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EGYPT NETWORK FOR INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT



Quarterly Progress Report (July - September 2015)

Reporting Period:	1 July 2015 – 30 September 2015				
Development Partners:	Donors: Government of the United Kingdom (DFID), Sawiris Foundation for Social Development, Government of Italy, Government of Sweden (Sida), Rockefeller Brothers Fund, UN Women, Coca-Cola Foundation (UNDP New World Project), UNDP				
Development Partners.	Implementing Partner(s): Ministry of International Cooperation (ENID Project)				
	Modality: NIM				

1. Quarterly Summary of Activities

Main achievements:

All Project Sectors:

- Inspire project: The Inspire project is an initiative led by the Ministry of Planning, Monitoring and Administrative Reform and is planned to be implemented in 3 villages by ENID/ELNidaa in Qena and an additional 3 villages by UNIDO in Menya. The project will include low cost participatory sanitation projects and supplementary socio-economic projects in the targeted villages. ENID/ELNidaa is one of the main partners along with UNIDO and UN-Habitat taking lead on planning for the Inspire project to be presented to the Minister of Planning.
- Finalized and submitted the proposal on women economic empowerment in Egypt for the Canadian Development Affairs, Trade and Development Department (DFTAD)'s Call for Proposal.
- ENID/ELNidaa's Managing Director Dr Heba Handoussa was selected as a member of the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts by a ministerial decree. This will allow ENID/ELNidaa to recommend and promote new policies and strategies to enhance Egypt's exports for the global market in various sectors including crafts, readymade garments, and agro-industry.
- Attended a discussion on scale up at UNDP with Dr Johannes Linn, former Vice President at the World Bank. Dr Linn will carry out a study recommending potential scale up opportunities and strategies for UNDP projects including ENID/ ELNidaa.
- Continued to work on finalizing the process to establish an independent foundation to sustain the project's progress following the completion of UNDP phase of the project.
- ENID/ELNidaa's Managing Director attended The Regional Platform on the Economic Empowerment of Women at the Arab League headquarters in Cairo.
- Received additional funding for ENID/ELNidaa's gender equality and women's empowerment activities from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).





Construction Ceremony for the Ready Made Garment factory attended by the Governor of Qena.

Outcome Area 1: Increase Income in Upper Egypt

- [RMG Factory] Signed the contract and started construction of the RMG factory in the Towairat Technical School for Girls.
- [Handicraft/Marketing] Prepared to participate in an exhibit head by the British Museum in London titled the One God exhibition to be held in October 2015. The exhibited products include kilims, paintings, brass products, glass casting products, hand woven shawls and jewellery.
- [Marketing] Marketing team started marketing assessments to identify the products that would be in demand for export to Saudi Arabia, including products in serma, khayameya, telli, among others.
- [Marketing] Displayed its products at the North Coast on two occasions during Q3 2015.
- [Marketing] Begun exhibiting some of its products at Omar Effendi Cairo exhibition starting July 2015.
- [Entrepreneurship] Finalised agreement to deliver entrepreneurship trainings with Bridge for Consultancy. The firm has delivered its first milestone which is the training manuals for financial literacy and entrepreneurship.
- [Handicraft/OVOP] Recruited a professional designer to create a line of new themed products for the coming fairs and exhibitions that include FURNEX, Dubai Exhibition, and the UN Day.
- [Handicraft/OVOP] Trainings for the OVOP intervention has continued for 6 innovative crafts during the reporting period. They include camel bone sculpting in Keratia village (18 female beneficiaries), alabaster in Al Qorna (20 male beneficiaries), killims and carpets in Al Qobeiba village (20 female beneficiaries), telly embroidery in Souhag (13 female beneficiaries), ceramics in Nagaa Al Awary village (30 female beneficiaries), and copper repousee in Al Khatara village (26 female beneficiaries). The trainings were carried out by the following master craftsmen: Mr. Mohamed Mahmoud for camel bone sculpting, Mr. Said Matany for alabaster, Mr. Adel Abou Al Rabe for killims and carpets, Ms. Shaymaa Abdou for telli embroider, Mr. Said Radwan for ceramics, and Mr. Mohamed Hany for copper repoussee.
- [Handicraft/OVOP] Throughout the 6 trainings that are currently taking place, a total of 30 figures were produced in camel bone sculpting, 100 pieces were produced for alabaster, 100 ceramic pieces were produced, 20 shawls and 5 table napkins were produced in telly embroidery, 12 carpets were produced in killims, and 30 copper lanterns and 10 traditional plates were produced in copper repoussee. In addition to the six trainings, two additional workshops were operational during the



reporting period including serma, with a total of 18 pieces produced, and khayameya with 30 pieces produced. Beneficiaries for each workshop totalled 13 and 23 respectively.

