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## LIST OF ACRONYMS

<b>AICS</b>	Italian Agency for Development Cooperation
<b>ATC</b>	Advanced Technical College
<b>ATS</b>	Applied Technology Schools
<b>AWSC</b>	Alex WorkShop Center
<b>CDAs</b>	Community Development Associations
<b>CIERA</b>	Centro Italo-Egiziano per il Restauro Archeologico
<b>CISS</b>	Cooperazione Internazionale Sud-Sud
<b>COSPE</b>	Cooperazione per lo Sviluppo dei Paesi Emergenti
<b>CPF</b>	Counterpart Fund
<b>CTV</b>	Converted Total Value
<b>DAC</b>	Development Assistance Committee
<b>DCPC</b>	District Child Protection Committee
<b>DS</b>	Debt Swap
<b>EC</b>	Executive Committee
<b>EDF</b>	Education Development Fund
<b>EEAA</b>	Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency
<b>EGP</b>	Egyptian Pound
<b>EHCSS</b>	Egyptian Holding Company for Silos and Storage
<b>EIECP</b>	Egyptian-Italian Environmental Cooperation Programme
<b>EJT</b>	Electrical Junior Technician
<b>EWFRA</b>	Empowering Women in Fayoum Rural Areas
<b>FAODA</b>	Fayoum Agro-Organic Development Association
<b>GAFRD</b>	General Authority for Fish Resource Development
<b>GJT</b>	Garment Junior Technician
<b>HARMONY</b>	Healthy Artistic Recovery for Mental and Other Needs Disability
<b>HVS</b>	Hope Village Society
<b>IEDS</b>	Italian –Egyptian Dept Swap Program
<b>IPM</b>	International Project Manager
<b>ITC</b>	Intermediate Technical College
<b>ITEC</b>	Integrated Technical Education Cluster
<b>KPIs</b>	Key Performance Indicators
<b>LCDA</b>	Local Community Development Association of Beshendi
<b>MADE</b>	Marine Aquaculture Development
<b>MAIS</b>	Movimento per l'Autosviluppo, l'Interscambio e la Solidarietà
<b>MALR</b>	Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation
<b>MC</b>	Management Committee
<b>MDGs</b>	Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations
<b>MHC</b>	Mental Health Consultants

<b>MMBA</b>	Masr El Mahrousa Baladi Association
<b>MoETE</b>	Ministry of Education and Technical Education
<b>MOHE</b>	Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research
<b>MoIC</b>	Ministry of International Cooperation
<b>MoTA</b>	Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities
<b>MRI</b>	Medical Research Institute
<b>MSEA</b>	Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs
<b>MSIT</b>	Ministry of Supply and Internal Trade
<b>MSWA</b>	Municipal Solid Waste Agency
<b>NSDSs</b>	National Sustainable Development Strategies
<b>NGO</b>	Non-Governmental Organization
<b>NHASD</b>	New Horizon Association for Social Development
<b>NSWMP</b>	National Solid Waste Management Program
<b>PD</b>	Project Document
<b>PIA</b>	Project Implementing Agreement
<b>PIU</b>	Project Implementation Unit
<b>PMU</b>	Project Management Unit
<b>PPP</b>	Public-Private Partnership
<b>PR</b>	Personal Relation
<b>RC</b>	Ricerca e Cooperazione
<b>RER</b>	Regione Emilia Romagna
<b>SC</b>	Save the Children Italia
<b>SCDECA</b>	Siwa Community Development and Environment Conservation Association
<b>SDGs</b>	Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations
<b>SWM</b>	Solid Waste Management
<b>TAP</b>	Technical Assistance Personnel
<b>TP</b>	Theoretical & Practical
<b>TSS</b>	Technical Secondary School
<b>TSU</b>	Technical Support Unit
<b>TVET</b>	Technical Vocational Education and Training
<b>USD</b>	United States Dollars
<b>VET</b>	Vocational Education Training
<b>VSLA</b>	Voluntary Saving Loans Association
<b>VSS</b>	Vocational Secondary School
<b>WFP</b>	World Food Program

# 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The third phase of the Italian-Egyptian Debt-for-Development Swap Programme was established by the bilateral agreement signed between the Government of Italy and the Government of Egypt on May 10, 2012, renewing the long-standing partnership initiated with the two previous agreements, signed respectively in 2001 and 2006<sup>1</sup>. The Agreement provided for the conversion and subsequent cancellation of the instalments of official debt assistance (ODA) owed by Egypt during the period 2012-2021, for a Total Countervalue (CTV) of USD 100 million and corresponding, specifically, to assistance loans previously granted by Italy for EUR 13,087,911 and USD 82,755,369.

To date, all the debt instalments subject to the Agreement were already converted to the equivalent in local currency and credited to the Counterpart Fund (CPF), established within the Central Bank of Egypt, generating resources for an overall amount of EGP 926,017,366.07.

Under the Agreement, the resources generated by the conversion process are destined to the implementation of development initiatives jointly identified by the two Parties, within five priority sectors of intervention, namely (1) nutrition and food security, (2) education and technical education, (3) agri-food sector, (4) protection of the environment and cultural heritage; 5) civil society.

In addition to these resources, pursuant to the second amendment to the Agreement, entered into force on 09.10.2020, to the CPF were also transferred the remaining funds from IEDS second phase, amounting to EGP 51.221.301,82, out of which EGP 19,579,594.18 referred to debt already cancelled<sup>2</sup> and EGP 31,436,026.63 referred to debt not yet cancelled, corresponding to USD 5,222,138.84.

Overall, considering the resources generated by the current Agreement and those remaining from the previous one, the financial envelope of the Programme amounts therefore to EGP 977,032,986.88.

During the year 2022, in line with the progress in the implementation of the different projects, several instalments, for a total value of EGP 59,267,555.50, were transferred from the CPF to the projects' accounts, bringing the value of total disbursement from the CPF to EGP 686,248,042.61. Pursuant to art. 4.1 of the Agreement, based on which the debt cancellation is related to the actual disbursement of resources from the CPF, as of 31 December 2022, the debt cancelled amounted to EUR 9,910,975.50 and USD 70,257,560.32, i.e., approximately 85 % of the CTV USD value of the Agreement.

As regards the remaining funds the Second Phase, as of 31 December 2022, EGP 28,841,555.52 had been already disbursed from the CPF, out of which EGP 25,113,129 referred to USD 4,176,275.92 of previously uncanceled debt and EGP 3,728,426.52 referring to debt already cancelled.

During the year, considering the signature of implementing agreements for three new projects, the number of initiatives funded by the Programme reached twenty-three<sup>3</sup>, resulting in an overall financial commitment of EGP 812,145,598. Out of them, eight initiatives are promoted by Ministries and public agencies, fourteen by civil society organizations, both Italian (5) and Egyptian (9), and one by the World Food Programme.

<sup>1</sup> Italy and Egypt have been partnering through the debt swap mechanism since 2001, when the first bilateral Debt Swap Agreement, worth approximately USD 149 million, was signed, allowing for the implementation of fifty-three development initiatives promoted by governmental entities, international organizations and the civil society. Leveraging on this positive experience, a second Agreement was signed in 2007, worth a total debt to be swapped of USD 100 million, over a period of 10 years. This second agreement allowed for the implementation of thirty-one development initiatives, promoted by Egyptian governmental entities and the civil society, until December 2017.

<sup>2</sup> These remaining funds were originated from the resources originally allocated to projects but remained unspent at the completion of their activities and therefore refunded to the CPF.

<sup>3</sup> In calculating the number of projects, it should be highlighted that two initiatives, originally approved but later canceled by the MC and promoted respectively by the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities and by the Italian CSO CIERA, were not considered.

Taking into account also the funds allocated to cover the operational costs of the Programme and the technical assistance - of which the TSU is entrusted - the value of funds formally committed amounts to EGP 830.7 million, corresponding to about 90% of the resources generated by the Agreement converted funds.

Out of the above mentioned twenty-three initiatives, as of 31 December 2022, nine had been already completed, eleven are ongoing and three projects are in the start-up phase, specifically a new initiative by the Ministry of Agriculture and Reclamation in support of the National Program for the production of seeds and hybrid varieties of horticultural plants, and two initiatives by the Egyptian CSOs New Horizon Association for Social Development (NHASD) and Hope Village Society (HVS).

In addition to the above-mentioned initiatives, in light of the decisions taken during the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Management Committee, held on 31 October 2022, the new additional projects already identified and referred to the detailed formulation phase reached the number of six. Considering also the additional contribution of EGP 56.7 million granted to the Ministry of Supply for the ongoing "Silos" project, these new initiatives will entail an additional financial commitment of EGP 117,527,467.29, out of which EGP 95,353,402 related to the current Agreement, and EGP 22,174,065.29 from the remaining funds of the Second Phase, thus allocating the entire financial envelope of the Agreement.

In this regard, it is worth to mention that a new amendment to the Agreement was recently formalized, extending the Agreement's duration until 31 December 2024 in order to ensure the implementation and completion of the ongoing initiatives and of those currently still under formulation.



## 2. PROGRAMME STATUS

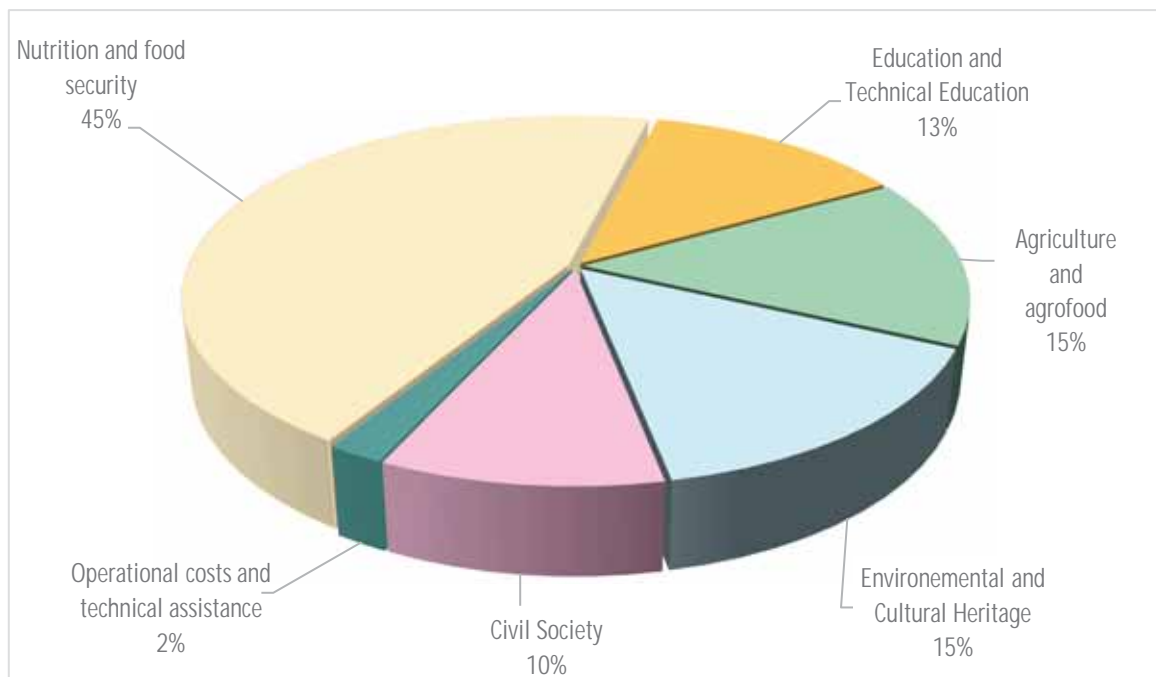
### 2.1. THE DEBT SWAP AGREEMENT

The debt swap is the mechanism by which the government of a creditor country agrees with the government of the debtor country to cancel a fraction of its external debt in foreign currency, against the commitment by the debtor country to invest the equivalent resources in local currency for the implementation of jointly identified initiatives aimed at socio-economic development, environmental protection and poverty reduction.

In continuity with the two previous agreements<sup>4</sup>, the third phase of the Italian-Egyptian Debt-Swap Programme was established by the bilateral agreement signed between the Government of Italy and the Government of Egypt on May 10, 2012. The Agreement provides for the establishment of a Counterpart Fund (CPF) at the Central Bank of Egypt to which, at the agreed maturity dates, the Egyptian Government should transfer the equivalent in local currency of each debt instalment (principal and interest) due in the period between April 2012 and January 2021 for an overall countervalue of USD 100 million<sup>5</sup>.

The resources generated by the swap process and credited to the CPF are therefore allocated to the implementation of development initiatives jointly identified by the Parties. The Agreement specifies in detail the sectors of intervention of the initiatives, also establishing the share of funds to be allocated to each of them.

Figure 1 - Allocation per sector of intervention



<sup>4</sup> The first debt swap agreement between Italy and Egypt, signed in Rome on 19 February 2001, allowed the cancellation of debt instalments due between 2001 and 2006 for a total amount of USD 149 million; The second agreement, signed on 3 June 2007, provided for the cancellation of debt instalments to be repaid between 2007 and 2012 for a total value of USD 100 million.

<sup>5</sup> Although the Agreement quantifies the total value of the debt being converted at 100 million USD, the debt subject to conversion refer both to instalments in dollars and euros. The actual amount covered by the Agreement is therefore given by the sum of the instalments in dollars, equal to USD 82,755,369, and those in euros, equal to EUR 13,087,911.

The original text of the Agreement was subject to two amendments while a third one, as of 31 December 2022, was still under evaluation and, only recently, was eventually formalized.

In particular, through a first amendment to the Agreement, entered into force on 02.04.2019, EGP 42 million were diverted from the quota originally assigned to the Environment and Cultural Heritage sector and reallocated to the Education sector to finance an initiative proposed by the World Food Program (WFP) aiming at supporting the education and the empowerment of vulnerable children and youth through an integrated approach including school feeding and socio-economic empowerment via vocational training, micro-credit, etc.

With the second amendment, entered into force on 9/10/2020, the remaining funds from IEDS second agreement, expired on 31.12.2017, and amounting to EGP 51,221,301.82, were transferred to a specific sub-account of the current CPF with the aim of strengthening and expanding ongoing initiatives.

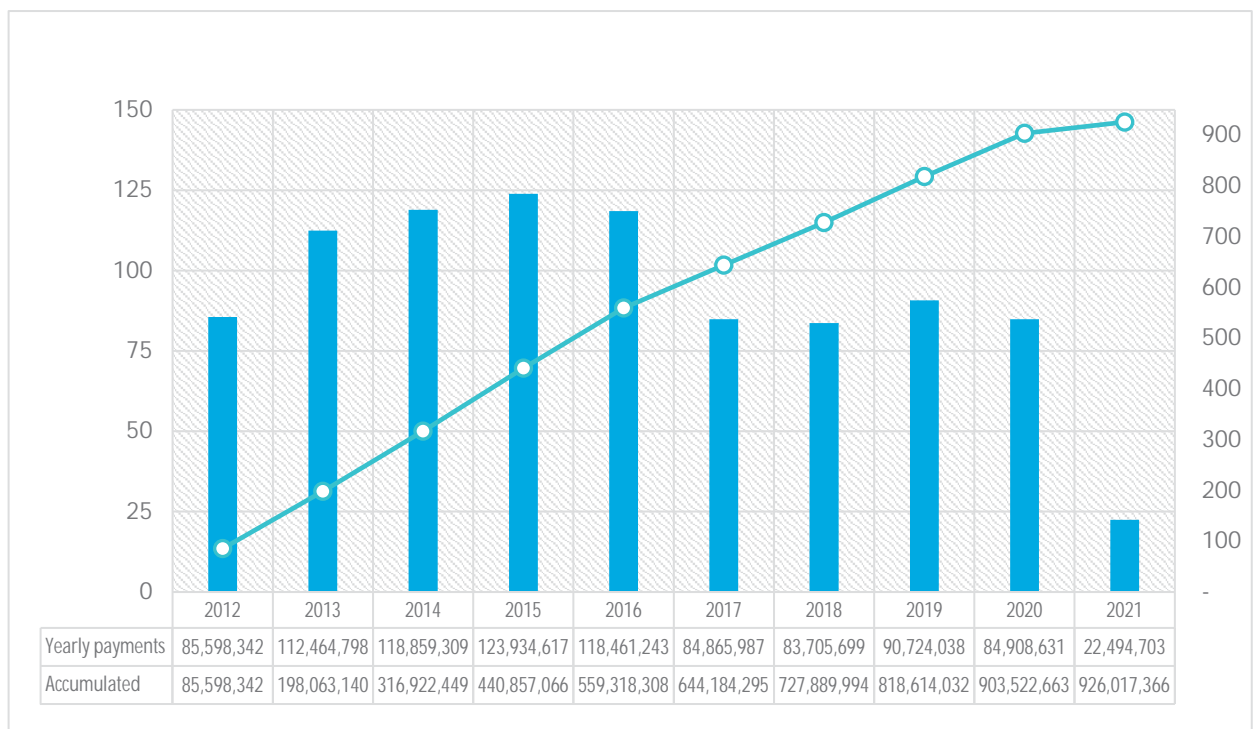
Finally, as agreed during the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Management Committee, held on November 2, 2020, the procedures for the formalization of a third amendment, aiming at extending the validity of the Agreement up to 31 December 2024 were initiated, thus ensuring the correct implementation of the ongoing initiatives and of those still under formulation. The procedure was eventually finalized only in April 2023, through formal exchange of letters between the Parties.

## 2.2. FINANCIAL SITUATION

With the conversion period officially ended in 2021, the debt instalments subject to the Agreement, amounting to a total value of USD 100 million (corresponding to loans for EUR 13,087,910.92 and USD 82,755,368.57), were entirely converted to local currency and deposited into the CPF, generating resources for an overall value of EGP 926,017,366.07.

The following table shows the trend of the debt conversion during the period 2012-2021 and the amounts of converted debt progressively credited to the Counterpart Fund Account.

Figure 2 - Trends in conversion process with yearly and cumulative values credited to the CPF (in millions of EGP).



The following table (Figure 3) shows instead the Converted Total Value in millions of USD on a yearly and progressive basis.

Figure 3 - Trends in conversion process during the Agreement period (in millions of CTV USD), yearly and cumulative values

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Yearly converted value	13.65	16.85	16.83	16.83	13.83	4.78	4.78	5.52	5.51	1.42
Progressive converted value	13.65	30.50	47.33	64.16	77.99	82.77	87.55	93.07	98.58	100.00

During the year, based on the progress in the implementation of the different initiatives, from the CPF were transferred instalments for a total value of EGP 59,257,555.50, as detailed in Figure 4.

Figure 4 - Instalments transferred from the Counterpart Fund (CPF) during 2022

Date	Project #	Applicant	Project title	Description	Amount
20.01.2022	IEDS-III-13	CISS	Strengthening business environment for the eco-tourist development of New Valley Governorate	Fifth instalment	2,296.700.00
06.03.2022	IEDS-III-18	WFP	Social Protection and Human Capital Development in Luxor	Last instalment	10,490,541.00
10.05.2022	IEDS-III-22	MALR	Establishment of Red Tilapia Hatchery in North Sinai (Bardawil)	First and only instalment	14,176,000.00
25.07.2022	IEDS-III-06	MALR	Marine Aquaculture Development in Egypt (MADE) – Phase 2	Third instalment	11,488,362.50
25.07.2022	IEDS-III-19	MoE	Systemic Approach to Solid Waste Management in Rural Governorates of Egypt - Pilot Development of a Comprehensive Scheme for El Minya Governorate - Phase 3	Second instalment	2,064,802.00
23.11.2022	IEDS-III-20	MoETE	Applied Technology Schools and Teachers' Enhancement Project (AT-STEP)	Second instalment	18,751,150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>59,267,555.50</b>

In light of such instalments, the total amount disbursed from the CPF as of 31.12.2022, amounts to EGP 686,248,042.66. Pursuant to Article 4.1 of the Agreement, this figure translates into the cancellation of approximately 85% of the Converted Total Value (CTV) in USD covered by the Agreement<sup>7</sup>, specifically corresponding to EUR 10,258,688.89 and USD 71,653,607.43.

