



Extension of Letter of Intent between GIZ and MoPD&SI

The Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives set up a Mental Health, Strategic Planning and Coordination Unit (MHSP&C Unit) on 14th April, 2025, with the support of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) through Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and their partner International Medical Corps in Pakistan. Since then, the MHSP&C Unit has provided technical support to health departments of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan and Baltistan to implement MHPSS Services.

Due to the 2025 floods, the pilot implementation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa experienced an unavoidable delay in its initiation. For a meaningful completion and a smooth transition to a sustainable plan, an extended donor commitment was secured in January 2026 for a period of 6 months.

This extension was formalised with the signing ceremony held on 2nd April, 2026 at the MoPD&SI. The agreement was signed by Dr Shabana Haider, Member Health & Population, Planning Commission and Ms. Heidi Herrmann, Commission Manager, SSARC.



MHPSS Pilot implementation in Haripur & Kohat (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa)

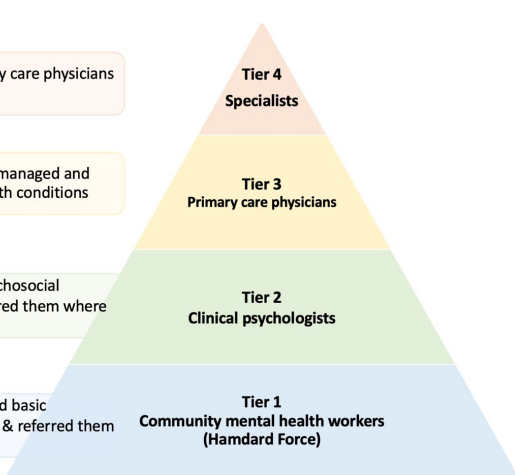
1	Planning & coordination	2 months	July '25 – Aug '25
2	Capacity building activities	3 months	Sept '25 – Nov '25
3	MHPSS services under supervision	8 months	Nov '25 – June '26
4	Evaluation of the pilot implementation	2 months	May '26 – June '26

Two specialists supervised the primary care physicians to manage 150 cases

76 primary care physicians assessed, managed and referred 350 people with mental health conditions

12 clinical psychologists provided psychosocial support to over 500 people and referred them where needed

400 Hamdard force members provided basic psychological support to ~800 people & referred them to the MHPSS team



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