**Participant Information Sheet and Consent Form**

**STUDY TITLE:** Community-Level Measures for Disaster Resilience

**INTRODUCTION**

We invite you to participate in a research study by Mr.  Hisham Tariq on developing a stakeholder-defined index of community resilience indicators. This research will give us knowledge that would benefit the research work at the University of Salford, UK and the University of Peshawar, Pakistan.

First, we want you to know that participating in the research is voluntary. You may choose not to take part, or you may withdraw from the study at any time. Before you decide to participate, please take as much time as you need to ask any questions and discuss this study with the researcher or anyone contacting you on his behalf. Thank you.

**THE RESEARCH STUDY**

**1. Research Protocol**

You will participate in an interview as part of a research study to explore aspects of community resilience. You will be asked questions about your background and about selecting indicators that can best measure one of the dimensions of Disaster Resilience [Social, Physical or Economic]. This interview should take approximately 30 to 45 minutes of your time.

**2. Risks/ Discomforts**

Since we will keep your responses confidential, we perceive little to no foreseeable risks to participating in this Study. However, your participation is entirely voluntary. You may skip over any questions for any reason, and you may stop at any time. Your responses will be confidential, and your name will not appear in our final products. Any data used is constructed to preclude identifying participants.

**3. General or Participant Benefits**

Participants are generally not paid for participating in these research studies.

**4. Problems or Questions**  
If you have any problems or questions about your rights as a research participant or about any research-related concern, please contact:

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| **Participant’s Consent**  I have read the explanation about this research study and have been allowed to discuss it and ask questions. I hereby consent to take part in this study.  Signature of Participant Date | |