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List of abbreviations

CISS	Cooperazione Internazionale Sud-Sud
COSPE	Cooperazione per lo Sviluppo dei Paesi Emergenti
CPF	Debt Swap Counterpart Fund
CSO	Civil Society Organization
EASTE	Egyptian Association for Science and Technology Experts
EDF	Educational Development Fund
EEAA	Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency
GAFRD	General Authority for Fish Resource Development
HEPCA	Hurghada Environmental Protection and Conservation Association
ICED	International Centre for Environment and Development
IDSC	Information and Decision Support Centre
ISS	Istituto Superiore di Sanità
IMC	General Organization for Industrial and Mining Projects
MAIS	Movimento per l'Autosviluppo, l'Interscambio e la Solidarietà
MC	Management Committee of the Debt Swap Program
MCIT	Ministry of Communication and Information Technology
MOHP	Ministry of Health and Population
MRI	Medical Research Institute
MSAD	Ministry of State for Administrative Development
MSEA	Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs
MTI	Ministry of Trade and Industry
NCCM	National Council for Childhood and Motherhood
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NWRC	National Water Research Centre
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
RC	Ricerca e Cooperazione
SCA	Supreme Council of Antiquities
TEC	Technical Educational Cluster
TSU	Technical Support Unit
UNDP	United Nations for Development Program
WFP	World Food Program

Executive Summary

According to the Debt for Development Swap Agreement signed on June 3, 2007 between the Government of Italy and the Government of Egypt, this report presents the progress of the Italian-Egyptian Debt for Development Swap Program Phase II, for the year 2009, as per article n. 6.2 of the Agreement.

Up to December 31, 2009, a total amount of \$ 80,145,229.30 - out of the \$ 100 million covered by the Agreement - has been converted and the equivalent LE 443,928,765.36 credited to the Counterpart Fund (CPF) account opened at the Central Bank of Egypt.

The amount of LE 23,227,676.32 (\$ 4,070,818.29) has been transferred from the CPF to the projects' accounts for projects implementation and to the Technical Support Unit (TSU) for its running costs and technical assistance activities, leaving a balance of LE 420,701,089.04 (almost \$ 76 million) on the CPF.

Thirteen initiatives have been so far approved, out of which five are currently in the implementation phase (ICED, WFP, NWRC, NCCM, UNDP) and eight are about to start their activities.

Nineteen initiatives are currently in the formulation / negotiation phase.

Projects identified and approved are in line with the Egyptian Reform Agenda and with the priorities of the 5th Year Economic and Social Development Plan 2007/2012 and focus on five main sectors of intervention: 1) Human Resources Development; 2) Transfer of Technology and Upgrading Innovation Centers; 3) Primary Production Promotion, Organization and Logistics; 4) Natural Resources Protection and Management; 5) Social Development.

Applicants and Implementing Agencies are composed of Egyptian Ministries and Public Institutions, International organizations, Egyptian and Italian NGOs.

1. Financial situation

1.1 CPF Status as of 31st of December 2009

As of December 31, 2009, \$ **80,145,229.30**, out of the 100 million debt amount subject to the Agreement, has been converted and the equivalent in Egyptian Pound, equal to **LE 443,928,765.36**, has been credited to the Counterpart Fund.

At the same date, **LE 23,227,676.32** (\$ 4,070,817.29) have been transferred from the CPF, out of which **LE 20,279,522.69** (\$ 3,554,132.17) have been transferred to the projects accounts for projects implementation and **LE 2,948,153.63** (\$ 516,685.12) have been transferred to the TSU for running costs and technical assistance activities.

According to Artigiancassa statements, as of December 31, 2009, the total debt canceled, as per the procedures established by the Agreement, amounts to \$ **4,070,817.29** (equal to LE 23,227,676.32).

The available balance on the CPF is **LE 420,701,089.04** (\$ 76,074,412.01).

Debt yet to be converted is \$ **19,854,770.70**.