The following table shows the trends in the debt cancellation from 2012 until 31 December 2022.

Figure 5 - Trends in debt cancellation process (in million CTV USD)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Yearly cancelled debt	0	0	2.37	4.34	9.27	4.09	5.77	13.59	16.40	25.,95	3.41
Progressive cancelled debt	0	0	2.37	6.71	15.97	20.06	25.83	39.42	55.81	81.76	85.17

<sup>6</sup> It should be taken into account that this figure also includes the funds disbursed to the TSU to cover the operational costs of the Programme and the Technical Assistance component, as well as the amount of EGP 10,727,000 originally transferred to the Ministry of Antiquities as first instalment of a project that later was cancelled: in this case, rather than requesting the refund of the instalment, the Management Committee entrusted the Ministry of Antiquities to retain the funds to be reallocated for the implementation of a new initiative aimed at the development of Abu Sir archaeological area.

<sup>7</sup> In art. 1 paragraph 2, the Agreement quantifies the maximum amount to be converted at USD 100 million, defining it as *Converted Total Value (CTV)*. Since this value is given by the sum of actual claims of EUR 13,087,910.92 and USD 82,755,368.57, it is inferred that the Agreement took as a reference an exchange rate of EUR 1 = 1.31760 USD. Applying the same exchange rate, the CTV debt canceled to date is equal to USD 85,170,455.91.

Below are the details of the financial progress of the Programme comparing the debt converted with the debt already cancelled, and the funds committed as of 31.12.2022.

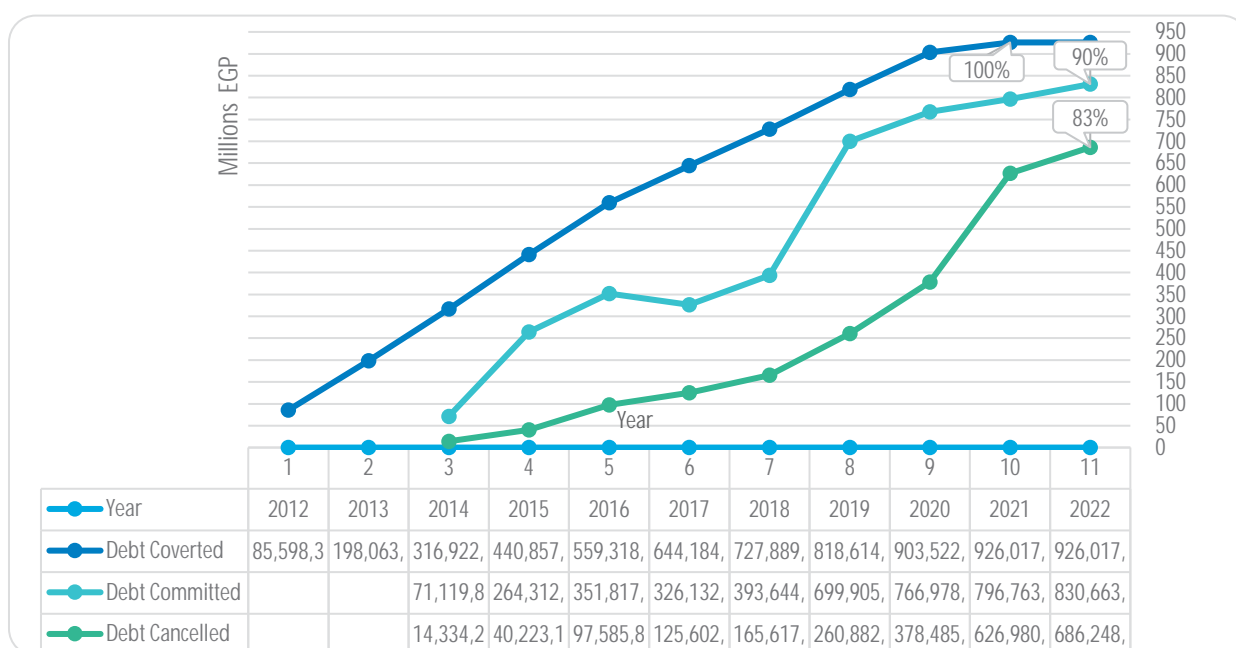
Figure 6 - Counterpart Fund (CPF) Status as of 31 December 2022 (CPF)

Description	EGP	%	USD	EUR	CTV USD	%
Converted Debt	926,017,366.07	100.00%	82,755,368.57	13,087,910.92	100,000,000.00	100.00%
Cancelled debt	686,248,042.61	74.11%	71,653,607.43	10,258,688.89	<b>85,170,455.91</b>	<b>85.17%</b>

### 2.2.1. STATUS IN THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

As of 31.12.2022, an overall amount of EGP 812,145,598 had been already formally committed for the implementation of twenty-three initiatives operating in the five sectors of intervention identified in the Agreement. Taking into account also the funds allocated to cover the operational costs and the technical assistance, entrusted to the Technical Support Unit, amounting to EGP 18,518,366 (2% of the value of the Agreement), the total amount commitment, to date, is equal to EGP 830,663,964.07, which represents about 90% of the resources generated by the Agreement.

Figure 7 – Evolution of trends per debt converted, cancelled and committed (in millions of EGP)



During the year, three new initiatives were officially admitted to financing through the signature of implementing agreements as shown in Figure 8 below:

Figure 8 - New initiatives formalized during 2022.

Sector	Applicant	Project Title	Amount EGP
Agriculture	Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation	Support to the National Project for Hybrid Vegetable Seed Breeding	18,900,000.00
Civil Society	Hope Village Society (HPS)	Community support for Children and Youth through the provision of after care services and the promotion of Family Hosting System	7,500,000.00
Civil Society	New Horizon Association for Social Development (NHASD)	Employ some to feed many – Phase II	7,500,000.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33,900,000.00</b>

In addition to the funds formally committed, further resources had been already preliminarily allocated for the implementation of other initiatives approved in principle by the Management Committee and assigned respectively to the Ministry of Environment, the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities and the Egyptian OSC Masr El Mahrousa Baladi Association. Furthermore, during its 9th Meeting, held on October 31, 2022, the Management Committee approved the granting of an additional contribution to the Ministry of Supply and Internal Trade to strengthen the ongoing “Silos” project, as well as the financing of a new initiative aimed at supporting women’s empowerment in the Luxor Governorate, promoted by the Egyptian CSO, Key of Life, which had been already involved as a local operational partner in WFP initiative, Once formalized, these initiatives that at the moment are still under formulation, will imply a financial commitment for an additional value of EGP 91,933,656.00, as detailed in Figure 9.

Figure 9 - Resources set aside as of 31 December 2022 for initiatives identified or under formulation.

Sector	Applicant	Project title	Amount
Civil Society	Masr El Mahrousa Baladi Association (MMBA)	“Care project” for the protection of children-at-risk	7,500,000.00
Environment and Cultural Heritage	Ministry of Environment	Preserve the biodiversity in the national Protected Areas reducing the impact of climate change	15,688,981.00
Environment and Cultural Heritage	Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities	Rehabilitation and enhancement of the archaeological area of Abu Sir in the Giza Governorate	10,727,000.00
Nutrition and Food security	Ministry of Supply and Internal Trade	Establishment of six complexes of VFS and f an ICT system for the wheat management sector – <i>Additional funds</i>	56,708,000.00
Civil Society	Key of Life	<i>Action in support of women's empowerment in Luxor Governorate</i>	1,309,675.00 <sup>8</sup>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>91,933,656.00</b>

It should also be also highlighted that, following the audit conducted by the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSS), in 2022 the Management Committee formalized the cancellation of the originally planned second phase of the project “Women’s empowerment in the rural areas of Fayoum” promoted by the Egyptian CSO FAODA, for the implementation of which an amount of EGP 2,500,000 had been originally set aside.

The table below (Figure 10) shows the resources allocated for each sector of intervention: the column “Available amount (A)” refers to the shares of funds assigned to each sector of intervention according to the percentages established in art. 3.1 of the Agreement and in the light of the modifications made by the First Amendment to the Agreement. The column “Committed amount (B)” refers to resources formally committed through the signature of project implementing agreements, as well as those allocated to the TSU for covering the operational costs and technical assistance. The column “Allocated amount (C)” shows the provisions for initiatives already approved by the Management Committee but for which the signature of the implementing agreements is pending the clearance from the Egyptian authorities, as well as those new initiatives approved in principle and currently in the formulation phase. Finally, column (D) reports the remaining funds for each of the sectors identified by the Agreement.

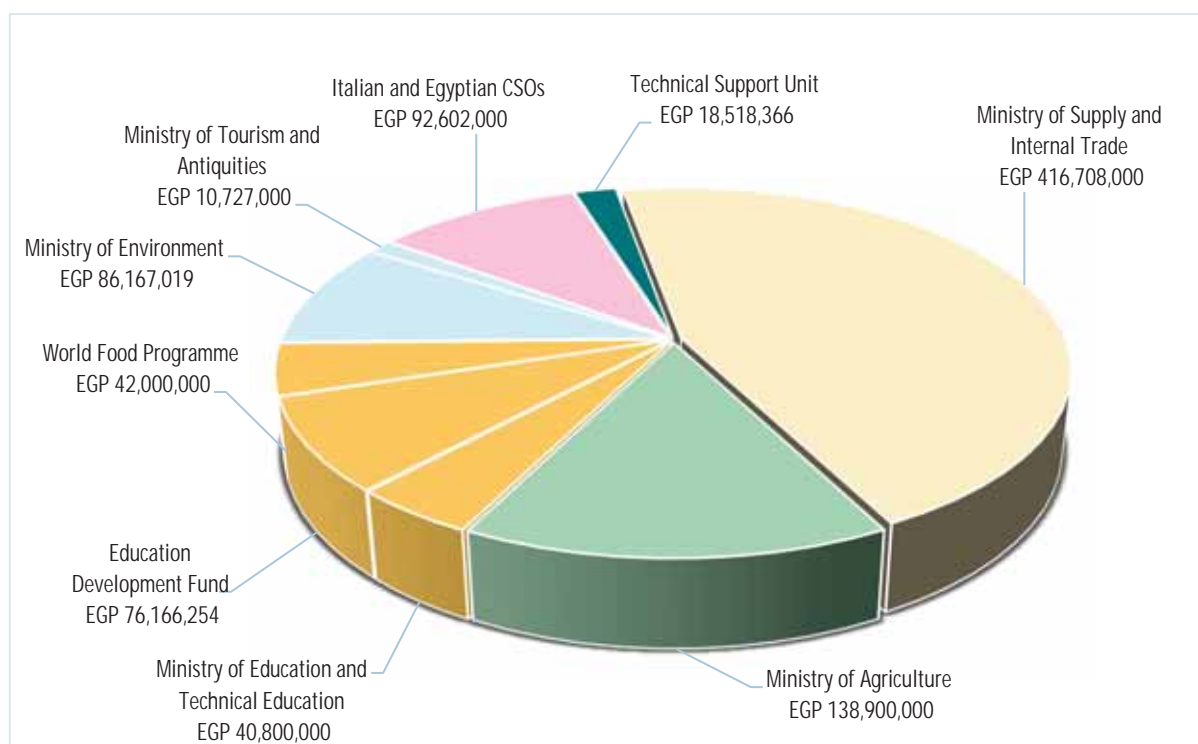
<sup>8</sup> Such amount, corresponding to the available balance under the Civil Society envelope, will be integrated by any unspent balance refunded to the CPF by other CSOs at the end of their project. As of 31.12.2022, the total value of the resources already refunded by CSOs was amounting to EGP 1,434,126.85.

Figure 10 - Distribution of available resources among the sectors of intervention and available balance as of 31.12.2022

Sector	%	Overall available amount (A)	Committed (B)	Allocated (C)	Remaining unallocated funds (D) = A-B-C
Nutrition and food security	45%	416,708,000.00	360,000,000	56,708,000	
Education and Technical Education	17,5%	162,383,000.00	158,966,254	0	3,416,746
Agriculture and agrifood	15%	138,903,000.00	138,900,000	0	3,000
Environment and Cultural heritage	10,5%	96,903,000.00	70,487,019	26,415,981	-
Civil Society	10%	92,602,000.00	83,792,325	8,809,675	0
Operational costs / Technical Assistance	2%	18,518,366.07	18,518,366.07	0	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>926.017.366.07</b>	<b>830,663,964.07</b>	<b>91,933,656</b>	<b>3,419,746<sup>9</sup></b>

Considering also the initiatives in pipeline and/or formulation phase, the graph below (Figure 11) shows the actual distribution, as of 31.12.2022, of the resources generated by the third Agreement to the various Implementing Agencies.

Figure 11 - Distribution of IEDS resources among the different partners as of 31 December 2022



<sup>9</sup> During the 9th Management Committee meeting, held on October 31, 2022, the Ministry of International Cooperation suggested to destine the totality of those residual funds to integrate the available resources already allocated to NWFEE project under IEDS 2 balance.

### 2.2.2. RESIDUAL FUNDS FROM PHASE 2

As mentioned in paragraph 2.1, with the second amendment to the Agreement, it was agreed to transfer within the legal framework of the current Agreement, the remaining funds of the so-called Second Phase, i.e., the funds generated from the previous Debt Swap Agreement signed in 2007. These remaining resources, amounting to EGP 51,015,620.81, were then transferred to a specific sub-account of the current CPF under the responsibility of the Management Committee, who is entrusted to decide on its actual destination. Out of the total amount of funds remaining from the IEDS Second Phase:

- EGP 31,436,026.63 were related to funds of the Second Phase that had not been disbursed, corresponding to USD 5,222,138.84 of debt not yet cancelled.
- EGP 19,785,275.19<sup>10</sup> were instead resulted from unspent balance originated at the completion of a number of projects implemented during Phase 2 and therefore refunded to the CPF (equivalent approximately to USD 1.2 million), thus referring to debt that was already formally cancelled.

Out of these funds, as of 31 December 2022, EGP 28,841,555.52 had been disbursed and specifically: EGP 3,728,426.52, referring to previously cancelled debt (Figure 12) and EGP 25,113,129 referring to not yet cancelled debt (Figure 13): this latter translates into to the cancellation of a further portion of debt equal to USD 4,176,275.92, i.e., about 80% of the residual debt from the Second Phase.

These funds were allocated to allow the completion of residual activities of projects funded under the Second Phase, in particular the "Health Governance Unit" project carried out by the Medical Research Centre of the University of Alexandria, as well as to strengthen the impact of the MADE initiative, in support of the Aquaculture sector in Egypt<sup>11</sup>.

Figure 12 - Status of IEDS 2 remaining funds as of 31 December 2022 (cancelled debt)

Date	Applicant	#	Project	Transfers	Remaining
20.06.18	MoALR	DS-II-29	Developing the Hand Crafts Skills and Enhancing the Economic Status of Woman in Upper Egypt (WEE)	375,000.00	
13.06.19	MoALR	IEDS-III-06	Marine Aquaculture Development in Egypt (MADE II)	3,353,426.52	
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,728,426.52</b>	<b>15,851,167.66</b>

<sup>10</sup> It should be considered that in the amendment to the Agreement, the value of the unspent resources refunded by the completed projects (therefore referring to debt already cancelled) was erroneously reported as EGP 19,758,275.19 and this for two reasons: on the one hand, residues of projects financed under the third phase for a value of EGP 941,333.85 were mistakenly considered in the calculation; on the other hand, in the calculation had not been considered an additional residue of EGP 387,652.84, made available in June 2019, while it had been subtracted an amount of EGP 375,000 that, meanwhile, had been already transferred back to one of the projects for the completion of a residual activity.

<sup>11</sup> It should be clarified that in the Project Implementing Agreement, the remaining balance from MADE I project allocated to MADE II is calculated in EGP 6,267,206.47. Such number is given by adding up a residual amount from MADE I project, equal to EGP 2,913,779.95, which was already in the availability of MoALR, and the amount of EGP 3,353,426.52 mentioned in the above table, which was first refunded from MADE I project to the CPF and then, from here, transferred back to MoALR for MADE II project. This brings the total value of the Project Implementing Agreement to EGP 127,091,206.47.



Figure 13 - Status of IEDS 2 remaining funds as of 31 December 2022 (uncancelled debt)

Date	Applicant	#	Project	Transferred EGP	Transferred CTV USD	Remaining EGP	Remaining CTV USD
19.03.18	MRI	DS-II-18	Health Governance Unit	402,637,00	67.504,44		
03.04.18	MRI	DS-II-18	Health Governance Unit	9,230,492.00	1.545.038,63		
13.06.19	MoALR	IEDS-III-06	MADE II	15,000,000.00	2.484.323,13		
08.06.21	MRI	DS-II-18	Health Governance Unit	480,000.00	79.409,72		
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>25,113,129.00</b>	<b>4,176,275.92</b>	<b>6,322,897.63</b>	<b>1,045,862.92</b>

As of 31.12.2022, out of the remaining funds of the Second Phase, the resources still available amounted to EGP 22,174,065.29 of which EGP 15,851,167.66 referred to already cancelled debt and EGP 6,322,897.63 referring to not yet cancelled debt (equal to USD 1,045,862.92).

During the 9th Meeting of the Management Committee, held on 31 October 2022, it was however agreed to allocate the totality of these resources to the implementation of two further initiatives, as shown in the table below:

Figure 14 - New initiatives identified for funding under IEDS 2 remaining funds.

Applicant	Project titles	Allocated EGP
Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities	Establishment of a permanent gallery for Fayoum Portraits within Cairo Egyptian Museum	10,000,000.00
Ministry of Environment	Action in support of the Nexus on Food, Water and Energy (NWFE) programme	12,174,065.29
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>22,174,065.29</b>

With regard to the NWFE initiative, which represents a high priority in light of the Egyptian Presidency of COP27, in addition to the resources available under IEDS residual balance, the Ministry of International Cooperation suggested to allocate also the remaining funds not yet allocated under the Education (EGP 3,416,746) and Agriculture (EGP 3,000) envelopes, subject to the agreement of relevant Parties, since these limited amounts would not allow, in any case, to carry out new initiatives.

As of 31 December 2022, therefore, all the remaining funds of the Second Phase were already committed or preliminarily allocated.



## 3. SECTORS' UPDATES

As of 31.12.2022, from the overall resources generated by the Debt Swap Agreement, an amount of EGP 812.145.598 had been already formally committed for the implementation of twenty-three initiatives, out of which eight carried out by Ministries and public entities, fourteen by civil society organizations and one by the World Food Programme.

During 2022, three of these initiatives were officially ended, namely those implemented by the World Food Programme and by the local CSO SCDECA and FAODA, bringing to nine the number of initiatives completed so far, against the eleven still ongoing.

Among those latter, two initiatives are currently temporarily on-hold: namely, Phase III of Solid Waste Management project in Minya pertaining the Ministry of the Environment, which requires to go through a revision and update of its intervention strategy, following some technical and financial constraints emerged during the implementation, and HARMONY project from the local CSO AWSC, whose request for a no-cost extension (the project original ending date was 31.10.2022), is currently pending the submission of adequate supporting documents.

A brief description about the status of the different projects, including the initiatives in pipeline and those under formulation is reported here below with mentions of the main updates recorded during the reporting period, including no-cost extensions, project amendments, transfer of instalments, signature of agreements, as well as of the main challenges and risks faced by the projects.

To this aim, the report will adopt a tracking code where each project will be associated to a risk level, intended as the likelihood that such project might not be able to perform as per the approved plan (e.g., delays in the implementation, expenditure deviation, institutional issues, etc.), as assessed by the TSU based on the review of the available performance indicators as other objective criteria (e.g., financial performance, implementation stage, pending requests, etc.) and collected data. The potential risk will be marked with a four-color system: ● **low**; ● **low/medium**; ● **medium/high**; ● **high**.

