



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between
Health Department, Government of Baluchistan,
and
The Health Foundation (THF)
and
Institute for Development Studies and Practices (IDSP)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made between **Health Department, Government of Baluchistan, and Institute for Development Studies and Practices (IDSP-Pakistan)** located in House No. 7A at Almashriq Street, Arbab Karam Khan Road, Quetta and **The Health Foundation (THF-Pakistan)** located at Office No 2, 10th Floor, Jason Trade Centre, Main Shahrah-e-Faisal Karachi., hereinafter referred to as the Health Department, Government of Balochistan, IDSP and THF respectively, for the period of 5 years **June 2017 to December 2022.**

About Health Department, Government of Baluchistan

Health department, Govt. of Baluchistan is greatly committed to and takes Maternal and Child Health as one of its key priorities areas. Hepatitis B and C Prevention and Control is looked at as a major area which needs to be tackled on war footing. A 5 year plan of action for Chief Minister's Initiative for Hepatitis Free Baluchistan has been approved. The department looks at Exploring new partnerships and opportunities for the betterment of its population especially in high prevalent Hepatitis areas of Baluchistan

About The Health Foundation (THF-Pakistan)

THF is a non-profit public service organization. It is a group of likeminded individuals who are concerned about the general health of the marginalized and poor community. This group consists of successful entrepreneurs, experienced physicians, academia and media personnel. Each member brings social consciousness and a wealth of experience in their respective fields. By working together on a common platform they all contribute towards achieving the organization vision of "striving for a healthier Pakistan". Initial focus of THF is Hepatitis Prevention and Control in Pakistan specifically working on awareness, prevention and treatment of Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C.

About Institute for Development Studies and Practices (IDSP-Pakistan):

Institute for Development Studies and Practices [IDSP-Pakistan] a national human resource development institute based in Quetta since 1998. IDSP offers theory and practice based community development courses, for young people across the country who are looking for a meaningful direction in their life. Since its inception, 6000 learners have graduated from IDSP 's development courses across Pakistan. These graduates are engaged in constructive and community development projects and programs.

Since 2010, IDSP is organizes midwifery courses for training rural women in the field of midwifery. IDSP conducts two types of courses regarding midwifery trainings these includes three months practice based refresher courses for those women who already trained in the field of midwifery but lacks confident and practice. Secondly IDSP enrolls fresh women for the eighteen months theory and practice based courses which are being implemented in IDSP Karachi campus. More than 200 midwives have been trained till to date and as a outreach more than 7000 safe and successful delivery cases have been dealt and managed by these midwives.

About the present MOU situation:

This MOU has been conceptualized to build a relationship among, Health department, Government of Baluchistan, IDSP and THF for future mutual support for Control and Prevention of Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C in high prevalent areas of Pakistan starting from Baluchistan province.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

With mutual understanding by all entities, it has been agreed as follows that;

Health Department Government of Baluchistan

1. Initiate Birth Dose of Hep B in selected intervention area. Health department to ensure availability of all requisite vaccination supplies (Cold chain, vaccine, syringes, safety boxes, HBIG, etc)
2. Ensure free treatment of non affording Hep B and Hep C patients in intervention areas of midwives
3. Conduct joint Monitoring and Supervision
4. Facilitate the availability in local language and dissemination of requisite I.E.C materials
5. Support data collection and dissemination- possibility of incorporation into DHIS if not there already

Institute for Development Studies and Practice

1. Financially support to the 4 month IDSP's Midwifery Leadership training course to the Midwives of Naseerabad District.
2. Share Midwives data - geographical mapping of midwives covered areas within the selected communities
3. Facilitate meeting with concerned policy makers in Baluchistan- Health department, midwifery school, etc
4. To include the training regarding Hepatitis B (& C) in the curriculum of the midwives being trained via IDSP
5. IDSP to lead in creating, developing, implementing, and monitoring impact of the IDSP's CME with leadership courses for midwives. This will be specifically tailored to highlight hurdles and solutions regarding the various practices and taboo's related to Hepatitis B (& C) within the selected intervention area.
6. Will provided the requisite training facility

Health Foundation

1. Support requisite HR and setting up of Area office
2. Create awareness for Hepatitis B (& C if applicable) in the selected intervention area. THF will provide requisite, existing IEC materials for community sensitization.
3. Train midwives for vaccination of Hepatitis B within the community and ensure the need for **birth dose** of all the newborns is highlighted. Also ensure that the ones born to Hepatitis B Positive mothers are provided HBIG and Hepatitis B vaccine within 24 hours of birth
4. Will share standard formats, SOP's and protocols for collecting data regarding Hepatitis B (& C).
5. THF will conduct a Household Prevalence survey to act as a baseline for the actual prevalence of Hepatitis B (& C) in the intervention area.
6. Undertake joint monitoring visits with IDSP and DoH , Baluchistan and support with requisite mobility for M&S.

Note:

Suggested intervention area: selected areas of District Naseerabad

SIGNATORIES

On behalf of IDSP



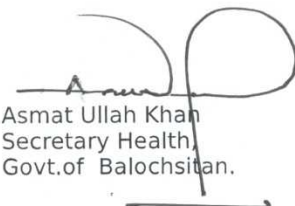
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