CPF situation as of 31.12.09

Total debt converted: \$ 80,145,229.30
Total funds credited to CPF: LE 443,928,765.36
Total funds transferred to projects: LE 20,279,522.69
Total funds transferred to TSU: LE 2,948,153.63
Total debt canceled: \$ 4,070,817.29

1.2 Projects financial status

As of December 31, 2009, the Management Committee has approved 13 projects for an overall commitment of **LE 159,538,618.00** (about \$ 29 million¹) which represents almost 36% of the total funds converted and credited to the CPF at the same date.

¹ Projects budgets are approved in Egyptian Pound. US Dollar value mentioned in this report represents an estimation based on a conservative exchange rate of \$ 1 = LE 5.5.

The total amount of installments transferred to the approved projects is **LE 20,279,522.69** equal to \$ 3,554,132.17.

As for projects' expenditures, at December 31, 2009, the total disbursement by the projects amounts to **LE 4,769,223.48** (about \$ 867,000²) representing about the **23.5%** of the related funds transferred to those projects.

Project financial situation as of 31.12.09

- Total approved projects: **LE 159,538,618.00 (\$ 29 million)**
- Total transferred installments: **LE 20,279,522.69**
- Total project disbursement: **LE 4,769,223.48**
- Estimated overall commitment: **LE 535 million (\$ 97 million)**

Taking into consideration the projects already approved and the estimated budget for those still under formulation / negotiation, the overall commitment for the selected projects might reach almost **LE 535million** (about \$ 97 million³).

The following paragraph summarizes the data for each project approved or under formulation, showing the installments transferred and the projects disbursement.

² As above.

³ As above.

1.2.1 Projects under Implementation

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Currency</i>	<i>Approved Budget*</i>	<i>Annual Financial Plan</i>	<i>Transferred Installment</i>	<i>Project Disbursement</i>
ICED	Poverty Alleviation through Creating Low-Cost Jobs in the Solid Waste System in Greater Cairo	LE	2,198,200.00	1,260,000.00	1,260,000.00	1,246,738.16
		USD	399,672.73	229,090.91	229,090.91	226,679.67
WFP	Sustaining Lives for Human Security	LE	20,842,838.00	7,570,746.00	6,988,034.00	434,438.55
		USD	3,789,606.91	1,376,499.27	1,270,551.64	78,988.83
NWRC	Using Remote Sensing to Improve Water Quality Monitoring and Modeling in the Nile Delta of Egypt	LE	1,462,650.00	599,000.00	573,537.59	238,186.49
		USD	265,936.36	108,909.09	104,279.56	43,306.63
NCCM	Egypt Fit for Children	LE	16,794,474.00	5,018,905.00	2,018,521.00	699,155.66
		USD	3,053,540.73	912,528.18	367,003.82	127,119.21
UNDP	Social Contract Advisory, Monitoring and Coordination Center	LE	26,673,874.00	4,405,645.60	4,405,645.60	2,150,704.62
		USD	4,849,795.27	801,026.47	801,026.55	391,037.20

1.2.2 Approved Projects in Starting Phase (Implementation in year 2010)

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Currency</i>	<i>Approved Budget*</i>	<i>Transferred installment</i>	<i>Project disbursement</i>
CISS	Ecotourism for Sustainable Development in the New Valley Governorate	LE	3,705,030.00	626,230.50	-
		USD	673,641.82	113,860.09	-
MAIS	Promotion of Women's Right by Strengthening of the Capacities of CSOs in the Governorate of Sohag	LE	3,731,896.00	525,300.00	-
		USD	678,526.55	95,509.09	-
HEPCA	Sustainable Development in the Southern Egyptian Red Sea	LE	12,521,045.00	3,882,254.00	-
		USD	2,276,553.64	705,864.36	-
MSAD	Peer Review of E-Government in Egypt	LE	2,060,241.00	-	-
		USD	374,589.27	-	-
MCIT	Modernizing Industrial Schools Using Information and Communication Technology	LE	8,263,690.00	-	-
		USD	1,502,489.09	-	-