### 3.1. NUTRITION AND FOOD SECURITY

The Debt Swap Agreement provides for 45% of the resources generated by the swap process, equivalent to EGP 416,708,000, to be allocated to the "Nutrition and Food Security" sector and specifically to the Ministry of Supply and Internal Trade. As of 31 December 2022, this amount was entirely allocated to support the implementation of an initiative aimed at improving the management of wheat reserve in Egypt, as detailed here below:

- **Applicant:** Ministry of Supply and Internal Trade  
**Project title:** *Establishment of Vertical Farm Silos complexes and implementation of an ICT System for the Wheat Management Sector*  
**Status:** ongoing  
**Funding:** EGP 416,708,000  
**Expenditure:** EGP 316,332,797.75 (75.9%)  
**Risk assessment:** **medium/high**

The project, which is implemented by the Egyptian Holding Company for Silos and Storage (EHCSS), has gone through different modifications and redesigning of its strategy over the years, since the signature of the original Agreement in 2015. In its current formulation, the initiative aims at establishing six complexes of vertical farm silos as well as at developing and operating an information system able to allow real-time management of wheat reserve at national level. The project was expected to end in December 2022, but external challenges, mainly pertaining to delays in clearing the construction sites and obtaining the required authorisations for the civil

works, as well as the delay in the supply of foreign technology for the ICT systems, prevented the timely completion of its activities.

It is worth to mention that a field visit to El Edwa construction site in Minya Governorate was organized by TSU on June 27, 2022, with the participation of H.E. Ambassador of Italy to Egypt, AICS Cairo Director, and the Head of EHCSS.

As of December 2022, the project had reported the construction of the vertical silos as 99% completed and the development and testing of the information system as 86% completed, while the expenditure rate at the same date was about 87.5% of the approved budget.

Nevertheless, during its 9<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 31.10.2022, the Management Committee agreed to grant the project with an additional contribution of EGP 56,708,000.00, required to compensate the increased costs due to the devaluation of the Egyptian Pounds, bringing IEDS overall contribution to the initiative to EGP 416,708,000.00. Accordingly, an *Addendum* to the Project Implementing Agreement, formalizing the additional funding, as well as a one-year no-cost extension until December 2023, is currently in the process of being signed among the Parties. The extension period will allow the project to finalize the works including the operational test and assure the correct handing over the 6 sites and of the ICT infrastructure.

It should be highlighted that, to date, the project was not yet able to submit a plan of action to detail the allocation of the additional funds, as required by the Management Committee as a condition for the release of the last instalment. Such situation along with a certain degree of reticence showed by the project in providing regular updates, are likely to suggest the risk of further delays in the implementation that may prevent the project to be completed within the new agreed ending date.

### 3.2. AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD SECTOR

The Debt Swap Agreement allocates 15% of the resources generated by the swap process, corresponding to EGP 138,903,000, to the agricultural and agrifood sector and specifically to the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation. As of 31.12.2022, within this sector, an amount of EGP 138,900,000 had been allocated and committed to the implementation of the following initiatives:

- **Applicant:** Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation  
**Project title:** MADE 2 - *Marine Aquaculture Development in Egypt*  
**Status:** ongoing  
**Funding:** EGP 127,091,206.47  
**Expenditure:** EGP 107,150,882.53 (84.3%)  
**Risk assessment:** low/medium

The project, that completes and expands the results achieved through MADE project, funded under the previous Debt Swap Agreement, aims at establishing a model for integrated rearing systems for fish farms and marine hatcheries in Port Said and Alexandria (K21-Agami) that allow for opportunities for investment, in addition to improving the management capacity of GAFRD human resources as well as performance capacity of fish farmers.

In June 2022, a delegation from the Technical Support Unit (TSU) conducted a field visit to the facilities in Port Said and K21-Agami in Alexandria, assessing a general progress in project implementation despite some delays, mainly in the completion of the infrastructures.

In order to strengthen its sustainability, MADE project has requested Ministry of Finance to established itself as a self-financing unit and the MC have agreed the revenues generated during the project to be retained by the project as a start-up capital rather than being refunded to the CPF at the completion of the initiative, in order to directly finance the future operational costs of the facilities.

Nevertheless, in the meanwhile a legal dispute arose over the land where the project has established and equipped a multi-trophic marine fish farm in Port Said, for an investment of about EGP 12.5 million. In particular, Presidential Decree no. 182, issued on May 10, 2022, terminated LFRPDA's (previously GAFRD's) concession over a vast area known as Raswa Farms in Port Said, that includes the 10-feddan land parcel where the multi-trophic marine fish farm is located. The termination of the concession rights implies that the use of the concerned lands shall return to Port Said governorate to be then allocated for logistic and development purposes.

At the time being, thanks to the intercession of the Management Committee, the Governor accepted to deputize LFRPDA in the management of the facility until the end of the project but, beyond that date, the fate of the multitrophic farm remains uncertain, potentially affecting the capacities of the project to generate revenues and therefore negatively affecting its sustainability.

During 2022, the project received the third (EGP 11,488,362) and fourth and last instalment (EGP 4,024,519.00). A new 6 month no-cost extension was approved by the Management Committee bringing the ending date to 30 June 2023 on the condition that no further protracting the weight of management and running costs on the project budget and delaying the self-sustainability of Alexandria (K21) and Port Said Aquaculture districts will be approved in future.

The extension was required to conclude the remaining activities, namely the establishment of the Sorting and Packing Hall in Port Said as well as the selling outlets in both locations as well as to prepare a business plan and a communication strategy in order to support the financial sustainability of the facilities. Nevertheless, considering the frequent challenges faced by the project in finalizing civil works, and taking into account the financial performance as of 31 December 2022, further delays cannot be excluded.

- **Applicant:** Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation  
**Project title:** *Red Tilapia Hatchery in Bardawil*  
**Status:** ongoing  
**Funding:** EGP 14,176,000.00  
**Expenditure:** EGP 0.00 (0%)  
**Risk assessment:** high

The project aims at aims to establish a hatchery to produce Red Tilapia fingerlings in Bardawil area in the North Sinai region. After the signature of the Implementing Agreement, the project received in a single instalment the entire agreed contribution, amounting to EGP 14,176,000 and the activities officially started on 01.06.2022 for an expected duration of 24 months until 31.05.2024.

Nevertheless, despite the continuous reminders, the project has not submitted any progress report or any relevant information clarifying its current status. Meanwhile, the TSU was informed by the Ministry of International Cooperation about the Applicant's intention to modify the location for the establishment of the hatchery. To this regard, TSU advised the Ministry to call for an urgent meeting of the Project Steering Committee.

- **Applicant:** Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation  
**Project title:** *Support the Egyptian National Programme for Vegetable Seed Production Industry*  
**Status:** in pipeline  
**Funding:** EGP 18,900,000.00  
**Risk assessment:** low/medium

The initiative intends to support the National Programme for the production of vegetable hybrid seeds characterised by higher productivity, better quality, and resistance to diseases for eight out of the eleven vegetable crops covered by the Programme.

The Project Implementing Agreement was signed on July 7, 2022. As of December 2022, the project was still in the process of finalizing the administrative process required to receive the first instalment, namely the approval process by the Ministry of Planning to integrate the budget in the fiscal year.

### 3.3. EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The Debt Swap Agreement provides 13% of the resources generated by the swap process, corresponding specifically to EGP 120,383,000, to be allocated to the "Education and Technical Education" sector. Within this sector, the improvement of the technical and vocational education in the country was prioritized in order to meet the needs of the Egyptian labour market and increase the competitiveness of Egyptian technicians in the regional and global market.

Further to the above-mentioned funds, through the above mentioned first Amendment to the Agreement, additional resources, amounting to EGP 42,000,000, deducted from the Environment and Cultural Heritage sector allocation, were also added to the sector and allocated to the World Food Programme for an initiative aimed at supporting schooling and social development in the Governorate of Luxor.

Within the sector, as of 31 December 2022, an overall amount of EGP 158,966,254 had formally committed, to finance the following four initiatives:

- **Applicant:** Education Development Fund  
**Project title:** *VSS - New Vocational Secondary School Pathway at the ITEC In Demo*  
**Status:** ongoing  
**Funding:** EGP 12,960,000.00  
**Expenditure:** EGP 6,562,897.00 (50.3%)  
**Risk assessment:** high

The project was intended to develop a new educational pathway called *Vocational Secondary School (VSS)* with a 3-year cycle program, specifically focused on developing professional competences required in the labour market with a minor emphasis on the general education knowledge, as compared with ITEC's first cycle (IeFP / Technical Secondary School).

The project started on February 1, 2018, and, following a 23-month no-cost extension, is currently expected to end by 30 June 2023. Nevertheless, as of 31 December 2022, the project received only the first instalment amounting to EGP 9,848,300.00 and shows a very low financial performance with an expenditure which is stuck at only 50% of the contribution.

As per the agreed co-funding by EDF, amounting to EGP 26,478,000.00, the project has never reported if and how it was ever allocated.

During a field visit held on May 31, 2022, at the presence of EDF Secretary General, the TSU had the chance to inspect the site, revealing an important delay in the delivery of the agreed infrastructures, despite the educational activities being regularly operated through the already existing facilities. Furthermore, it should be noted that, as mentioned by EDF, considering a reported low interest drawn by the new model, the very same concept of VSS has been meanwhile abandoned, and the facility is currently operating as a traditional 3-year Technical Secondary School.

TSU has solicited EDF and the PMU to design a new updated and realistic work plan but, so far, no action was taken, and the project did not even submit the last semi-annual progress report.

- **Applicant:** Education Development Fund  
**Project title:** *Italian-Egyptian Integrated Technical Education Cluster (ITEC) In Abu Ghaleb City, Giza Governorate*  
**Status:** ongoing  
**Funding:** EGP 63,206,254.00  
**Expenditure:** EGP 23,782,060.08 (37.6%)  
**Risk assessment:** high

Building on the experience and lessons learnt of the Integrated Technical Education Cluster (ITEC) established in Demo (Fayoum Governorate), under the second Italian-Egyptian Debt for Development Swap Programme, the project aims at establishing a new ITEC in the City of Abu Ghaleb, Giza Governorate.

The project started on February 1, 2018, and is currently expected to end by July 31, 2023. The initiative has reported a very low financial performance, being able, as of 31.12.2022, to spend less than 38% of the agreed budget.

As per the agreed co-funding by EDF, amounting to EGP 71,000,000.00, the project has never reported if and how it was ever allocated.

Such delay, as for VSS project, seems to be mainly related to the challenges faced in completing the civil works due to the devaluation of the Egyptian Pound and the following inflationary spiral. In addition to this, another important issue affecting the achievement of project results and taking the project away from its original strategy is the disengagement of Regione Emilia Romagna as project partner. At the time being, in fact, at the completion of the first 3-year cycle of studies, the successful graduated are not anymore entitled to receive the Italian IeFP certificate, but only the Egyptian TSS diploma.

By using facilities already available, the project has been able so far to operationalise the first 3-year educational cycle for the electronic and garment specializations, while the second 2-year planned cycle will have been reportedly moved to Al Ameriya ITEC, within the facilities of Misr International Technology University (MITU).

Whereas the request for an extension can be easily anticipated, the TSU has solicited EDF and the PMU to focus on updating the strategy and design an updated and realistic work plan. Nevertheless, so far, no action was taken.

- **Applicant:** Ministry of Education and Technical Education  
**Project title:** *AT-STEP - Applied Technology Schools and Teachers' Enhancement Project*  
**Status:** ongoing  
**Funding:** EGP 40,800,000.00  
**Expenditure:** EGP 12,332,407.14 (30.2%)  
**Risk assessment:** high

By building upon the success of the ITEC model, the initiative intends to establish a network of a hundred Applied Technology Schools (ATS) through an innovative public-private partnership with the aim to graduate operators and technicians with specific professional competences that are in large demand by Egyptian, regional, and international private sector.

The project started on November 1, 2020, and is expected to end on October 31, 2024.

In November, the project received the second instalment amounting to EGP 18,751,150.00 required to cover the project expenditure during the period from July 2022 to June 2023.

Despite the progress achieved in developing educational curricula and establishing ATs, the low expenditure rate (30%) reveals a poor financial performance and highlights relevant delays in completing some of the activities (e.g., signature of cooperation protocol with the industries;

training of teachers and ATS staff, establishment of the quality system, etc.). A detailed action plan was requested in November 2022 but was never submitted.

A midterm evaluation would allow assessing the project's progress and formulating recommendations to address current challenges and prevent further delays.

- **Applicant:** World Food Programme  
**Project title:** *Social Protection and Human Capital Development in Luxor* (IEDS-III-18)  
**Status:** **Completed**  
**Funding:** EGP 42,000,000.00  
**Expenditure:** EGP 42,000,000.00 (100%)

The project ended on June 30, 2022. The submission of final reports is still pending. A draft was informally submitted by the Applicant on November 27, 2022.

During a field visit organized on 18-19 October, the TSU had the chance to visit the activities of the various project components and meet some of the beneficiaries. In particular, the mission included: a) the visit to one of the 125 community schools assisted by the project through a package of services aimed at encouraging school attendance and improving the quality of learning including the distribution of school snacks, the provision of financial subsidies for the families of school children, the introduction of digital technologies, the development of teachers' skills and community awareness. b) The visit to one of the vocational training centres of the Ministry of Manpower supported by the project, which offered training to over 250 young people in different professions (including solar energy, and hospitality) and the meeting with the Manager of the Hilton Luxor, whose involvement in the project represent a best practice of a public-private partnership aimed at the creation of a professional training program in the hospitality sector. c) A visit to two of the approximately 850 women beneficiaries of microcredit who have successfully started income-generating domestic businesses. d) The visit to one of the twenty Local Administrative Units supported by the project through a program of technological innovation and capacity building.

The project had been originally pre-identified by the Management Committee to be considered for additional funding under IEDS 2 remaining balance. Nevertheless, more pressing priorities have later diverted such funds towards other initiatives. Considering the success of WFP initiative (with few exceptions on specific sub-component such as the support provided to local administrative units) in supporting education and food security, the TSU strongly advise to consider providing further support to the Programme whether the availability of new funds should arise.

### 3.4. ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

The Debt Swap Agreement provides for allocating 15% of the resources generated by the swap process, equivalent to EGP 138,903,000, to the "Protection of Cultural and Environmental Heritage" sector. In light of the first amendment to the Agreement, which determined the reallocation of EGP 42,000,000 of these funds to the Education sector, the sector's allocation was reduced to EGP 98,903,000.

Such decision was driven by the cancellation of the project entitled "*Renovation of the Greek-Roman Museum of Alexandria and enhancement of the archaeological sites of Saqqara and Medinet Madi*", promoted by the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities. With the cancellation of the aforementioned project, for which a contribution of EGP 53.1 million had originally been allocated, the Management Committee decided to leave the amount of EGP 10,727,000, which had already been disbursed as the first project instalment in the availability of the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, to be reallocated to a new initiative aimed at the development of Abu Sir archaeological site.



Within this sector, as of 31 December 2022, an overall amount of EGP 70,487,019 had been formally committed while resources amounting EGP 26,415,981 had been already preliminary allocated to finance initiative currently under formulation for a total amount of EGP 96,903,000, i.e., the entire allocation of the sector. These funds were used to finance the following initiatives:

- **Applicant:** Ministry of Environment/UNDP  
**Project title:** *Systemic Approach to Solid Waste Management in Rural Governorates of Egypt - Pilot Development of a Comprehensive Scheme for Minya Governorate - Phase III (IEDS-III-19)*  
**Status:** **on-hold**  
**Funding:** EGP 70,487,019.00  
**Expenditure:** EGP 5,987,019 (8.5%)  
**Risk assessment:** **high**

Building upon the experience gained during the first two phases of the project, as per the Implementing Agreement signed on September 5, 2019, the main output of the initiative was the establishment of a new Solid Waste Recycling and Composting plant for Minya city, replicating the model adopted for the Edwa plant established during the Second Phase of the Debt-Swap Programme and with an anticipated treatment capacity of 500 tons/day and an expected cost of EGP 59 million.

Nevertheless, based on a preliminary assessment done by the Project, on 05/10/2021 the MC was informed that the estimated capital cost for the establishment of such facility, as per the current market prices, exceeded the funds allocated within the project, anticipating therefore an expected gap of about EGP 42 million.

At the same time, a preliminary evaluation about the status of Edwa facility revealed that the treatment plant is currently not operational, highlighting several technical constraints that had negatively affected its regular activities and contributed to determine the halt of its operations by the private concessionaire.

Therefore, due to technical and financial constraints, the project was temporarily suspended by the Management Committee as of March 31, 2022. A second partial instalment, amounting to EGP 2,064,802, was released on 25/07/2022 to cover the existing financial commitment until June 30, 2022.

Meanwhile, in order to revise project strategy and define a new action plan, the Management Committee agreed to support the Ministry of Environment with the service of a technical consultant, identified by the Waste Management Regulatory Authority. As approved by the Management Committee during its 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the technical assistance and the process of revision and update of the project document will be structured in in two consecutive phases, as follows:

1. In a first phase, the Technical Assistance (TA) shall be aimed at the preparation of the following:
  - 1.1. a concept note / preliminary project document, which shall illustrate in more detail the new designed project strategy, defining in general terms the main activities, the required resources and the costs associated with them.
  - 1.2. a pre-feasibility study, i.e., a study which, on the basis of a technical, economic and environmental analysis done through already available information, can confirm, at a preliminary level, the general assumptions, the relevance and feasibility of the proposed action.

The approval by the Management Committee of the above-mentioned documents, priorly validated and approved by the Ministry of Environment/WMRA, will be the condition for entering the second phase as follows:

2. In the second phase, the TA shall be aimed at verifying and validating the general assumptions through specific and tailored analysis and surveys, as well as to draft the updated project document. Specifically, this phase must include the preparation of:
  - 2.1. A detailed full-fledged feasibility study, including the analysis and systematic evaluation of the technical, economic (cost-benefit), organizational, social and environmental factors and risks that could affect the feasibility, the success and the future economic and financial sustainability of the project.
  - 2.2. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).
  - 2.3. The updated project document (considering the outcome of the two previous documents), accompanied by the standard DS technical and financial annexes.

The designated consultant shall deliver the above documentation to the Ministry of Environment/ WMRA, that will be then responsible for validating and approving them before transmitting it to the TSU/Management Committee for the evaluation.

The verification and approval by the Management Committee of the feasibility study, the EIA and the new project document, will be the sole condition for the reactivation of the project and the release of additional funds.

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- **Applicant:** Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities  
**Project title:** *Support for the restoration and conservation of the archaeological area of Abu Sir in Giza Governorate*. (IEDS-III-N/A)  
**Status:** Under formulation  
**Funding:** EGP 10,727,000<sup>12</sup>  
**Risk assessment:** high

The project should aim at promoting the development of Abu Sir archaeological site, improving the safety and basic infrastructures. Nevertheless, despite the assistance provided by the TSU, numerous meetings and field visits, the project proposal is still under formulation and the Applicant is not responsive to continuous reminders by this TSU. The delay is causing continuous reconsideration of priorities and strategic replanning due to the general increase in prices.

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- **Applicant:** Ministry of Environment/UNDP  
**Project title:** *Monitoring and protection of biodiversity in the protected areas of the Fayoum and Red Sea*. (IEDS-III-N/A)  
**Status:** Under formulation  
**Funding:** EGP 15,688,981  
**Risk assessment:** low

This initiative will promote the conservation of biodiversity in the Protected Areas of the country by working synergistically with the Italian-Egyptian Environmental Cooperation Program funded on the bilateral channel. During the IX Meeting of the Management Committee, the project concept note was approved and the detailed formulation of the initiative, that will be carried out in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), was officially started.

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<sup>12</sup> This amount is equal to the first year already disbursed and not used for the project "Greek-Roman Museum of Alexandria, Saqqara, Madinat Madi".



