



PROGRAMME OF COOPERATION

BETWEEN

PAKISTAN COUNCIL OF RESEARCH IN WATER RESOURCES (PCRWR)

AND

RURAL SUPPORT PROGRAMMES NETWORK (RSPN)

This Programme of Cooperation ("POC") is made at Islamabad on the 2nd January 2020 between Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR)

And

The Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN) as a company registered by Government of Pakistan under section 42 of the Companies Act 2017, formerly Companies Ordinance 1984 (XLVII of 1984) with the registration No. 1-02663 on 28th July, 2000.

Whereas Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR) is a national research organization, by undertaking and promoting research in various disciplines of water sector, more specifically, irrigation, drainage, surface and groundwater management, groundwater recharge, watershed management, desertification control, rainwater harvesting, water quality assessment and monitoring, water conservation and development of water quality improvement technologies, with its head quarter in Islamabad and its eight Regional Offices/Research Centers are located at Tandojam, Quetta, Bahawalpur, Lahore, Peshawar, Karachi, Gilgit and Muzaffarabad.

Whereas Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN) is the largest civil society network of Pakistan, representing ten Rural Support Programmes (RSPs)¹ that are working with a mission to reduce poverty and improve livelihoods of the poor in Pakistan. Currently RSPN and its partner RSPs have presence in 149 districts of Pakistan and as of today have mobilized poor 8,047,090 households (with an estimated rural population of about 52.3 million) into 472,343 COs, of which 52% percent are women's COs. A total of 2,015, LSOs at the Union Council level have been fostered. In partnership with these community institutions, the RSPN and its partner RSPs are implementing number of poverty

¹ The RSPs included in the network are Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (AKRSP), National Rural Support Programme (NRSP), Punjab Rural Support Programme (PRSP), Sarhad Rural Support Programme (SRSP), Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO), Thardeep Rural Development Programme (TRDP), Balochistan Rural Support Programme (BRSP), Ghazi Barotha Taraqati Idara (GBTI), Sindh Graduate Association (SGA) and Institute of Rural Management (IRM)

reduction related projects that also have interventions related to water testing and implementation of water supply schemes.

Purpose: This POC is to share knowledge, technical backstopping, water quality monitoring and implementation of water supply schemes related interventions by RSPN and its partner RSPs throughout Pakistan.

Duration: This POC is initially for a period of five years with effect from 2nd January 2020 to 31st December 2024 with the possibility of extension under mutual consent by both parties.

Role of PCRWR:

- Provide technical assistance to RSPN and partner RSPs for capacity building of staff on water quality testing at national, provincial and district level.
- Provide technical assistance to RSPN and partner RSPs for supportive supervision and monitoring of water quality testing interventions at community level
- Facilitate RSPN and its partners in validation of water quality tests on subsidized rates
- Provide technical advice for water chlorination activities and designation of water solutions for areas where underground water is not chemically fit for drinking
- Provide water quality testing facilities to RSPN for their initiatives on subsidized rate
- PCRWR will assign its local/regional experts to provide technical assistance to RSPN/RSPs for water related issues

Role of RSPN:

- RSPN will inform in writing to PCRWR's focal person to interact with PCRWR
- RSPN will facilitate the technical experts from PCRWR for their field visits to RSPN/RSPs project districts for technical assistance
- RSPN and its partner RSPs will bear the cost of travel and hotel accommodation of PCRWR's experts for their field visits to target districts. Travel and hotel accommodation will be made as per RSPN and RSPs HR rules and regulations.
- RSPN and RSPs will pay fee (subsidized rates agreed by PCRWR) for water quality tests to be conducted/validated by PCRWR at its laboratory. For such tests, RSPN and RSPs will be responsible to collect water sample as per protocols provided by PCRWR and will also be responsible to transport water samples from field to PCRWR's nearest laboratory.



Coordination between parties:

Dr. Hifza Rasheed, Director, National Water Quality Laboratory, PCRWR, Islamabad will act as coordinator on behalf of PCRWR for this POC while from RSPN, Mr. Bashir Anjum, Manager Special Projects wing on Behalf of RSPN.


Settlement of Disputes

- In case of any dispute or difference arising out of this MoU of whatsoever nature, the matter shall be referred to the Chairman PCRWR Islamabad and CEO RSPN Islamabad as Arbitrators and their joint decision will be final and binding on both the parties.
- Except as provided in this POC, none of the rights or obligations hereunder shall be assignable or transferable by any party.

In witness whereof the undersigned, being duly authorized representatives of the parties, have on behalf of the Parties signed this POC on/at the date and place first mentioned above.

Signature: 
02.01.2020

Shandana H. Khan
Chief Executive Officer
Rural Support Programmes Network
Water Islamabad

Signature: 
02-01-2020.

Muhammad Ashraf
Chairman
Pakistan Council of Research in
Resources, Islamabad

Witness signature: 
Khaleel Tetlay
Chief Operating Office, RSPN Islamabad

Witness signature: 
Malik Fateh Khan
Regional General Manager
National Rural Support Programme, Islamabad