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Currency</i>	<i>Approved Budget*</i>	<i>Transferred installment</i>	<i>Project disbursement</i>
COSPE	Small-Scale Producers Network for Socio-Economic Rights Recognition	LE	4,188,765.00	-	-
		USD	761,593.64	-	-
MSEA	Solid Waste Management in Minya Governorate	LE	32,226,130.00	-	-
		USD	5,859,296.36	-	-
MRI	Health Governance Unit	LE	24,869,785.00	-	-
		USD	4,521,779.09	-	-

1.3 Budget estimation for projects under formulation / negotiations

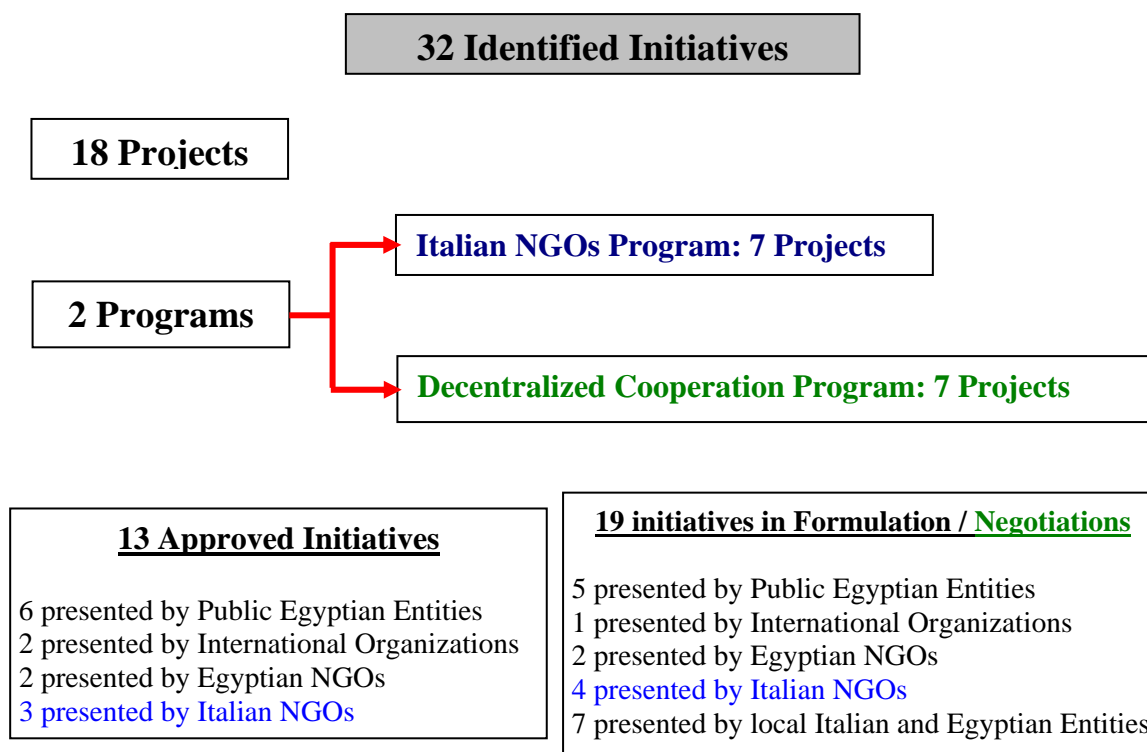
Applicant	Project Title	Currency	Estimated Budget
EDF	Technical Educational Clusters	LE	82,500,000.00
		USD	15,000,000.00
GAFRD	Marine Aquaculture Development in Egypt	LE	45,387,271.00
		USD	8,252,231.09
Al-Rowad	Improving of Operational Capacities and Health Care Service Delivery for Disabled Community in Cairo Egypt	LE	2,499,244.00
		USD	454,408.00
EASTE	Sustainable Systems Development for Date Palm and Olive Production in North Sinai	LE	6,638,800.00
		USD	1,207,054.55
MTI	Robbiki Industrial Leather and Tanneries City (<i>funds from IEDS 2 will integrate the contribution from IEDS 1 final balance, yet to be determined. Project total budget shall not exceed LE 86 million</i>)	LE	64,000,000.00
		USD	11,636,363.64
RC	Actions for Vulnerable Children, Improving Capacities for Enhancing Interventions	LE	3,764,838.00
		USD	684,516.00
ILO	SCREAM to Child Labour in Egypt	LE	4,000,020.00
		USD	727,276.36