### 3.5. CIVIL SOCIETY

The Debt Swap Agreement provides for allocating 10% of the resources generated by the conversion process, corresponding to EGP 92,602,000, to Civil Society organizations.

Through a Call for Proposals carried out in 2014, with a financial envelope of EGP 60,000,000, calculated on the basis of a conservative estimate of the exchange rate, twelve CSOs were initially selected for funding, out of which six Italian (the initiative of one of them – CIERA – was later cancelled) and six Egyptian. A seventh Egyptian CSO (SCDECA) was added in 2018, upon direct recommendation of the Management Committee.

The remaining resources out of the overall sector allocation, amounting to approximately EGP 32 million, were subsequently distributed among those CSOs, that based on a technical assessment done by the TSU, were considered more meritorious, in order to further expand their achievement (COSPE, CISS, MAIS, AWSC) or to finance second phases of initiatives already completed (NHSD, HVS, MMBA).

Finally, during its 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Management Committee agreed to allocate to the Egyptian CSO Key of Life (KOL), already involved as a partner in the WFP initiative, the remaining balance still available out of the sector allocation, amounting to EGP 1,309,675. Such amount, corresponding to the available balance under the Civil Society envelope, will be integrated by any unspent balance refunded to the CPF by other CSOs at the end of their project. As of 31.12.2022, the total value of the resources already refunded by CSOs was amounting to EGP 1,434,126.85.

With such decision all the resources reserved to the Civil Society sector are committed or allocated for the financing of the following initiatives:

- **Applicant:** COSPE  
**Project title:** Handicraft and Organic Agriculture Producers' Empowerment (HOPE)  
**Status:** ongoing  
**Funding:** EGP 9,631,070.00  
**Expenditure:** EGP 7,697,107.94 (%)  
**Risk assessment:** medium/high

The project intends to establish a national platform for small-scale agro and handicraft producers in Egypt through their partner *Kheir Wa Baraka Association* in order to contribute to improving their livelihoods and working conditions based on Fair Trade and ethical business principles, ensure better access to national and international markets and to finance and business development services.

During 2022, the project was temporary put on-hold as of March 31, 2022, while pending the submission and evaluation of a request of project amendment along with a no-cost extension. Among other minor modifications, the request contained the proposal of establishing two permanent showrooms in Cairo and Aswan, as a channel to promote a more effective marketing of the handicraft products. The amendment was eventually approved, and the activities were restarted as of October 1, 2022, with a 9-month no-cost extension that fixed the new ending date on June 30, 2023. As for the establishment of the showrooms, the approval of the activity was conditioned to the submission and positive evaluation of a feasibility study along with a business plan.

- **Applicant:** MAIS  
**Project title:** Becoming Leaders: Creation of Working Opportunities and Sustainable Economic Development for Upper Egyptian Women  
**Status:** ongoing  
**Funding:** EGP 8,108,950.00  
**Expenditure:** EGP 7,128,625.24 (%)  
**Risk assessment:** low

The project aims at enhancing women productive activities in the Governorate of Sohag, Upper Egypt, through the creation of a Handicraft Committee composed by representatives of local artisans from five CDAs with the aim to play an active role in the safeguard of the traditional handicrafts of the area and support the artisan through a series of technical and managerial trainings that will allow them to be more competitive in the market,

On June 29, 2022, a delegation from TSU organized a field visit at the presence of H.E. the Ambassador of Italy and the Head of AICS Cairo Office. The delegation visited one of the business start-ups in Sohag (Nabila's atelier) supported by the project, as well as the permanent exhibition of artisans' workshops established the Garden Museum. The visit continued to: 1) El Ghozirat Community Development Association (CDA), one of the local project partners, where the delegation met the new generation of artisans during their training and discuss with the lawyer in charge of the legal support: 2) Gharb Tahta CDA, partner in the microfinance component, where some beneficiaries of the micro-finance support programme had the chance to express their success stories and experience.

The release of the last instalment amounting to EGP 900,000.00, along a four-month no cost extension was recently approved, setting the new ending data on May 31, 2023.

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- **Applicant:** CISS  
**Project title:** *Strengthening Business Environment for the Eco-Tourist Development of New Valley Governorate*  
**Status:** ongoing  
**Funding:** EGP 9.842.150,00  
**Expenditure:** EGP 5,733,347.12 (58,3%)  
**Risk assessment:** medium/high

The project aims at promoting the sustainable and inclusive development by tackling some of the structural weaknesses of the economy and the local labour market in Kharga through the establishment of an incubator for micro-small enterprises (MSEI) providing training and business services related to the handicraft, the agricultural and the eco-tourism sectors to women and young people.

During the last year, the project received the fifth instalment amounting to 2.296.700,00, while a project amendment, including a 10-month no-cost extension, was approved in September 2022, bringing the ending date to July 31, 2023. Among the main amendments introduced with the extension, it is worth mentioning the construction of a new building extension adjacent to the MSEI to host a Social Service Centre (SCC).

On June 19, 2022, a delegation composed by TSU and AICS representative conducted a field visit to assess the general progress in the implementation of the project. The delegation was received by the Governor of New Valley and visited MSEI building and the handicraft centre at the presence of the representatives of "El Rowad association", the implementing partner. The visit was also the chance to meet different segment of beneficiaries (youth, formal and informal entrepreneurs registered in the MSEI, and local NGOs) and to better assess the need for the proposed construction of the SCC. Furthermore, on June 22, 2022, a project showroom was officially inaugurated in Zamalek (Cairo), at the presence of the Deputy Governor of New Valley, representative from the Embassy of Italy and of AICS Cairo.

The medium-high level of risk assessed by the TSU is mainly due to the microcredit component (with an overall allocation of EGP 450,000.00), which, as of 31.12.2022 did not receive yet the required authorisation to be established.

- **Applicant:** AWSC – Alex Workshop Centre  
**Project title:** HARMONY - *Healthy Artistic Recovery for Mental and other Needs Disability*  
**Status:** on-hold  
**Funding:** EGP 7.500.000,00  
**Expenditure:** EGP 6,495,568.69 (86,6%)  
**Risk assessment:** high

The project aims at promoting the social and economic inclusion of people with mental health issues and hearing and speaking impairment in Alexandria and Behera governorates, through the use of art as a mean of self-expression and a source of financial income.

Considering its official closing date on October 31, 2022, the project was temporarily put on-hold as the PMU was not able to provide sufficient elements to substantiate project achievements and allow the TSU to properly evaluate their request for extension submitted. Despite continuous attempts to acquire missing data and information by the TSU, so far, the Applicant did not show responsiveness or availability to collaborate.

- **Applicant:** FAODA (Fayoum Agro-Organic Development Association)  
**Project title:** *Empowering Women in Fayoum Rural Areas (EWFRA)*  
**Status:** (Completed)  
**Funding:** EGP 5,000,000.00  
**Expenditure:** EGP 4,504,892.00 (90.1%)  
**Risk assessment:** high

The project aimed at enhancing the socio- economic status of Egyptian rural families and promoting women empowerment by fostering a sustainable development of poultry husbandry of the indigenous *fayoumi* breed in Fayoum governorate.

The activities were completed in January 2020 but, in the meanwhile, during its 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Management Committee had decided to further support the CSO through granting additional funds for an extension of the project. Nevertheless, following official investigations carried out by the MOSS, although FAODA was not convicted of any legal and financial violation, the Ministry recommended not to release any further fund to the CSO, due to limits in their management and administrative capabilities. Consequently, and based the exchange of letters dated February 13, 2022 (AICS) and March 22, 2022 (MoIC), the MC acknowledged to the formal closure of the project and the refund of any unspent balance.

While the unspent balance was already refunded back to the CPF, to date, despite the many repeated requests by the TSU, the project has not yet submitted the final report and the handing over documents.

- **Applicant:** SCDECA (Siwa Community Development and Environment Conservation Association)  
**Project title:** *Rehabilitation and preservation of the historic Centre of Siwa Oasis "Shali"*  
**Status:** (Completed)  
**Funding:** EGP 700,000.00  
**Expenditure:** EGP 700,000.00 (100%)  
**Risk assessment:** high

The project intended to contribute to the conservation of Shali citadel, the historical nucleus of Siwa Oasis by rehabilitating a number of buildings located on the second level through the involvement of local young manpower. The project concluded all its activities by February 2022

Since then, despite the reiterated communications by TSU the project did not yet comply with the submission of the final report and handing over certificate.

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- **Applicant:** HVS – (Hope Village Society)  
**Project title:** *Community Support for Children and Youth through the Provision of after-care Services and the Promotion of a Family Hosting System*  
**Status:** In pipeline  
**Funding:** EGP 7,500,000.00  
**Risk assessment:** low

The project intends to support a comprehensive rehabilitation and protection program to enhance the quality, the effectiveness and the impact of care services provided by Government organizations & NGOs to street/abandoned children who lives in Social Care Institutions. The Project Implementing Agreement was signed on December 5, 2022. The first instalment will be released upon completion of the administrative requirements including the authorization by MOSS.

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- **Applicant:** NHASD (New Horizon Association for Social Development)  
**Project title:** *Employ Some to Feed Many: Phase II*  
**Status:** In pipeline  
**Funding:** EGP 7,500,000.00  
**Risk assessment:** low

The project aims to increase the agricultural production in order to promote the creation of new job opportunities and strengthen food security in Dakhla and Balat Oasis in the New Valley Governorate. The Project Implementing Agreement was signed on December 5, 2022. The first instalment will be released upon completion of the administrative requirements including the authorization by MOSS.

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- **Applicant:** MMBA – Masr El Mahrousa Baladi Association  
**Project title:** "Care" project for the protection of children at risk  
**Status:** Under formulation  
**Proposed funding:** EGP 7,500,000.00<sup>13</sup>

The project intends to protect, empower and promote the socioeconomic inclusion of marginalized children of female-headed households living in six slum areas in the district of Helwan (Cairo).

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<sup>13</sup> To be confirmed upon approval of the project document

- Applicant:** KOL - Key of Life  
**Project title:** *Action in Support of Women's Empowerment in Luxor Governorate*  
**Status:** **Under formulation**  
**Proposed funding:** EGP 2,743,801.85<sup>14</sup>  
 The initiative is intended to support women socio-economic empowerment in Luxor Governorate through the provision of capacity building, financial and non-financial business support services.
- Applicant:** Save the Children Italia  
**Project Title:** *Safer Environment for Children – Phase 2*  
**Status:** (Completed)  
**Funding:** EGP 5,000,000.00  
**Expenditure:** EGP 4,890,458.77 (97.8%)
- Applicant:** Ricerca e Cooperazione  
**Project Title:** *Actions for Marginalized Groups in Greater Cairo*  
**Status:** (Completed)  
**Funding:** EGP 5.000.000  
**Expenditure:** EGP 4,222,450.41 (84.4%)
- Applicant:** ADEW – Association of the Development and Enhancement of Women  
**Project title:** *Tamkeen: Empowering Women with focus on Female Heads of Household (FHHs) and Youths in Fayoum Governorate*  
**Status:** (Completed)  
**Funding:** EGP 5.000.000  
**Expenditure:** EGP 5.000.000 (100%)
- Applicant:** HVS – Hope Village Society  
**Project title:** *Reintegration and Protection of the Social, Health and Legal Rights of Young Women and Street Children*  
**Status:** (Completed)  
**Funding:** EGP 4.610.155  
**Expenditure:** EGP 4,550,751.16<sup>15</sup> (98.7%)
- Applicant:** NHASD – New Horizon Association for Social Development  
**Project title:** *"Employ Some to Feed Many*  
**Status:** (Completed)  
**Funding:** EGP 5.000.000  
**Expenditure:** EGP 5.000.000 (100%)
- Applicant:** MMBA – Masr El Mahrousa Baladi Association  
**Project title:** *Protection and Empowerment of Children at Risk in Greater Cairo Social Care Institutions".*  
**Status:** (Completed)  
**Funding:** EGP 3.400.000  
**Expenditure:** EGP 3,336,055.80 (98.1%)

<sup>14</sup> Such amount is calculated considering the available balance in the Civil Society sector not yet allocated (EGP1.309.675) in addition to the unspent funds refunded by completed project as of 31.12.2022 (EGP 1.434.126.85). The actual value of the contribution will be in any case confirmed at a later stage.

<sup>15</sup> Upon completion of the activities, the project had reported an unspent balance of EGP 59,403.84. During its 7th meeting, held on 26.05.2019, the Management Committee agreed, however, to entrust HVS with the use of such funds, with the aim of further integrating the microcredit fund established by the project for the benefit of the families of street children in Greater Cairo.

### 3.6. OPERATIONAL COSTS

The Debt Swap Agreement establish that 2% of the resources generated by the conversion process, corresponding to EGP 18,518,366.07, are allocated to cover the operational costs of the Programme. Following a specific request from the Ministry of International Cooperation, to which the agreement delegated the functions of assistance and technical support to the Applicant and Implementing Agencies at the different stage of the project cycle, during the first meeting of the Management Committee, held on 25.06.2013, these functions were delegated to the Technical Support Unit (TSU) already operational under the second phase of the program.

The funds for the operational costs were therefore entrusted to the TSU and, starting from 2018 (until 2017, TSU and technical assistance costs were covered by IEDS 2 funds) are being used to cover the operational costs related to the TSU and to the Programme as a whole, along with the costs required for the provision of Technical Assistance to Applicant and Implementing Agencies during the different phases of the project cycle, as well as for audit and evaluation purposes.

More in details, as of 31.12.2022, the overall expenditure for such activities was amounting to EGP 10,613,265.67 out of which EGP 9,468,745.28 to cover the costs related to TSU operations and EGP 1,115,434.17 to ensure the agreed Technical Assistance to Applicants and Implementing Agencies, the audit services as well as the preparation of a Macro-evaluation study for the second Debt Swap Agreement.

In this regard, it should be highlighted that, during the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting held on June 1, 2017, the Management Committee authorized the TSU to invest in secure banking instruments 8 million EGP out of its overall financial envelope, in addition to the funds of technical assistance still available under IEDS 2 CPF (about 4.1 million EGP) and other residual funds already in the availability of the TSU (about 1.1 million) carried over from the first and second phase. Such a decision was taken with the aim to generate additional resources useful to guarantee technical assistance throughout the duration of the agreement. The use of the interest generated by these investments, which as of 31.12.2022, amounted to approximately 8.5 million, will be determined by the Management Committee.

Figure 15 - Projects status as of 31 December 2022

Code	Applicant	Project title	Status	Start date	Duration (months)	End date	IEDS 3 Contribution	IEDS 2 Contribution	Funds transferred	Expenditure as of 31.12.22	Performance %	Balance
DS-III-01	STC Italia	Safer Environment for Children – Phase 2	Completed	01.11.2014	25	30.11.2016	5,000,000.00	-	5,000,000.00	4,890,812.39	100.00%	109,187.61
DS-III-03	ADGW	Tamkeen: Empowering Women –with focus on Female Heads of Household (HHs)– and Youths in Fayoum Governorate	Completed	01.03.2015	28	30.06.2017	5,000,000.00	-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	100.00%	-
DS-III-04	HVS	Reintegration and Protection of the social, health and legal rights of young women and Street Children	Completed	01.03.2015	36	28.02.2018	4,610,155.00	-	4,610,155.00	4,610,155.00 <sup>17</sup>	100.00%	-
DS-III-05	MMBA	Protection and Empowerment of Children at Risk in Greater Cairo Social Care Institutions	Completed	01.04.2015	33	31.12.2017	3,400,000.00	-	3,400,000.00	3,336,055.80	100.00%	63,944.20
DS-III-06	MALR	Marine-Aquaculture Development in Egypt (MADD) – Phase 2	Ongoing	01.06.2015	97	30.06.2023	105,824,000.00	18,353,426.52 <sup>17</sup>	120,152,907.52	104,237,102.58	83.94%	19,940,323.94
DS-III-07	RC	Actions for Marginalized Groups in Greater Cairo	Completed	01.10.2015	32	31.05.2018	5,000,000.00	-	5,000,000.00	4,231,797.96	100.00%	768,202.04
DS-III-08	MosIT	Establishment of six complexes of vertical silos and of an ICT system for the wheat management sector	Ongoing	01.04.2016	81	31.12.2022	416,708,000.00	-	360,000,000.00	316,332,797.75	75.91%	100,375,202.25
DS-III-09	NHSD	Employ Some to Feed Many	Completed	01.09.2016	24	31.08.2018	5,000,000.00	-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	100.00%	-
DS-III-10	FAODA	Empowering Women in Fayoum Rural Areas (EWfRA)	Completed	01.02.2017	36	31.01.2020	5,000,000.00	-	4,507,207.00	4,507,207.00	100.00%	492,793.00
DS-III-11	COSPE	Handicraft and Organic Agriculture Producers' Empowerment	Ongoing	01.01.2018	60	30.06.2023	9,631,070.00	-	9,081,070.00	7,697,107.94	79.92%	1,933,962.06
DS-III-12	M.A.I.S.	Becoming leaders: creation of working opportunities and sustainable economic development for Upper Egyptian women	Ongoing	01.01.2018	58	31.05.2023	8,108,950.00	-	7,208,950.00	7,128,625.24	87.91%	980,324.76
DS-III-13	CISS	Strengthening business environment for the eco-tourist development of New Valley Governorate	Ongoing	01.03.2018	64	31.07.2023	9,842,150.00	-	7,288,000.00	5,733,347.12	58.25%	4,108,802.88
DS-III-14	EDF	New Vocational Secondary School (VSS) pathway at the Italian-Egyptian Integrated Technical Education Cluster (ITEC) in Demo	Ongoing	01.02.2018	65	30.06.2023	12,960,000.00	-	9,848,300.00	6,562,897.00	50.64%	6,397,103.00
DS-III-15	EDF	Italian-Egyptian Integrated Technical Education Cluster (ITEC) in Abu Ghaleb City, Giza Governorate	Ongoing	01.02.2018	66	31.07.2023	63,206,254.00	-	28,844,737.54	23,782,060.08	37.63%	39,424,193.92
DS-III-16	AMSC	Healthy Artistic Recovery for Mental and Other Needs Disability (HARMONY)	On-hold	01.03.2018	56	N/A	7,500,000.00	-	6,520,564.00	6,495,566.69	86.61%	1,004,431.31
DS-III-17	SDECA	Rehabilitation and preservation of the historic Centre of Siwa Oasis (Shell)	Completed	01.05.2021	10	28.02.2022	700,000.00	-	700,000.00	700,000.00	100.00%	-
DS-III-18	WFP	Social Protection and Human Capital Development in Luxor	Completed	01.06.2020	25	30.06.2022	42,000,000.00	-	42,000,000.00	42,000,000.00	100.00%	-
DS-III-19	MoE	Systemic Approach to Solid Waste Management: Pilot Development of a Comprehensive Scheme for Minya Governorate - Phase 3	On-hold	01.10.2020	36	N/A	70,487,019.00	-	5,987,019.00	5,987,019.00	8.49%	64,500,000.00
DS-III-20	MoETE	Applied Technology Schools and Teachers' Enhancement Project (AT-STEP)	Ongoing	01.11.2020	48	31.10.2024	40,800,000.00	-	39,538,400.00	12,332,407.14	30.23%	28,467,592.86
DS-III-21	MALR	Establishment of Red Tilapia Hatchery in North Sinai (Bardawil)	Ongoing	01.06.2022	24	31.05.2024	14,176,000.00	-	14,176,000.00	-	0.00%	1,417,600.00
N/A	MALR	Support to the National Project for Hybrid Vegetable Seed Breeding	In pipeline	-	36	-	18,900,000.00	-	-	-	0.00%	18,900,000.00
N/A	HVS	Community support for Children and Youth through provision of after care services and promotion of Family-Hosting System	In pipeline	-	36	-	7,500,000.00	-	-	-	0.00%	7,500,000.00
N/A	NHSD	Employ some to feed many – Phase II	In pipeline	-	24	-	7,500,000.00	-	-	-	0.00%	7,500,000.00
N/A	MMBA	"Care project" for the protection of children-at-risk	Under formulation	-	-	-	7,500,000.00	-	-	-	0.00%	7,500,000.00
N/A	MoE	Preserve the biodiversity in the national Protected Areas reducing the impact of climate change	Under formulation	-	-	-	15,688,981.00	-	-	-	0.00%	15,688,981.00
N/A	MoIA	Rehabilitation and enhancement of the archaeological area of Abu Sir in the Giza Governorate	Under formulation	-	-	-	10,727,000.00	-	10,727,000.00	-	0.00%	10,727,000.00
N/A	KOL	Action in support of women's empowerment in Luxor Governorate	Under formulation	-	-	-	1,309,675.00	-	-	-	0.00%	1,309,675.00
N/A	MoE	Action in support of the Nexus on Food, Water and Energy (NWFE) programme	Under formulation	-	-	-	3,419,746.00	12,174,065.29	-	7,128,625.24	0.00%	15,593,811.29
N/A	MoIA	Establishment of a permanent gallery for Fayoum Portraits within Cairo Egyptian Museum	Under formulation	-	-	-	10,000,000.00	-	-	-	0.00%	10,000,000.00
DS-II-29	MoALR	WEE	Completed	-	-	-	375,000.00	-	375,000.00	375,000.00	100.00%	-
DS-II-18	MRI	Health Governance Unit	Completed	-	-	-	10,113,129.00	-	10,113,129.00	10,113,129.00	100.00%	-
N/A	TSU	Operational costs (TSU operations and technical assistance costs)	Ongoing	-	-	-	18,518,366.07	-	18,518,366.00	10,613,265.67 <sup>18</sup>	57.31%	7,905,100.40
							926,017,366.07	51,015,620.81	704,108,676.06	591,666,355.36	60.56%	385,366,631.52

<sup>16</sup> Upon completion of the activities, the project had reported an unspent balance of EGP 59,403,84. During its 7th meeting, held on 26.05.2019, the Management Committee agreed, however, to entrust HVS with the use of such funds, with the aim of further integrating the microcredit fund established by the project for the benefit of the families of street children in Greater Cairo.

