

DOCUMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

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Between:

Deutsche Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH – Sanitation for Millions Programme and Santex PVT.

This Document of Understanding between Santex PVT (Santex / P.O Box 3620, Karachi, Pakistan) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH (GIZ / Dag-Hammarskjöld-Weg 1-5 / 65760 Eschborn / Germany) provides for the details of a mutual agreement between the two parties to cooperate in the field of menstrual health by designing and accomplishing joint measures for awareness creation and environmental protection.

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH (<https://www.giz.de/en/html/index.html>) a federal German enterprise with operations worldwide. As a provider of international cooperation services for sustainable development and international education work, GIZ is dedicated to building a future worth living around the world. GIZ has over 50 years of experience in a wide variety of areas, including economic development and employment, energy and the environment, and peace and security. The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH has been working in Pakistan since 1963 and has maintained a country office in the capital, Islamabad, since 1990. GIZ activities in Pakistan are covered under the 1972 agreement of the Government of Pakistan and the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The GIZ will be represented in this DoU by the Sanitation for Millions programme.

Santex PVT (<http://santex.com.pk>) is a registered company since 1983 that provides innovative products for personal hygiene and is the first established company to introduce sanitary napkins in Pakistan. Santex is a locally owned leading company in personal hygiene care based in Karachi, Pakistan. Santex strives to fulfill the needs of the consumers by providing the most reliable, comfortable, and innovative products and by providing them with the most technologically advanced, comfortable, and hygienic products. Santex will be represented in this DoU by its department of communication.

The Parties to this Document of Understanding (DoU) agree to the following

1. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this DoU is to initiate good relations and a fruitful cooperation between the two institutions for implementing pilot measures in Pakistan on menstrual health and hygiene and on environmental issues related to this.

The scope of the activities in this partnership is based on experience and knowledge GIZ gathered around the world on water, sanitation and hygiene as well as menstrual health and the experience and knowledge of Santex PVT in Pakistan in the area of sanitary and women hygiene and awareness creation in schools, colleges and communities.

The DoU merely refers to the cooperation on menstrual health and hygiene.

2. Areas and Goals of Cooperation

GIZ – Sanitation for Millions programme is commissioned by the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) to provide access to safe sanitation and hygiene globally. Pakistan is one of the partner countries and implementation is focused on the province of Balochistan.

Menstrual hygiene management and gender sensitive solutions are essential for sustainable development and an effective approach to empower women, overcoming cultural taboos related to menstrual health and improve opportunities of girls for a better education. GIZ designs and implements measures on menstrual health and hygiene cooperates in Balochistan in cooperation with the Department of Education of the Government of Balochistan and with the support of the Balochistan Rural Support Programme (BRSP).

The joint objective is to pilot measures on awareness creation on menstrual health, on capacity building and on environmental issues.

1. On awareness creation both parties intend to conduct learning events, design public relation material and facilitate expert meetings to share knowledge and experience.
2. On capacity building both parties intend to expand the training of trainers programme. Besides Santex supports in the provision of period boxes as emergency kits in schools in Balochistan and advises the partners on public relation issues.
3. On environmental issues both parties intend to work on sanitary waste concerns as well as on a joint proposal for a public private partnership under developPPP of the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) with the goal to introduce biodegradable sanitary napkins in Pakistan.

3. Roles and Responsibilities

GIZ (Sanitation for Millions Pakistan) is the lead agency in implementing the measures, provides available financial means and human resources for the pilot measures and reports accordingly to its donors. Sanitation for Millions Pakistan takes up the role of communicator with political counterparts such as concerned departments of the Government of Balochistan and the WASH Cell of the Ministry of Climate Change (MoCC).

Santex contributes in its capacities with know-how, human resources and donations (e.g. period boxes) and supports the drafting of the PPP proposal to the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development.

BRSP in cooperation with GIZ and Santex gives guidance on the training measures and makes its staff (trainers) available for the training of trainers programme and supports in the distribution of the period boxes.

The present DoU describes the arrangements for the partnership between the two parties. It is not legally binding on the parties and liable to termination at any time.

Signature and Date Santex: _____

Signature and Date GIZ GmbH: _____

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