

# **MOU between Town Health Office (THO) Malir, Karachi and The Health Foundation (THF) for Hepatitis B/C control in 3 Union Councils of Malir.**

The Health Foundation is a nonprofit 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, media and advertising 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 task set by THF is awareness, prevention, collaboration and treatment of Hepatitis.

There is no confirmed data depicting the prevalence of Hepatitis B & C in Karachi; but crude estimates shows that some areas of Karachi have a higher prevalence than others. THF is successfully implementing HFCP in Korangi town of Karachi. Seeing the positive impact of this initiative, EDO Health Karachi has requested THF to expand its activities to other towns of Karachi.

Based on EDO Karachi's immunization enhancement plan, Malir town is being targeted as one of the high risk towns for all vaccine preventable diseases. For this purpose 3 union councils will be selected namely UC 5 (Jafar-e-Tayyar), UC 6 (Gharibabad) and UC 7 (Ghazi Brohi Goth)

Collaboration between THF and Malir Town is expected to facilitate towards a Hepatitis Free community through:

- Mass awareness raising and behavior change communication in the selected population,
- Hepatitis B vaccination for 85% children (schools, maddersas and community) and high risk groups (HCW's/LHV's/LHS's) of Malir Town, and
- Providing treatment to non affording Hepatitis B & C positive patients.
- Model safe sharp waste management health facility – 1 per UC

Oversight by THO Malir Office will definitely facilitate in establishing a strong network connecting the community to requisite health care services for the prevention and treatment of Hepatitis

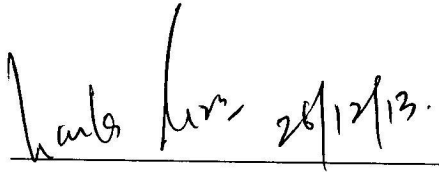
This Memorandum of Understanding is being signed to define responsibilities of THF and THO Malir Office

## **Town Health Office Malir, Karachi:**

- Will provide **Oversight** and support to the overall Hepatitis Free community project Malir
- Will Nominate 1 **focal person** from within its technical staff for day to day coordination with THF
- Will provide **Office space** for establishing THF field office in Malir Town.
- Provide Requisite **cold chain** for the vaccine storage
- Include Hepatitis B & C as an agenda point in their health **advocacy** events
- Formulate a **Town Hepatitis Control Community** ( TOR attached )
- Facilitate holding **quarterly review** meetings to track progress

## The Health Foundation:

- Will provide **Technical Assistance** for **Capacity building** /orientation of all activities related to Hepatitis B/C control protocols
- Will provide all requisite **logistics and supplies** for all key activities including catch up vaccination (through THF field staff) as well as awareness sessions of target population in selected areas like schools and maddersas and in the community via the LHW program.
- Will provide **requisite HR** – 1 Area Coordinator and 1 team (consisting of 2 trained vaccinators) per UC (6 vaccinators)
- Will support in organizing and holding facility/community based **social mobilization/ BCC** sessions and events in selected areas related to Hepatitis C
- Will support **treatment** of non affording Hepatitis B/C patients who are being referred by Gastroenterologist (Liver Specialist)
- Will provide **trainings** for Safe injection practices/Sharp waste management to local clinics (public and private both) and also providing them with custom made needle cutter and plastic barrels to dispose of the cut needles for proper disposal later on via CDGK.
- Will provide with **requisite funds** for utilities bills, etc for running of the Malir field office.

  
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