 [TVET] A meeting was held with a representative from the Ministry of Technical Education and Training – MTET – (Mrs. Amal Hassan- Minister's Office) on August 31, 2015 to discuss a possible collaboration between ENID and the Ministry. The representative requested ENID support to enhance the technical capacities in Qena.



One-Village-One-Product (OVOP) training in Qena



ENID handicraft products exhibited in Creative Egypt (Omar Effendi) under the new Artizana brand.

Outcome Area 2: Improve Food Security in Upper Egypt

[Crop Recycling] 681 tons of crop residues were recycled during the reporting period in targeted districts based on the training offered earlier by ENID producing 106 tons of silage and 1144 tons of compost. 87 labourers were hired and a total of 350 farmers were trained and became aware of recycling processes during the reporting period. Since the beginning of the project, a total of 2,093 tons of residues were recycled as a direct impact of the project in all districts producing 2,717 tons of compost, 132 tons of non-traditional feed, and 266 tons of silage. A total of 1,220 farmers were trained since the beginning of the project.





Crop Residue Recycling Activities in Qena



Site of the Integrated Fish Farms





- [Integrated Fish Farms] Civil engineering work for the breeding and hatching ponds for the integrated fish farms in AI Ghab and Shiekh Essa sites are completed as well as contracts for building the management building and the animal barn and the procurement of solar energy units for the respective integrated farms.
- [Poultry] Total number of produced eggs reached 14,415 eggs in the 2 locations (8,760 eggs Awsat Qamola and 5,655 eggs Jazerat Motera) during the reporting period (July-September 2015), with an average production of eggs per household reaching 360 eggs/household (438 eggs\household in Awsat Qamola and 282 eggs\household in Jazerat Motera). The total production of eggs since the beginning of the project reached 76,855 eggs (34,043 eggs in Jazerat Motera and 42,812 eggs Al Awsat Qamola) with an average 1,921 eggs per household (average 1,702 eggs in Jazerat Motera and 2,140 Eggs in Al Awsat Qamola). Selected 3 new partner NGOs for poultry raising activities in the 3 new villages (Nag Saied CDA – Deshna; El Ber Wal Tawhid NGO, El Ra'iseyya Village - Nag Hammadi; Awlad Negm CDA - Nag Hammadi). The partnership protocols with the 3 local NGOs were finalized and signed. A hatchery and an electrical generator were delivered to each location. A training workshop was conducted for the beneficiaries in the new site of Nag Saied, Deshna during the period 8-10/9/2015. The workshop was attended by 23 participants (21 females and 2 Males). 1 Staff member from the Ministry of Agriculture in Qena attended the training workshop. In addition, 1 worker was trained in hatching operations, making the number of total trained individuals in Nag Saied 24 individuals. A total number of 1220 fertile eggs were hatched in Nag Saied during the training. A local steel workshop was hired to manufacture the batteries.
- [Golden Triangle] Met with Dr. Gian Luca Bannara, Di Napolitana Consulting Firm on 11 August 2015, based on a request from the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) of the Ministry of Industry and Trade. The meeting was to discuss issues related to the agricultural and agro-processing activities for the proposed Golden Triangle (Qena-Safaga-AlQusier). ENID provided the consultant with the needed information and discussed priority projects for the selected region.



Outcome Area 3: Improve Basic/Public Service in Upper Egypt

Early Childhood Care & Education facilities in Qena

- [ECCE] Two new preschool classes were established in the villages of Gezieret Mottera and Gezieret El Hamody.
- [Public Health] 6 awareness sessions were organised for ENID beneficiaries on public health and personal hygiene, gender and citizenship, and Work Ethic and Occupational Safety in handicrafts.



 [Literacy] Female students of literacy classes in the villages of (Al Makhazen, Gezieret Mattera, Geziert El-Hamoud, El- Marashda, El-Ramla) have completed the exam of the General Authority for Literacy and Adult Education and are currently awaiting the results.



Public health, gender, citizenship and work ethic awareness building session for woman working in handicrafts

Outcome Area 4: Enhancing Knowledge and Strengthen Networks for Local Economic Development

- [Policy Briefs] Extensive editing of four draft policy briefs drafts and one case study. Follow up on remaining drafts to be submitted.
- [Website/SNS] Maintenance and supervision of ENID website and social media. New blog write up posted.
- [Proposals] Follow up on new funding opportunities with the African Development Bank, Commercial International Bank, Swiss Agency on Agricultural Techniques.
- [Communication] Produced promotional material for the British Museum exhibit including 2 days of photographic sessions for products for the British Museum and for eventual exports to Saudi Arabia.
- [Communication] Design and execution of 3 promotional items for "Artizana" trade name for Enid/El Nidaa products



