



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

UNIVERSITY OF AZAD JAMMU & KASHMIR

AND

ISLAMIC RELIEF, PAKISTAN

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This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is made on January 3rd, 2019.

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University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir (UJK), a leading and renowned public sector university of Azad Jammu & Kashmir (Pakistan Administrated Jammu & Kashmir), having different academic/research departments and faculties of Sciences and Arts a well-established departments having research expertise and close relations with development sector (hereinafter referred to as "UNIVERSITY OF AZAD JAMMU & KASHMIR"), of the other part;

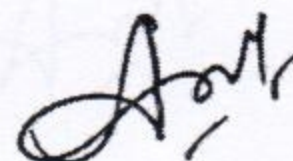
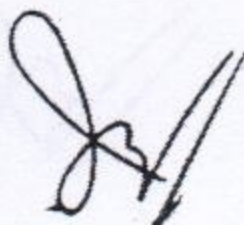
(Islamic Relief Pakistan and University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, shall hereinafter referred to collectively as "Parties" and individually as a "Party")

Islamic Relief, founded in 1984 in the United Kingdom and working in Pakistan since 1992 and working in AJK since 1998 and has successfully implemented many relief, Climate Change Adaptation and development projects. Islamic Relief has signed a three year MOU with Ministry of Interior under reference number No.4/107/2016-PE-III, which is effective till 2020.

Islamic Relief Pakistan working in Pakistan and AJK with a vision "Inspired by our Islamic faith and guided by our values we envisage a caring world where communities are empowered, social obligations are fulfilled and people respond as one to the suffering of others".

WHEREAS:-

- A. University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir is one of AJK's premier public university with research and teaching facilities, experience, and a multi-disciplinary team of experts from among its staff members to undertake the creation, development, dissemination and application of knowledge that can contribute towards achieving the Pakistan/AJK Government's goal of nation building.
- B. Following discussions between Islamic Relief Pakistan and Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir 'the Parties' wish to establish collaboration and explore opportunities to develop, support and enrich the research as well as have collaboration in all fields of interest that will be beneficial to both Parties.
- C. Islamic Relief, Pakistan and UJK recognizes that this joint collaboration and effort on exploring opportunities and establishing a cooperative relationship would benefit both Parties.



- D. This MOU sets out below the definite framework and intentions of both Parties for collaboration.
- E. In achieving the objectives of this MOU, Islamic Relief Pakistan and UAJK are of the view that there are synergistic benefits to be derived for the parties in collaborating by way of sharing and further developing the knowledge and expertise of both parties.
- F. Islamic Relief Pakistan and UAJK are desirous of formalizing this collaboration by entering in to this MOU subject to terms and conditions as stipulated herein.

NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED as follows:

1. Purpose of this MOU

1.1 Islamic Relief Pakistan and the University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir (UAJK) will endeavor to assist and support each other in the Higher Educational research and developments that mutually benefits both Parties, among others:-

- (i) To explore potential mutually beneficial, applied and community based research projects.
- (ii) To develop appropriate communication linkages to facilitate information transfer.
- (iii) To organize conference(s) and seminar(s) that facilitate either Party for sharing and dissemination of their research work and achievements.
- (iv) To explore the feasibility of activities such as research, trainings, lectures, research reviews, seminars, conferences and discussions that mutually benefit the Parties.

1.2 The following activities may be undertaken by the Parties:-

(i) Students Orientation

UAJK, through the Department of faculties of Sciences and Arts will organize an orientation session of Islamic Relief Pakistan with Masters and MPhil/PhD level students' from time to time on the subject of climate change and its impact. Islamic Relief Pakistan will introduce areas of research and trainings.



(ii) **Training of Islamic Relief Pakistan Staff in Technical Research**

Exchange trainings for Islamic Relief Pakistan staff in research designing and data analysis if university organizes any such opportunities and vice versa.

(iii) **Technical Support**

Islamic Relief Pakistan would seek help of Graduate Studies Committee of the faculties of sciences and arts for ethical and technical review of its researches if required.

(iv) **Joint venture: Research Projects**

Islamic Relief Pakistan will share any relevant research related opportunities with the University of AJK in which students and faculties of Sciences and Arts can facilitate in conducting research studies.

