

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
PAKISTAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (PARC)
AND
RURAL SUPPORT PROGRAMMES NETWORK

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made at Islamabad on 04-02-2019 between Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (hereinafter called PARC) a body corporate having perpetual succession established under PARC Ordinance No. XXXVIII of 1981, working under the administrative control of Ministry of National Food Security & Research (MNFS&R), Government of Pakistan and having its principal office in Islamabad (which expression shall mean and include its successors, assigns if the content so requires).

And

The Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN) as a company registered by Government of Pakistan under section 42 of the Companies Ordinance 1984 (XLVII of 1984) with the registration No. 1-02663 on 28th July, 2000 referred to individually as a RSPN (which expression shall mean and include its successors, assigns if the content so requires). and collectively as the "Parties and /or the "Two Institutions".

WHEREAS in the interest of maintaining collaboration of mutual benefit for the purpose of jointly undertaking capacity building support and improve livelihoods of the poor community in Pakistan by sharing experience of members/ staff of two organizations.

Objective of MOU

The objective of the memorandum is to seek benefits from existing technical resources of NARC for implementation of climate smart agriculture (Vegetable and crop production), Livestock, Poultry and Fisheries related interventions in rural areas of Pakistan.

Coordination between institutions

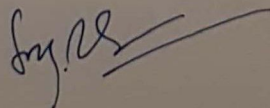
Director, Agriculture Poly-technique Institute (API) of National Agricultural Research Centre (NARC) Islamabad will act as a coordinator of the training program on the behalf of PARC and Bashir Anjum, Manager Special Project Wing on behalf of RSPN.

Time Frame

This MOU will remain operative for a period of five years, which may be extended further with mutual consent of both parties. This MOU may be reviewed annually, it may be amended or modified at any time with mutual written agreement of both parties.

Responsibilities of National Agricultural Research Centre (NARC)

- i. Provide technical assistance to RSPN for preparation of content/ material to be used for dissemination of information among communities through different activities like awareness sessions, training and extension services etc.
- ii. Share best international practices with RSPN for climate smart agriculture and provide technical assistance for replication of these practices in ongoing projects/programmes of RSPN/RSPs.
- iii. Facilitate RSPN for organizing of different training events related to Agriculture, Livestock, Poultry and Fisheries by providing technical resources and training facilities.





- iv. Foster linkages of RSPN with National and International training and research institutions to seek their support for implementation of agriculture related projects/programmes in different parts of Pakistan.
- v. Advise RSPN about approved varieties of vegetables and crops seeds and breed of livestock and poultry that are suitable to local agro-climatic conditions and provide improved seeds varieties/seedlings for field level demonstration; as much it can, on subsidized rates.
- vi. Participate in consultation meetings organized by RSPN to provide technical inputs and
- vii. NARC may provide technical endorsement on different agriculture proposals & modules

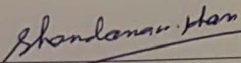
Responsibilities of RSPN

- i. RSPN will share quarterly calendar of events/activities for which technical support is required from NARC
- ii. RSPN/RSPs will bear cost of participants for different training events organized by NARC for RSPN/RSPs. For these training events NARC will provide training facilities on subsidized rates.
- iii. RSPN will facilitate NARC in seeking community level support for research to be conducted on different aspects of livestock, poultry and fisheries in targeted districts.
- iv. RSPN will share community level issues on Agriculture, Livestock and Poultry with NARC so that NARC can design its research keeping in view these issues
- v. Provide space in RSPN's Karachi office and target districts of Sindh for interns of NARC to be engaged in different research related activities.

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

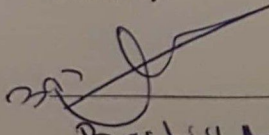
- i) In case of any dispute or difference arising out of this MoU of whatsoever nature, the matter shall be referred to the Chairman PARC Islamabad as a Sole Arbitrator, whose decision will be final and binding on both parties and shall not be called in question in any court of law.
- ii) Except as provided in this MoU, none of the rights or obligations hereunder shall be assignable or transferable by any party.

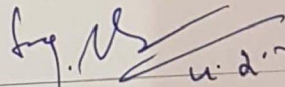
In witness whereof the undersigned, being duly authorized representatives of the parties, have on behalf of the Parties signed this MOU on/at the date and place first mentioned above.



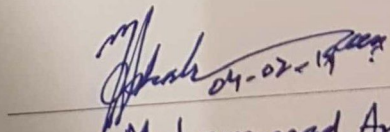
(Shandana H. Khan)
Chief Executive Officer
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Islamabad.

Witness by:


Bashir Anjum
Manager SPN, RSPN


u.d. 2019

(Muhammad Tariq)
Secretary (Council)
Pakistan Agricultural Research Council
Islamabad.


Muhammad Anwar
Director API, NARC