

ITALIAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PORT SAID NURSING INSTITUTE PROJECT

Start-up of the activities



Mission of Prof. Cappuccinelli – University of Sassari (12-15 October 2015)

Final debriefing meeting

15th October 2015 – 09:00 am

Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) of the Arab Republic of Egypt

3 Magles El Shaab Street, Cairo

Background

With the objective to enhance the capacity of the nursing staff up to international standards, the Egyptian government is confronted with the dual challenge to strengthen the provision of nursing training and to increase the skills and professionalism of the present nursing staff, updating the current technical education curricula and facilitating the access to the most recent technologies.

In this context, Egypt requested the Italian Development Cooperation for technical assistance to transform an existing inactive structure in Port Said in a centre of excellence and national reference for the training of appropriately qualified nursing staff. The Port Said Nursing Institute (PSNI), through the establishment of connections and collaborations at the international level, is expected to provide qualified training in line with the real needs of the domestic market and to contribute to enhance the image of the nurse and improve the dialectic between the central and local governments and between the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) and the universities.

The Egyptian government's request was at first discussed during the visit in Egypt of the former Italian Director General for Development Cooperation, Min. Belloni, in January 2010. On that occasion, it was agreed that the project would have had two components: (i) Building design and civil works and (ii) Technical Assistance.

Furthermore, through an Agreement between the Joint Management Committee of the Italian Counterpart Fund of the Commodity Aid Programme and the MoHP, signed on 20th October 2013, it was established that equipment and material for the PSNI would have been supplied through the Commodity Aid Programme for a total amount of EGP 2,133,632.80.

More recently, the University of Sassari, Department for Biomedical Sciences, has been assigned as Implementing Agency for the Technical Assistance to the PSNI Project – second component of the larger project envisaged in 2010. The mission of Prof. Cappuccinelli, responsible of the project within the University, took place from 12 to 15 October 2015, to start up the activities. Several meetings were held among the professor, representatives of the MoHP and the Italian Development Cooperation, and a visit to the Institute in Port Said took place on the second day of the mission, 13 October 2015.

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The mission's scope was to check and make the point on the current status of the project with regards to the infrastructure of the building and its equipment and to define in details the needs of the Egyptian MoHP with regards to the didactic within the PSNI. Following the main outputs of the mission.

Infrastructure and Equipment of the Building

On the second day of the mission, 13 October, a visit to the PSNI took place. Prof. Cappuccinelli, Dr. Platzer and Ms. Centrone, together with Dr. Kawther and Prof. Sabah Al Sharkawy, participated to the visit, accompanied by Dr. Mohsem Mahfoth, the Manager of PSNI. The group was shown the whole structure in details: administrative offices, rooms for the personnel, cafeteria, 25 double-rooms for female students with bathrooms, 2 big classrooms, 12 smaller classrooms and laboratories (I.T., Basic Sciences, and Practical Clinical Teaching), and 2 meeting rooms.

The building has been fully renewed and is in good conditions, with some maintenance required. Majority of the equipment supplied through the Commodity Aid Programme has been delivered, but not yet disposed and distributed in the various rooms. There might be the need for small adjustments within the laboratories (i.e. electric plagues) and additional didactic material to be purchased within the annual Institute's budget. More details with regards to the infrastructure and its equipment can be found in Annex A. The Dean of PSNI assured one of the administrative rooms will be devoted to the Project Management Unit (PMU) and two or three dormitory rooms – accordingly to the needs of the project - will be available to the international experts coming from Italy.

With specific regards to the Commodity Aid's supplies, Dr. Mohamed Abdel-Rahman - Head of Section, Technical Support & Projects Supervisor, MoHP – gave the Italian counterpart detailed updates on the status of the tenders (Annex B). The Non-Medical Furniture/Equipment has been delivered and is currently undergoing inspection, while the Electrical Equipment has been delivered and inspected. The Medical Equipment has been partially delivered; for the remaining items, a technical committee is preparing the necessary documents to be sent to the Procurement Department to launch the tender. The tendering process for the IT Equipment is also on-going, waiting for the approval of the Industrial Improvement Association to be launched. The expected data for the delivery, inspection and instalment of all the remaining items is tentatively January/February 2016.

Technical Assistance to Port Said Nursing School

Prof. Cappuccinelli's mission has been devoted to the identification and analysis of the priorities and necessities of the PSNI from the didactic point of view. Since the project has been first formulated in 2010, some adjustments to the activities developed five years ago will be required in the framework of the actual challenges of both the Institute in particular and the nursing teaching system in general. Within this framework, the MoHP especially underlined the necessity of develop solid practical training courses and the will to partner with the University of Sassari to carry on some specialised training in Italy.

The General and Specific Objectives (GO and SO) of the Technical Assistance Project remain the following:

- o GO: Increase Health Services' coverage and improve the quality of health assistance within Port Said Governorate and other nearby areas.

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- SO: Provide quality education and capacity building to the students and trainers of the PSNI.

The Results of the Project focus on 3 major areas of intervention: (i) Development of PSNI's teaching programmes and Curricula; (ii) Constitution of a Centre for Continuous Education within the PSNI; (iii) Finalisation of PSNI's Research Programme. An updated Logical Framework of the project (Attachment C) has been developed during the various meetings, listing the activities to be implemented by the Project.

Conclusions and Way Forward

The MoHP expressed the will to open the PSNI to its first students during the current academic year. However, it will be considered fully operational by the Academic year 2016/17, starting from October. The present project could however start implementing some training activities during the first months of 2016.

An Implementing Agreement will be signed by the University of Sassari and the MoHP to facilitate the implementation of the activities. Furthermore, a General Operational Plan (GOP) with its related Financial Plan, will be developed in accordance with all the stakeholders, on the basis of the Logical Framework (Attachment C), by the end of November 2015.

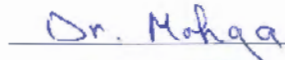
Annexes

- A – Infrastructure & Equipment (PPP)
- B – Commodity Aid Status Report
- C – Logical Framework
- D – List of Participants

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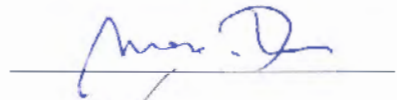
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