<sup>17</sup> It should be noted that this amount is given by the sum of EGP 15,000,000 explicitly mentioned in MADE II Project Implementing Agreement as contribution from IEDS II balance (from uncancelled debt), and EGP 3,353,426.52 which, after being refunded to the CPF by MADE I project, were transferred again to MoALR within the framework of MADE II Agreement. In such amount, instead, it is not considered the amount of EGP 2,913,779.95 which was already in the availability of MoALR. Please refer to footnote no. 11 for further details.

<sup>18</sup> As already mentioned, it should be highlighted that, until 2017, the operational costs of the Programme were covered through IEDS 2 remaining funds. It should also be pointed out that, in addition to the resources made available by the Agreement, additional residual funds from the Technical Assistance pertaining the First and Second Phases for an overall value of EGP 5,198,915.38 were also entrusted to the TSU. Such resources were not considered in the expenditure data reported in the table.

## 4. PROJECT SHEETS



## NUTRITION AND FOOD SECURITY

#### 4.1. “ESTABLISHMENT OF 6 VERTICAL FARM SILOS COMPLEXES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ICT SYSTEM FOR THE WHEAT MANAGEMENT SECTOR”



**Project code:** IEDS-III-08

**Applicant:** Ministry of Supply and Internal Trade

**Implementing Agency:** Egyptian Holding Company for Silos and Storage

**Location:** Sharqiyya, Monufiyya, and Minya governorates

**Agreement:** signed on 25.10.2015. *Addendum* no. 1 signed on 19.09.2019. *Addendum* no. 2 signed on 04.06.2023.

**Project overall cost:** EGP 456,708,000.00

**IEDS contribution:** EGP 416,708,000.00<sup>19</sup>

**Other contribution:** EGP 40,000,000.00 (MoSIT)

**Funds transferred:** EGP 360,000,000.00

**Status:** In progress

**Start date:** April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

**End date:** December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

##### Project brief

The project contributes to improving food security by preserving the value of the wheat production in Egypt. To this aim, the project has planned to establish six vertical farm silos (VFS) complex in three Egyptian Governorates (Sharqiyya, Monufiyya, and Minya) to facilitate the collection and the storage in safe and hygienic conditions of wheat produced by local farmers, preventing the high losses experienced with traditional existing storage facilities, known in Arabic as *shona*<sup>20</sup>. Each complex will have a storage capacity of 5,148 tons and its establishment consists of civil works, electro-mechanical equipment in addition to the establishment of the infrastructure, utilities, and services necessary to operate the silo.

The project will also establish an Information and Communications Technology (ICT) system aiming to facilitate the real-time management of the flux of the wheat between the supply sources and final consumers.

##### Specific objectives

1. Reduce physical and economical losses of the Government in providing subsidized bread through an improved supply chain by increasing the storage efficiency.
2. Reduce the final price of the subsidized bread by increasing the rate volume / cost for the stored wheat.
3. Increase the sector efficiency and security by utilizing an Information and Communications Technology (ICT) system for planning and controlling the wheat supply.

<sup>19</sup> The value of the original project implementing agreement signed on 25.10.2015 was EGP 128,368,235. With the *Addendum* no. 1 signed on 19.09.2019 IEDS contribution was increased by EGP 231,631,765 reaching EGP 360,000,000. Finally with the decision taken during the 9<sup>th</sup> Management Committee meeting held on 31.10.2022, IEDS contribution was further increased by EGP 56,708,000 reaching the value of EGP 416,708,000. This last additional contribution was formalized through the signature of a new *Addendum*.

<sup>20</sup> A *shona* is an open yard where wheat collected from farmers is stored in sacks.

### ***Achievements as of 31 December 2022***

The project has successfully achieved most of its target outcomes. As of 31.12.2022, 99% of the Contractual payment of the 6 Vertical Farm Silos complexes are done, 99% of Construction, Electricity connection, Water Connection, Dry testing, Equipment flushing, Civil protection department approval Handing over are almost done and in the process of testing and operating.

Regarding the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) system; an integrated system was built for trading wheat, through developing a system for managing and controlling wheat circulation operations at the level of all silos of the companies affiliated with the Ministry of Supply and Internal Trade.

With regards to the four project expected results the following was achieved to date:

***R1: 6 Vertical Farm Silos complexes are built up, tested and delivered, each one composed by 4 cylindrical silos with diam. of 17 m each one endowed with a storage capacity of 5,000 Tons, for a total capacity of 30,000 Tons.***

The following is the level of completion in the establishment of each silos complex:

- Abu Hammad project progress rate is 99%.
- Tookh Al-Qarmous project progress rate is 99%.
- Nazlat al-Khayal project progress rate is 98%.
- Minya Al Qamh project progress rate is 99%.
- Quesna project progress rate is 99%
- Adwa project progress rate is 99%

***R2: Correct operation and maintenance of the new complexes by EHCSS.***

The project will request an extension to conclude the contractual payments of the 6 Vertical Farm Silos complexes and all the handing over, testing, and operating process that are still not finalized. As the operating process will start, the project will start the training of the technicians and the operators.

***R3: An Information and Communications Technology (ICT) system is implemented for the optimal planning and management of the wheat storage capacity to be later extended to the whole storage facilities of the Country.***

The project has completed the procurement and awarded the contract for the design, supervision and for implementation of an ICT system (for 23 storage points, i.e., silos, mills, *shonas* + 5 points in HQ's) for the wheat transport and storage sector. The implementation and operation status are as follow:

- Silo pilot model was completed,
- Technical Analysis phase was completed.
- Review & Revise Technical Analysis phase was completed.
- System Design Phase still in progress.
- System Design Phase - SCADA not started yet.
- Infrastructure Preparation Phase was completed.
- Instalment of the devices & Equipment Preparation were completed.
- Offline Operation Test and End Users still in progress.
- Training Phase - Non-SCADA still in progress.
- Launching Service on Data Centre still in progress.
- Post-launch Tests Phase - Non-SCADA not started yet.
- Training & knowledge transfer phase not started yet.
- Project Primary Delivery not started yet.
- The execution of Supervision of the implementation of the ICT by the selected Consulting Engineering is still in progress.

***R4: Correct operation of the new ICT system by EHCSS.***

The training of the operators and the technical team will be started after the completion of the operation of the ICT system.

# AGRIFOOD SECTOR

## 4.2. “MARINE AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT IN EGYPT – MADE 2”



**Project code:** IEDS-III-06

**Applicant:** Ministry of Agriculture & Land Reclamation

**Implementing Agency:** General Authority for Fishery Resources Development

**Location:** Alexandria, Port Said

**Agreement:** signed on 01.02.2015. *Addendum* signed on 21.01.2018

**Project overall cost:** EGP 134,191,206.47

**IEDS 3 contribution:** EGP 105,824,000.00<sup>21</sup>

**IEDS 2 contribution:** EGP 18,353,426.52

**Other contribution:** 7,100,000.00 (MoALR)

**Funds transferred:** EGP 120,152,907.52

**Status:** In progress

**Start date:** June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

**End date:** June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Project brief

The project intends to contribute to developing and consolidating the marine aquaculture sector in the coastal areas of Egypt by providing assistance to the Egyptian private actors in the sector of marine aquaculture, transferring advanced know-how and technology in the Country.

The project aims to consolidate the marine aquaculture sector in Egypt, taking into account the local economic and ecological needs, and applying a sustainable and responsible approach, based on MADE 1 lesson learnt.

Further, within the action, value added will be ensured by providing / exchanging Italian technology, productive capacity, and know-how, thus contributing to strengthen the partnership between Italy and Egypt. The two projects, indeed, will enhance both technological link and dialogue, developing a successful marine aquaculture model raising mutual interest in the Mediterranean area.

In the light of the current developments in marine aquaculture in the Mediterranean and in the Red Sea, the best method to offer the needed services to the private sector is to complete the Hatchery K21 in Agami, Alexandria (MADE I project), and to realise the Marine Aquaculture District/Centre in Port Said, in which the establishment of commercial and demonstrative units (hatchery and multi-trophic farm) would greatly enhance the opportunities to gain and share the much-needed experience in the rearing management, serving as “training opportunities” for the fish farmers and private sector.

### Specific objectives

1. Establishing an Aquaculture Technical District in Port Said (hatchery, multi-trophic farm, veterinary laboratory).
2. Improving the management capacity of GAFRD (General Authority for Fish Resource Development) and the performance capacity of the farmers.
3. Completing the new hatchery of MADE 1 Project in K21 Agami, Alexandria.

<sup>21</sup> The value of the original Project Implementing Agreement signed on 01.02.2015 was EGP 59,824,000. With the Addendum signed on 21.01.2018, IEDS overall contribution was increased to EGP 127,091,206.47, distributed as follows: EGP 105,824,000 from IEDS 3 funds; EGP 15 million as additional budget from IEDS 2 remaining balance (uncancelled debt); EGP 6,267,206.47 from MADE I remaining balance, out of which EGP 2,913,779.95 already in the availability of MoALR and EGP 3,353,426.52 previously refunded by the project to the CPF and therefore considered as part of IEDS 2 remaining balance (cancelled debt).

### ***Achievements as of 31 December 2022***

The project has successfully achieved its target outcomes. As of 31.12.2022, a master plan for the identification of areas to be used for aquaculture has been developed, and approved by prime ministerial decree, The new aquaculture technical district composed of a hatchery, a multi-trophic farm, and a veterinary laboratory has been established in Port Said. The management capacities of GAFRD and the performance capacities of the farmers have been improved.

In K21–Agamy (Alexandria), a new hatchery, a new training centre and a conference area were established while the old facilities (hatchery and fish farm) were improved. All technical components meet international standards and have been ISO certified. More than 75 fisheries and farms received extension services relevant to most of the fisheries value chain, except of the sorting and selling points components yet.

- The sorting hall is an integral part of the supply chain (model) of fisheries, yet it is still under construction.
- The selling points: it is two outlets, which is newly requested in the project extension request, but found valid to the completion of the value chain and provision of extension service to the farmers and businesses.

The six expected results have been achieved by the project, as explained below:

#### ***Result 1 - A marine aquaculture strategy, including a Road Map for supporting the private farmers, is defined.***

- A master plan for the identification of areas to be used for aquaculture was presented to the Prime Minister in October 2018. 56 locations were identified while 21 locations, both on Mediterranean and Red Sea shores, have been approved by prime minister decree.
- A newsletter was created. Up till now, 73 newsletters/articles have been published on MoALR's website: <http://kenanaonline.com/made2>, with around 23000 viewers.

#### ***Result 2 - A model pond farm (integrate rearing system) is established and operating.***

- The Multitrophic fish farm was recently established in Port Said Aquaculture District and almost all equipment has been purchased and installed. It is based on an integrated multi-trophic marine aquaculture system (intensive, semi-intensive and extensive). Different fish species (sea bass, sea bream, mullet, shrimp, and sole) are reared in the farm. The Farm acquired ISO 9001 certification. 10 tons of fish were produced during the testing period, which is still on-going.
- 6 best management practices manuals for rearing management have been produced and distributed to the farmers during the technical missions, providing indications for improving productive process and increasing their income.
- 75 farms have been assisted to improve the quality and quantity of their fish production and to meet all requirements and standards to export their products to Europe.

#### ***Result 3 - Veterinary laboratory is established to support disease control in private farms.***

- The construction of the Veterinary Laboratory/Technical Unit in Port Said Aquaculture District was completed in October 2021. Almost all the equipment was purchased and installed. Currently the Laboratory is operational and already acquired ISO 9001 certification. Recently the central laboratory of fish diseases diagnoses, treatments and water and fish quality measures obtained the accreditation of EGAC No. 17025 as a first specific lab in Egypt to support the fish quality measurement for exportation.
- 8 best management practices manuals for diseases control have been produced and distributed to the farmers during the technical missions.
- The project started to support fish farms on fish diseases diagnosis and treatments since July 2018 in different governorates (Damietta, Port Said, Kafr Al Sheikh and Alexandria), reaching a number of 75 farms.

***Result 4 - Marine hatchery in Port Said is established and operating through new technology/know how exchange.***

- The marine hatchery has been established in Port Said Aquaculture District and completed its testing operational phase.
- The production started. 500,000 fingerlings were produced during the testing period.

***Result 5 - The capacities of GAFRD to assist the private sector as well as its human resources are enhanced.***

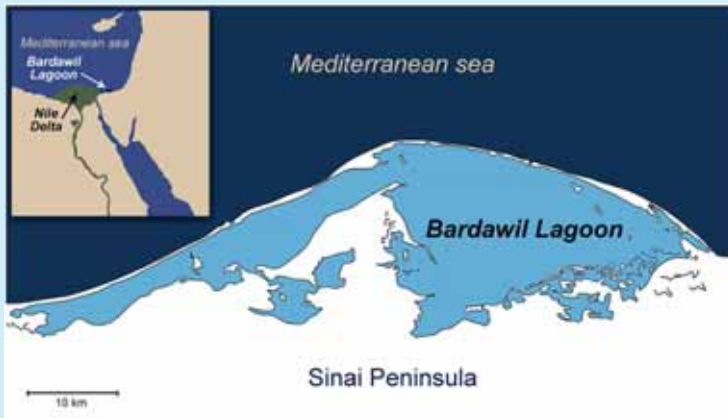
- An international training program (ToT) has been organized in Italy, with the participation of 8 GAFRD technicians. The training has helped improve GAFRD human resources capacities, thus contributing to consolidate the marine aquaculture sector in Egypt and align it with international standards. The same technicians will be responsible for assisting the private producers to whom the project offers support and disseminating the knowledge acquired in terms of technology used, organization and management of the aquaculture sector, European standards and regulations.
- On the job training is an on-going activity in K21 marine hatchery to improve the capacities of 50 GAFRD technicians in rearing management. Besides GAFRD staff, the project trained students from Egyptian universities and from research institutes and stakeholders from the private sector, thus transferring the know-how.
- One study tour has been organized with the participation of 5 GAFRD senior managers.

***Result 6 - The K21 Hatchery is completed and enhanced with new technologies and knowhow.***

- The marine hatchery has been established in Agamy - K21 (Alexandria) and is currently in the testing operation period. Recently it acquired ISO 9001 certification.
- The production started during the testing operation period. 1,000,000 fingerlings were produced during the testing period.



### 4.3. “RED TILAPIA HATCHERY IN BARDAWIL ”



**Project code:** IEDS-III-21

**Applicant:** Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (MALR)

**Implementing Agency:** Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (MALR)

**Location:** Bardawil area in North Sinai

**Agreement:** signed on 07.07.2021

**Project overall cost:** EGP 14,176,000.00

**IEDS contribution:** EGP 14,176,000.00

**Other contribution:** N/A

**Funds transferred:** EGP 14,176,000.00

**Status:** In progress

**Start date:** June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

**End date:** May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

#### *Project brief*

This project aims to establish a hatchery to produce Red Tilapia fingerlings ready for grow-out stage and acclimated to the seawater salinity. The hatchery will be located in the north of Sinai Desert to serve the expansion of fish farms in the area. It will be located on the Mediterranean sea shore, yet it will be supplied with fresh water from two underground wells. It contains a three-stage nursery, two indoors and one outdoors. Fingerling acclimation to high salinity will be done by mixing seawater with freshwater in the third nursery stage. All the hatchery and nursery operations match the environmental standards for sustaining production while preserving the site environment.

#### *Specific objectives*

1. Project management oriented to joint public and private sector giving strong visibility to Italian Egyptian project/debt swap program.
2. Consolidate the productive sector to determine quality growth and sustainable development guidelines in support to ongoing governmental projects.
3. Marine Species Hatchery realization and start up as model for private sector.

#### *Achievements as of 31 December 2022*

The project officially started on 01.06.2022 but no updates regarding the implementation of the activities were shared so far. The Ministry of International Cooperation was informed about the project intention to change the location where the hatchery will be established. In order to better evaluate the implication of such a decision, the TSU advised the Ministry of International Cooperation to call for a meeting of the Steering Committee.

The project expects to achieve the following results:

- R1. Sustainable and responsible productive approach in marine aquaculture in the Sinai Peninsula.
- R2. Hatchery management know-how and technology acquisition.
- R3. Establish quality fish seed supply.



#### 4.4. “SUPPORT THE EGYPTIAN NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR VEGETABLE SEED PRODUCTION INDUSTRY”



**Project code:** N/A

**Applicant:** Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (MALR)

**Implementing Agency:** Horticultural Research Institute (HRI)

**Location:** Giza Governorate

**Agreement:** signed on 07.07.2022

**Project overall cost:** EGP 18,900,000

**IEDS contribution:** EGP 18,900,000

**Other contribution:** N/A

**Funds transferred:** N/A

**Status:** In pipeline

**Start date:** N/A

**End date:** N/A

##### *Project brief*

MALR started the implementation of a National Programme aiming to produce vegetable seeds characterised by higher productivity, better quality, and resistance to diseases. The National programme aims to produce vegetable hybrid seeds for 11 vegetable crops. The MALR allocated the necessary budget to implement a programme for the seed production for 3 crops (tomatoes, green beans, and peas), while the present project will finance the production of seeds for the remaining 8 crops namely: pepper; eggplant; squash; cucumber; watermelon; melon; cowpea; and potato tubers.

To reach these objectives the project will provide training programmes to raise the capacities and skills of the personnel needed to implement the project activities. The project will also improve and support the establishment and/or the rehabilitation of the existing infrastructure needed to implement the project, such as the experimental farms, the greenhouses, the laboratory equipment as well as providing the required agricultural inputs necessary for seeds production.

In addition, the project will support the institutes dealing with the control, registration, and marketing of the vegetable seeds and cultivars produced by the project.

