

## Research Ethics Approval

30 January 2023

Mr. Sunil Verma, MA  
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RE: Ethics Review Board findings for: *Evaluation of UNICEF Lebanon Country Office's approach to local level system strengthening and programming* (HML IRB Review #673LEBE23)

Dear Mr. Verma,

Protocols for the protection of human subjects in the above study were assessed through a research ethics review by HML Institutional Review Board (IRB) on 11 – 30 January 2023. This study's human subjects' protection protocols, as stated in the materials submitted, received **ethics review approval**.

You and your project staff remain responsible for ensuring compliance with HML IRB's determinations. Those responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- ensuring prompt reporting to HML IRB of proposed changes in this study's design, risks, consent, or other human protection protocols and providing copies of any revised materials;
- conducting the research activity in accordance with the terms of the IRB approval until any proposed changes have been reviewed and approved by the IRB, except when necessary to mitigate hazards to subjects;
- promptly reporting any unanticipated problems involving risks to subjects or others in the course of this study;
- notifying HML IRB when your study is completed.

HML IRB is authorized by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Human Research Protections (IRB #1211, IORG #850, FWA #1102).

Sincerely,



D. Michael Anderson, Ph.D., MPH  
Chair & Human Subjects Protections Director, HML IRB

cc: Emmanuel Saka, Penelope Lantz, JD