## PROMOTING CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND FAMILY EMPOWERMENT IN FAYOUM GOVERNORATE PROGRAMME

## Minutes of the first meeting of the Coordination and Control Committee (CCC) held in Cairo on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at NCCM premises

The first meeting of the CCC of the project "Promoting children's rights and family empowerment in Fayoum Governorate" was held at the premises of the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM) on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2015. The meeting started at 11:00 AM and ended at 12:30 PM in the presence of the following members:

- 1. Dr. Azza El Ashmawey, Secretary General, NCCM.
- Dr. Marco Platzer, Director of the Italian Development Cooperation Office (Unità Technical Locale – UTL), Embassy of Italy in Cairo, also representing the General Directorate for Development Cooperation, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI-DGCS);
- Mrs. Reham Nabil Abdel Hamid, Supervisor of the Italian Development Cooperation Desk, Ministry of International Cooperation (MIC).

The meeting was also attended by the following personnel as observers without the right to vote:

- o Dr. Alaa Bakr, NCCM;
- Mr. Nasser Ahmed Mesalam, Director Planning & Policy Unit and Coordinator for Child Protection Committees, NCCM;
- Ms. Maria Rosaria Centrone, Programme Officer, Italian Development Cooperation Office, Embassy of Italy in Cairo.

Dr. Azza El Ashmawey started the meeting by welcoming all participants and expressed her appreciation to the Italian Government for its support aiming to develop the socio-economic conditions of the Egyptian population, especially women and children. Following the brief welcome speech, the participants introduced themselves.

After the round of introductions, Dr. Alaa Bakr presented the General Operational Plan (GOP), the Annual Operational Plan (AOP) and the Financial Plan with regards to the project. He described the project general and specific objectives, underlining the synergies among the institutional and the local components of the project. Furthermore he described the activities and the modalities of implementation.



In particular, the presentation high-lighted the changes made to the project's documents in *Annex 1* to the Agreement signed between the Government of the Italian Republic and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2012.

As underlined in the paragraph *Special Consideration* at p. 5 of the GOP, the project was initially formulated in late 2010, before the main political, socio-cultural and economical changes which had occurred in Egypt since the 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2011. Such changes would have affected the implementation of the previously planned activities; hence revising and adjusting the original project's documents became a necessity to guarantee its success.

Dr. Azza El Ashmawey stressed the fact that the expected National Action Plan (NAP) for children that should have been finalised is not defined or published yet and, consequently, the Result 1 of the project and its activities had to be re-worked. The project's budget has also been reviewed in some parts, strengthening the activities supporting the institutional component. The final version of the financial plan, which includes the variations for each budget-line and their justifications, was also briefly analysed by the participants.

Before closing the CCC's meeting, the members agreed upon the following points:

- o The GOP and the AOP are fully approved by the members of the CCC.
- The modifications of the original budget lines are acknowledged by the members of the CCC and the final financial plan, attached to the GOP and the AOP, is approved.
- All project activities can start, once NCCM receives the first instalment of the granted fund from the MAECI-DGCS.
- o The next CCC's meeting has been proposed to be done tentatively within the next year.

The meeting ended at 12:30.

These minutes have been reviewed, approved, and signed (in 3 original copies) by the CCC's members on the same date and venue.

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