

## Agreement

This agreement of understanding will be in effect for five years, from January 1, 2025, until December 31, 2029, and may be reviewed and renewed in the following years between representatives of the **Peter-Hesse-Stiftung Düsseldorf (PHS)** – in administrative partnership with W. P. Schmitz-Stiftungen, Volmerswerther Str. 86, D-40221 Düsseldorf, Germany

and **Association Montessori Internationale (AMI)** of Koninginneweg 161, NL- 1075 CN Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Whereby,  
the The Peter-Hesse-Stiftung (PHS) and Association Montessori International (AMI) agree to collaborate following a key purpose of the Peter-Hesse-Foundation (PHS) to “contribute to a just and peaceful learning - ONE world in diversity – with emphasis on providing children with opportunities, through child-centred early education, to enable life-long learning”.

This will be achieved through:  
PHS will provide funds for EsF projects under the umbrella of AMI with the active participation of Mrs. Carol Guy-James Barratt, the PHS project-partner and representatives of the PHS.

Thereby the following:  
AMI / EsF projects of the PHS shall be started or supported in low-income countries, targeting children from communities which are underserved, marginalised, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality.  
Such projects  
are described according to shared guidelines agreed by AMI and PHS.  
Both parties will need to give approval.

Once a project has been approved,  
it is carried out according to the operational guidelines within AMI and agreed reporting guidelines toward PHS.  
AMI and PHS hold regular meetings to review project status and develop future plans.

To facilitate  
and simplify paying and/or reimbursing expenses for AMI - EsF-projects of the PHS, the PHS will deposit in advance the sum of 50.000 (fifty thousand) EURO (€) to AMI to be disbursed solely for these projects. This amount may be replenished as needed at the decision of the Peter Hesse Stiftung for ongoing expenses of approved projects.  
AMI will charge a fee of ten percent of total expenditure for project management, financial administration and auditing expenses.  
Expenses for approved projects will be reimbursed only when receipts are provided against a project budget that has been previously approved by PHS or the PHS project partner in co-ordination with AMI. Bi-annual reports on project progress should be provided. AMI will provide annual financial accounts to PHS.

Expenses for projects can be paid or reimbursed for the following types of activities:

- Montessori materials for schools for disadvantaged children.
- Educational materials for schools or teacher training in disadvantaged communities.
- Teacher training for teachers who will work in communities which are underserved, marginalised, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality.
- Scholarships for individuals who attend Montessori teacher training in their own country within reasonable distance to where they live.
- Education materials for Montessori student-teachers from disadvantaged communities.
- Travel expenses by qualified Montessori or other early child development professionals for inspecting AMI-ESF projects schools and teacher training managed by the Peter-Hesse-Stiftung.
- Emergency relief to poor countries following natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes etc, as determined by the PHS-project-partner. Priority for emergency funding should be given to project schools within the affected country.

Individuals or organisations can apply for support to the Peter Hesse Foundation, following project application guidelines. The decision to provide funding to eligible candidates will be granted by the PHS-project-partner and AMI representative.

The Agreement of Understanding may be terminated before 31 December 2029 and the terms of the agreement may be changed by both parties after written agreement. Renewed terms of the agreement must be signed by both PHS and AMI.

This document accurately reflects the understanding between AMI in the spirit of EsF and PHS, and is signed by:

The President of the Association Montessori Internationale -AMI: Alain Tschudin

Founder of the Peter-Hesse-Stiftung - PHS -Peter Hesse

31 December 2024, Düsseldorf, Germany