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About the Programme

EU-ZIRA3A – The EU Integrated Rural Development Programme for Egypt is funded by the European Union (EU) with a total budget of €24M, and €3.3M by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS). The Programme is implemented by AICS in the three governorates of Sohag, Assiut, and Beni Suef.

The Programme has been designed to support the Egyptian Government in implementing the Sustainable Agriculture Development (SADS) and to provide support to the socio-economic development and improve livelihood of the rural communities.

The Programme aims to mitigate water scarcity, provide eminent agricultural extension services, improve livestock wealth, and explore new and innovative solutions for generating income, notably for rural women and youth.

Call For Proposal No.1

Enhancing Integrated Governance to improve performance of the Egyptian plant Quarantine System and Pesticides Monitoring, as well as developing and adopting a Digital Archiving System.

Top News

The Evaluation of Call For Proposal No. 1 has been finalized and Cairo Center for Development Benchmarking (CDB) has been awarded. The contract has been signed on the 9th of October 2024.

Specific Objectives

To support MoALR in the Monitoring and Evaluation of rural development projects / programs at central and field levels to develop evidence-based agricultural policies.

To enhance the performance of Central Administration of Plant Quarantine (CAPQ) and its Central Laboratory for Analysis of Pesticide Residues.

Stakeholders & Beneficiaries

The key actors and stakeholders of the action include: the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (MALR), particularly the Foreign Agricultural Relations Department (FAR) and its staff; the Central Administration of Plant Quarantine (CAPQ) and its staff; the Central Pesticide Laboratory (CPL); and small-scale farmers in the three targeted governorates of Assuit, Beni Suef and Sohag.



Wet Lab & auxiliary equipment at the Central Laboratory of Residue Analysis of Pesticides and Heavy Metals in Food.

Tender No.1 Launched

Enhance extension services for crop and animal production towards tackling impacts of climate change, efficient and sustainable management of natural resources and agrifood-ecosystems in Sohag, Beni Suef and Assiut.

LOT 1 Service:

Capacity building services aimed at enhancing the quality and effectiveness of agricultural extension services in Sohag, Assiut, and Beni Suef governorates.

LOT 2 Supply:

Provision of essential equipment for offices, extension departments, and the Beni Suef Artificial Insemination Centre, ensuring that the staff are well-equipped.

LOT 3 Works:

New Construction of Animal Housing and Animal Feeds Production Units in Sohag, Assiut, and Beni Suef. Rehabilitation works for artificial insemination centre in Beni Suef, and Liquid Nitrogen Production Units in Sohag and Assiut.

Field Visits For Tender No.1

Lot 3 Works



The team also conducted thorough site visits to the liquid nitrogen production units and the veterinary units, all units planned to be rehabilitated in Sohag Governorate. The purpose of the visit was to carefully assess their current conditions, operational needs, and timelines of the units for the upcoming work.

EU-ZIRA3A's team and the shortlisted contractors from lot 3 went on site visits to multiple locations for the new construction of the food production unit and the animal house in Assiut Governorate, reviewing site readiness, project logistics, and required resources for the upcoming works.





EU-ZIRA3A's team visited the Artificial Insemination Centre located in Beni Suef and the veterinary units to inspect the upcoming rehabilitation. Additionally, they explored potential sites for a new food production unit and animal house with the shortlisted contractors from lot 3, discussing project requirements and logistical considerations.



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