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NOTIFICATION

With the approval of our Board of Directors and in accordance with the directives of the National Bioethics Committee for Research of the Health Research Institute, the Dopasi Foundation, Pakistan is pleased to announce the establishment of its Institutional Review Board (IRB), effective immediately. The Terms of Reference for the Board are provided in Annex-I. The IRB will comprise the following members:

- Dr. Ghulam Nabi Kazi, MBBS, MPH, MPA
 Senior Technical Adviser (R&D), Dopasi Foundation; Editor-in-Chief, Public Health Action, The Union; CEO, Kaizen Strategic Consultants
 Chairperson
- 2. Dr. Mario Raviglione, MD, FRCP, FERS Full Professor and Director, Master in Global Health, MACH Centre, Università di Milano, Milan, Italy; Honorary Professor, The Immunobiology Centre, Blizard Institute, Queen Mary University of London, UK

Member

3. Dr. E. Jane Carter, MD, DAB
Professor of Medicine and Member, BioMed International Affiliation Executive
Committee, Brown University, Rhode Island, USA; TB Consultant, Global TB
Institute, Rutgers University

Member

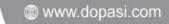
4. Dr. Stephen John, MBBS/MD, DPE, MPH/ICHD
Director of Planning, Research, and Statistics, Adamawa State Ministry of Health,
Yola, Nigeria; Janna Health Foundation, Nigeria; Modibbo Adama University, Yola,
Nigeria

Member

 Dr. Syed Karam Shah, MBBS, DTCD Senior Technical Advisor (Advocacy), Dopasi Foundation and Stop TB Partnership, Pakistan

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- Dr. Sabira Tahseen, MBBS, DCP, MS, Ph.D. Senior Technical Adviser, Dopasi Foundation Member
- Dr. Riaz Hussain Solangi, MBBS, MSPH, MBA Deputy Chief of Party, Dopasi Foundation Member
- 8. Dr. Sher Afgan Raisani, MBBS, MPH
 Provincial Manager for TB Control, Balochistan, Pakistan
 Member
- Ms. Maheen Akhtar, B.Sc Community Representative Member

Ms. Mishaal Javed Sehgal, Manager Liaison, will serve as the primary contact for communications and provide secretarial support team. Ms. Kinz-ul-Eman, CEO and Chief of Party, will serve as the institutional head for the IRB. The IRB may co-opt additional members as needed to support specific research proposals or tasks. These may include representatives from affected communities or the National Bioethics Committee.

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Chief Executive Officer / Chief of Party Dopasi Foundation, Pakistan

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) shall:

- Review all proposed research protocols involving human subjects in the medical and social sciences, including surveys, drug/device trials, and the use of fetal material, embryos, and human tissues.
- 2. Ensure that no form of exploitation occurs in the conduct of any study involving human subjects, prior to its initiation.
- 3. Review all research proposals, regardless of funding source (national or international), conducted within any region of Pakistan.
- 4. Maintain a membership tenure of 5 years. After this period, half of the members will retire. A member may be replaced either at their request or if they fail to attend three consecutive meetings without prior notice or valid reasons.
- 5. Approve the addition of new members with the consent of the majority of members present during the relevant meeting. Special consideration will be given to the training or prior experience of the proposed members.
- 6. Hold IRB meetings once every quarter, more or less frequently, depending on the volume of proposals.
- 7. Circulate the minutes of each meeting via email as soon as practicable after the meeting.
- 8. Require a quorum of at least 5 members to conduct a meeting.
- 9. Set the fee structure for national and international proposals during the first IRB meeting, based on a proposal from the IRB Secretariat.
- 10. Maintain the resumes of all committee members in the official record.
- 11. Address any other matters related to the conduct of proposed studies, including procedural issues.