographers for using the photos, where applicable. Please share photos using one of the following methods/formats: Are there any pictures or stories of **individual beneficiaries** that could be shared as successes? Are there any examples of **organizational, project, or program-level highlights** that could be shared as successes?*

6. **Additional Data:** *Please provide any additional information about the project or other related issues that you think important to highlight to keep S/GWI updated on current trends in the field. This field is optional.*