

To whom it may concern

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I am delighted to write a few words in support of Civil Society Human and Institutional Development Programme (CHIP).

Sightsavers, a UK based international organization with a development focus, has been a long standing and proud partner of CHIP since 2001. We have collaborated with CHIP on a project on Inclusive Development in Swabi district in the former North West Frontier Province (now called Khyber Pakhtunkhwa). This was an innovative project that incorporated disability in mainstream development. This concept was then further expanded through a joint Sightsavers-CHIP project funded by DfID and is currently under way in Jhelum district in Punjab province.

During the mass internal displacement of people that took place because of the war on terror, CHIP was again at the forefront of supporting IDPs in our collaborative project in Swat.

Over the last 9 years of our working together, we have found CHIP to be both a creative and dependable partner. They are also quick to learn and based on the learnings of the inclusive development programme, internalized social inclusion especially of persons with disability as a cross-cutting development theme. Even though we were not involved directly with CHIP during the 2005 earthquake in Pakistan, CHIP extended enormous financial and technical assistance to affected communities in Azad Jammu Kashmir through their relief and rehabilitation programme.

CHIP's many achievements lie in their investment in a strong and motivated team and robust financial management systems. They have extensive experience in mobilizing communities at the grass-root level and have contributed significantly to capacity building of communities.

We are hopeful that CHIP will once again extend their programme portfolio to the millions affected by the recent floods in Pakistan and are confident that they have the technical resource and capacities to undertake relief and rehabilitation work in addition to their on-going development programmes.

Yours faithfully



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