



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Grand Asian University, Sialkot

And

**National Commission for Human Development
(NCHD), Islamabad, Pakistan**



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THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is made and entered into on the 29th day of September 2026.

BETWEEN

Grand Asian University Sialkot (GAUS) is a university chartered by the Government of Punjab and located in a strategic position within the Golden Triangle. The golden triangle (Gujranwala, Sialkot, and Gujrat) consists of three industrial cities in Pakistan that contribute 15% of exports and are a hub of innovation and creativity. The university aims to impart quality education, uplift the lives of people in the surroundings, and contribute to the growth of the local industry. GAUS has a permanent address at GAUS 07 KM, Pasrur Road, Sialkot, Punjab (hereinafter referred to as "GAUS") of the one part;

AND

National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) is a not-for-profit organization with the mission to transform lives by improving access to basic education and healthcare in the country's poorest communities. NCHD is the leading agency fighting illiteracy in 128 districts of Pakistan and helping people to find routes out of ignorance. With a nationwide network of 101 Human Development Support Units across Pakistan and hands-on experience, NCHD aims to expand the scale and scope of government efforts to ensure the effective provision of social services. It perceives human development as a process of enlarging choices, building capacities and encouraging participation of communities at the grassroots.

GAUS and NCHD shall be collectively referred to as "**the Parties**" and individually as "**the Party**".

The Parties agree to collaborate, cooperate, and coordinate in the planning, development, execution, and consultancy of projects towards the educational, social, and economic development of Pakistani society at large, with a particular focus on contributing to the country's human development indicators.

Areas of Collaboration:

Therefore, in consideration of the above-stated objectives and mutual interest, both institutions agree to collaborate in the following:

1. Prime Minister's National Literacy Drive - Each One Teach One (EOTO) Initiative:

The EOTO Initiative is one of the major initiatives of the Education Emergency-2024 in the country. Both parties will support the program by performing the following roles and responsibilities, respectively:



a) **Role of Grand Asian University, Sialkot in the EOTO Initiative**

The Grand Asian University, Sialkot will have the following major roles in implementing the EOTO Initiative.

- Nominate a Focal Person to coordinate the activities of the EOTO Initiative in the institution.
- Facilitate all activities of EOTO to be implemented through the University.
- Provide teaching staff as Master Trainers and facilitate their training on EOTO.
- Provide the class-wise list of students to be engaged as Literacy Teachers.
- Facilitate and guide the students to perform their responsibilities under EOTO.
- Provide safe storage for literacy kits/books provided by NCHD.
- Maintain records of all EOTO activities and verify related forms and learners.
- Facilitate final assessment of the learners and submit list of successful students and learners to NCHD.
- Verify all forms and assessments submitted by the students.

b) **Role of NCHD in the EOTO Initiative**

- Provide technical support to the Grand Asian University, Sialkot for implementing the EOTO program.
- Provide training to Focal Persons/ Master Trainers nominated by the University.
- Facilitate the Focal Persons in the training of students.
- Provide the Literacy kits for training of Focal Persons and Students.

2. Internships for Graduates:

NCHD may share potential opportunities for skill development, internships, or employment for current students of Grand Asian University, Sialkot. The University will circulate these opportunities to potential candidates.

3. Project(s) Collaboration:

Grand Asian University, Sialkot and NCHD may conceive, develop, plan, execute, and consult on projects by sharing their resources and expertise for coordination, collaboration, and cooperation.

4. Exchange of Publications:

Annual reports containing programs and projects, magazines, newsletters, books and other literature of mutual interest may be exchanged. The exchange will not affect in any way ownership or rights in material contributed. Each party will maintain whatever rights they may have in materials exchanged and represent that they have the right to exchange such materials.

5. Seminars/ Workshops and conferences:

Grand Asian University, Sialkot in collaboration with NCHD may hold seminars/ workshops/ trainings/ panel discussions and conferences in the areas of mutual interest. Both the University and NCHD will be responsible for making available diverse scholars and community leaders, as per the seminars, workshops, and conferences, including suitable logistical arrangements for the success of the events.



6. Combined Research:

Grand Asian University, Sialkot and NCHD may undertake or facilitate research in the areas of mutual interest in each other's or neutral premises. These research projects will fall under the set objectives of this MoU. Internal or external resources may fund research projects.

7. Volunteerism and Community Work

NCHD and the Grand Asian University, Sialkot will collaborate on activities to promote volunteerism and community work by involving students and staff from both institutions.

Amendment:

This MOU may be amended with the mutual written agreement of both institutions.

Termination:

Either party may terminate the agreement for its convenience upon written or electronic (email) notification to the other party. Such termination would be effective thirty days from the date of issue. The status of the ongoing projects would be determined by mutual consent of both parties.

Duration:

This MOU/partnership shall come into force from the date of signing and shall continue for a period of three (3) years unless terminated by either party as above.

In witness whereof, both the institutions have executed this partnership program/MOU.

For and On Behalf of

**NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**



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Grand Asian University, Sialkot


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