(v) **Knowledge Sharing**

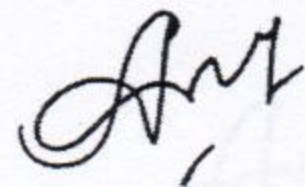
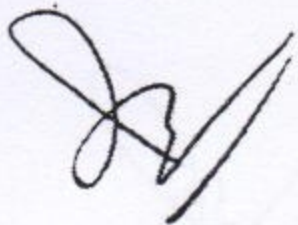
Islamic Relief Pakistan and University of AJK will hold joint conferences, seminars, symposia and workshops at National and if required at provincial/regional level for disseminating and sharing new knowledge and findings of research studies conducted jointly.

(vi) **Internship for Students**

Where possible, Islamic Relief Pakistan will accommodate interns on the recommendations of the University of AJK and ensure that the task assigned to them would provide them an opportunity to apply their academic knowledge.

(vii) **Environmental Forum of Students**

ORIC University of AJK will establish a student's forum to assist Islamic Reliefs intervention focusing Climate change. Islamic Relief will financially and/or technically support the activities of environment / climate change Forum of Students and other mutually agreed plan of actions.



2. Confidentiality

- 2.1 Neither Party shall at any time disclose to any other third party, any Confidential Information of the Parties, acquired pursuant to this MOU without the written consent of the other Party.
- 2.2 No Party shall publish or otherwise make public the contents of this MOU and any Confidential Information made available to each other without the prior written consent of the other Party.

3. Obligations of the Parties under the MOU

3.1 Obligations of Islamic Relief Pakistan

- (i) Providing funds, subject to the availability of fund and rules as well as regulations applicable at Islamic Relief Pakistan from time to time, for joint research projects, knowledge sharing, trainings for staff/students and
- (ii) Help in student's orientation and provide internship opportunities if possible.

3.2 University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir through ORIC.

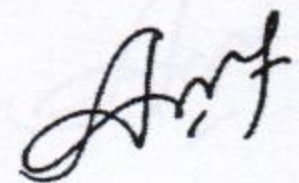
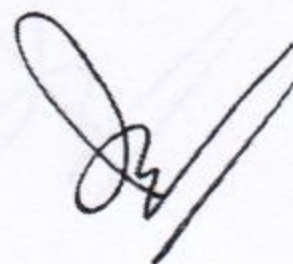
- (i) Providing research assistance
- (ii) Disseminations of research through workshop/seminars
- (iii) Providing trainings for Islamic Relief Pakistan staff; and
- (iv) Help in knowledge sharing.

4. Validity and Renewal of the MOU

- 4.1 This MOU is valid and shall remain in effect for three (3) years from the date of signing of this MOU.
- 4.2 This MOU may be renewed upon the mutual agreement of both Parties.

5. Right to Publish

The data and information accruing from this MOU, which are of academic importance for the enrichment of knowledge, may be published both by University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir and Islamic Relief Pakistan in accordance with their respective policies, while acknowledging the other party.



6. Relationship of The Parties

Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as establishing or creating a partnership or a relationship of master and servant between any of the Parties hereto or as constituting any party as an agent or representative of the other Party for any purpose or in any manner whatsoever.

7. Termination

7.1 Either Party may terminate this MOU by giving one (1) month's written notice to other Party.

8. Variation

The terms stipulated in this MOU shall not be amended, altered, changed or otherwise modified without the mutual consent of the Parties and such amendments, alterations, changes and modifications shall be made in writing and signed by the Parties hereto.

9. Governing law

This MOU shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of Pakistan and AJK, the Parties hereby submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Pakistan and AJK.

10. Dispute Resolution

The Parties agree that all disputes arising pursuant to this MOU shall be resolved by way of negotiations and discussions and with a view to an amicable settlement and mutual benefit of both Parties.

11. Execution of the MOU

The signature of the signatory transmitted by facsimile or other electronic means shall be deemed to be its original signature for the purposes of this MOU. The exchange of copies for this MOU and of the signature page thereto by facsimile or other electronic means of transmission shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this MOU and may be used in lieu of the original MOU for all purposes.

12. Assignment

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, both Parties shall not transfer or assign all or any of their rights, obligations, interests or benefits hereunder to any third party.

