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## PART I

GOVERNMENT OF SINDH

LAW DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

Karachi, dated the 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2014.

NO.S.LEGIS:1(2)/2014:- The following Ordinance made by the Governor of Sindh is hereby published for general information:-

**THE SINDH REPRODUCTIVE MATERNAL, NEO-NATAL AND  
CHILD HEALTH AUTHORITY ORDINANCE, 2014**

**AN  
ORDINANCE**

to establish an Authority known as the Sindh Reproductive, Maternal, Neo-Natal and Child Health Authority in the Province of Sindh;

**WHEREAS** it is expedient to establish an Authority known as the Sindh Reproductive, Maternal, Neo-Natal and Child Health Authority in the Province of Sindh for managing affairs of employees and staff of National Program for Primary Health Care and Family Planning, Sindh Reproductive, Maternal, Neo-natal and Child Health and to provide for matters connected therewith or ancillary thereto;

**AND WHEREAS** the Provincial Assembly is not in session



and the Governor is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of Article 128 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, the Governor is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:-

**Short title, extent and commencement.**

1. (1) This Ordinance may be called the Sindh Reproductive, Maternal, Neo-natal and Child Health Authority Ordinance 2014.
- (2) It shall extend to whole of the Province of Sindh.
- (3) It shall come into force at once.

**Definitions.**

2. In this Ordinance, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context -

- (a) "Authority" means the Sindh Reproductive, Maternal, Neo-natal and Child Health Authority established under this Ordinance;
- (b) "Board" means the Board of Governors constituted under this Ordinance;
- (c) "Chairperson" means the Chairperson of the Board;
- (d) "Director General" means Director General Health Services, Sindh appointed under this Ordinance;
- (e) "employee" means the employee of the Authority other than a person working in the Authority on deputation basis or otherwise;
- (f) "Government" means the Government of the Sindh;
- (g) "Member" means a Member of the Board;
- (h) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules or regulations;
- (i) "regulations" means regulations made under this Ordinance;
- (j) "rules" means the rules made under this Ordinance.

**Establishment of Authority.**

3. (1) There shall be an Authority to be called the Sindh Reproductive, Maternal, Neo-natal and Child Health Authority for carrying out the purposes of this Ordinance.

(2) The Authority shall be a body corporate, having perpetual succession and a common seal with the power to acquire, hold and dispose of property both movable and immovable, and shall by the said name sue and be sued.

(3) The headquarters of the Authority shall be at Karachi and it may establish its offices at such other place or places in Sindh as it may consider appropriate.

(4) The Authority shall, in discharging its functions, act on sound principles and shall be guided by such directions as Government may give, from time to time.



(5) If a question arises whether any matter is of policy or not, the decision of Government shall be final.

4. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance and rules or regulations, the Authority shall exercise such powers and perform such functions as may be necessary for carrying out purposes of this Ordinance.

**Powers and functions.**

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the provision of subsection (1), the Authority shall –

- (a) administer and regulate the affairs of the employees including terms and conditions of their services as community based workers;
- (b) employ and remove the employees working under its control;
- (c) develop and notify, with the approval of Government, the terms and conditions of the service of the employees;
- (d) take or cause to be taken such measures as are required for entering into contracts, agreements, memorandum of understanding, including concession agreements, granting licenses and other contractual instruments for the following purposes:-
  - (i) improving contraceptive prevalence rate;
  - (ii) reducing unmet need for contraception;
  - (iii) increasing percentage of women receiving at least four antenatal cares from skilled providers;
  - (iv) increasing tetanus toxoid vaccination, skilled birth attendance, institutional deliveries, women receiving postnatal care and children fully immunized;
  - (v) increasing percentage of pregnant women knowing at least two danger signs of pregnancy and percentage of mothers aware of atleast two benefits of exclusive breastfeeding and early initiation of breast feeding and exclusive breast feeding;
  - (vi) increasing percentage of children, suffering from diarrhoea, treated with oral rehydration solution and zinc;
  - (vii) increasing percentage of mothers able to identify atleast two danger signs in early childhood illness like pneumonia;
  - (viii) decreasing severe and moderate wasting prevalence; and
  - (ix) decreasing prevalence of anaemia among pregnant women;
- (e) develop and recommend the minimum service delivery standards for reproductive, maternal, neo-natal and child health and nutrition services, as may be notified by the Sindh Healthcare Commission established under the Sindh Healthcare Commission Act, 2013 (VII of 2014);