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Currency</i>	<i>Estimated Budget</i>
SCA	School of Arts and Trades in the Field of Conservation and Restoration	LE	16,500,000.00
		USD	3,000,000.00
MTI	Green Trade Initiative	LE	55,000,000.00
		USD	10,000,000.00
Egyptian Local Authorities	Territorial Partnership Initiative	LE	82,500,000.00
		USD	15,000,000.00
Save the Children	Community Care and Protection for Children at Risk in Egypt	LE	4,100,000.00
		USD	745,454.55
Progetto Sud	Towards a Highly Skilled and Sustainable Employment: Vocational and Educational Training for Cement Masons and Plasterers	LE	4,100,000.00
		USD	745,454.55
Movimondo	Community Based Actions to Reduce Poverty and Promote Social Inclusion in Tel El Kibir District – Ismailia Governorate	LE	3,856,250.00
		USD	701,136.36

2. Technical Progress

As of December 31, 2009, 13 initiatives have been approved, out of which five are currently in the implementation phase and 8 are about to start their activities. 19 additional projects (including the 7 projects under the Territorial Partnership Initiative) are in the formulation / negotiation phase.

The following figure summarizes the situation:



2.1 Five Projects under Implementation

IEDS2/ICED/01 - Poverty Alleviation through Creating Low-Cost Jobs in the Solid Waste System in Greater Cairo

Applicant	International Centre for Environment and Development, ICED
Implementing Agency	ICED
Duration	24 months
Budget	LE 2,198,200.00 (\$ 399,672.73)
Implementing Agreement	Signed in December 4, 2008
Project starting date	January 2009

The project aims at creating low-cost jobs in the field of solid-waste management and improving environmental conditions in Manshiet Nasser and Ezbet El-Nakhl areas in Cairo. To that end, the project will upgrade the recycling workshops in the target area and introduce more efficient techniques and technologies in order to create new permanent jobs in the sector and reduce gas and liquid emissions of the recycling process.

So far, the project received two installments for a total amount of LE 1,260,000.00 (\$ 229,090.91) and implementation is in line with approved plan.

IEDS2/WFP/02 - Sustaining Lives for Human Security

Applicant	World Food Program, WFP
Implementing Agency	WFP
Duration	36 months
Budget	LE 20,842,838.00 (\$ 3,789,606.91)
Implementing Agreement	Signed in March 11, 2009
Project starting date	April 2009

The project will bridge the food gap and address under nutrition and “hidden hunger” among school-age children and their families in the most food insecure districts of Beni Suef and Menia Governorates, through the distribution of fortified nutritional food commodities to 25,000 children in the early childhood stage as well as 4000 girls receiving basic education in girl-friendly community schools. The project will demonstrate best practices in de-worming to enable maximum benefit from nutrients in consumed food.

So far, the project received one installment for the amount of LE 6,988,034.00 (\$ 1,270,551.64) and implementation is in line with approved plan.

IEDS2/NWRC/03 - Using Remote Sensing to Improve Water Quality Monitoring and Modeling in the Nile Delta of Egypt

Applicant	National Water Research Centre, NWRC
Implementing Agency	NWRC
Duration	36 months
Budget	LE 1,462,650.00 (\$ 265,936.36)
Implementing Agreement	Signed in March 11, 2009
Project starting date	May 2009

The project aims at improving the management of water resources area, by introducing and testing the use of remote sensing technology to monitor the spatial and temporal parameters of water quality in the Rosetta branch of Nile Delta area. So far, the project received two installments for a total amount of LE 573,537.59 (\$ 104,279.56).

