



Memorandum of Understanding

Signed between

ALLAMA IQBAL OPEN UNIVERSITY

AND

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NETWORK FOR HUMAN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is signed on 2nd December 2020 between Allama Iqbal Open University, established in May, 1974, with the main objectives of providing educational opportunities to masses and to those who cannot leave their homes and jobs. During all these past years, the University has more than fulfilled this promise.

Hereinafter referred to as "AIOU" which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof be deemed to mean and include its successors and assigns of the **FIRST PARTY**

NextGenU.org is the world's first invented in 2001 and still only portal to free, accredited online education and is a US Charitable Foundation 501 c 3 based in the State of Pennsylvania that offers free post secondary courses to audit or for credit through recognized accrediting institutions and organizations located at 22715 Grouse Street. NW Bethel, MN 55005 hereinafter referred to as "NextGenU.org" which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof be deemed to mean and include its successors and assigns of the **SECOND PARTY**

Network for Human and Social Development (NHSD), a not for profit NGO registered with Social Welfare Department ICT Islamabad under Societies Act 1961, working in the field of Disaster Management, Health, Education, Women Empowerment and Water and Sanitation. NHSD has worked with 45 National and International organizations and have successfully completed projects at a National level having its registered Head office at House 188, Street 7, Phase 2, Gulrez Housing Scheme, Rawalpindi, hereinafter referred to as "NHSD" which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof be deemed to mean and include its successors and assigns of the **THIRD PARTY**



Whereas the parties have deemed it appropriate to enter into this MOU to lay down the foundations of their partnership to offer certificate courses and degrees. We do so to advance a shared commitment to employing the greatest possible efficiency, quality, speed and beneficence. To improve education and health and public health through creating and providing highly accessible and sustainable certification. Diploma and higher education opportunities particularly for students from low and middle income families.

Purpose of this MOU

The purpose of this MOU is to establish the basis for current and future trilateral and multilateral collaboration between the parties in relation to the project set out in the preamble thereof.

Scope of this MOU

The parties shall collaborate in order to increase the access and availability of free or low cost, online based health sciences courses up to and including certification for students in Pakistan. The parties agree on the below general points that constitute the components of their collaboration.

1. Co- piloting Certificate and Diploma courses in Public Health.
2. We will compare teacher and learner outcomes from these courses with traditionally taught trainings at AIOU and elsewhere and together use this learning's to publish on and improve our course outcomes.
3. Co- creation of trainings. The parties agree to co- create curriculum material for the offered list of courses.
 - a) Life style and Health
 - b) Community Oriented Primary Care
 - c) Ethics in Health and Health Care.
 - d) Environmental Health
 - e) Epidemiology
 - f) Climate Change and Health
4. NextGenU will provide the training materials including pre test, post test, presentations, videos, books that will be needed for the course.
5. AIOU will host co-created course content, material and evaluation tools for students. The courses shall be conducted in the AIOU buildings across Pakistan.
6. NHSD will provide coordination, tutors for the course and reporting.
7. Certificates will be provided by AIOU with logo of NextGenU and NHSD

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Course development

The parties will jointly develop co branded courses, identify and apply for grants with this goal in mind.

Confidentiality and intellectual property rights:

Each party will refrain from divulging any information on the activities of the other party in the form of public communication or otherwise unless the parties have so agreed in writing before such communication taking place. The content of such communication will be reviewed and approved by all parties.

The Parties recognize the importance of protecting and respecting intellectual property rights. In relation to the development of collaborative work or programs hereunder, the Parties acknowledge that,

- All existing intellectual property will remain the property of the institution that created the intellectual property; and
- Any intellectual property developed as the result of a collaboration will belong to the institution providing the resources used in generating that intellectual property, or will be shared between the two institutions where both are contributing resources; and any plans for publications related to or using materials developed as the result of the Parties' collaboration hereunder will require written consent from both Parties. Details are to be agreed upon in a separate written agreement at each potential publication.

Confidentiality and respect of the Parties' respective working procedures should be considered. Publication of research material will be done in compliance with agreed communication protocols and follow agreed Institutional Review Board (IRB) research guidelines.

Termination

This MOU shall come into force upon signatures by designated representatives of the Parties, and will remain valid for a period of three (03) years and be extendable for the same period of time by written agreement of both Parties. This shall remain in force until

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the Parties have discharged their obligations hereunder...

This MOU may be terminated by either party in writing; such termination shall be effective sixty (60) days after the written notification is received by the other Party. Where notice of termination is given, the Parties shall take immediate steps to bring all joint activities to a close in a prompt and orderly manner. Upon the termination of this MOU, the Parties hereto agree that no Party shall be liable for any compensation or consequential damages of any kind, whether as a result of a loss by the other Party of present or prospective profits in connection with this MOU or on account of any other reason or cause whatsoever.

Amendment

This MOU may be modified at any time through a written amendment signed by each of the Parties hereto.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

- a) This MOU may not be amended for any other reason without the prior written agreement of all parties.
- b) In case of dispute, between the three parties, following process flow will be followed;
 - I. The CEOs/President of both organizations will sit down to amicably resolve the dispute
 - II. In case resolution of dispute cannot be found amicably then the parties will seek help through arbitration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused their common seal to be affixed and signed to these presents and, the duplicate, the day and year first herein above written



Signed on ~~02-12-20~~ on behalf of the three respective organizations

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Registrar AIOU

First Party

Witness

Date:

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Ms. Miriam Chickering Next Gen U

Second Party

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