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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

Between

**Indus Consortium**

and

**Medical Social Services Unit (MSSU), District Headquarter Hospital, Rajanpur**

Effective Period: 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 – 30th August 2026

### 1. Background and Context

Indus Consortium for Humanitarian, Environment, and Development Initiative is an umbrella of 64 civil society organizations in Pakistan and is registered with the Securities Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) under section 42 of the companies' ordinance of Pakistan. Indus Consortium is a certified member of the Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy (PCP), registered as tax Payer Company with FBR with NPO status, and has an MOU with the Economic Affairs Division of Pakistan (EAD) to be an eligible, not-for-profit organization to receive foreign funding for ongoing Projects and Program. Indus Consortium is implementing the project titled "Strengthening Health Systems and Women's Roles in Climate Adaptation in District Rajanpur". This project aims to build the resilience of local communities against the impacts of climate change, with a special focus on strengthening the health system and empowering women and vulnerable groups through inclusive and integrated health interventions.

Recognizing the vital role of the Medical Social Services Unit (MSSU) at District Headquarter (DHQ) Hospital, Rajanpur (a project of Department of Social Welfare & Bait ul Maal Govt. of the Punjab), particularly in supporting marginalized groups such as chronically ill patients and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), this MoU seeks to promote collaboration between both institutions. The purpose of this non-binding agreement is to enhance health access and social protection for vulnerable populations in the project areas.

## 2. Purpose of the MoU

This MoU outlines the principles of collaboration between Indus Consortium and MSSU DHQ Hospital Rajanpur for achieving shared goals, including:

- Supporting vulnerable patients suffering from chronic diseases with access to free medication and services from the project area.
- Facilitating the identification and registration of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) with relevant government welfare schemes from the project target area.
- Strengthening the operational capacity of MSSU to better serve the health and social needs of poor and marginalized communities.

## 3. Key Areas of Collaboration

### 3.1 Capacity Strengthening of MSSU

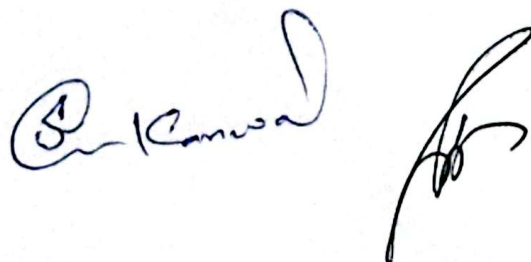
- Indus Consortium will work with MSSU to assess capacity gaps and provide support for improving service delivery systems.
- Joint efforts will be made to enhance the visibility and outreach of MSSU's services, especially to communities in disaster-prone areas.
- Staff from MSSU may participate in relevant capacity-building sessions, training programs, and planning meetings facilitated under the project.

### 3.2 Identification and Support of Patients with Chronic Illnesses

- The Parties will jointly facilitate the identification and registration of 100 individuals from the project's target Union Councils who suffer from chronic illnesses such as cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, asthma, and others.
- MSSU will work to ensure these patients are enrolled in government-supported free medication programs and are provided with continued access to essential health services.

### 3.3 Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)

- A total of 50 PWDs from the target communities will be identified through community outreach and referred to MSSU for registration.
- MSSU will liaise with the Social Welfare Department, Government of Punjab, to support the inclusion of these individuals in welfare cash programs, disability benefits, and other relevant services.

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#### 4. Roles and Responsibilities

##### Indus Consortium Shall:

- Mobilize communities in the target Union Councils to identify eligible individuals (chronic patients and PWDs).
- Provide field-level facilitation for documentation, verification, and follow-up.
- Arrange joint awareness sessions or community clinics in collaboration with MSSU and health officials.
- Share relevant project materials and tools that can support MSSU's outreach and documentation.

##### MSSU DHQ Hospital Shall:

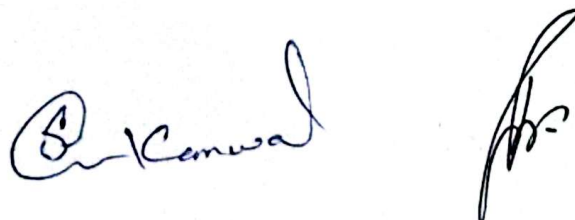
- Facilitate the processing of applications for free medication and registration for medical social services.
- Maintain records of registered individuals and share periodic updates with Indus Consortium (subject to consent and confidentiality policies).
- Provide guidance to beneficiaries and link them with other government social support schemes.
- Engage with the Social Welfare Department to expedite the registration and support process for PWDs.

#### 5. Coordination and Information Sharing

- A focal person from each institution shall be designated to oversee the implementation of the MoU and ensure regular coordination.
- Joint review meetings may be held as needed to discuss progress, resolve challenges, and document learnings.
- Any promotional or communication materials developed jointly will acknowledge the contributions of both parties.

#### 6. Duration and Termination

- This MoU will remain effective from 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2026 unless otherwise mutually extended.
- Either party may withdraw from the MoU by providing written notice to the other party with a minimum notice period of 7 working days.

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## 7. Nature of the Agreement

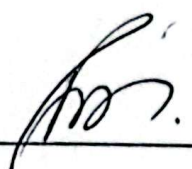
This MoU is non-binding and is intended to serve as a mutual expression of interest and goodwill. It does not create any legally enforceable rights or obligations, financial or otherwise, for either party.

## 8. Signatories

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this MoU in acknowledgment of their commitment to the stated goals:

For Indus Consortium

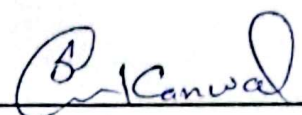
For MSSU Rajanpur

Signature: 

Name: Rukhsana Mubarak

Designation: Project Manager

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

Signature: 

Name: SHABNAM KANWAL

Designation: Assistant Director – MSSU

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025