MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA, USA

AND

KIP KEINO CHILDREN’S HOME and the BARAKA FARM
ELDORET, KENYA

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (hereafter referred to as Virginia Tech), represented by its President or Provost, and Kip Keino Children’s Home – Baraka Farm represented by its Farm Manager, have agreed to the following terms:

1. That this MOU is intended to facilitate all exchanges and cooperative initiatives between the universities in the area of instruction, exchange, development, research, and community service.

2. That the parties recognize that implementation of any agreement will depend upon the academic interest and expertise of individual faculty members and upon the availability of financial resources.

3. A variety of cooperative approaches shall be employed, such as:

   Exchange of undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, or staff members
   Hosting of research and operational personnel
   Technical assistance and/or training
   Exchange of scholarly and technical materials
   Joint Research
   Other cooperative efforts set forth in separate Implementing Agreements (IA)
4. That the initial focus of this linkage agreement will be based upon the programs of Virginia Tech's College of Natural Resources, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and College of Engineering, and those of the Baraka Farm. These programs will include wildlife habitat assessment and inventory, agroforestry, non-timber forest products marketing and economics. This linkage will be facilitated by Bread and Water for Africa.

5. That financial and/or funding considerations shall become the subject of specific discussion and agreement within the framework of a separate Implementing Agreement negotiated at the College/Departmental level. No financial commitment whatever on the part of either signatory to this general document is intended or implied.

6. That specific projects to which this MOU may lead will be subject to joint and periodic evaluations by appropriate authorities within the respective universities.

7. That this MOU will be in effect for a period of five years and is subject to revision or modification by mutual agreement. It is also understood that either institution may terminate the agreement upon one year's notice. It is assumed that such action would be taken only after mutual consultation in order to minimize potential inconvenience to the other party to the agreement.

8. That such Memoranda of Understanding are not intended to be legally binding documents. Rather, they are meant to describe the nature and cooperative intentions of those institutions involved, and to suggest guidelines for cooperation. Nothing, therefore, shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution, nor may any constraints be imposed by either upon the other.

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