

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made on April 19, 2011,

BETWEEN

Idara-e-Taleem-o-Agahi having its Islamabad Office: H # 2-A, St# 40,F/6-1,Upper Portion, Islamabad , (hereinafter referred to as "ITA") of the one part

AND

The National Commission for Human Development, having its office at the 14th and 15th floor, Shaheed-e-Millat, Secretariat, Blue Area, Islamabad.

(hereinafter referred to as "NCHD") of the second part,

WHEREAS the NCHD is a statutory body created under the National Commission for Human Development Ordinance, No. XXIX, 2002, with the objective to promote Human Development by supporting Government line departments, communities, Civil Society Organizations and elected officials; in primary education, literacy, health, income generating activities and basic health care services.

Whereas ITA is a Civil Society Organization registered under Companies Ordinance (clause 42) as a non-profit organization works with Governments, civil society, and other partners world-wide for realization of

AND WHEREAS the overall vision and objectives of the NCHD and ITA, for the purpose of this MoU, are in line with the goals of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), Education for All and Human Development agenda

AND WHEREAS ITA has agreed to work in collaboration with NCHD in achieving the common goals,

AND WHEREAS the Parties are convinced that definite efforts are needed to be made to realize the EFA, MDG and Human Development goals, and are cognizant of the importance of the fact that closer links and joint collaboration among the Parties would draw upon the necessary skills and expertise required for realization of the envisaged goals/targets

Now therefore ITA and NCHD have decided to enter into a closer collaboration without creating binding legal obligations upon the parties hereto, this memorandum of understanding sets out the aspiration goals which both ITA and NCHD wish to achieve together. For the purpose of collaboration the following broader areas will be pursued;

1. Annual Status of Education Report (ASER)
2. Education Surveys
3. Literacy
4. Early Childhood Education (ECE) and Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD)
5. School Health Issues

In pursuance thereof, the ITA and NCHD resolve to set up a joint consultation mechanism concurrently to further enhance cooperation and collaboration. In this regard a Coordination Committee will be set up which will meet on a quarterly basis, or more often if deemed necessary, to;

1. Discuss and define the specific details of the joint projects and activities in the form of an Action Plan
2. Clearly identify the financial and other obligations of both parties and finalize work plans accordingly
3. Review and monitor the progress of the activities
4. Provide guidance for timely achievement of the stated objectives

Role of ITA

As per the agreed Action plan, ITA will;

- ensure that all relevant technical materials/learning resources are shared with NCHD in a transparent and timely manner for knowledge sharing, generation and management.
- provide technical, conceptual and practical training (at the district and provincial level)
- provide logistic support /transport at most efficient costs or sharing of POL
- ensure that for all capacity building exercises during 2010-2015 critical focal/technical officers selected programme/technical staff of NCHD will be provided training/education opportunities in Pakistan and abroad
- build capacity of teams of core staff from each district in the key thematic areas as envisaged in this MoU

Role of NCHD

In pursuance of the agreed Action plan, NCHD will facilitate;

- implementation, training and monitoring of the jointly planned activities through its provincial and district offices and staff
- collaboration with respective line agencies at provincial and district levels
- identification and training of community volunteers for implementation of planned activities in the selected/project districts/areas
- trainings at district level including use of NCHD premises as training venue
- dissemination of the results and reports of the joint projects/surveys and orientation/building capacity of the stakeholders in understanding and owing ASER 's core concepts and results
- compilation and analysis of the results and ensure strategic presence in the dissemination of the results of ASER at the national, provincial and district level
- provide training opportunities for ITA staff as and when deems appropriate

This MoU can be terminated, by any party, by means of informing in writing with a one month notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have subscribed their hands this day, month and year mentioned herein above;

For and on Behalf of
National Commission for Human Development,

For and on Behalf of
Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aaghi