IEDS2/NCCM/04 - Egypt fit for children - Egyptian National Children Rights Observatory

Applicant	National Council for Childhood and Motherhood, NCCM
Implementing Agency	NCCM
Duration	36 months
Budget	LE 16,794,474.00 (\$ 3,053,540.73)
Implementing Agreement	Signed in March 11, 2009
Project starting date	June 2009

The project intends to support the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood in pursuing its mission of promoting and protecting child rights in Egypt. In particular, a National Children Rights Observatory will be established to collect and manage strategic information on the well-being of children in Egypt. The Policy and Planning Unit will make use of the evidence to propose and coordinate the formulation of results-based and child-rights centered policies, while the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit will monitor the implementation of national policies, mainly through the National Plan of Action for Children. So far, the project received one installment for the amount of LE 2,018,521.00 (\$ 367,003.82).

IEDS2/UNDP/05 - Social Contract Advisory, Monitoring and Coordination Center

Applicant	United Nation Development Program, UNDP
Implementing Agency	Information and Decision Support Centre, IDSC
Duration	36 months
Budget	LE 26,673,874.00 (\$ 4,849,795.27)
Implementing Agreement	Signed in March 11, 2009.
Project starting date	July 2009

The project will establish a Social Contract Center within the Prime Minister Cabinet aims at advising, monitoring and coordinate Human Development efforts in Egypt. It will enhance social participation in the decision-making process through building a national consensus on the meaning of a new social contract and a paradigm shift in state-citizen relationship in Egypt, rooted in principles of democratic governance and modern concepts of citizenship.

So far, the project received one installment for the amount of LE 4,405,645.60 (\$ 801,026.55).

2.2 Eight Approved Projects in Starting Phase

Ecotourism for Sustainable Development in the New Valley Governorate

Applicant	Cooperazione Internazionale Sud Sud, CISS
Implementing Agency	CISS
Duration	30 months
Budget	LE 3,705,030.00 (\$ 673,642.00)
Implementing Agreement	Signed in October 29, 2009
Project starting date	January 2010

The project intends to contribute to improving the living conditions of New Valley Governorate population by promoting the target area as a sustainable tourism destination through networking and natural resources valorization as well as building the necessary capacities for a sustainable management of the natural and environmental resources of the area. So far, the project received one installment for the amount of LE 626,230.50 (\$ 113,860.09). Implementation is expected to start in January 2010.

Promotion of Women's Right by Strengthening of the Capacities of CSOs in the Governorate of Sohag

Applicant	Movimento per l'Autosviluppo, l'Interscambio e la Solidarietà, MAIS
Implementing Agency	MAIS
Duration	36 months
Budget	LE 3,731,896.00 (\$ 678,527.00)
Implementing Agreement	Signed in October 29, 2009
Project starting date	January 2010

The Project aims at promoting women's rights in the Governorate of Sohag focusing on combating the gender discrimination and harmful practices towards women and facilitating their access to micro-credit, medical and legal services.

So far, the project received one installment for the amount of LE 525,300.00 (\$ 95,509.09). Implementation is expected to start in January 2010.

Sustainable Development in the Southern Egyptian Red Sea

Applicant	Hurgada Environmental Protection and Conservation Association, HEPCA
Implementing Agency	HEPCA
Duration	36 months
Budget	LE 12,521,045.00 (\$ 2,276,553.64)
Implementing Agreement	Signed in November 24, 2009
Project starting date	January 2010

The Project will strengthen the ecological knowledge of the marine and coastal zone in Southern Red Sea area, through the establishment of a field research station which will constitute a landmark for marine science, management and conservation of natural resources in Egypt. From the other side, the project will promote the sustainable socio-economic development of the target area by building local capacities and supporting the creation of income-generation activities in tourism-related fields such as handicraft, coral farm, diving and eco-guides businesses.

