MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE LEGAL RIGHTS FORUM (LRF)
AND
THE SHED Foundation (SHED)

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is entered into between the Legal Rights Forum (hereinafter referred to as "LRF"), and SHED Foundation (hereinafter to referred as SHED). LRF and SHED Foundation are hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”.

WHEREAS, LRF is a not for profit, non governmental human rights based advocacy, awareness, research and capacity building organization working since 2007 and registered under Societies Registration Act 1860. LRF is committed to create extensive awareness and commitment for a sustainable development and democratic, just, educated, peaceful and inclusive society wherein all citizen especially children, women, person with disabilities, minorities live with self respect and dignity. It consists of development professionals, educationists, human rights defenders, communities’ paralegal expert and social activist who extend advocacy, research, legal assistance and capacity building services to the all stakeholders.

WHEREAS, SHED Foundation is a not-for-profit and non-governmental organization consisting of a group of like minded individuals formally joined hands to form the SHED Foundation for the eradication of illiteracy and poor health facility in the most marginalized and poor communities. Since its inception it is working for the promotion of basic health and primary education. It was founded in 2008 with the aim of providing basic health facilities and educating children of the poorest of poor living in the ruler areas of Sindh. SHED also promotes the health and education of girls, as health and education empowers women to break the cycle of poverty and gives them a voice in their future. SHED Foundation has been established with the vision of reaching out to the children of under privileged areas and enabling them to join the mainstream of the society. SHED Foundation was registered in 2011 under the society registration Act 1860 (Kar/144) as a welfare organization.

WHEREAS, SHED Foundation recognizes that LRF, in these mandated areas, possesses comparative advantage and expertise;
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WHEREAS the Parties acknowledge that their respective activities include areas of common interest where closer collaboration in the form of a partnership between the two organizations would be of mutual benefit and increase thereby the effectiveness of each Party in fulfilling its mandate, role and function;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree to cooperate as follows:

Article I
Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this MOU is to provide a framework of cooperation and facilitate collaboration between the Parties, on a non-exclusive basis, in areas of common interest.

Article II
Areas of Cooperation

2.1 The following are the areas of cooperation to be covered under this MoU between the parties:

   a) Providing consultancy for policy and planning and developing policy brief on quality, equality education, technical support and teacher trainings to ensure quality education for all without any discrimination;
   
   b) Capacity Building and knowledge enhancement for all staff including students on Constitutional fundamental Rights especially on quality education, social protection, and the International commitment signed by Government of Pakistan such as UNCRC, Sustainable Development Goals and Education for all;
   
   c) Improved mechanism for local communities to access quality education for all and to reduce dropout rate of education;
   
   d) Promotion girl education with the support of SHED Foundation
   
   e) Refurbishment of ECD centers and girls friendly school spaces as a model in selected schools;

Article III
Consultation and Exchange of Information on Education

3.1 The Parties shall, on a regular basis, keep each other informed of and consult on matters of common interest, which in their opinion are likely to lead to mutual collaboration.

3.2 Consultation and exchange of information and documents under this Article shall be without prejudice to arrangements, which may be required to safeguard the confidential and restricted character of certain information and documents. Such
arrangements will survive the termination of this MOU and of any agreements signed by
the Parties within the scope of this collaboration.

3.3 The Parties shall, at such intervals as deemed appropriate, convene meetings to
review the progress of activities being carried out under the present MOU and to plan
future activities.

3.4 The Parties may invite each other to send observers to meetings or conferences
convened by them or under their auspices in which, in the opinion of either Party, the
other may have an interest. Invitations shall be subject to the procedures applicable to
such meetings or conferences.

Article IV
Implementation of the MOU

4.1 In order to implement the specific activities envisioned hereunder, the Parties
shall conclude contribution agreements in accordance with the applicable LRF
regulations, rules and procedures, which shall specify the costs or expenses relating to the
activity and how they are to be borne by the Parties. The contribution agreements shall
also include a provision incorporating by reference the MOU, which is applicable to the
contribution agreements and the projects financed there from.

4.2 It is understood that all activities will be carried out on the basis of project
agreements agreed between LRF and the concerned SHED Schools, and in accordance
with the applicable LRF regulations, rules and procedures.

4.3 The costs of public relations activities relating to the partnership, that are not
otherwise addressed by a specific contribution agreement concluded hereunder, will be
the responsibility of SHED Foundation.

4.4 Each Party shall be responsible for its acts and omissions in connection with this
MOU and its implementation.

Article V
Term, Termination, Amendment

5.1 The proposed cooperation under this MOU is non-exclusive and shall have an
initial term of five years from the effective date, as defined in Article VIII [or
commencing on December 1, 2013 and ending on November 30, 2018, unless terminated
earlier by either party upon two months’ notice in writing to the other party. The Parties
may agree to extend this MOU in writing for subsequent periods of five years.
5.2 In the event of termination of the MOU, any contribution or project agreements concluded pursuant to this MOU may also be terminated in accordance with the termination provision contained in such agreements. In such case, the Parties shall take the necessary steps to ensure that the activities carried out under the MOU, the contribution agreements and project agreements are brought to a prompt and orderly conclusion.

5.3 This MOU may be amended only by mutual written agreement of the Parties.

Article VI
Notices and Addresses

6.1 Any notice or request required or permitted to be given or made under this MOU shall be in writing. Such notice or request shall be deemed to have been duly given or made when it shall have been delivered by hand, certified mail, overnight courier, telex, or cable to the party to which it is required to be given or made at the address specified below or such other address as shall be hereafter notified.

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12-C, Nishat Commercial Lane-1, DHA Phase VI, Karachi
Tell No. 021-36407011-12
info@shedfoundation.org.pk

Article VII
Miscellaneous

7.1 This MOU and any related contribution agreements or project agreement comprise the complete understanding of the Parties in respect of the subject matter in this MOU and supersede all prior agreements relating to the same subject matter. Failure by either Party to enforce a provision of this MOU shall not constitute a waiver of that or any other provision of this MOU. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this MOU shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of the MOU.

Article VIII
Entry into Force
8.1 This MOU may be signed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and both of which duly executed shall constitute one entire document, and shall enter into force and effect on the date ("Effective Date") in which it is duly signed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties affix their signatures below.

**FOR LRF:**

Signed by: [Signature]

Malik Thair Iqbal
Executive Director

Dated: 1-12-2013

**FOR SHED Foundation:**

Signed by: [Signature]

Muhammad Munaf Allan
President

Dated: