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Subject: Letter of Reference for the DFID and Australia DFAT funded project titled “Studying the Knowledge, Beliefs and Practices of Unmarried and Married Adolescent Girls with respect to Nutrition”

Dear Dr. Roomi Aziz,

I am writing this letter in the capacity of Technical Specialist for Research at Research and Advocacy Fund Office to acknowledge that Fatima Memorial Hospital (FMH) has successfully completed the project titled “Studying the Knowledge, Beliefs and Practices of Unmarried and Married Adolescent Girls with respect to Nutrition” in Pakistan funded by Department for International Development, UK and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia.

Research and Advocacy Fund was established from 2008 to 2014 for the improvement of evidence-based decision making in Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) in Pakistan, with focus on poor and marginalised groups. A total of 52 MNCH research and advocacy projects were funded in 95 districts across Pakistan.

The subject project was awarded to Fatima Memorial Hospital through a competitive proposal submission process, after much thorough deliberations between RAF, DFID and FMH to finalize the project and necessary approvals from National Bioethics Committee.

We are satisfied with the evidence produced at the end of the nation-wide research, particularly the contribution of all the provincial partners and special note of appreciation for Nur Center for Research and Policy, the Punjab provincial partner for the project for FMH, for arranging highly effective policy dialogues across the country, followed by national dissemination seminar.

We would like to acknowledge the diligence of FMH during data collection with the repeated data collection in Balochistan to satisfy the inclusion and exclusion criteria, and the extraordinary monitoring and tracking systems in place.

We at Research and Advocacy Fund highly value the critical evidence generated by FMH and strongly believe this this evidence will lead to prioritization of interventions, policies and strategies focussed on improvement of health for marginalized adolescent girls by the MNCH, health and nutrition programs in the country.

We also hope that FMH will continue to advocate for the evidence created, and work for improvement maternal, neonatal and child health in Pakistan.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zahid Memon', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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