***Specific Objective:***

- 1-Develop and produce vegetable hybrid seeds, cultivar, and potatoes tubers for 8 crops.
- 2-Improve and enhance the capacity and human resource skills and infrastructure of HRI sectors dealing with vegetable seeds breeding, registration, and marketing

***Expected Results:***

- R1- The current ongoing programme of the HRI for registration, production, and marketing of vegetable hybrid seeds for two crops and cultivar for one crop has been concluded.
- R2- The HRI produced recombinant inbred lines for four vegetable crops.
- R3- HRI produced potato tubers through tissue culture and stem cutting techniques.
- R4- Capacities and skills of the HRI staff, experimental farm stations, and private sector technicians have been enhanced and improved for what concerns breeding techniques,
- R5- Capacities of the infrastructure facilities belonging to the Horticulture Research Institute and/or the MALR's research stations have been supported and improved.
- R6- Institutional authorities dealing with aspects related to vegetable seed production, quality control, registration, and commercialization services supported, and capacities of their staff improved.

***Achievements as of 31 December 2022***

The Project Document was submitted for approval on September 1st, 2021. MC approved the Project document on September 23rd & November 23rd, 2021. At present, Pending Ministry of Planning's approval to include the project budget in the fiscal year.

## EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

#### 4.5. “NEW VOCATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL (VSS) PATHWAY AT THE ITALIAN-EGYPTIAN INTEGRATED TECHNICAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (ITEC) IN DEMO”



**Project code:** IEDS-III-14

**Applicant:** Educational Development Fund (EDF)

**Implementing Agency:** Educational Development Fund (EDF)

**Location:** Demo- Fayoum governorate

**Agreement:** signed on 24.08.2016

**Project overall cost:** EGP 39,438,000.00

**IEDS contribution:** EGP 12,960,000.00

**Other contribution:** EGP 26,478,000.00 (EDF)

**Funds transferred:** EGP 9,848,300.00

**Status:** In progress

**Start date:** February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

**End date:** June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

##### *Project brief*

The project intends to contribute to the improvement of the professional and technical education system in Egypt, in order to meet the needs of the Egyptian labour market and enhance the competitiveness of Egyptian technicians in regional and global markets.

Building on the experience and lessons learnt of the Integrated Technical Education Cluster (ITEC) established in Demo, Fayoum Governorate, implemented in the framework of the second Italian-Egyptian Debt for Development Swap (IEDS) Programme, the project intends to establish a new educational path in the premises of the ITEC in Fayoum.

The new VSS pathway will offer a 3-year programme, oriented to develop skilful resources for the labour market. In particular, the VSS will train qualified workers able to operate simple machines and instruments in the manufacturing process. The level of the technical and professional competences gained in the VSS is equivalent to the one acquired in the IeFP of the ITEC. The difference between the IeFP and the VSS resides in the level of general education capabilities, being the VSS less demanding in terms of educational subjects.

##### *Specific objectives*

To establish a new Vocational Secondary School pathway in the first Italian-Egyptian Integrated Technical Education Cluster (ITEC) in Demo, Fayoum Governorate, with the aim to pilot a new replicable Technical and Professional Education model improving the matchmaking between labour market's needs and skills possessed by the students.

##### *Implementation progress until December 2022*

As of 31.12.2022, the number of students reached 271 students distributed over the following four specializations; practical curricula for the four specializations were developed and endorsed by MoE. Below are reported the main targets achieved by the project:

##### ***R1. VSS specializations curricula are developed and approved by MoETE.***

The Ministerial decree no. 100 was issued by the MOETE to establish VSS in Fayoum ITEC, a new Educational Model for the VSS was designed & developed including new curricula were designed in 4 specializations and endorsed by EDF and MOETE (through Ministerial Approval): (Car maintenance and repair; Electrical and photovoltaic installations, Mechanical manufacturing, Maintenance of air conditioning). The theoretical and practical learning material for the 4 specializations have been completed and implemented that are annually reviewed and adapted.

**R2. Existing Building and workshops are renovated and equipped.**

The project management was assisted by experts from the furniture and metal construction department at the Faculty of Applied Arts at Helwan University to develop the technical specifications for furnishing the offices and classrooms in the vocational school building. Most of the items of equipment were delivered, the delivery of remaining equipment supposed to be in January 2023. Equipment included furniture and IT equipment. Rehabilitation of one education building (Vocational Secondary School) and 2 workshops (Car Engine & Mechanics and Air conditioning) had been operating with equipment.

Regarding the **Car Engine & Mechanics workshop**, the tools and equipment for the automotive workshops are delivered and installed. For both the electrical and mechanical equipment, the VSS is presently utilizing the workshop of the ITEC to train the vocational students until purchase of equipment are concluded.

The Governor of Fayoum has been approached by the project for offering three used vehicles and motorcycle for training the automotive section's students, in addition to purchase some cars from the Egyptian Customs Authority (still in process)

As for the **Air conditioning workshop**, electrical and mechanical manufacturing equipment, tender documents are prepared and launched for the supply of equipment during the first quarter of 2023.

For the **Electrical Workshop**: the tools and equipment should be purchased during the first quarter of 2023.

And for the **Mechanical workshop**: the tools and equipment should be purchased during first quarter of 2023 (some technical & financial offers are submitted and still under selection to purchase two lathes).

**R3. Administrative functions and quality system are established.**

The organizational structure of the school as well as the job description for the needed staff and teachers were developed for the appointment of the required human resources starting from the academic year 2019-2020. The following offices are operational:

- Student Affairs Office.
- Internship & Job replacement office.
- General administrative office for VSS.
- Quality system for the VSS.

The Set up and update of the following website: [www.fayoum-itec.edu.eg](http://www.fayoum-itec.edu.eg) ; in addition to a career day event is annually implemented; visits to preparatory schools, orientation events to preparatory school students, graduation ceremony; meeting with the private industrial sectors in Fayoum governorate and 6 October industrial area to promote the vocational students and encourage internship programs.

**R4. VSS specializations are implemented and operational.**

The first Academic intake for year 2018/2019 for the new VSS school started on the 29th of September 2018, students were enrolled under 3 specializations:

- Car maintenance and repair.
- Electrical and photovoltaic installations.
- Mechanical manufacturing.

Starting from the academic year 2019/2020, students were able to enrol in the 4-specialisation including the air conditioning's maintenance. The number of enrolled students did not reach the expected target number. As of December 2022, the number of students is 271 students distributed over the following four specializations:

	Manufacturing	Car engine and mechanics maintenance and repair	Electrical installations	Air-conditioning installation and maintenance	Total
First year	26 males	16 males	25 males	16 males	83 males
Second year	22 males	16 males	30 males	29 males	97 males
Third year	16 males	13 males	43 males	19 males	91 males
<b>Total</b>	64 males	45 males	98 males	64 males	271 males

## 4.6. “ITALIAN-EGYPTIAN INTEGRATED TECHNICAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (ITEC) IN ABU GHALEB CITY, GIZA GOVERNORATE”



**Project code:** IEDS-III-15

**Applicant:** Educational Development Fund (EDF)

**Implementing Agency:** Educational Development Fund (EDF)

**Location:** Giza Governorate – Abu Ghaleb District

**Agreement:** signed on 24.08.2018

**Project overall cost:** EGP 134,206,254.00

**IEDS contribution:** EGP 63,206,254.00

**Other contribution:** EGP 71,000,000.00

**Funds transferred:** EGP 28,844,737.54

**Status:** In progress

**Start date:** February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

**End date:** July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

### Project brief

The project intends to contribute to improve the professional and technical education system in Egypt, in order to meet the needs of the Egyptian labour market and enhance the competitiveness of Egyptian technicians in regional and global markets. Building on the experience and lessons learnt of the Integrated Technical Education Cluster (ITEC) established in Demo, Fayoum Governorate, under the second Italian-Egyptian Debt for Development Swap Programme, the project aims at establishing a new ITEC in the City of Abu Ghaleb, Giza Governorate.

### Specific objectives

To establish an Integrated Technical Education Cluster – accredited by the Egyptian Ministries of Education and Higher Education, as well as by the Italian competent Authorities – in the City of Abu Ghaleb, Giza Governorate, disseminating the experience gained in the frame of the first Italian-Egyptian Integrated Technical Education Cluster (ITEC) in Demo, Fayoum Governorate.

### Implementation progress until December 2022

As of 31.12.2022, the number of students reached 300 students distributed over two specializations, the curricula are developed and endorsed by MoE. Part of the educational building and some workshops were equipped and renovated. Below are reported the main targets achieved by the project:

**R1. The ITEC educational and managerial structure is operational and qualitative. The educational model is approved by the MoE including the Italian language preparatory course and the first common year in the VSS. The administrative functions, the assessment of students based on RER approach and the quality assurance system are in place. Promotional activities as well as action for the sustainability of the ITEC are implemented.**

One educational model is developed and endorsed by MoE through a ministerial decree, ITEC organizational structure (administrative and managerial) structure is developed. Five administrative offices (HR and Job placement Department; Evaluation Department; Internship Department; Students Affairs Department), in addition to three managerial offices were established.

AG-ITEC management team continue developing, maintaining and updating the official website of AG-ITEC cluster launched on the Server of the National Network of the Higher Council of Universities.

The EDF's media team has implemented a media campaign to promote the AG-ITEC, and to clarify the procedures, conditions, and mechanisms for joining.

***R2. The 1st stage of the Electrical installations, and Garment specializations is established and is operational in Abu Ghaleb ITEC.***

Four workshops were rehabilitated, in addition to twenty-seven classrooms were equipped, and two laboratories are working now.

The project successfully developed the curricula for both electrical and garment specialization of the ITC (1st stage) and getting MOE approval for all the curricula. Procure and Install equipment for IeFP electrical specialization and trained teachers.

More than seven learning materials for electrical and garment specialization of the ITC were developed, reviewed and updated, a number of 300 students were enrolment and a number of 300 were evaluated.

A total of seven companies collaborating with the project for the internship trainings held for electrical and garment specialization.

***R3. The 2nd stage of industrial manufacturing is set up for the Abu Ghaleb ITEC.***

Develop the curricula for both electrical and garment specialization of the ITC (2nd stage) and getting Ministry of Higher education approval for all the curricula.

One educational building for the second stage of the ITC at Misr International Technology University with a number of classrooms were equipped and at least four laboratories are equipped and installed.

For the recruitment of the Academic staff, about Five teachers seconded from the Egyptian Universities.



## 4.7. “APPLIED TECHNOLOGY SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS’ ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (AT-STEP)”



**Project code:** IEDS-III-20

**Applicant:** Ministry of Education & Technical Education (MoETE)

**Implementing Agency:** Ministry of Education & Technical Education (MoETE)

**Location:** MoETE (Cairo) and Egypt nationwide

**Agreement :** signed on 09.04.2020

**Project overall cost:** EGP 40,800,000.00

**IEDS contribution:** EGP 40,800,000.00

**Other contribution:** N/A

**Funds transferred:** EGP 30,538,400.00

**Status:** In progress

**Start date:** November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**End date:** October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

### Project brief

The project contributes to the enhancement of the quality of technical education delivery in Egypt to prepare technical and vocational graduates for decent jobs. To achieve such objective, the project aims at establishing a network of 100 Applied Technology Schools (ATS) managed by a unit at the MoETE to assure the ATS operations are in compliance with international TVET quality assurance standards graduating students with certified competences that have a recognized value for Egyptian, Regional and International employers. Moreover, the intervention intends to develop the capacity of master trainers, teachers, trainers, and staff in order to replicate the educational model in each ATS.

### Specific Objective:

A network of ATS is established as a PPP and operates according to internationally recognized best practices in TVET to graduate operators and technicians with job-related competences that are in large demand by Egyptian, Regional and International employers. This will be achieved through competence-based training (CBT) by adopting a cascade system, by which a couple of master trainers for each ATS are trained to build the capacities of other teachers and trainers of the ATS and of other technical schools.

### Achievements as of 31 December 2022

The project achieved to a great extent its objective, as of 31.12.2022, 45 signed School Protocols for new Applied Technology Schools “ATs”, 30 student guide for general and technical subjects have been developed, 11,191 students’ application have been submitted against 3515 places available for the academic year 2022/2023, 10 ATs applications for accreditation was submitted to the selected accreditation bodies “City & Gills , OMNIA , Pearson , JICA and German-Arab Chamber of industry and commerce). The three expected results have been achieved by the project, as explained below:

#### Result 1 - The Applied Technology Schools Management Unit (ATs-MU) within MoETE has been established in order to operate and expand the ATs network.

- Secured and equipped office for the ATs-MU office within MoETE premises.
- 39 personnel are recruited at the ATs-MU.



- 5 National experts (Assessment and examination, Curriculum Development, Human Resource and Information System), in addition to one international expert for institutional development
- are contracted.
- 7 new cooperation protocols have been signed between the Ministry of Education, Technical Education, private sector and an international entity for the establishment of a new Applied Technology schools.
- 18 Program Framework have been developed.
- 13 Program Framework have been revised in order to be accredited.
- 30 student guides have been developed.
- 8 Program Framework have been modified.
- ATSS network was well promoted.
- A promotional material had been implemented and published in the media for each school to promote for the applied technology schools.

***RESULT 2: The quality of delivery of the ATSS network matches the needs of Egyptian employers and reaches international standards for TVET.***

- A quality Guide is designed for the Operation and Management Unit of ATS to ensure quality of education process is being implemented in the respective applied schools and is revised from an international expert.
- 5 quality auditors were recruited.
- The plenary session of parliament in December 2021 approved to issue a law for establishment of the Egyptian Authority for Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Technical and Vocational Education and Vocational Training (ITOAN). NB. The Law no. 160/2022 was finally approved on October 13, 2022.
- ATS received 29 audit visits for 16 schools.
- 10 schools have completed a full academic cycle to apply for local accreditation.
- 11.191 students' application have been submitted against 3515 available for the academic year 2022/2023.
- 8575 students enrolled in 35 schools enrolled in ATS model for the academic year 2022/2023.

***RESULT 3: R3. The capacity of master trainers, teachers, trainers and staff has been developed in order to replicate in each ATSS the educational model and internationally recognized TVET best practices.***

- Developed recruitment and capacity building plan for ATSS staff, teachers.
- Selected and appointed 290 ATSS staff and teachers.
- 23 Field visit to schools by ATSS- MU HR to provide support for ATSS.
- Three days training for 63 assessors were conducted for the targeted groups to build their capacity building.

## 4.8. “SOCIAL PROTECTION AND HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT IN LUXOR”



**Project code:** IEDS-III-18

**Applicant:** United Nations World Food Programme

**Implementing Agency:** United Nations World Food Programme

**Location:** Luxor governorate

**Agreement:** April 9, 2020

**Project overall cost:** EGP 42,000,000.00

**IEDS contribution:** EGP 42,000,000.00

**Other contribution:** N/A

**Funds transferred:** EGP 42,000,000.00

**Status:** concluded

**Start date:** June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**End date:** June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### *Project brief*

The proposed project aims to reduce vulnerabilities of families to economic shocks that lead them to resort to negative coping mechanisms such as child labour, early child marriage, irregular migration, and drift into extremism. The project will support students in community primary schools and their families, especially women, as well as adolescent girls and boys. To that end, the project will use innovative multi-disciplinary approaches, such as school meals, conditional incentives, vocational and life-skills training, livelihoods support modules and revolving micro-loans, in addition to information technology and infrastructural upgrades at schools along with needed capacity strengthening. This modular package is expected to build resilience of families to Socio-economic shocks and improve their livelihood opportunities.

### *Overall objective*

Food insecure and vulnerable children, adolescents and families in Luxor governorate have better access to food and livelihood opportunities, ensuring their resilience to socio-economic shocks.

### *Specific objectives*

1. Promote higher attendance rates and raise learning capacities of 3,200 girls and boys in targeted primary community schools through the provision of nutritious in-school snacks.
2. Increase access to food for families of community school students through conditional monthly entitlements in the form of food rations or cash-based transfers, reaching 16,000 beneficiaries (3,200 students and 12,800 family members).
3. Transform 139 community schools into integrated service-delivery hubs for the community through information technology, capacity building and stakeholder and community participation.
4. Enhance livelihoods and build shock-resilience of 2,000 vulnerable women to reduce their dependence on negative coping strategies.
5. Promote adolescent development through delivering income-generation skills and technical training for 1,800 adolescents.

### ***Achievements as of 30 June 2022***

#### ***R1. 3,200 students in target primary community schools maintain high attendance rates with raised learning capacities.***

- Since the closure of schools in March 2020 by the GOE, the National School Feeding Programme was suspended. Therefore, this activity was on hold since the start of the project in July 2020. The distribution of in-school snacks recommenced in February 2022 in accordance with the National School Feeding Programme resumption, reaching about 3,700 community school students (2,035 girls, 1,665 boys) in 134 community schools.
- WFP designed nutrition awareness material and hygiene kits to be distributed to schools and students by the beginning of March 2021 as part of COVID-19 preventive measures.

#### ***R2. 3.200 families of school children in targeted areas have secured access to food through conditional monthly entitlements or cash-based transfers.***

- The project had assisted the families of community school students in Luxor with monthly cash transfers, benefiting more than 16,485 beneficiaries. The number of beneficiaries benefiting from the project noticeably increased from 15,085 at the beginning of the project, as student enrolment and retention rates increased, while the expected number of beneficiaries for the academic year 2021/2022 is 17,310 as enrolment rates increased by at least 5 percent.
- To face the economic shock related to the COVID pandemic, WFP shifted to providing unconditional and unrestricted cash assistance to the families of 3,297 students of 133 community school children, reaching 16,485 beneficiaries during the first semester of year 2022, considering their family members in Luxor. EGP180 per child per month was transferred to all students.

#### ***R3: Targeted communities' benefit from integrated service-delivery activities through intervention hubs in 139<sup>22</sup> community schools, bridging the knowledge gap and enhancing resilience to socio-economic shocks.***

- Progress was made on supporting education through technology where all 134 community schools in Luxor were transformed into smart hubs and used for online education, along with teacher's capacity building, specifically critical at this time with distance learning becoming increasingly inevitable. The smart screens and technological equipment were installed in the schools.
- In light of the Decent Life 'Haya Kareema' initiative, the project has continued collaboration with the Ministry of Local Development and is implementing the community hub model in Local Administrative Units of 20 villages in Luxor. This encompasses provision of ICT equipment, building capacities of the Units' staff and holding awareness raising on issues of concern in line with national campaigns.
- In partnership with Hilton Resort Luxor, the project has developed a training module for the first of its kind youth TVET on Hospitality with MoM to increase livelihood opportunities in the tourism sector.
- To complement the provision of the technology tools at schools and building on the previously conducted teachers' training, the project conducted specialized training to the teachers with focus on ICT with the advancement in digital learning and online education platforms established by MOETE.
- . With the Ministry of Local Development's team, ten villages of 'Haya Kareema' have been selected and a comprehensive capacity building and awareness raising activities were implemented.
- The project already has in place a number of collaboration plans agreed with several ministries and entities that are ready to start once the community hubs are set, by upgrading the Local Admin Units. This includes with MoSS on "Waei" National Awareness Programme, with the Ministry of State for Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates' Affairs on the 'Life-Saving Boats' campaign, with the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) on the 'Million Health' initiative, with MoM on the 'National Project to Enhance Youth Skills'

<sup>22</sup> The current targeted number is 134 Community schools, some schools were closed.

***R4: Livelihoods and resilience of 2,000 mothers improved, 500<sup>23</sup> of which started their own income generating activities, with reduced dependency on negative coping strategies.***

- 3,500 rural women have increased their enterprise capacities to start income generation projects, of whom 845 women obtained micro-loans (more women than planned in the project document were assisted). Vocational skills and quality of projects of 533 women were enhanced through specialized trainings and around 2,000 women received support to increase their technical knowledge for better management for their projects.
- The project conducted a ‘Knocking on Doors’ campaign reaching 20,637 people in Hayah Karima villages (13,150 women and 7,487 men), implemented in collaboration with NCW. It raised awareness among women through storytelling with key messages on the importance of income-generation projects for the economic and social empowerment of rural women. It featured women's success stories in managing their small businesses that motivated many women to learn and be part of the project. Women were introduced to ways to correct misconceptions and address malpractices related to managing small projects.
- Local capacities were strengthened on women enterprise, gender, lending, marketing and storytelling reaching 179 of the community leaders, MoSS local officials, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) staff, social workers and volunteers.