So far, the project received one installment for the amount of LE 3,882,254.00 (\$ 705,864.36). Implementation is expected to start in January 2010.

Peer Review of E-Government in Egypt

Applicant	Ministry of State for Administrative Development, MSAD
Implementing Agency	National Management Institute – Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, OECD
Duration	15 months
Budget	LE 2,060,241 (\$ 374,589.27)
Implementing agreement	Under signature.

The project will undertake a comprehensive review of Egypt's e-government policies and services, the first such review in the Middle East Region, assessing country use of information and communication technology for provision of public services. The review will be implemented by OECD through the *Peer Review* methodology with the institutional support of the National Management Institute.

Modernizing Industrial Schools Using Information and Communication Technology

Applicant	Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, MCIT
Implementing Agency	UNDP/Egypt Information and Communications Technology Trust Fund
Duration	36 months
Budget	LE 8,263,690.00 (\$ 1,502,489.09)
Implementing Agreement	Signed in December 24, 2009
Project starting date	February 2010

Within the overall Egyptian Educational Initiative, the project aims at enhancing the use of Information and Communication Technologies in technical education and vocational training, by building a model to be replicated domestically and, possibly, internationally. Targeted industrial schools will be modernized in ICT infrastructure, e-curricula and HR capacity building, while an e-learning centre operated in cooperation with the Italian Don Bosco Institute will be empowered to serve all technical schools' students as well as trainees from surrounding community.

Small-Scale Producers Network for Socio-Economic Rights Recognition

Applicant	Cooperation for the Development of Emerging Countries, COSPE
Implementing Agency	COSPE
Duration	36 months
Budget	LE 4,188,765.00 (\$ 761,593.64)
Implementing Agreement	Signed in December 24, 2009
Project starting date	February 2010

The project aims at helping marginalized people to access their socio-economic rights through the establishment of a national network for small-scale enterprises of agro and handicraft sector in Egypt within the framework of Fair Trade Egypt Foundation. The Network will raise awareness, advocate and support the most marginalized producers in strengthening their representation and negotiation capacity in terms of institutional building, social security, safety standards.

Solid Waste Management in Minia Governorate

Applicant	Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs
Implementing Agency	United Nations for Development Program, UNDP
Duration	36 months
Budget	LE 32,226,130.00 (\$ 5,859,296.36)
Implementing Agreement	Under preparation.

The project will contribute to solid waste management in the Governorate of Minia through establishing a waste recycling plant in Matai district which will turn organic waste into high quality fine compost to be used in the agricultural production. The project, which stems from the recommendation sorted by a previous project implemented in the framework of IEDS 1, will take advantage of Italian know-how and technical assistance and build a model of solid waste management to be replicated in other rural governorates.

Health Governance Unit

Applicant	Medical Research Institute, MRI
Implementing Agency	Istituto Superiore di Sanità, ISS
Duration	36 months
Budget	LE 24,869,785.00 (\$ 4,521,779.09)
Implementing Agreement:	Signed in December 28, 2008

The project will establish, with the support of the Italian Istituto Superiore di Sanità a Health Governance Unit within the Medical Research Institute of Alexandria, as a decision-making centre of excellence capable of providing technical assistance to the Ministry of Health and Population and to the Governorate of Alexandria to implement effectively the second phase of the National Health Reform.

2.3 Nineteen Projects in Formulation/Negotiations Phase

Technical Educational Clusters for Employment

Applicant	Educational Development Fund, EDF
Implementing Agency	EDF
Duration	24 months
Estimated Budget	LE 82,500,000.00 (approximately \$ 15,000,000 as proposed by TSU)

The project aims at contributing to the advancement of the Egyptian Technical Education System through the establishment of integrated technical educational clusters (TEC) in the sectors of textile and mechanics. The Project Document relies on the “Feasibility Study for the formulation of the Project Technical Education Clusters for Employment in the sectors of Mechanics and Textile” commissioned by EDF to Formaper – Agency of Milan CCI through the Memorandum of Understanding signed in Cairo on June 4th, 2008. The feasibility study was presented and endorsed by EDF on March 2009.

