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Subject: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT "DEPLOYING ONE HEALTH INTEGRATED EVENT BASED SURVEILLANCE (EBS) MODEL IN PAKISTAN" BY PAK ONE HEALTH ALLIANCE (POHA), ISLAMABAD

Dear Dr. S.M. Mursalin,

One Health has emerged as a leading concept in the domain of public and veterinary public health as a collaborative, multi-sectoral, and multidisciplinary approach for improving public health by investing in animal and environment health. Recent COVID-19 pandemic is the recent example of how one health concept may benefit all stake holders. By investing in animal health and surveillance, many public health threats can be detected, prevented and responded with the minimum impact on public health, national economy and national security.

We, at One Health Program (ASI, NARC), strongly believe that veterinarians and other animal health workers are at frontline fighting against many health threats that emerge from animal reservoirs. These include but are not limited to zoonoses, food safety, antimicrobial resistance etc. For many one health issues, animal serve as sentinels and surveillance of animal health events in animal populations can help in timely detection and prevention of many public health issues.

With this background, we have reviewed and discussed the brief about the proposed project "Deploying one health integrated event-based surveillance model in Pakistan" by POHA. We hope this proposal will help in promotion of One health in Pakistan with integrated surveillance of public health threats from animal reservoirs and build capacity for surveillance under one health concept. It will also help to build strong inter-sectoral relations among all stakeholders.

Therefore, we fully support the proposal in its current form and will be happy to collaborate in the execution and implementation of this project once approved by the donors.

Further, I hereby nominate Dr. Aman Ullah, Principal Scientific Officer as focal person for this collaboration.

Looking forward for a long-term collaboration with you.


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