MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

LEGAL RIGHTS FORUM

and

SINDH CHILD PROTECTION AUTHORITY, GOVERNMENT OF SINDH

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into as of 05th September, 2019 between Legal Rights Forum (hereinafter to be referred as LRF) and Sindh Child Protection Authority Central Office Karachi (hereinafter to be referred as SCPA). The purpose of the MOU is to from an institutional collaboration between LRF and SCPA/CPUs/Darulamans of Government of Sindh to cooperate, collaborate, assist and support on Promotion, prevention and Protection of Children Rights, Capacity Building and technical support to SCPA in Sindh.

WHEREAS, LRF is a registered not-for-profit organization that envisions a democratic, just, peaceful and inclusive society wherein all citizens especially women, children, and marginalized communities (minorities and transgender) can live with equal protection of law, self-respect and dignity. LRF is registered under the Society Registration Act XXI of 1860 in Karachi, Sindh Pakistan under Registration of Societies KAR NO. 0076/2011-2012.

WHEREAS, LRF having its office located at 31-C, Mezzanine Floor, Old Sunset Boulevard Phase-I, DHA, Karachi through its Chief Executive Officer Mr. Muhammad Tahir Iqbal Malik Advocate (Hereinafter referred to as CEO).

The Sindh Child Protection Authority (SCPA) has been established by the Sindh Assembly through the Sindh Child Protection Authority Act, 2011 (Sindh Act No: XIV of 2011). The mandate of the Authority is to coordinate with all relevant stakeholders to create a robust system for the prevention of child abuse, neglect, exploitation and ensure protection of children who are victim of such attitude, behavior and action. The Sindh Child Protection Authority would acts as “hub” of all child related resources and activities and will formulate key performance indicators for all the Government Departments/ Agencies in order to ensure the implementation of the mandate.
WHEREAS, SCPA having its office in Social Welfare Training Institute ST-04, Gulshan-e-Iqbal Block, 07, near Iqra University at Karachi, through its Director General Mr. Muhammad Azim-ur-Rahim Meo (Hereinafter referred to as DG of SCPA Karachi).

NOW THEREFORE, LRF and SCPA, after having conducted five meetings, have mutually agreed to establish an institutional collaboration and cooperation on following terms and conditions:

- LRF will build the capacity for Child Protection Officers across Sindh on Child Related International and Social Welfare Officers on Child Related Laws and SOPs.
- LRF will establish Child Protection Unit and Child Protection Desks in Jacobabad;
- LRF will conduct mass awareness through FM Radio Programs; Theaters Performance on Child Rights; Promotion of Sindh Child Helpline; developing messages on positive disciplining; and development, designing and printing of leaflet, banners, standees for raising public awareness messages on child rights;
- LRF will provide Legal Assistance and Legal Aid to juvenile across Sindh and where needed;
- LRF will provide support in drafting referral directory;
- SCPA Designate Child Protection Officer in Jacobabad;
- SCPA will cooperate and support in establishment of CPU in Jacobabad;
- SCPA will provide space for establishment of CPU in its Jacobabad Office;
- SCPA will share/involve LRF in all future endeavors where LRF can play a role for the protection of child rights; and
- LRF will assist and support to SCPA for neglected, abuse, abducted children need across Sindh.

Duration:

This MOU will come into effect on September 05, 2019. This partnership will be renewed afterward upon the mutual consent in writing of the parties after one year, on the same terms and conditions or modified as mutually agreed by the Parties.

Termination:

This MOU may be terminated by either party before completion of the Partnership by giving (30) days written notice to the other party.

[Signature]
Arbitration:

If any dispute occurs between the parties relating to the application, interpretation, implementation or validity of this MOU, the Parties agree to seek to resolve the dispute or controversy through mediation through mutually agreed arbitrator/s.

This MOU is signed in the presence of.

On behalf of SCPA

Mr. Azeem ur Rahim Khan Meo
Director General, SCPA

Date:

Witnesses

1.
Name: SAIMA MALIK
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Designation/Dept: Asst Drec
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Date:

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Name: Tahiy Hassan
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