Marine Aquaculture Development in Egypt

Applicant	General Authority for Fish Resource Development, GAFRD
Implementing Agency	GAFRD
Duration	36 months
Estimated Budget	LE 45,387,271.00 (\$ 8,252,231.09)

The project aims at developing the fishery and marine aquaculture sector in Egypt through promoting synergic action between public and private sector. In particular, the initiative will consolidate the knowledge of the GAFRD/Fish Control Unit in Cairo to improve product quality, building capacities on marine aquaculture (hatchery and pre-fattening for producing high quality seed) and transfer know-how and technology by establishing a pilot marine aquaculture cage for commercial demonstration purpose.

Improving of Operational Capacities and Health Care Service Delivery for Disabled Community in Cairo Egypt

Applicant	Al Rowad Association
Implementing Agency	Al Rowad Association
Duration	36 months
Estimated Budget	LE 2,499,244.00 (\$ 454,408.00)

The project aims at improving the quality of life and health care delivery system for physical disabled people living in Greater Cairo through improving the clinical and managerial capacities of Al Rowad Association in order to provide more efficient and effective services to its targeted beneficiaries.

Sustainable Systems Development for Date Palm and Olive Production in North Sinai

Applicant	Egyptian Association for Science and Technology Experts, EASTE
Implementing Agency	EASTE in cooperation with the Environmental Protection Association for North Sinai.
Duration	36 months
Estimated Budget	LE 6,638,800.00 (\$ 1,207,054.55)

The project aims at improving the living conditions and alleviating poverty in the area of North Sinai area targeting the agricultural producers through the establishment of a sustainable agricultural system for Date Palm and Olive production.

Robaiki Industrial Leather and Tanneries City

Applicant	Ministry of Trade and Industry, MTI
Implementing Agency	General organization for industrial and mining projects, IMC
Duration	24 months
Estimated Budget	LE 64,000,000.00 (\$ 11,636,363.64)

The Project aims at completing the first phase of the plan for the establishment of a new industrial leather district in Robaiki area for a proper management of environment and elimination of one of the major pollution sources in Old Cairo. The Project will, in particular, contribute to the construction of a General Effluent Treatment Plant with a treatment capacity 4000 m³/day to fit with the progressive relocation of the tanneries and with the progressive increase of the tanneries production capacity.

Actions for Vulnerable Children, Improving Capacities for Enhancing Interventions – Italian NGOs Program

Applicant	Ricerca e Cooperazione, RC
Implementing Agency	RC
Duration	24 months
Estimated Budget	LE 3,764,838.00 (\$ 684,516.00)

The Project, in partnership with NCCM, aims at reducing the obstacles preventing rehabilitation and reintegration of vulnerable children, through improving efficiency and effectiveness of small NGOs/CSOs interventions on the field, as well as providing active support to vulnerable children families through the provision of micro-credit.

SCREAM To Child Labour in Egypt

Applicant	International Labour Organization - Sub Regional Office in Cairo, ILO
Implementing Agency	ILO
Duration	36 months
Estimated Budget	LE 4,000,020.00 (\$ 727,276.36)

The Project is an education and social mobilization initiative aimed at supporting formal and non-formal educators in creating awareness and disseminating information on child labor issues through a didactic module named SCREAM (*Supporting Children Rights through Education, the Arts and the Media*) based on the use of visual, literary and performing arts. The Project will provide young people with powerful tools for self-expression, advocacy and dialogue.

