# COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

## **BRIDGING HEALTH FOUNDATION**

Period covered by the Communication on Engagement

From: 24rth March, 2016 To: 24rth March, 2018

### Part I. Statement of Continued support by the Chief Executive or Equivalent

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that Bridging Health Foundation reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents. In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely yours,

Yasir Waheed, PhD

President

**Bridging Health Foundation** 

#### Part II: Description of action.

Bridging Health Foundation is working on

#### **Sustainable Development Goals**

Promotion of SDGs in Pakistan.

Youth engagement in SDGs. We conducted SDGs awareness activities at different universities of Pakistan including NUST, Comsats, Shifa, Foundation University, Hazara University etc. We also conducted SDGs activities at different schools, hospitals, labs in Pakistan.

#### **Hepatitis and HIV Awareness and Screening**

Bridging Health foundation is actively working of Hepatitis and HIV awareness and screening in Pakistan. We conducted Hepatitis/HIV awareness and screening activities in different low and high risk population groups including blood donors, pregnant women, transgender population, people who inject drugs, school/university students, thalassemia patients, homeless people and refugees. So far we have screened thousands of people for infectious viral disease in Pakistan. We are actively working on UN SDG-3 which is health and wellbeing for everyone, especially to achieve hepatitis and HIV progress targets in Pakistan.

#### Part III: Measurement of Outcomes.

By the promotion and engagement of SDGs among Pakistani youth, they become aware of the UN sustainable development goals and are very much enthusiastic about the achievement of SDGs in Pakistan.

We screened different population groups for the presence of Hepatitis and HIV in Pakistani population. Pakistan has the 10% of global hepatitis C burden. Over 80% of hepatitis C patients are unaware of their positive disease condition. We screened thousands of people from Pakistan especially for the presence of Hepatitis. The positive patients are further guided and helped to enroll in treatment program. This will aid in reducing the burden of Hepatitis in Pakistan and to achieve SDG-3 targets for Hepatitis and HIV in Pakistan.