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Memorandum of Understanding

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) is made effective this 25th Day of April 2024 by and between:

Provincial Disaster Management Authority an authority established under the **National Disaster Management Act 2010**, under **Disaster Management Authority** having its office located at PDMA Headquarters, 26-C, Khyaban-e-Jami, Phase-VII, DHA, Karachi, through its Director General (hereinafter called "PDMA" which term where the context so admits, shall include its successors and assigns) of the first part.

AND

Welthungerhilfe, a non-profit organization, incorporated under the laws of Germany, having its main Pakistan office in Islamabad at 1st Floor, COMSATS Headquarters, Shahrah-e-Jamhuriat, Opposite NAB, Headquarters, G-5/2, Islamabad, through its Country Director (hereinafter called "WHH" which term where the context so admits shall include its successors and assigns) of the second part.

PDMA and WHH may hereinafter be referred to individually as "the Party" or collectively as "the Parties".

WHEREAS

WHH is working in close coordination with the National Disaster Management Authority and the related provincial authorities, contributing to the overall national disaster management.

WHH and PDMA agree to cooperate with each other to manage and control disasters happening in Pakistan, on the terms and conditions herein contained.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS MOU WITNESSETH as follows:

1. Purpose

The aim of this MoU is to articulate a collaborative understanding between PDMA Sindh and WHH for the upcoming five years, focussing on:

- Enhancing and instituting a locally driven, multi-sectoral disaster risk reduction and anticipatory response system in Sindh.
- The overarching goal to fortify the resilience of communities.
- Provision of assistance to food and nutrition insecure populations across rural and urban areas of Sindh.



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The overarching aim of this collaboration is.

- To bolster the humanitarian ecosystem in Sindh.
- Reinforcing the disaster risk management systems and enhancing the capacities of PDMA Sindh, district-level, and local-level disaster management bodies.
- Strengthening Disaster Risk Reduction Unit at PDMA Sindh.
- Empowering the partnership to empower WHH's partner organizations to assist disaster-prone communities in developing resilience and the ability to anticipate and respond effectively to crises.

The intended objective of this MoU is to specify the terms and conditions under which both Parties will engage in collaborative efforts to support on-going and planned programs focused on disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, and resilience-building. This collaboration aligns with the mandates of their respective organizations.

- Both the Parties are committed to working collaboratively to reinforce the institutional and operational capacities in disaster risk reduction and resilience-building; food and nutrition security; capacity development and empowerment in alignment with the mandates of each organization.
- Facilitate collaboration for the establishment of a locally driven disaster risk reduction system in Sindh, support resilience initiatives within the organizational mandates of both the Parties, with no legal or financial obligations.
- Strengthen capacities, assist disaster-prone communities in becoming resilient, and enhance timely crisis response.
- Coordinating preventative and anticipatory early actions to address climate change-induced natural disasters/events; and actively contributing to ongoing and planned projects and multi-sectoral programs/initiatives, fostering a collaborative and integrated approach to achieving shared objectives.
- The cooperation between the Parties will be guided by shared humanitarian principles, including humanity, neutrality, impartiality, and independence.

Article 2

Roles and Responsibilities of Parties

WHH Pakistan:

WHH shall provide technical support to PDMA Sindh, district administration, and local disaster management bodies, focusing on:

- Support PDMA Sindh at provincial, district, and local disaster risk management planning with a climate change adaptation focus.
- Capacity building for natural disaster response and relief operations scaling.



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- Awareness and capacity enhancement in DRR, climate change adaptation, and preparedness through training.
- Support PDMA Sindh in joint risk assessments, community-based disaster risk reduction plans, and training workshops for local communities.
- Establishment and maintenance of emergency response teams.
- Understanding and addressing climate change impacts, including flash/urban flooding.
- Supporting the humanitarian ecosystem for effective coordination and information sharing.
- Innovation to strengthen the humanitarian ecosystem in line with the localization agenda.

Facilitating coordination, and collaborating with relevant stakeholders, and actively engaging PDMA, districts, local-level disaster management bodies, partner organizations, and other stakeholders in joint initiatives, strategic decision-making, and communication activities. WHH seeks cooperation to develop complementary approaches, enabling resilient disaster-prone communities.

PDMA Sindh:

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- Support in joint strategic planning, coordination, and operational steering of multi-sectoral DRR, Anticipatory Actions (AA), and Forecast-Based Financing (FbF) programs initiated by WHH.
- PDMA under its organizational mandate would act as a central coordinating point for relevant government stakeholders, including provincial line departments, District Coordination Offices, District Disaster Management Authorities, and others, to facilitate the rollout of resilience-building programs.
- PDMA would facilitate and coordinate (wherever available and possible) the utilization of on-ground government resources/ services including but not limited to data, coordination systems, HR, equipment, and infrastructure for implementation and monitoring of various multi-sectoral DRR, Anticipatory Actions-AA and Forecast Based Financing FBF resilience building programs of WHH aimed at building the resilience of communities.
- Facilitate the localization of hazard anticipatory systems, aligning with provincial risk reduction strategy and expanding models to additional regions and priority hazards.
- Facilitate the integration of hazard prediction models into provincial early warning systems and the inclusion of anticipatory actions and forecast-based financing in provincial emergency response Standard Operating Procedures.
- Facilitate the process of monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning by coordinating timely sharing of information, data, documentation, and evidence, contributing to continuous improvement in resilience-building initiatives.



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Article 3
(Duration, Terms, and Conditions of MOU)

Duration, Term, and Amendment of the MOU:

This MoU shall come into effect upon the signing of this Agreement by the Parties, and its duration shall span five (5) years from the date of signing. Nevertheless, an annual review of progress will be conducted by PDMA to assess the effectiveness and relevance of the collaboration.

This MoU can be extended, modified, amended, revised, or terminated by mutual written agreement of both Parties at any time. Prior notice for it may be given by either of the Parties to the other through a formal letter/ email/ official communique 30 days before the date extension, modification, amended revision, or termination is anticipated.

Article 4

General

- This MOU is not binding and shall be considered as a Protocol of Intentions. It is not a commercial contract, and a breach of the MOU shall not involve legal consequences.
- Any subsequent agreement should be based on the present MOU.
- No Party will use any intellectual property rights, including but not limited to visual signs (such as tradename, trademarks, logos, and designs) of the other Party without the other Party's express prior written authorization.

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