

Dear Madam / Sir

On behalf of Federation Handicap International, I am pleased to issue this letter in support of **Civil Society Human and Institutional Development Program (CHIP)**. Co-recipient of the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize, Handicap International is an independent and impartial organization working in situations of poverty and exclusion, conflict and disaster. We work alongside people with disabilities and vulnerable populations, taking action and bearing witness in order to respond to their essential needs, improve their living conditions and promote respect for their dignity and fundamental rights. Handicap International is the world's most comprehensive mine action charity. The heart of this action is victim assistance, this was our beginning in 1982 but teams also prevent injuries through weapons and landmines.

Since early 2016, we have collaborated with CHIP to implement an IKEA Foundation funded project "**Growing Together**" (GT) at District Peshawar and Nowshera in KP province. The project aims to create opportunities for children with disabilities and other vulnerable children to learn and develop safely while having fun. In particular, it targets children who are at risk of developmental delays and psychological distress (0-12 years old) in displacement contexts.

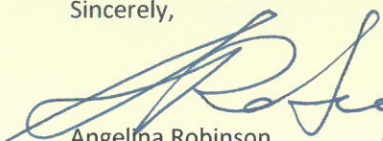
CHIP has been effective and efficient in reaching out to the project beneficiaries with the focus on excluded segments of the society like children with disabilities and with developmental delays. Some of the major achievements of our joint venture were:

- a. Target beneficiaries were organized in structured organizations like parent clubs, children clubs, self-help groups (SHGs) etc.
- b. Different capacity building trainings of community volunteers conducted
- c. Children beneficiaries got engaged through different thematic and fun based activities
- d. Children and parents with disabilities got engaged and capacitated through different project interventions
- e. Persons with disabilities are included in each and every project structure at community level

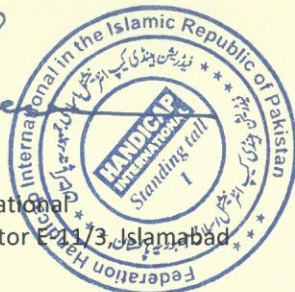
CHIP adopted innovative approaches in promoting the knowledge and awareness on early childhood development, physical rehabilitation and referral system development. It promoted quality, gender balance and respect for people regardless of their ethnic, religious, political, economic and social diversities.

I strongly recommend international donors and partners support CHIP in implementing their community support and development initiatives.

Sincerely,



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