



Agreement of Cooperation

between

**Pakistan Horticulture Development and Export
Company**

and

Potato Research Institute, Sahiwal



AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION (AoC)
Between
PAKISTAN HORTICULTURE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPORT COMPANY (PHDEC)
And
POTATO RESEARCH INSTITUTE, SAHIWAL

This Agreement of Cooperation (AoC) is made and entered into on this 06 day of November, 2024, by and between:

PAKISTAN HORTICULTURE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPORT COMPANY (PHDEC), a corporate entity established under the Ministry of Commerce, Government of Pakistan, with its principal office at the Ground Floor, State Life Building #5, Phase II, Jinnah Avenue, Blue Area, Islamabad, hereinafter referred to as "PHDEC."

And

POTATO RESEARCH INSTITUTE SAHIWAL, working with a mission to strengthen research activities for increasing Potato productivity and to develop high yielding & short duration varieties tolerant/more resistant to frost, fungal, bacterial and viral diseases.

Collectively referred to as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, PHDEC is entrusted with the mandate of promoting horticultural development and export of horticultural products in Pakistan, utilizing its strengths in the horticulture sector.

WHEREAS, POTATO RESEARCH INSTITUTE SAHIWAL is a premier research institute, committed to strengthen research activities for increasing Potato productivity.

WHEREAS, the Parties recognize the mutual benefits of cooperation in capacity building, information dissemination, and research and development activities in the areas of horticulture products, including pilot projects and other initiatives that further the goals of PHDEC.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. PURPOSE OF COLLABORATION:

The Parties shall collaborate in the areas of capacity building, information dissemination, and research and development activities in the horticulture sector, leveraging the strengths of PHDEC and the research capabilities of PRI.

2. SPECIFIC AREAS OF COLLABORATION:

The collaboration may include, but is not limited to, the following areas:

- a. Development of joint capacity-building programs.



- b. Short term / reciprocal training programs / projects / service-learning programs/ workshops for capacity building of the PHDEC Agriculture wing officials
 - c. Dissemination of recommended and approved material related to varieties, research and development of potato, any other sort of proposals for the development of potato industry from the PRI.
 - d. Bridging for subject matter experts, scientific information, and research materials.
 - e. Organization of seminars, workshops, and training programs.
 - f. Collaborative work on mutually agreed proposals/projects related to the development of industrial grade potato varieties, and value addition industry for onward formulation, funding from EDF and successful execution.
- e. Any other initiatives mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES:

Both Parties shall:

- a. Appoint Focal Persons responsible for coordinating collaboration activities.
- b. Hold periodic meetings to plan, implement, and review collaboration projects.
- c. Prepare annual progress reports on collaborative activities.
- d. Ensure the protection of intellectual property rights as per Pakistani patent law.

4. AMENDMENTS:

This AoC may be amended by mutual consent of both Parties through written instruments, which will become part of this AoC.

5. DISPUTE RESOLUTION:

Any disputes arising under this AoC shall be referred to the CEO, PHDEC and Director, PRI for resolution. If not resolved, the matter shall be referred to arbitration.

6. General Provisions

- (1) The AoC shall enter into force on the date of signature with endorsement of the syndicate of the PRI. It shall be valid for a period of four years and shall be automatically renewed for similar period of four (4) years unless terminated.
- (2) Either Party may terminate this AoC by giving a notice in writing to other party of its intention to terminate this AoC six (6) months before the expiry of the original or renewed period.



For and on-behalf of:

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Pakistan Horticulture Development and Export Company (PHDEC)	Potato Research Institute, Sahiwal (PRI)
Mr. Athar Hussain Khokhar Chief Executive Officer	Dr. Syed Ijaz-Ul-Hassan, Director/Principal Scientist, Potato Research Institute
<hr/> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>For Jafar Ali</i> <i>06-11-24</i></p>	<hr/> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Dr. Syed Ijaz-Ul-Hassan</i> <i>06-11-24</i></p>
Dated 06-11-2024	Dated 06-11-2024
Focal Person PHDEC:	Focal Person PRI:
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