

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

The Government of the Italian Republic -

And

The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt

For the Implementation of Trilateral Cooperation Activities

In African Countries

The Government of the Italian Republic and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt (hereinafter referred to as the "Governments"),

Considering

That Italy and Egypt have a long term partnership on development cooperation;

Considering

The Framework Agreement on Development Cooperation signed on January 17, 2010 by which the two Governments confirmed the will of strengthening and expanding such cooperation;

Recognizing

That both Governments wish to strengthen their cooperation to foster economic development, improved health care and greater social inclusion in selected African countries that face the greatest challenges from poverty, in order to contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals;

Confirming

That coordination and harmonization of development assistance activities under way by each Government will lead to greater efficiency and effectiveness to achieve better results in the spirit of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness and Accra Agenda for Action;

Appreciating

That trilateral cooperation will contribute to the strengthening of South-South cooperation;

Acknowledging

That in the Joint Declaration on Enhancement of Trilateral Cooperation signed in Sharm el Sheikh on May 12, 2009 both Governments stressed the strong shared interest in playing a greater role as development partners for the African countries through the implementation of joint Technical Cooperation programs, effectively combining their human, technical and financial resources for supporting social and economic development in African countries ("trilateral cooperation");

Acknowledging

That the letter and spirit of the Joint Declaration requires that a process of joint consultations and action be set in motion to identify areas and instruments of mutual cooperation and to initiate action to concretize such cooperation through the planning and implementation of Technical Cooperation programs;

Have agreed on the following:

Article I

Purpose and Designations

1. The intent of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is to establish guidelines under which Italy and Egypt may select African countries for trilateral cooperation by mutual concurrence and may promote economic and social development in such countries in priority sectors which can benefit from such cooperation by means of a coordinated use of the financial, technical and human resources of both Governments.

2. In order to carry out the cooperation activities provided for in this MOU, the Governments hereby designate:

on behalf of the Italian Government:

- a) Directorate General for Development Cooperation of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- b) Italian Embassy in Cairo / Italian Cooperation Office;

on behalf of the Egyptian Government:

- a) the Egyptian Fund for Technical Cooperation with Africa of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- b) The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Rome.

Article II

Areas of cooperation

1. The Governments, making full use of the best practices of the Parties in implementing trilateral development cooperation, will implement jointly and in coordination with the Governments of the selected beneficiary African countries, cooperation programs/projects based on the proposals presented by each Government and consistent with the geographic and sectoral priorities of the two countries.

2. Specific areas of trilateral cooperation activities include:

- (i) Health, with particular reference to Women Health and Development;
- (ii) Education and capacity building;
- (iii) Poverty alleviation;
- (iv) Other related areas as mutually agreed by the Parties.

3. The activities may encompass:

- a) Sending technical experts from both countries to develop and implement project proposals, provide technical assistance according to the needs of the beneficiary countries, monitor project delivery and assess results;
- b) Providing training for professionals and specialists from selected African countries in Egypt with the support of both countries;
- c) Promoting partnerships among education, training and research institutions and centers of excellence of both countries;
- d) Other forms of cooperation, as mutually agreed by the Parties.

Article III

Cooperation Activities

1. Subject to Article I and the provisions of Article II, the Parties shall develop and implement joint Technical Cooperation programs in priority sectors, with particular reference to the following:

i) Sudan: Training for Sudanese midwives. The project will provide training courses for Sudanese midwives in the fields of maternal and child health. The initiative will include training, insurance, local transportation and per diem as well as travel and accommodation. The training courses will be conducted at the premises of the Suzanne Mubarak Centre for Women's Health and Development in Alexandria Egypt.

ii) Ethiopia. The project will focus on technical assistance and support in prevention and control of transmittable diseases, in particular control of malaria taking into account Egypt's experience in this field in the Southern regions of Ethiopia, and training of medical staff involved in the field.

2. For any activity within the scope of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Governments will prepare a project document, within which there should be a detailed action plan and a budget specifying the manner in which costs will be divided among the Parties.

Article IV

Funding

1. The cooperation activities implemented under this Memorandum of Understanding will be co-funded by the Italian and the Egyptian Government. The Italian funding will be allocated as soon as resources are made available in the relevant Italian Financial Law. Egyptian funds will be allocated and made available according to the EFTCA's procedures and regulations. The share of the funding for which the Governments intend to be responsible will be determined jointly and reflected in the mutually determined budget for each particular activity or project.

2. Each Government will carry out the assistance it intends to provide pursuant to its domestic laws, international law and to the extent not inconsistent with the foregoing with the laws of the recipient nations.

Article V

Management

1. Projects implementation will be jointly planned and coordinated by a Steering Committee comprising representatives selected by the Parties.

2. The representatives of the two Parties will meet to assess the progress of implementation, monitor projects status, explore new opportunities or cooperation requests and for any other related issue as mutually agreed by the Parties.

Article VI

Monitoring and Evaluation

The Parties may carry out monitoring and evaluation by means of sending joint or separate missions to the beneficiary countries. Each Government retains the ability to carry out its own internal supervision and oversight of the project. The results will be reported to both Parties.

Article VII

Amendments

This MOU may be amended through an Exchange of Notes between the Parties through diplomatic channels and mutual consent.

Article VIII

Dispute Settlement

Any differences that may arise concerning the interpretation and/or application of this MOU will be resolved through diplomatic channels.

Article IX

Entry into Force, Duration and Termination

1. This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of the receipt of the last notification by which the Parties notify each other the respective legal procedures of their countries for the entry into force have been completed.

2. Either Government may suspend or discontinue this MOU, but will endeavor to provide at least six months advance notice to the other Government of its intention to do so. Discontinuation of this MOU will discontinue any responsibilities of Governments to provide financial or other resources to implement projects or activities mutually determined under this MOU, except for payments which each Government may be committed to make pursuant to commitments entered into with third parties prior to the discontinuation of this MOU.

In witness whereof,

the undersigned being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments have signed this Memorandum of Understanding in two originals in English, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any doubt as to the interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

DONE in Rome on the 19th of May 2010.

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of the Italian Republic

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