

## Nadra, Aurat Foundation sign MoU

Islamabad

National Database and registration Authority (Nadra) and Aurat Foundation have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to facilitate unregistered Women of the country in the acquisition of CNIC, says a press release issued here Tuesday.

The MoU was signed between Nadra Deputy Chairman Tariq Malik and Aurat Foundation Chief Operating Officer Naeem Mirza in a ceremony held at Nadra headquarters.

Aurat Foundation shall facilitate Nadra in running public awareness programmes to encourage unregistered women of the country in acquiring CNICs.

Aurat Foundation will provide grants through competitive process to local NGOs and CBOs, who will, in turn, mobilize their resources to achieve the objective in close coordination with Nadra.

"In the past three years Nadra has increased women registration by 74 per cent, however, we need to reach out to more women and that is why we are reaching out to NGOs to help facilitate women awareness", said Tariq Malik.

Nadra Deputy Chairman Tariq Malik elaborating Nadra's strategy to increase women registration said that CNIC would enable women to access their social, economic and political rights.

He added that Nadra has already registered 92 % population of the country by issuing 86 million CNICs. Out of which 37 million women have been registered so far.

The ceremony was attended by Simi Kamal chief of Party from Aurat Foundation, Gareth Aiken, Country Representative from Asia Foundation, Younas Khalid, Director Monitoring, Evaluation and Research from Aurat Foundation, Amena Raja, Objective Manager from Aurat Foundation, Bushra Jafar, Deputy Chief of the Party from Asia Foundation and senior officials of Nadra.