

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Commission (KPIC), Government of Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa

And

Khwendo Kor

Faisal Town, Nasir Bagh road, Peshawar

Background:

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Commission, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPIC) and Khwendo Kor are two independent entities who have shared aims and objectives regarding enabling people, particularly women, increased access to information which is one of the basic tools for empowerment which leads to make their leaders accountable and ensure respect and observance of human rights. Both the entities intend to develop a collaborative relationship to achieve the shared objective of community, particularly women empowerment.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Commission, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPIC). Hereinafter called the 1st Party of the MoU

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Commission (KPIC) became functional as an independent statutory body on 26th December 2013, to implement Article 19-A of the Constitution of Pakistan to ensure transparency and good governance within the province. KPIC is mandated to ensure access of citizens to information in government departments and to create a transparent and corruption-free environment conducive for the growth of democracy and human rights.

“The Article 19-A of the Constitution of Pakistan 1973 states that, “Every citizen shall have the right to have access to information in all matters of public importance subject to regulation and reasonable restrictions imposed by law.”

Khwendo Kor (KK) Hereinafter called the 2nd party of the MoU:

Khwendo Kor (KK) is a Pashto language word means “Sisters’ Home”. It is a non-profit, non-governmental and non-partisan organization registered in 1993 under the Societies Act 1860 (Registration # 2614/5/2280). It was set up in response to an urgent need expressed by women for a forum to address their issues; it has developed into a sisterhood, guiding women to take practical steps for the betterment of themselves and their families. It is a participatory development initiative, focusing on the active involvement of the communities especially women and girls. KK works in villages of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Newly Merged Districts (NMDs) (Ex-Federally Administered Tribal Areas FATA) where health, education and income generation facilities are either non-existent or dysfunctional and women and the poor are marginalized.

Objective and Description of Collaborative Relationship and roles

Both the parties developed this Memorandum of Understanding to improve collaboration and to contribute in promoting diversity, building relations, introduce new progressive opportunities for women, encourage women to avail the available opportunities and to create a society where women can feel comfortable in taking benefit of the existing services in the province. This collaboration identifies the following strategies and the roles of both partners to achieve the shared objectives of the MoU.

The 1st Party of the MoU (KPIC) will:

- a. Provide technical inputs in the sensitization of KK staff and its community-based women and men organizations (WOs & MOs) on RTI.
- b. Deliver Training on RTI of both male and female staff, volunteers working for women rights in Khwendo Kor and communities throughout the province.
- c. Provide Information, educational and communication material to be disseminated at KK working areas throughout the province by KK staff during implementation of its projects and programs.
- d. Provide speeches/sessions on right to information during KK events at local, districts and provincial level.
- e. Provide technical inputs in developing joint project proposal and networking for ensuring award of the project submitted to donors/funders under this MoU to contribute towards the achievement of the MoU objectives.

While the 2nd party i.e., Khwendo Kor will:

- a) Provide forums to the 1st party to introduce KPIC, RTI, and make the community aware on the KPIC, its mandate and how to ensure that communities especially women benefit from the right to access to information.
- b) Share its quarterly and monthly plans with KPIC so that the officials from KPIC ensure to perform their role as described in this MoU.
- c) Integrate the general awareness and sensitization on the RTI in its various field activities, structures and documents e.g., schools, seminars, sessions, coordination meetings with communities and other stake holders, community based documents etc.
- d) Joint project proposal development and submission to funders/donors to improved reporting and response against RTI from public bodies.




Other (General) Terms and Conditions

- a. Both parties to this MoU shall be exempted from any liability whatsoever in respect of loss and/or death and/or injury and/or damage sustained by any party by any reason whatsoever.



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- b. The memorandum may be terminated by either party giving the other party a three months' notice in writing.
- c. *Force Majeure*; If the fulfillment of the MoU in whole or part becomes undoable due to unforeseen/unavoidable threats and apprehension thereof or any other event in excess of reasonable control of either party, the MoU shall become redundant, without prejudice to the rights or obligations of either party accrued in respect of anything already done or executed and no liability shall be attached to either party.
- d. It is agreed by both the parties to nominate focal persons to coordinate and initiate the roles of the parties to be executed accordingly and to develop joint plan inline with the MoU.
- e. Both parties must obtain formal approval before using each other logo, name and trademark etc.
- f. In case of any dispute, the two parties shall first try to resolve any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this MoU, or the breach or alleged breach thereof, by good faith negotiation among senior managers/directors

Signatures

<p>For and on behalf of Khwendo Kor Name: Maryam Bibi Designation: Chief Executive-Khwendo Kor</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  Signature <u></u> </p>	<p>For and on behalf of KPIC Name: Farah Hamid Khan Designation: Chief Information Commissioner-KPIC</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Signature: <u></u> </p>
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Witnesses

<p>Name: Khalid Usman Designation: Director Operations</p> <p><i>For</i> Signature: <u></u></p>	<p>Name: Sayed Saadat Jahan Designation: Communication Officer</p> <p>Signature: <u></u></p>
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