School of Arts and Trades

Applicant	Supreme Council of Antiquities, SCA
Implementing Agency	Supreme Council of Antiquities, SCA / Centro Italo-Egiziano per il Restauro e l'Archeologia, CIERA
Duration	36 months
Estimated Budget	LE 16,500,000.00 (approximately \$ 3,000,000.00 as proposed by TSU)

The Project based on the extensive experience of the *Centro Italo-Egiziano per il Restauro e l'Archeologia* (CIERA) aims at establishing a School of Arts and Trades within the Mevlevi architectural complex in Islamic Cairo, as a land mark for building capacities in the field of conservation of cultural heritage. Training will be mainly addressed to: i) artisans and technicians and ii) professional skills.

Green Trade Initiative

Applicant	Ministry of Trade and Industry, MTI
Implementing Agency	MTI
Duration	36 months
Estimated Budget	LE 55,000,000 (approximately \$ 10,000,000.00 as proposed by TSU)

The Project intends to consolidate and expand the experience of the "Green Corridor Pilot" Project and the "Traceability of Agro-Industrial Products for the European Market" Project implemented in the framework of IEDS 1. The Project aims at increasing the competitiveness of Egyptian fresh horticultural products and their share on the European market by upgrading productivity rates and products compliance with EU standards. It will support the setting up of an integrated system including: i) productive chain, ii) logistic and transportation and iii) traceability of products.

Territorial Partnership Program

Applicant	Egyptian Local Authorities
Implementing Agency	Italian Local Authorities
Duration	To be defined for each project
Overall budget estimation	LE 82,500,000.00 (approximately \$ 15,000,000.00 as proposed by TSU)

The program aims at establishing territorial partnerships between Italian and Egyptian Local Authorities in the field of transfer and upgrading of technologies as an innovative and sustainable instrument of co-operation which could be eventually replicated at larger scale (pilot projects).

The MC has approved a preliminary list of seven initiatives proposed by Italian authorities which are currently under negotiations. Here below the list of initiatives:

- Marche Region - Strengthening of Egyptian enterprises competitiveness through networking of innovation and high-level technologies transfer.
- Marche Region - Sustainable Rural Development of Dakhla Oasis.
- Emilia-Romagna Region - A territorial development model for the Lower Nile River Area: competitive strengthening of the cereal-growing sector.
- UPI (*Union of Italian Provinces*) Puglia - Cotton Spell.
- Puglia Region - Empowerment and Institutional building of Egyptian public institutions in the field of international territorial partnerships.
- Naples Province & UPI Campania - Supporting and promoting transport system development through a Research and Application Centre on Transport, safety and environment (RACT).
- Cosenza Province - Agro food district in Egypt.

Community Care and Protection for Children at Risk in Egypt – Italian NGOs Program

Applicant	Save the Children
Implementing Agency	Save the Children / NCCM
Duration	24 months
Estimated Budget	LE 4,100,000.00 (\$ 745,454.55)

The project, which will be implemented in partnership with NCCM, intends to provide a protective environment for all children, care, support and inclusion for children without, or at risk of losing, parental care in the Northern Cairo area, mainly El Marg and Ein Shams area.

Highly Skilled and Sustainable Employment: Vocational Towards a and Educational Training for Cement Masons and Plasterers – Italian NGOs Program

Applicant	Progetto Sud
Implementing Agency	Progetto Sud
Duration	24 months
Estimated Budget	LE 4,100,000.00 (\$ 745,454.55)

The Project intends to promote continuing vocational training in the construction sector. In particular, the initiative aims at building a standard-based qualification and training system that responds to labor market needs, overcoming the shortage of skilled labor in the building industry and addressing the inappropriateness of the training currently available for masons and plasterers.

Community based actions to reduce poverty and promote social inclusion in Ismailia Governorate – Italian NGOs Program

Applicant	Movimondo
Implementing Agency	Movimondo
Duration	36 months
Estimated Budget	LE 3,856,250.00 (\$ 701,136.36)

The project aims at contributing to poverty reduction in Ismailiyya Governorate by promoting gender equality and socio-economic integration of disadvantaged groups, such as disabled, women and unemployed youth, living in the rural areas of Abou Ashour and in the surrounding villages of Tel El Kibir.