2. Challenges/Lessons Learned:

- Continue resource mobilisation efforts to identify and pursue additional funding in order to replicate existing best practices in new villages or to implement new projects.
- Need to upgrade and enhance the marketing activities for handicrafts products that are created by beneficiaries in Upper Egypt in order to better align with current market trends and demands.
- Recent change in the Egyptian government's cabinet could cause additional delays and challenges to ENID's implementation of projects.
- Confronting some obstacles in cooperation with some governmental bodies. For example, the Ministry of Health has not responded to a proposed cooperation protocol, which was sent four months ago to cooperate on public health projects in Qena.
- Construction of the third site of the Integrated Fish Farm has been delayed to due difficulties with the management of Dandara Centre in meeting the requirements for legal land certification for the integrated fish farm. An official message was received from the Director of the Centre indicating the need to postpone the collaboration until the legal documents are obtained. Due to the losses in the available budget as a result of inflation and exchange rate impacts during the 2012-2015 period, ENID and SFSD has jointly decided to not to proceed with the construction of the third site in this phase, but consider implementation after 2016.
- Due to administrative challenges preventing the issuing of the permits, the milk processing unit in Halfaia Bahari has been relocated to Al Osairat-Farshout.
- In spite of all efforts, the planted vegetables in all roof garden locations were negatively affected by the severe heat waves during the July-August period. All locations will be rehabilitated during October 2015.
- ENID/UNDP has requested a budget revision for 2016 by the Sawiris Foundation for Social Development (SFSD) for the sustainable agricultural projects. A meeting was held between UNDP/ENID-SFSD on 29/9/2015 to discuss a possible budget revision for 2016 and the extension of the project beyond 2016. SFSD has decided to postpone the implementation of the 3rd fish farm model and consider it within the 2nd phase proposal. SFSD has agreed to provide additional funding to procure 2 tractors to enhance the efficiency and sustainability of the recycling project.

3. Future Work Plan:

- Create more integrated villages in Qena within the Inspire project and the Canada fund that integrates activities from the 3 sectors including agriculture, manufacture and basic services.
- Progress in various fronts on ENID/ElNidaa establishment of an independent Foundation. This
 includes finalizing the Charter among other procedures including the list of Founding Members and
 the Board of Trustees to be approved by the Ministry of Social Solidarity.
- Prepare for ENID's Third Annual Conference to take place during Q1 2016.
- Developing a rural health unit according to the family model after the approval of the Ministry of Health.
- More capacity building programs for partner NGOs and governmental bodies (particularly GALAE).
- Completing the technical support and monitoring of the recycling project.
- Completing the monitoring of the milk processing units.
- Continuing the construction work for the integrated fish farms.
- Continuing work in 3 new locations for poultry raising.
- Continuing with the adoption and dissemination seminars for the roof gardens.



4. Expenditure Reports:

Activities	2015 Budget	Q1-Q2	Q3 Expend.	Delivery (%)	Balance
MSE promotion	\$ 698,633	\$ 278,505	\$ 117,645	57%	\$ 302,483
Agriculture	\$ 434,639	\$ 125,907	\$ 136,082	60%	\$ 172,650
Basic Services	\$ 239,299	\$ 130,943	\$ 39,475	71%	\$ 68,881
Policy/Advocacy	\$ 253,773	\$ 178,408	\$ 57,615	93%	\$ 17,750
Total	\$ 1,626,344	\$ 713,763	\$ 350,817	65%	\$ 561,764

Expenditure by Activities (recorded as of 30 September 2015).

Expenditure by Donors (recorded as of 30 September 2015):

Donor	2015 Budget	Q1-Q2	Q3 Expend.	Delivery (%)	Balance
OUDA (MOIC)	\$ 656,416	\$ 394 <i>,</i> 068	\$ 125,350	79%	\$ 136,998
Italy	\$ 240,849	\$ 4,146	\$ 78,496	34%	\$ 158,207
Sawiris Fd.	\$ 304,639	\$ 87,178	\$ 136,082	73%	\$ 81,379
SIDA	\$ 208,037	\$ 150,349	\$ O	72%	\$ 57 <i>,</i> 688
UNDP	\$ 115,255	\$ 38,661	\$ 10,889	43%	\$ 66,048
Coca-Cola (NWP)	\$ 100,000	\$ 38,318	\$ 0	38%	\$ 61,682
Rockefeller BF	\$ 681	\$ 632	\$ 0	93%	\$ 49
UK DFID	\$ 444	\$ 411	\$ O	93%	\$ 33
UN Women	\$ 23	\$ 0	\$ 0	0%	\$ 23
Total	\$ 1,626,344	\$ 713,763	\$ 350,817	65%	\$ 561,764