

**Attached to protocol:** SHARE-THPP-P, Rawalpindi

**Principal Investigator:** Atif Rahman

**IRB Protocol title:** South Asian Hub for Advocacy, Research and Education on mental health (SHARE).  
Thinking Healthy Program – Peer-delivered (THPP): SHARE-THPP-P

**Participation duration:** 10 months

**Anticipated number of subjects:** 560

### **The Thinking Healthy Program – Peer-delivered study (THPP): First outcome assessment**

We thank you very much for taking part in our study.

With this form we would like to ask you whether you agree to continue participation in our study. You agree to further participate in our study by signing this form below. If you agree to participate, you will immediately be interviewed by our research team member. The research team member will ask similar questions as in your first interview: You will be asked questions about your emotions, well-being and difficulties you are experiencing concerning your health. The interview will require approximately 20 minutes of your time.

It is important that you do not tell our team member who is interviewing you, in which group you are in. This will help enable our team member to make an objective assessment.

We wish to reiterate that participation is completely voluntary, and that you retain the right to refuse answers to any questions that you do not feel comfortable with. Also, you will always retain the right to withdraw from our study at any point in time. Refusal to participate will have no negative effect on the health care you receive by the lady health worker (LHW) or at the Basic Health Unit (BHU), and will not limit any other rights for you or your baby.

We reiterate that all information which we collect about you and your baby will be kept strictly confidential. In case you need additional support during the course of the study which we may not be able to provide (e.g. medical help, incidence of violence, needing help from other services in the community, or additional help from your family), we may either inform your LHW, physician, family and/or our ethical review board of HDRF so that appropriate and timely support can be provided to you. Furthermore, any significant new findings impacting your willingness to participate in the study will be conveyed to you. We and any researchers working on this study ensure privacy and confidentiality for all study-related data, documents, and findings. The results of all assessments will never be linked to yourself. Participant-related data will continue to be labeled by a code and not by using your or your baby's name. The study results will be reported in a way that ensures complete confidentiality to the fullest extent possible. Data will be stored in a password-protected computer at HDRF.

### **Who should I contact for additional information or if there is an emergency?**

If you would like to receive more information regarding our study, or if you would like to discuss your rights regarding participation in this study please contact Mr Ikhlaq Ahmad (Ph# +92512656172, email: [Ikhlaq.malik@hdrfoundation.org](mailto:Ikhlaq.malik@hdrfoundation.org)) or Dr Omer Bangash (ph #

+92512656172, omer.bangash@hrdfoundation.org) based at HDRF (Address: H#6, St# 55, F-7/4, Islamabad).

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I have read the request for continuing participation in **THPP**. I have been explained the nature of the first outcome assessment and what I or my baby would be required to do as participants, and I have been given my own copy of the information sheet and consent form, which I have read (or has been read out loud to me). I have had the opportunity to ask questions about the study and any questions that I have asked have been answered to my satisfaction. I consent voluntarily for me and my baby to further participate in this study.

- I agree to further participate in the study.
- I do not wish to participate in the study any further.

Signature of Mother:

Signature of impartial witness  
(if mother illiterate):

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Name of mother (please print name):

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Date (Day/month/year)

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**Statement by the researcher/person taking consent**

I have accurately read out the information to the potential participant, and to the best of my ability have made sure that the participant understands the purpose and process of the study and the first outcome assessment. I confirm that the mother was given the opportunity to ask questions, and that all of the questions asked by the mother have been answered correctly and to the best of my ability. I confirm that the individual has not been coerced into giving consent, and that the consent has been given freely and voluntarily.

- IC has been audio-recorded since mother is illiterate and impartial witness is unavailable

A copy of this ICF has been provided to the participant.

Print name of researcher/person taking the consent: \_\_\_\_\_

Print position of researcher/person taking the consent: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of researcher/person taking the consent:

Date (Day/month/year):

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