INTERNATIONAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Volunteer Efforts for Development Concerns, Kampala, Uganda

and

Iowa State University of Science and Technology, Ames, Iowa USA

I. Preamble

This International Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) constitutes an agreement between Volunteer Efforts for Development Concerns (VEDCO), Kampala, Uganda, and Iowa State University of Science and Technology (ISU), Ames, Iowa, to join in a strategic alliance to undertake a series of cooperative activities of common interest and mutual benefit.

In accordance with the objective to promote further cooperation between Uganda and the United States of America, VEDCO and ISU hereby jointly enter into a bilateral linkage, focusing on the development of their institutions’ programs, particularly those in extension and in research. They will jointly develop and implement activities to improve their capacities to serve their respective clientele in Uganda and the United States of America. This linkage is developed based upon the institutions’ commonality of interests and their belief that a linkage between them would strengthen their joint and individual capacities.

II. Objectives

The objectives of this linkage are to develop long-term activities. Where financially feasible and consistent with the policies of VEDCO and the Board of Regents of the State of Iowa, and all other governing legislation, the parties agree to pursue the following types of activities that are consistent with the goals and principles of the SRL Program:

- Design, monitor and evaluate rural development projects that form part of the Sustainable Rural Livelihoods (SRL) Program in Uganda

- Collaboration and technical assistance in the design and modification of technologies that can facilitate rural development

- Identification of opportunities for applied research relevant to rural development
III. Program Management

Each activity will be jointly designed, monitored and evaluated, and will be described in a plan of work that will include programmatic and budget details. Activities undertaken will permit sharing, dissemination, and publication by the two institutions of all the data resulting from the activities. Exchange and dissemination of information will include case studies, success stories, working papers or jointly produced data and the identification of materials for publication for diverse audiences. No prohibition will be imposed by either institution.

This MOU does not obligate either institution to provide funding or direct support for future collaborative activities. However, either institution, or both, may choose to provide support on a case-by-case basis. It is further understood that both institutions may jointly and separately seek funding from third parties to support activities to be carried out under this MOU. Implementation of specific collaborative programs will depend upon the availability of funds. VEDCO and ISU will assist one another with applications to funding sources for financial support of this cooperation and exchange of ideas.

Each institution has designated an individual to serve as a point of contact:

These officials are identified below:

for VEDCO

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The representatives mentioned above will be responsible for monitoring program activities in the framework of this MOU, promoting achievement of the objectives of the agreement and reporting to their respective institutions the advances made.

This Memorandum will be in effect for five years, commencing on the date of the last signature affixed to this document. At the end of this period, each institution will review the types and extent of collaborative activities undertaken and determine whether or not the MOU should be renewed. The Memorandum can be amended, with the approval of both parties, by means of exchange of letters through the authorized officials at each institution. Either party may initiate the exchange of letters.

The Memorandum may be terminated by either party by giving written notice of the intent to terminate the MOU. Such termination shall not affect the execution and conclusion of specific activities in effect under terms of this MOU, nor publication and dissemination of results of activities in progress. Insofar as possible, such notice will be given three months in advance of the desired termination date.
This Memorandum constitutes the entire agreement between parties. All prior discussions, agreements, and understandings, whether verbal or in writing, are merged in this MOU. For conditions of the affiliation not covered by this MOU or for problems that arise while the MOU is in effect, both parties agree to refrain from unilateral action and to consult and negotiate agreeable decisions. This Memorandum is designed to facilitate and develop a genuine and mutually beneficial process of cooperation and exchange and is not a contract creating legal and financial relationships between the parties. The parties do not discriminate on the basis of age, marital status, race, gender, ethnicity, religion, or disability.

IN WITNESS THREEOF: Volunteer Efforts for Development Concerns and Iowa State University have executed this International Memorandum of Understanding on the last date affixed below:

**Volunteer Efforts for Development Concerns**

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Henry Kizito Musoke  
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17/08/04  
Date

Witnessed by:

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