

# **Memorandum of Understanding**

**Between**

**Development Insights Lab  
University of Peshawar**

**And**

**Centre for Governance and Public  
Accountability, Peshawar**

This **Memorandum of Understanding** (hereinafter referred to as “MOU”) is made and entered into between:

**The Development Insight Lab**, registered under University of Peshawar, [through its Coordinator, Dr. Sajjad Ahmad Jan (herein after called as “DIL”) and Centre for Governance and Public Accountability, University of Peshawar, [through its Executive Director, Mr. Muhammad Anwar] (herein after called as CGPA)

### **Organizational Background**

**DIL, Development Insight Lab** is interdisciplinary research and action hub dedicated to addressing challenges of underdeveloped and marginalized regions, particularly Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Baluchistan provinces of Pakistan and Afghanistan. While data-driven research forms the core of DIL’s works, its mission extends far beyond statistical analysis and thus is focused on creating meaningful and actionable insights through a comprehensive blend of policy, advocacy, consultancy, capacity building and trainings.

**CGPA, Centre for Governance and Public Accountability (CGPA)** is a not-for-profit, non-governmental, non-partisan, civil society organization working for the promotion of public accountability and good governance. CGPA was established in 2011, and registered in January 2012 under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. CGPA specializes in advocacy and public policy analysis and development. The establishment of CGPA stems from the realization that failure of governance and lack of public accountability has led to a trust deficit between state and society in Pakistan. The importance of good governance, rule of law and public accountability for stabilization and socio-economic progress cannot be underestimated. CGPA has strong interest in building better governance and public accountability in emerging challenges of food, nutrition, and public health in Pakistan and elsewhere, too.

The following contract is hereby concluded between the parties.

### **Purpose & Objectives**

The purpose of this MoU between DIL and CGPA is to address critical development challenges at the national, international and regional level, fostering sustainable and improved governance in Pakistan. The purpose of this collaboration is to conduct research, analysis and policy engagement on critical development challenges facing Pakistan and Afghanistan. The objectives are:

1. To conduct comprehensive research, identify and address pressing development issues through evidence-based research
2. To generate actionable insights and recommendations for policy makers, stakeholders and communities
3. To promote evidence-based decision making and sustainable development in Pakistan.



### **Scope of Collaboration**

The Scope of collaboration between DIL and CGPA is not confined by boundaries, with a focus on regional and national initiatives particularly in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The parties can collaborate on policy research and development initiatives in focusing on:

1. Research focused on current complex challenges at country, provincial and regional level
2. Economic development and governance
3. Social justice, poverty reduction and marginalization
4. Demographic changes and population dynamics
5. Natural resource management and climate change

### **KEY AREAS OF COOPERATION:**

- Applying for research grants/consultancy/study/survey/project in mutual consultation for joint research/projects on critical development challenges
- Capacity building and training programs for early-career faculty, researchers and practitioners with resource persons from both parties.
- Organizing seminars and policy dialogues forums jointly.
- Dissemination of research findings through policy briefs, working papers and reports, seminars and policy roundtables
- Joint advocacy initiatives for policy reforms
- To provide internship opportunities to recent graduates or enrolled students from University of Peshawar seeking to fulfil their degree requirements through project internships.

### **The DIL & CGPA will be responsible for:**

- Undertake high-quality research
- Initiate and lead research projects to advance knowledge and address key challenge
- Collaborate with academic institutions, industry partners, and government.
- Foster partnerships to enhance interdisciplinary research and innovation.
- Uphold ethical standards in research practices and data management.
- Efficiently manage research resources, including funding, facilities, and equipment

### **Initial Phase Tasks:**

The parties agree to organize a seminar on National Finance Commission (Award) and the case of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and to hold a series of seminars & policy round tables bi-monthly.

The parties agree on launching of Research Journal with DIL to serve as the publishing platform for the journal. All other deliberations shall be made in mutual consensus.

The parties also agree to jointly organize and arrange International Conference every year with joint nomination of International Speakers. The hosting shall be alternate between the parties or to be determined by mutual consent. The conference agenda, themes and logistical arrangements shall be planned and finalized by the parties in consultation with each other.

**Term, Termination & Amendment:**

This MoU remains in force for **three years** from the date of signature, with termination possible by either party upon two months written notice. The MoU can be extended by mutual consent. Amendments can be made through exchange of letters, becoming effective upon formal approval by both parties. Upon termination or expiry, accrued rights and remedies of either party remain unaffected.

**Financial Liability:**

For the avoidance of doubt, no funding commitments or obligations are created for either party by this memorandum.

**Confidentiality:**

The parties agree to maintain confidentiality and not to disclose any proprietary or confidential information shared during collaboration. Information doesn't need to be marked as confidential to be protected. All shared information is considered proprietary unless explicitly intended for public disclose. This confidentiality obligation remains in effect after the termination of this MoU.

**Settlement of Disputes:**

The parties agree to settle amicably any dispute, controversy, or claim arising out of this MoU.

**Management of cooperation:**

This Memorandum shall be co-ordinated by and the parties shall operate with each other through named contacts only. The named contacts are as follows:

For the purpose **CGPA** designates:

Focal person: Mr. Khalfan Ahmed Khattak

Email:

Contact:

For the purpose **DIL** designates:

Focal person: Dr. Sajjad Ahmad Jan (Associate Professor & Coordinator DIL)

Email: dil@uop.edu.pk

Contact: +92-342-9821457

**Entry into Force:**

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 "19 / 11, 2024" on which it is duly signed by both parties.

**Dispute Resolution**

All disputes arising pursuant to this MoU shall be resolved through negotiations and discussions aiming for an amicable settlement.

**Interim Evaluation:** In view of the objectives of this MOU, interim evaluation of the collaborative work shall be carried out on annual-basis and reported to the concerned offices of the two Institutions.

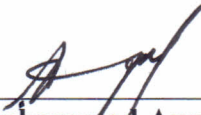
IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned duly authorized representatives of parties, have signed this MOU in two originals in the English language.

**For and on behalf of University of Peshawar**

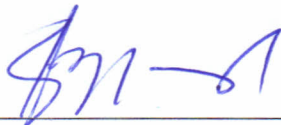


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Vice Chancellor

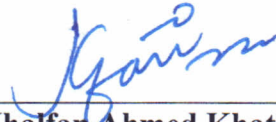
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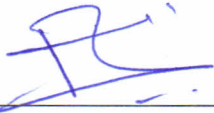
**Mr. Muhammad Anwar**  
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**Dr. Sajjad Ahmad Jan**  
Focal Person/Associate Professor & Coordinator  
The Development Insight Lab



**Mr. Khalfan Ahmed Khattak**  
Focal Person/Programme Manager



**Prof. Dr. Bushra Khan**  
Director  
Planning and Development

Dated 19 / 11 /2024