***R5: 1,800<sup>24</sup> adolescent girls and boys enhance their skills and have facilitated access to entrepreneurship and livelihood opportunities.***

- MoM and WFP launched the national project ‘Your skill is the Foundation of you Profession’ to promote youth employability. Through this project, 254 young women and men enhanced their vocational capacities and soft skills to help them meet modern labour market needs.
- In parallel, 4 workshops inside the Luxor Vocational Center of MoM were technologically upgraded and 6 National vocational curricula were developed/ updated. Capacities of 16 directorate and central level staff of the Ministry were strengthened on the integration of ICT within their daily work and to perform advanced labour market data collection, analysis and presentation.

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<sup>23</sup>After the last needs assessment, it was decided to increase the loan value per beneficiary to \$600/loan. Consequently, the number of women has been reduced to 500.

<sup>24</sup> Changed to be 500 youth; The number of target youth has been reduced from 1800 to 500 adolescents on 27.07.2021.

## ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

#### 4.9. “SYSTEMIC APPROACH TO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT IN RURAL GOVERNORATES - PILOT DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE SCHEME FOR EL MINYA GOVERNORATE - PHASE III”



**Project code:** IEDS-III-19

**Applicant:** Ministry of Environment/Waste Management Regulatory Agency

**Implementing Agency:** United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

**Location:** Minya governorate

**Agreement:** signed on 05.09.2019

**Project overall cost:** EGP 70,487,019.00

**IEDS contribution:** EGP 70,487,019.00

**Other contribution:** N/A

**Funds transferred:** EGP 5,987,019.00

**Status:** Suspended

**Start date:** October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**End date:** March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

##### *Project brief*

The project aims at promoting a safe, environmentally sound, and financially sustainable management of Municipal mixed Solid Waste (MSW) in Rural Governorates of Egypt, through the implementation of a pilot scheme in El Minya Governorate, replicable in other rural Governorates.

This proposal intends to expand results achieved during the first two phases of the project by establishing a MSW management system on an enough large scale (i.e., the districts of Edwa and Maghaga) to effectively make the piloting of similar schemes possible in other rural Governorates of Egypt. In specific, this project will provide a practical reference case on how a well-planned and systemic approach can lead to long-term financially sustainable and effective MSW management system. This will be possible only by starting from the development of the needed institutional and human management capacities and gradually developing relevant technical infrastructures.

##### *Specific objectives*

- Upgrade the capacity of the Waste Management Department in Minya city through provision of Technical Assistance for the revision, execution of the master plan prepared by the National Solid Waste Management Program (NSWMP) for the Governorate.
- Raise Public awareness on best practices of solid waste management system in accordance with the Master plan prepared and promoting the right habits that support the development of the waste disposal and processing in the Governorate.
- Establish a Modern Recycling plant for a typical rural governorate replicating the model implemented in EDWA city to be operated in the future through public-private partnership (PPP) or private investments.

##### *Project status as of 31 December 2022*

On October 5, 2021, the PMU requested the MC to allocate extra funds to the project in the amount of EGP 42 million, to cover an anticipated gap between the available project budget (EGP 70,487,019) and the total estimated capital cost (EGP 112,487,019) for establishing the new solid waste recycling and composting plant, according to the assessment study conducted by the engineering consultant firm contracted by the project.

The MC rejected the request and confirmed that no additional funds from the Debt-Swap Programme can be allocated to the project.

Moreover, considering the financial constraints as well as the technical concern raised through an evaluation of Edwa plant's status, the MC agreed to temporarily suspend the project, effective as of March 31, 2022, to avoid further depletion of project resources, as well agreed to assist the Ministry of Environment in reassessing and redesign the project document, through the deployment of an external technical expert under the funds allocated to Technical Assistance.

In addition, the MC agreed to approve on exceptional basis the project actual expenditure until December 31, 2021, as well as the financial commitment until June 30, 2022, and accordingly to release a partial instalment required to cover project's financial commitments until June 30, 2022.

The Ministry of Environment (MoE), through the Waste Management Regulatory Authority (WMRA), shared a preliminary outline of the new strategy proposed for the reactivation of the project (ref TSU letter no. 39 dated 26/07/22): this strategy would imply the establishment of a demonstrative modular facility, with a limited capacity and based on a different technological model, meant at reusing mixed municipal waste to produce an alternative fuel known as Solid Recovered Fuel (SRF) which, based on current trends, is expected to have a market with cement plant to be used as a source of power for their kilns instead of coal.

Furthermore, as for the Technical Assistance (TA), on July 27, 2022, MoE/WMRA shared the CV and the proposed scope of work for the designated consultant. Considering that the proposed technology has no precedent application in Egypt and would, therefore, represent a pilot project, AICS recommended the technical assistance and the process of revision and update of the project document to be structure in two consecutive phases, as follows:

In a first phase, the Technical Assistance (TA) shall be aimed at the preparation of the following:

1. A concept note / preliminary project document, which shall illustrate in more detail the new designed project strategy, defining in general terms the main activities, the required resources and the costs associated with them.
2. A pre-feasibility study, i.e., a study which, on the basis of a technical, economic and environmental analysis done through already available information, can confirm, at a preliminary level, the general assumptions, the relevance and feasibility of the proposed action.

The approval by the Management Committee of the above-mentioned documents, priorly validated and approved by the Ministry of Environment/WMRA, will be the condition for entering the second phase as follows:

In the second phase, the TA shall be aimed at verifying and validating the general assumptions through specific and tailored analysis and surveys, as well as to draft the updated project document. Specifically, this phase must include the preparation of:

1. A detailed full-fledged feasibility study, including the analysis and systematic evaluation of the technical, economic (cost-benefit), organizational, social and environmental factors and risks that could affect the feasibility, the success and the future economic and financial sustainability of the project.
2. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).
3. The updated project document (considering the outcome of the two previous documents), accompanied by the standard DS technical and financial annexes.

The designated consultant shall deliver the above documentation to the Ministry of Environment/ WMRA, that will be then responsible for validating and approving them before transmitting it to the TSU/Management Committee for the evaluation. The verification and approval by the Management Committee of the feasibility study, the EIA and the new project document, will be the sole condition for the reactivation of the project and the release of additional funds.

Based on the MC decision, the TSU is now in the process of recruiting the consultant to formulate a preliminary project document according to the Management Committee decision.

## CIVIL SOCIETY



## 4.10. "REHABILITATION AND PRESERVATION OF THE HISTORIC CENTER OF SIWA OASIS "SHALI"



**Project code:** IEDS-III-17

**Applicant:** Siwa Community Development and Environment Conservation Association- SCDECA

**Implementing Agency:** Siwa Community Development and Environment Conservation Association- SCDECA

**Location:** Matrouh governorate – Oasis of Siwa

**Agreement:** signed on 15.05.2019

**Project overall cost:** EGP 700,000.00

**IEDS contribution:** EGP 700,000.00

**Other contribution:** N/A

**Funds transferred:** EGP 700,000.00

**Status:** Concluded

**Start date:** May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

**End date:** February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### *Project brief*

The project is a unique Berber cultural spot in Egypt, its old citadel in the old City "Shali" was registered by UNESCO in 2001 as one of the world heritages. The building of "Shali" is deteriorating due to lack of maintenance. The proposed intervention intends to enhance the socio-economic condition of the local population and promote culture tourism through preserving the cultural unique heritage of the old city "Shali"; specifically, the rehabilitation of nine houses forming part of the second level of "Shali". The project also aims to raise the awareness of the local population, in particularly the youth, the school students and local associations, regarding the importance of the old City cultural heritage.

### *Overall Objective*

To preserve and rehabilitate the local cultural heritage of Siwa Oasis.

### *Specific Objective(s)*

To conserve and Rehabilitate part of the second level of the historic centre of Siwa "Shali" to help enhance the socio-economic status of local population, youth in particular, and promote cultural tourism.

### *Achievements as of 28 February 2022*

The project concluded all its activities since February 2022 and on 22 September 2022 a representative of the Italian Embassy and of AICS participated to the official closing of the project.

On 25/01/2023, a letter was sent to request the final report by maximum 28/02/2023, and a series follow up telephone was done after sending the letter by e-mail. The level of achievement of the expected results is summarized here below:

#### ***R1. Part of the second level of the historic heritage of Shali has been rehabilitated and conserved.***

- Nine houses were renovated and equipped.

***R2. Awareness of SIWA population regarding conservation and best management of the historic heritage has been raised and consolidated.***

- As regards the awareness campaigns of the local population (students and young people first of all, but also local institutions and associations) about the importance of the conservation and responsible management of the historical and cultural heritage of Siwa, also in order to transform the oasis into an important destination for ecotourism itineraries, 8 campaigns were conducted since the beginning of the project with the participation of approximately 128 people, including students, teachers, parents, responsible for the architectural heritage of the oasis.
- The visibility materials as leaflet and Banners are designed, printed and distributed.

***R3. New income resources and job opportunities have been generated for the local population particularly youth, and the socio-economic situation of Siwa population is improved.***

- Local contractors were selected, and a number of job opportunities were offered for youth in the selected areas who worked in the renovation process. 24 young workers specialized in the traditional construction sector have been selected from 24 different target families of the project and took care of renovation works. The creation of job opportunities for local young people is having the effect of reducing unemployment, increasing the income of target families, and improving their living conditions.
- After the project closure, coordination activities are continuing with the competent tourist authorities as the Siwa City Council, the Tourism Activation Office, the Siwa Sons Association, and the Siwa Antiquities Department to link the site to the other archaeological sites in the area, and for the inclusion of the citadel of Shali in the ecotourism itineraries.

## 4.11. “HANDICRAFT AND ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PRODUCERS’ EMPOWERMENT (HOPE)”



**Project code:** IEDS-III-11

**Applicant:** COSPE (Cooperation for the Development of Emerging Countries)

**Implementing Agency:** COSPE (Cooperation for the Development of Emerging Countries)

**Location:** Alexandria, Qena, Sohag, Assiut, Minya, Cairo, Giza, Sharkya, Beheira, Ismailia, Kafr el Sheikh, and Luxor governorates

**Agreement:** signed on 05.11.2017 *Addendum* no. 1 signed on 22.03.2021

**Project overall cost:** EGP 9,631,070.00 (EGP 5,000,000 + EGP 590,700.00 + EGP 4,040,370.00)

**IEDS contribution:** EGP 9,631,070.00

**Other contribution:** N/A

**Funds transferred:** EGP 9,081,070.00

**Status:** In progress

**Start date:** January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

**End date:** June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Project brief

The project will support the efficiency and sustainability of ‘Kheir Wa Baraka Association’ as national platform for small-scale agro and handicraft producers in Egypt; improve the livelihood and working conditions of small-scale producers through tailored and affordable social services; ensure better access to national and international markets through value added products, access to finance and business development services; promote Fair Trade and Ethical Business principles.

### Overall Objective

To contribute to the poverty alleviation of small-scale producers in target regions through a strengthened national representative organization.

### Specific Objective(s)

To support small-scale agro and handicraft producers to properly and affordably access to socio-economic services at local and national levels, through strengthening Kheir Wa Baraka Association.

### Achievements as of 31 December 2022

The project concluded officially on 31/03/2022, On 07/07/2022, the project requested a project amendment with a no-cost extension for an additional period of 9 months. One of the main reasons for the extension was to establish two permanent showrooms in Cairo and Aswan (A1.4.6) to further promote the marketing of the handicraft products. The level of achievement of the expected results is summarized here below:

#### ***R1. Economic opportunities for small scale producers are boosted and increased.***

- A Business Development Service was established withing KWB Several needs assessments were conducted during the project for the 13 target groups of artisans and the farmers, and 1 in-kind micro credit system was established granting loans to a total of 89 small-scale producers.
- Training programs on marketing, product development, design, packaging, and quality control were implemented with the participation of the 13 groups of artisans in the eight target governorates.

- One catalogue was produced containing pictures of all categories of products realized throughout the project duration with different designs developed during the trainings.
- Two field visits were organized with the participation of 64 handicrafts producers from 8 governorates (37 F and 27 M).
- A total of 6 Farmers' Field School (FFS) with training on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) were conducted with the participations of 194 farmers (181 M and 13 F) from Minya Governorate. Furthermore, agricultural inputs were distributed to 96 farmers who attended at least 75% of the lessons and put into practice the best practices learned.
- Four field visits to agriculture exhibitions organized with the participation of 164 farmers (8 F, 156 M).
- Different marketing activities were conducted to increase producers' opportunities to market and sell their products, including three national and one international exhibitions. Furthermore, the Egyptian Export Council for Handicrafts partnered with the project and conducted a marketing study to assess the saleability of the project products.

***R2. Improved the livelihood safety conditions and measurements for small scale producers.***

- 13 groups of producers received equipment and tools (mainly storage furniture, sewing machines and handlooms) to improve their working conditions and the quality of their production.

***R3. Empowered and enhanced capacities of Kheir Wa Baraka to act as a national representative structure with clear and sustained strategies.***

- A website was created for the display and online selling of the products gathered under the brand Rokn <http://www.roknstore.com/>

## 4.12. “BECOMING LEADERS: CREATION OF WORKING OPPORTUNITIES AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR UPPER EGYPTIAN WOMEN”



**Project code:** IEDS-III-12

**Applicant:** M.A.I.S. (Movimento per l'Autosviluppo, l'Interscambio e la Solidarietà)

**Implementing Agency:** M.A.I.S. (Movimento per l'Autosviluppo, l'Interscambio e la Solidarietà)

**Location:** Sohag governorate

**Agreement:** signed on 05.11.2017. *Addendum* no. 1 signed on 05.10.2021.

**Project overall cost:** EGP 8,108,950.00 (EGP 5,000,000.00 + EGP 350,000.00 + EGP 2,758,950.00)

**IEDS contribution:** EGP 8,108,950.00

**Other contribution:** N/A

**Funds transferred:** EGP 7,208,950.00

**Status:** In progress

**Start date:** January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

**End date:** October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

### *Project brief*

The project aims at enhancing and support productive activities of a group of artisans of the Governorate of Sohag, Upper Egypt, in order to improve economic and social conditions of local women and, indirectly, of other sectors of the population dwelling in the area.

The proposed strategy is based on the creation of a Handicraft Committee of women inside 5 local CDAs that will play an active role in the safeguard of the traditional handicrafts of the area. The Handicraft Committee and a group of local artisans will be supported through a series of technical and managerial trainings that will allow them to be more competitive in the market, contributing to the creation of new opportunities, both on the market of goods and labour.

The project will play a significant role towards the achievement of women's economic empowerment by targeting unemployed women and girls' victims of violence, as beneficiaries of skills development and micro finance actions.

### *Overall Objective*

To contribute to the improvement of the economic and social conditions of people, and in particular women, of Upper Egypt by enhancing their skills and bolstering their economic strategies.

### *Specific Objective(s)*

To reinforce market competitiveness of the new-born group of crafts women “Banat el Sa3eed” and of local producers in Sohag by enhancing their economic and legal capacities and creating a wider network of local artisans.

### *Achievements as of 31 December 2022*

As of 31.10.2022, current end date, the project has successfully completed and delivered 75% of its target outputs for the 2nd phase. The level of achievement of the expected results is summarized here below:

***R1. A technical Handicraft Committee, constituted by a group of craftswomen from Banat el Sa3eed, and the 5 CDAs acquire the capacities to safeguard local handicrafts associations.***

- 6 days of organizational development training conducted for 20 members of the partner CDAs.
- The 4 partner CDAs had trained on the importance and procedures for business registration.
- The 4 partner CDAs through the improvement of their organisational and management capacities, successfully drafted and implemented more than 12 projects in support of their communities.

***R2. "Banat el-Sa3eed" acquires the necessary technical, managerial and legal capabilities to be competitive within the market.***

- 25 women and girls received technical and vocational training on Tally and recycling techniques, the training was for 10 days.
- 25 women and girls received technical and vocational training on design and quality control on sewing and flaws, the training was for 4 days.

***R3. A network among the Handicraft Committee and the producers of the area of Sohag is created.***

- One meeting was conducted for 30 artisans and HC members.

***R4. The Committee and the producers of the network are enhanced both at the economic and legal level.***

- 52 women and girls received a microcredit "loan".
- 28 Income Generating Activities (IGAs) were created.
- 40 new pieces (of craftsmanship) have been designed as models.
- 15 days quality evaluation training for 30 members handicraft network
- 358 women and girls were informed about their civil rights.
- 20 women received legal assistance in court to settle disputes related to family law.
- One trip visit in Cairo for 15 participants

***R5. A marketing plan is designed and operational to ensure economic sustainability to the Committee and producer's network.***

- The TOR was prepared and shared with MAIS roster; the activity will start March 2023.
- 170 pieces have been sold, through participation in 3 exhibitions.



## 4.13. “STRENGTHENING BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT FOR THE ECO-TOURIST DEVELOPMENT OF NEW VALLEY GOVERNORATE”



**Project code:** IEDS-III-13

**Applicant:** Cooperazione Internazionale Sud Sud (CISS)

**Implementing Agency:** Cooperazione Internazionale Sud Sud (CISS)

**Location:** New Valley Governorate/Kharga Oasis

**Agreement:** signed on 28.11.2016. Addendum no. 1 signed on 05.10.2021.

**Project overall cost:** EGP 9,842,150.00 (EGP 4,991,300.00 + EGP 4,850,850.00)

**IEDS contribution:** EGP 9,842,150.00

**Other contribution:** N/A

**Funds transferred:** EGP 7,288,000.00

**Status:** In progress

**Start date:** March 1st, 2018

**End date:** July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

### ***Project brief***

The project aims at strengthening the social and economic role of women and youth in New Valley by income generating activities strictly related to local needs and natural resources availability. The project aims at contributing to solve the structural weaknesses of local economy and the fragilities of the labour market in New Valley by providing literacy and vocational training for the promotion of a social inclusion policy and the implementation of a micro-small enterprises incubator for women and young people related to potential local eco-tourism's economic sectors and supporting them with a marketing and communication plan.

### ***Overall Objective***

Contribute to promote Socio-economic development in New Valley Governorate harnessing local resources.

### ***Specific Objective(s)***

Strengthening business environment for the eco-touristic development of New Valley Governorate.

### ***Achievements as of 31 December 2022***

The project achieved to a great extent its specific objective, encouraging the establishment of new micro enterprises, bringing together already existing formal and informal enterprises under the umbrella of the newly established incubator, and creating a collaborative environment between different stakeholders from the private sector as well as associations and CSOs, strengthening their sense of belonging to the same business community.

The three expected results have been achieved by the project, as explained below:

#### ***Result. 1 Women and Youth supported in developing business activities” (Micro and Small enterprises)***

- Six months of training course was realized in two phases: online phase and by presence phase.
- 64 trainees attended online, while 51 by presence.
- 12 youth successfully engaged in start-up business opportunities in particular in handicrafts, accessories and agro-farming sector.

- 20 enterprises selected and beneficiary of the marketing campaign and the showroom selling in Cairo, while 10 entrepreneurs involved in the MSEI establishment.
- The project in the process of prepared registration documents and application of the MSEI
- 17 trainees attended MSEI management training course. A pre and post-test was submitted to the participants of the training, and it was noticed from the evaluation of the post test results that most of the participants increased their knowledge and skills after the training course in particular of 40.36% as the average percentage achieved from the post test is 85.63% instead of the 45.26% of the pre-test.

