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**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
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MINISTRY OF PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & SPECIAL INITIATIVES
(OFFICE OF THE MEMBER SOCIAL SECTOR & DEVOLUTION)**

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Islamabad, the 13th of April 2022

Subject: ROLL OUT OF POLICY SURVEY IN UNIVERSITIES ACROSS PAKISTAN


The Government of Pakistan recognizes youth as powerful force of transformation and is fully committed to introducing strategic interventions that will empower them, unleash their full potential, and enable them to become agents of change. In a national survey held in March 2020, supported also by the HEC, the youth identified mental health as a priority challenge.

2. Following the above, the Planning Commission worked with a team of senior national and international experts, members of the Federal Taskforce on Mental Health and developed a survey tool to seek valuable insights that would guide the development of National Mental Health Policy Framework. As the youth constitute 64% of our national population, it is important that their insights, experiences and preferences inform priority policy and program interventions for their mental health and well-being.

3. Higher Education Commission (HEC) is requested to support this priority policy initiative and facilitate roll out of the survey through its network of 210+ Universities by reaching out to the Vice-chancellors of public and private sector universities and requesting them to share the link <https://pk youth.typeform.com/to/Plcq6Ejo> with all their students during a class session. The digitized tool will take 10 minutes to fill out.

4. HEC is further requested to submit a consolidated report on list of participating universities, the number of students who actively submitted the survey in every university with the office of the undersigned by 29th April 2022. We would further appreciate if the link to the policy survey i.e. <https://pk youth.typeform.com/to/Plcq6Ejo> is placed at the website of HEC and also circulated through the networks of youth that HEC has access to.

5. Your active participation in this policy planning process in general and in facilitating meaningful engagement with youth, is highly acknowledged.


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Annex A – Universities Submission Form

To be submitted by each participating University to the HEC

Name of University	
Submitted by (name, designation, email and contact number)	
Number of students with whom survey link was shared	

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