



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST)

And

Akhter Hameed Khan Resource Center (AHKRC)

This memorandum of understanding (hereinafter referred as MoU) is made between **National University of Sciences and Technology** (hereinafter referred as 'NUST') and **Akhter Hameed Khan Resource Center** (hereinafter referred as 'AHKRC') by the duly authorized representatives of both organizations.

Background of the MoU Partners:

Partner 1: Akhter Hameed Khan Resource Center (hereinafter referred to as "AHKRC") is a non-profit organization, engaged in urban slums on participatory development, women entrepreneurship and empowerment, collective organization and sustainable solutions. AHKRC is based on the development principles of Dr. Akhter Hameed Khan (1914-1999) and the fundamental premise that development and economic change will come from the grassroots. AHKRC is a registered non-governmental, Islamabad based entity under the 1860 Societies Act Government of Pakistan since January 2010.

Partner 2: The National University of Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as "NUST") an institution/organization established in year 1991 having its registered office at sector H-12, Islamabad – Pakistan.

Objectives and Purpose:

- To jointly develop a proposal for the US Embassy on Entrepreneurship and Income Generation and/or to work together on other call for proposals.
- To create linkages and facilitation for women's income generation and entrepreneurship opportunities in urban slums including reaching out to low literacy and poor women.
- To collaborate on joint ventures that empower communities and promote opportunities for local models of enterprise development, including collective forums that support mentorships, trainings, exhibitions and promotion of entrepreneurs, enable young people and women entrepreneurs to access information and opportunities in Pakistan and elsewhere, particularly those living in low income urban slums.
- To strengthen efforts to increase women's and girls' participation in the paid labor force.
- To connect government, markets, private sector and academia partners for women's income generation and entrepreneurship opportunities.
- To enhance placement opportunities for NUST students and graduates.
- To provide training services to AHKRC through NUST Professional Development Centre, for capacity building and skill development of the selected group of people by AHKRC.
- To provide mentorship via faculty and experts of NUST to the AHKRC.
- To mutually work via NUST Technology Incubation Centre (TIC) and AHKRC on various projects under the umbrella of entrepreneurship.



Scope of Work:

- AHKRC and NUST will collaborate on development of proposals that support their mandates.
- NUST will facilitate/assist according to its mandate and goals in student rotations, research, trainings, mentorship and capacity development of low literacy women and girls from urban slums.
- AHKRC will help identify potential women entrepreneurs and do social mobilization to empower women to establish independent and self-sufficient small businesses or employability.
- AHKRC will provide placement and internship opportunities for the NUST students and graduates. This would include providing full support in conducting on and off-campus recruitment drives and providing internship slots for the NUSTians to support NUST Internship Program.
- NUST Secretariat to facilitate AHKRC in all recruitment related activities for NUST students and graduates, this would include providing venue, IT infrastructure (multimedia, mics, sound system, etc.) and relevant students for the on-campus recruitment drives, as well as providing support in finding a suitable candidate by providing graduate profiles of the students.
- NUST will publicize AHKRC as a formal partner on the NUST website, social media and other university materials: Feature the AHKRC logo on the website and other relevant online and printed material to increase visibility of the program as well as its brand recognition.
- AHKRC will acknowledge and publicize NUST as an official partner on the AHKRC website: AHKRC will feature the NUST logo on its relevant online and printed material.
- That NUST shall nominate Focal Persons at the university to coordinate and facilitate AHKRC's activities with NUST faculty and students.
- NUST will provide opportunities for AHKRC to engage with its student body via the Community Support Program for the mutual benefit of the students and AHKRC.
- There are no financial, legal or contractual obligations until and unless explicitly stated by a written approval on the part of one or both partners of this MoU. In which case a separate contractual agreement will be made between the partners.

Terms and Conditions Agreed By Both Signing Partners:

- Both parties shall execute this MoU through their duly Authorized Representatives in their respective official capacities, to discharge MoU obligations
- This MoU shall come into effect from the date of signing the MoU and will remain in force for one year from the effective date.
- This MoU may be renewed after one year subject to mutual agreement in writing by both parties.
- Both parties will work together from time to time to further the objectives of this MOU.
- The agreement does not represent a partnership or a Joint Venture between the two parties unless written explicitly by the authorized representatives.
- In the event of a joint project to be undertaken collaboratively, the parties will document the terms and conditions in a separate document.

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- The current proposal and technical content will be AHKRC's intellectual property and cannot be used or submitted elsewhere without written permission from AHKRC.
- That neither of the parties shall terminate the Agreement prior to the expiration date, except by issuing three (3) months' prior written notice or unless AHKRC find it no longer possible to continue with their intentions as expressed in this MoU.
- That the terms of the Agreement shall be changed/alterd/varied only with the mutual consent of both the parties and same shall be recorded in writing.
- All disputes arising between the parties in connection with this MOU and carrying out of the obligations covenanted hereunder, shall be initially settled amicably between the parties and in case no settlement of dispute(s) is resolved then it shall be referred and settled through Pro-Rector (RIC) arbitration, a sole arbitrator under the provision of the Arbitration Act, 1940 and the venue of arbitration will be RIC –NUST Islamabad, Pakistan and the decision will be final.
- This MoU is governed by and constructed in accordance with the law of Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The rules and law of Government of Pakistan shall be applicable for all matters including dispute settlement and arbitration.

Signature and Date

The parties of this MoU through their Authorized Representative agree to the above terms and conditions by signing below.

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