***Result .2 Improved territorial marketing in an eco-touristic perspective" of the project.***

- The marketing campaign on the social media channels reached more than 5000 individuals. The Facebook page reached 19.922 followers and 19.518 liked the page, on Instagram the page reached 4.382 followers and on twitter 1.263 followers. So far it is increased the marketing and the products selling of 25 MSEI Businesses through the project website and during the campaign through the support of the showroom in Cairo.
- The Guideline Book is on-going realization draft containing the MSEI mission vision and policies together with the report/map finalized of the services offered by the MSEI Centre in New Valley
- 20 beneficiaries attended the marketing and innovation of the product training course.
- 1 show room/experiential shop was set up in Cairo for the selling of the products. More than 250 persons visited the showroom but 80 of visitors registered in the Register Book of the show room.
- 6 experiential activities implemented in the show room sand painting art, skin care; pottery art; palm tree; pyrography; carpet.
- 300 products sold through the show room by sectors in the handicraft and natural products.
- 7 workshops were realized in so far in the showroom by different with 149 participants to the workshops.
- Increase 46.94% of the overall MSEI sales on 639 products received.

***Result .3. Improved networking among key-actors for eco-touristic development in New Valley Oasis".***

- 12 days workshops realized "Innovate, challenge and grow your business ICG Training" in the MSEI in Kharga, New Valley.
- 25 businesses, formal and informal in the three sectors of development handicraft, agro-farming and services attended.
- Three agreements have been identified and developed by the local actors.



## 4.14. “HEALTHY ARTISTIC RECOVERY FOR MENTAL AND OTHER NEEDS DISABILITY (HARMONY)”



**Project code:** IEDS-III-08

**Applicant:** Alex Workshop Centre (AWSC)

**Implementing Agency:** Alex Workshop Centre (AWSC)

**Location:** Alexandria and Behera governorate

**Agreement:** signed on 25.05.2017. Addendum no. 1 signed on 05.10.2021.

**Project overall cost:** EGP 7,500,000.00 (EGP 5,000,000.00 + EGP 2,500,000.00)

**IEDS contribution:** EGP 7,500,000.00

**Other contribution:** N/A

**Funds transferred:** EGP 6,520,564.00

**Status:** Suspended

**Start date:** March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

**End date:** N/A

### *Project brief*

The project aims at improving the social situation and provide work opportunities for people with mental disorders and with hearing and speaking impairment in the Alexandria and Behera governorates, through the use of art as a mean of self-expression capable to generate income. Self-sufficiency, autonomy, and dignity for these people belonging to a low socio-economic background will be provided through a social enterprise producing handcrafts and managed by the trained beneficiaries themselves. Moreover, this social enterprise will ensure income generation and access fair-trade and small handcraft market opportunities.

### *Overall Objective*

To contribute to psychosocial rehabilitation, poverty alleviation and reintegration within the society for people with mental disabilities and hearing/speaking impairment in Egypt by means of social inclusion, recognizing people's right, promoting self-sufficiency, and encouraging NGOs in Community mental health services.

### *Specific Objective(s)*

1. To promote the empowerment of people with mental disorders, hearing and speaking impairment, by enhancing capacities for improving self-sufficiency, autonomy and dignity.
2. To allow participants to develop specific skills in leadership and management of group productive activities.
3. To provide work opportunities in the production of market-competitive handcrafts through creation of social enterprise.
4. To facilitate the marketing of handcrafts throughout Egypt and abroad.

### *Achievements as of 31 December 2022*

The Art training and Production have been running consistently in order to follow all exhibitions & bazars requests, to keep the users/beneficiaries and ensure economic sustainability for them , e.g., art and production in stained glass & porcelain; engraving & wood floor mosaic work, wood cheese platters wooden boxes, small chairs; printmaking & batik for fabric clutches, table runners and coasters, curtains, cushions; recycling and book binding.

In February 2022, the Ministry of social solidarity has contacted the project manager and requested to suspend the project activities until further notice. The suspension came after AWSC requested the Ministry local office to approve receiving 2.500.000 L.E. extra allocation for phase II. The second phase was considered a new project, requiring revision for both technical and financial sides. In this context, project activities related to A.2.4 Art

training, and A.2.5 Art production were suspended from March till June 2022. In addition to: Final conference and exhibition A.6.4 and socializing trip for Egyptian and Italian Users A.6.5

The six expected results have been achieved by the project, as explained below:

***Result .1. Group leading abilities of people who were involved in work placement during Remedy Project are fostered.***

- 25 beneficiaries were selected by MHC and trained.
- 11 beneficiaries were enrolled.
- Five group leaders and six facilitators.
- Two Assessment performance report were developed by the art training supervisors along with Mental Health Consultant.

***Result .2. Artistic competencies of people with mental disorders and people with hearing and speaking impairments is encouraged and/or strengthened.***

- One Art laboratories were built and renovated, vehicle was purchased, condensed art training took place, Permeant exhibition was established at AWSC premises.

***Result .3. Skills in the creation and management of the Special Needs Committee***

- Thirteen users were selected to be part of the social enterprise.
- Five users will be representatives to manage the committee.
- Five group leaders and 5 facilitators attended the training on the creation and functioning of SNC.

***Result .4. A handcraft Special Needs Committee within AWSC is created and is operating.***

- Special Needs Committee was established as one of AWSC committees, promotion of SNC took place with several exhibitions under the title of inauguration of the committee.
- 2070 flyers were printed and distributed,
- A Facebook page under the name of SNC was launched <https://www.facebook.com/HARMONYAWSC?mibextid=ZbWKwL>
- Instagram <https://instagram.com/harmony.handmade.artgallery?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>
- An independent logo, and separate bank account with all bazaars revenues.
- A series of meetings with professionals in the fields of special needs, associations in the field of art and handicrafts that serve special needs was organized.

***Result .5. Participation to national markets (including fair-trade) is granted.***

- Market plan was developed, several key stakeholders' meetings with experts in the field of handicraft market were arranged. Also, membership at the handicraft chamber was achieved.
- Participation in over 22 exhibit and 4 Caravans.

***Result 6. Awareness against stigma and discrimination is raised among community members.***

- Establishing exhibitions under the name of SNC, to raise awareness against stigma, at prestigious places such as: "Turathuna" exhibition in Cairo at EgyptX exhibition centre (partition no: B31) October 2022 & Caravan visit to the Yacht club in Alexandria. In the occasion of Alexandria National Day.

## 4.15. “EMPOWERING WOMEN IN FAYOUM RURAL AREAS (EWFRA)”



**Project code:** IEDS-III-10

**Applicant:** Fayoum Agro Organic Development Association (FAODA)

**Implementing Agency:** Fayoum Agro Organic Development Association (FAODA)

**Location:** Fayoum governorate

**Agreement:** November 28, 2016

**Project overall cost:** EGP 5,000,000.00

**IEDS contribution:** EGP 5,000,000.00

**Other contribution:** N/A

**Funds transferred:** EGP 5,000,000.00

**Status:** concluded

**Start date:** February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

**End date:** January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

### *Project brief*

The project operates in Biahmo, Demshqueen, Abheet, Menshat Demo and Kahk villages at Fayoum and intends to enhance the socio- economic status of Egyptian rural families and promote local women empowerment. The project aims at achieving the said objectives by fostering a sustainable development of poultry husbandry of the indigenous Fayoumi breed in Fayoum Governorate and building the capacity of partner CDAs in local rural areas. The project will play a significant role towards the achievements of women’s economic development by targeting unemployed household women and girls, as beneficiaries, to upgrade their skills and provide them with micro finance actions, and possibilities to access market resources.

### *Overall Objective*

To enhance the Socio-economic status of Egyptian rural families and to promote local women empowerment by fostering a sustainable development of poultry husbandry in Fayoum Governorate.

### *Specific Objective(s)*

To enhance the Socio-economic status of rural families and women in the communities of Fayoum, Yousef el Sediq and Senouris districts in the Governorate of Fayoum, by building the capacity of partner CDAs in rural areas and fostering poultry husbandry of the indigenous Fayoumi breed.

### *Expected Results*

- R1. 5 partner CDAs have their institutional capacity and human resources developed (Capacity building to local CDAs component).
- R2. Cadre of the neighbourhood have been prepared to play their active roles in the targeted villages.
- R3. Targeted poor families have increased their income by an average of 15%.
- R4. Targeted poor families that received small poultry units have contributed to the revival of the indigenous poultry breed.
- R5. 5 marketing committees are established in 5 targeted villages and 5 business plans are developed.

### *Achievements as of 31 December 2022*

The project’s official closing date was in January 2020.

By the closing date, the project had completed all its activities. An updated Project Document for the NGO FAODA, integrating an additional contribution from IEDS funds, for the implementation of a “second phase” of the project had been approved during the 8th MC Meeting. However, the signature of the addendum to the existing PIA had been cancelled due to the investigation carried out by the Ministry of Social Solidarity (MoSS). Although FAODA was not legally convicted and the investigations by MoSS did not reveal any financial violation, on January 24, 2002, MoSS recommended not to release any further fund due to limits in the management and administrative capabilities of the NGO. The MC endorsed MoSS recommendation and agreed to cancel the allocation of additional funds to FAODA for the implementation of the second phase.

Consequently, and based the exchange of letters dated February 13, 2022 (AICS) and March 22, 2022 (MoIC), the MC acknowledged to the formal closure of the project and the refund of any unspent balance from the project account which are – to date – still in process.

On 13 June 2022, the technical support unit sent a formal letter to the project to initiate the procedures for the formal closure of the project, sending the final report in addition to refund the Debt Swap Management Committee account, the sum of EGP 495,108.00 deducted of documented bank charges and bank fees.

Despite the official communication in January 2023 and the numerous follow ups by TSU requesting the submission of the final report by maximum February 28, 2023, the project has not yet submitted the requested reports.

#### ***General Achievements of project's:***

The project's activities were relevant to improving rural women's socio-economic conditions in Fayoum Governorate, and facilitated access to resources and markets, with focus on reviving the famous indigenous Fayoumi Bigawi breed and providing beneficiaries with small poultry units (chicken huts, poultry feed and veterinary services) as a source of livelihood in rural areas.

500 rural women were empowered and supported in generating income, gaining access to microcredit, and raising their awareness and knowledge through series of awareness sessions at grassroots level, and capacity building programs address to the local 5 local CDAs. Out of the 500, 250 women from the villages of Beahmo, Abheet El-Hagar, Demo, Damshqeen, and Kahk in Fayoum received custom-made chicken huts according to the beneficiaries' preferences and needs, in addition to chicken, feed and veterinary care.

Beneficiaries benefited from the dissemination of the awareness session which increased their knowledge, skills and improved their behaviour in poultry husbandry. In comparison to the baseline survey conducted by the project, the % of poultry mortality was reduced by 80% in the targeted villages. Moreover, the egg production increased by 80%. All this, plus the new chicken pens, contributed to raising the women income by almost 35%.

In an effort to support the marketing as well as to monitor the beneficiaries, FAODA purchased cell phones to the beneficiaries as an in-kind contribution using the micro-credit loan and trained them to communicate with FAODA & the CDAs (implementing partners) through WhatsApp.

Direct beneficiaries included 20 members of the selected 5 CDAs who are also partners in the development of the project; 16 volunteers who were trained to become technicians (Trainers) delivered awareness to the neighbourhood and provided advise on Begawi natural breeding, curing and prevention of diseases. 99% of beneficiaries are women and young girls, who were supported by their families (spouses, fathers, or brothers). This activity benefitted indirectly an additional 750 people residing in the neighbourhood.

In support to sharing experience and exchange of knowledge a “field school” was created in the village of Beahmo as a pilot project for the beneficiaries. Moreover, women who met on a weekly basis to share their practices, learned from one another, and from the elders in breeding of Begawi.

## 4.16. “COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH THROUGH THE PROVISION OF AFTER-CARE SERVICES AND THE PROMOTION OF A FAMILY HOSTING SYSTEM”



**Project code:** N/A  
**Applicant:** Hope Village Society (HVS)  
**Implementing:** Hope Village Society (HVS)  
**Location:** Greater Cairo & Alexandria  
**Agreement:** 05.12.2022  
**Project overall cost:** EGP 7,500,000.00  
**IEDS contribution:** EGP 7,500,000.00  
**Other contribution:** N/A  
**Funds transferred:** N/A  
**Status:** In pipeline  
**Start date:** N/A  
**End date:** N/A

### ***Project brief***

The proposed project intends to support a comprehensive rehabilitation and protection program to enhance the quality, the effectiveness and the impact of care services provided by Government organizations & NGOs to street/abundant children who lives in Social Care Institutions.

One of the dangerous challenges that threatens the security and stability of the society is the problem of young people who graduate from social care homes or residential institutions without any financial, vocation or educational support that enabling a decent living and help be adapted to the new social environment. The majority of these young people, male and female, have been either rejected by their families or of "unknown identity/descent"; they are resided in care homes until the age of 18 years or 21 years as in some other social care institutions. When these young people graduate from these shelters, they suddenly find themselves without care, a livelihood or even a human shelter, which makes them vulnerable to dangerous actions, exploitation and even joining illegitimate groups.

### ***Overall objective***

Contribute to the achievement of economic, social and psychological stability for young people living in residential care institutions in Greater Cairo and Alexandria and promote alternative family integration system.

### ***Specific objectives***

SO1: Support the socio-economic empowerment of residential care institutions' young graduates through social and psychological rehabilitation, and the development of vocational and entrepreneurship skills for income generation and self-reliance.

SO2: Support the development and initiation of the “Alternative Family Hosting System” for street children.

### ***Expected Results***

R1. 300 youth in 7 Residential Care Institutions are rehabilitated and re-integrated in the society through social and psychological adaptation training, including 75 youth about to graduate or graduated who will acquire the technical, entrepreneurship and life skills, to start their own project by the provision of financial support (Rehabilitation and Economic Empowerment Component).

R2. An Alternative Family Hosting System is designed, promoted, and experimented through the integration of 20 street children in the selected alternative families in cooperation with the Ministry of Social Solidarity (Family Hosting Model Component)

R3: Community awareness is raised; financial and social support is provided by the effective engagement of stakeholders from the public and private sectors. (Visibility, awareness raising and Participation of public and private community Component).

***Status as of 31 December 2022***

The project document was officially approved (MoIC on 08/02/2022 & AICS 28/02/2022). The PIA was signed on 05/12/2022.



## 4.17. “EMPLOY SOME TO FEED MANY: PHASE II”



**Project code:** N/A

**Applicant:** New Horizon Association for Social Development (NHASD)

**Implementing partner:** New Horizon Association for Social Development (NHASD)

**Location:** Markaz Al-Dakhla and Balat Oasis in New Valley Governorate

**Agreement:** 05.12.2022

**Project overall cost:** EGP 7,725,000.00

**IEDS contribution:** EGP 7,500,000.00

**Other contribution:** EGP 225,000.00 (NHASD)

**Funds transferred:** N/A

**Status:** In pipeline

**Start date:** N/A

**End date:** N/A

### Project brief

This project contributes to achieving food security in New Valley since the governorate suffers from a lack of nutrition, specifically in vegetables and fruits. New Valley also suffers from a deficiency in job opportunities, which leads to youth migrating to Cairo in search for jobs. The project will, thus, concentrate on the increase of production to provide nutrition and creation for job opportunities in agriculture, and the increase of agricultural land. The participants of the project will include non-governmental organizations, local councils of New Valley, and the Ministry of Agriculture to help in implementing this project. This project will target 635 direct beneficiaries and 2,540 indirect beneficiaries. The indirect beneficiaries are referred household members of the direct beneficiaries, which ranges of an average of 4 persons per household.

### Overall Objective

To contribute to green economy development, maintain food security and increase families' income in Markaz Al Dakhla and Balat Oasis, New Valley Governorate, by means of youth empowerment in new agriculture methods, expansion on lands' farming, and increase crops production.

### Specific Objectives

SO1: Increase and improve the sustainable agriculture production in Al Dakhla and Balat Oases - New Valley Governorate – expanding the cultivated land, introducing specific crops such as palm tree, fruit and vegetable and spread new agriculture and irrigation cost-effective techniques.

SO2: Contribute to job creation encouraging the establishment of Income Generating Activities (IGAs) and small agriculture-related businesses by improving local farmers and youth's knowledge on new agriculture and irrigation practices, support them financially through grants and microcredit and linking them to local SOs.

### Expected Results

R.1 A “palm tree nursery” is established increasing the local production of by farming 3000 palm trees and creating job opportunities by training 75 beneficiaries (male and females) on the new techniques of farming palm trees.

R2. “Participatory Agriculture Approach” is implemented increasing agriculture land by preparing 30 Feddan for cultivation, extend irrigation system and distribute the lands to 35 young farmers enable them to be young entrepreneurs.

R3. At least 225 youth (male & female) are educated and prepared for the agriculture job market by providing them with different training programs on food security and green economy.



R4. "Centre for farmers' Support" is established providing at least 300 young farmers and landowners (including male and female) with equipment, technical services, and financial support (as 150 grants & 150 micro-credit without interest).

R5. Capacity is enhanced for 10 local Civil Society Organizations participating in implementation and project's sustainability.

R6. Stable energy resource is ensured by supplying Electricity power to 227 Feddan in the land area of the Participatory Agricultural model to maintain and increase agriculture, and cultivation of crops.

#### ***Status as of 31 December 2022***

The project document was officially submitted by the applicant on October 28th, 2021. The project document was officially approved (MoIC on 23/10/2022 & AICS 09/11/2022). The PIA was signed on 05/12/2022. Pending the approval from Ministry of Social Solidarity.

## 5. ANNEXES



5.1. COUNTERPART FUND STATEMENT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

Fax: 0039 06 4221 0378  
 To: Cassa Depositi e Prestiti S.p.A.  
 Via Golito, 4, 00185  
 Rome, Italy

From : CENTRAL BANK OF EGYPT  
 54 ELGOMHORIA ST.,  
 E-mail: samer.ramzy@cbe.org.eg  
 Pages: 1  
 Fax 25976072  
 Date : 02/01/2023

MESSAGE  
 The Third Italian Egyptian Debt Swap Agreement Signed on 10/5/2012 between our two Governments  
 The Counterpart Fund in US\$,Euro and Egyptian Pounds  
 Statement of December 2022

Phase III transactions

Note Number	Value Date	Credit		Debit		Balance				
		U.S.D.	EUR.	U.S.D.	EUR.	U.S.D.	EUR.			
Total	30/11/2022	82,755,368.57	13,087,910.92	926,017,366.07	71,653,607.43	10,258,688.89	686,248,042.61	11,101,761.14	2,829,222.03	239,769,323.46
<b>NO ENTRY</b>										
Total	31/12/2022	82,755,368.57	13,087,910.92	926,017,366.07	71,653,607.43	10,258,688.89	686,248,042.61	11,101,761.14	2,829,222.03	239,769,323.46

Refund Amounts-PhaseIII

Project No.	VALUE DATE	Credit		Debit		BALANCE				
		U.S.D.	EUR.	U.S.D.	EUR.	U.S.D.	EUR.			
TOTAL	30/11/2022	0.00	0.00	1,434,126.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-	1,434,126.85
TOTAL	31/12/2022	0.00	0.00	1,434,126.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,434,126.85

Phase II Remaining uncanceled fund transaction

Note Number	Value Date	Credit		Debit		Balance				
		U.S.D.	EUR.	U.S.D.	EUR.	U.S.D.	EUR.			
Total	30/11/2022	5,222,138.84		31,436,026.63	4,176,275.92		25,113,129.00	1,045,862.92		6,322,897.63
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Refund Amounts-PhaseII

Project No.	VALUE DATE	Credit		Debit		BALANCE				
		U.S.D.	EUR.	U.S.D.	EUR.	U.S.D.	EUR.			
TOTAL	30/11/2022		19,579,594.18				3,728,426.52			15,851,167.66
TOTAL	31/12/2022		19,579,594.18			3,728,426.52				15,851,167.66

For The Central Bank of Egypt

General Manager