

Republic of the Marshall Islands

Ministry of Finance

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# **Memorandum of Understanding**

Between

The College of the Marshall Islands (CMI)

AND

RMI Ministry of Health and Human Services (MOHHS), and the Office of the Chief Secretary (OCS)





This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the terms and understanding between the three parties: College of the Marshall Islands (CMI) and the Ministry of Health and Human Services (MOHHS) with support from the Office of the Chief Secretary for providing a facility to be used as the Quarantine Medical Center at the CMI Arrak campus.

## Background

This partnership is significantly valuable as it allows for a mutually beneficial collaboration between the two parties in protecting the health and welfare of the people living in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. On February 07, 2020 the Republic of the Marshall Islands declared a State of Emergency to allow MOHHS and its stakeholders to develop recommendations to prevent or contain the coronavirus from spreading in the RMI. As part of the planning, the MOHHS and CMI discussed using the CMI Arrak facilities to prepare a Quarantine Medical Center for the RMI.

The campus has living quarters with showers, a dining hall, 24/7 water system and backup power generator, patrol guards and other services. The existing Arrak campus facilities can accommodate up to 80 people at its existing facilities. The MOHHS needs the CMI Arrak facilities to house doctors, nurses and persons who have been in contact with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases. The MOHHS will also use the existing CMI Arrak facilities to do their medical evaluation, monitoring and reporting of persons under investigation (PUI).

The CMI Arrak campus also has the land space that the MOHHS can use to build additional facilities to ensure the RMI has sufficient capacity for mass quarantine. CMI and MOHHS discussed the possibility of combining resources to build additional facilities for quarantine which will then be used by CMI for its Vocational Programs. This strategic partnership and collaboration will mutually benefit both parties in achieving their missions.

## Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum of understanding is to define the expectations by CMI and MOHHS in relation to CMI's Facilities at Arrak Campus. With this memorandum of understanding, CMI is allowing the MOHHS to use its facilities stipulated in (Exhibit A) of this MOU for the sole purpose of preparedness for COVID-19 and acknowledge that this partnership between CMI and MOHHS does not obligate CMI to any financial obligation for the duration of this partnership.

**Funding and Payment** 



All expenses incurred by CMI for the establishment and operation of the Quarantine Medical Center at Arrak Campus shall be fully reimbursed by the MOHHS up to \$350,000. CMI will submit to MOHHS and the Ministry of Finance financial reports including supporting documents to verify the expenditure reports. All expenses will be subject to review for allowability by the Ministry of Finance.

### Liability

No liability will arise or be assumed during this Partnership as a result of this MOU.

#### Term

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from CMI and MOHHS. This MOU shall become effective on February 1, 2020 and shall remain in effect until written notice of not less than 60 working days is communicated by the party intending to terminate. In the absence of mutual agreement by the authorized officials from CMI, MOHHS and the RMI Government this MOU shall end on July 31, 2020.

#### **Notice**

Any notice or communication required or permitted under this MOU shall be sufficiently given if delivered in person or by certified e-mail from an authorized representative from CMI or MOHHS.

## Assignment

Neither party may assign or transfer the responsibilities or agreement made herein without prior consent of the non-assigning party, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

## Understanding

It is mutually agreed upon and understood by and among the Partners of the MOU that:

#### CMI:

- CMI will provide the Arrak Facilities to MOHHS for the sole purpose of establishing a Quarantine Medical Center.
- 2. CMI will modify its Wet/Dry lab to meet the needs of the MOHHS medical team.
- CMI will ensure the Arrak Campus is fully operational 24/7 including but not limited to running water and electricity.
- CMI will provide regular maintenance on the new facilities to ensure they are in good working condition.

#### MOHHS & OFFICE OF CHIEF SECRETARY WILL:

Provide all consumables required to operate the Quarantine Medical Center facility.

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- 2. Ensure all staffing required to operate the Quarantine Medical Center facility.
- 3. Ensure timely payment of any charges submitted for reimbursement.
- 4. Indemnify CMI of any risk and future liabilities.
- Provide \$10,500 upfront to CMI for the sole purposes of cleaning the facility when they are vacated by MOHHS following the end of the State of Health Emergency and when the Travel Advisories are lifted.

The CMI and MOHHS and the OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY support the goals and objectives of the Quarantine Medical Center at CMI Arrak campus and agree to the terms of this MOU.

**IN WITNESS THEREFORE**, the parties have executed the Understanding on the date first written.

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