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NADRA and Aurat Foundation sign MoU

Staff Report

ISLAMABAD: NADRA and Aurat Foundation (AF) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to facilitate unregistered women of the country in the acquisition of CNIC.

The MoU was signed between NADRA Deputy Chairman Tariq Malik and Aurat Foundation Chief Operating Officer Naeem Mirza on Tuesday, in a ceremony held at NADRA headquarters. AF shall facilitate NADRA in running public awareness programmes to encourage unregistered women of the country in acquiring CNICs. AF will provide grants through competitive process to local NGOs and CBOs, who will, in turn, mobilise their resources to achieve the objective in close coordination with NADRA.

“In the past three years, NADRA has increased women registration by 74 percent, however, we

need to reach out to more women and that is why we are reaching out to NGOs to help in facilitate women awareness”, said Tariq Malik.

Tariq, elaborating NADRA’s strategy to increase women registration, said that CNIC will enable women to access their social, economic and political rights. “NADRA has already registered 92 percent population of the country by issuing 86 million CNICs. Out of which 37 million women have been registered so far,” he added.

Tariq expressed hope that Aurat Foundation can help NADRA register the remaining women especially in far flung and marginalised areas where registering them is a challenge for NADRA due to little or no awareness among local communities about their rights and CNIC benefits. He said that NADRA will send female-staffed mobile units to register female population of the selected districts.