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EU-ZIRA3A Delivers IT and Veterinary Equipment to Strengthen Agricultural Services



Sohag, Assiut, and Beni Suef — June–August 2025

EU-ZIRA3A Programme has successfully delivered two batches of equipment under the supply contract “*Supply of Equipment for Offices, for Extension Departments and Artificial Insemination Centres*”, reinforcing agricultural and veterinary services across Sohag, Assiut, and Beni Suef. The first delivery, completed on **15–16 June**, provided IT equipment to strengthen local agricultural extension services, improve service delivery to small-scale farmers, and enhance operational efficiency in the three governorates. Additional IT supplies are also scheduled for delivery in the coming months, including tools to support the Livestock Development Project in Assiut.

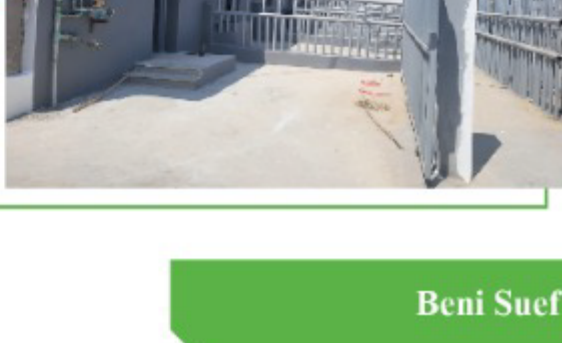


Last week, a second batch of veterinary and artificial insemination equipment was distributed. This batch included air conditioners and plastic flooring for these men collection room at the Artificial Insemination Center in Beni Suef, liquid nitrogen containers for this center, and veterinary units in Sohag, Assiut, and Beni Suef. Rehabilitated veterinary units across the three governorates also received veterinary tools, including stethoscopes, electronic thermometers, metal detectors, cow horn ironing machines, animal castration machines, and metal dosing pistols.

Through this collaboration with the Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine Directorates, EU-ZIRA3A is expanding and improving services for small-scale farmers.

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Rehabilitation Underway at Beni Suef Artificial Insemination Centre & Veterinary Units



Beni Suef — August 2025

Rehabilitation works are progressing at the **Artificial Insemination Centre and 10 veterinary units in Beni Suef**, as part of EU-ZIRA3A's efforts to improve veterinary services across Upper Egypt. The upgrade focuses on improving infrastructure, including wall restoration, electrical and plumbing system improvements, roof insulation, and upgrades to the bull shed with proper drainage systems. These improvements are designed to meet veterinary reproductive health standards and deliver high-quality artificial insemination services that support the growth of Egypt's livestock sector.

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EU-ZIRA3A Holds First Technical Committee Meeting



Cairo — 13 July 2025

EU ZIRA3A, in close coordination with the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (MALR), held its first Technical Committee Meeting to set priorities for strengthening agricultural cooperatives in Assiut, Sohag, and Beni Suef.

The meeting was opened by H.E. Alaa Farouk, Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, and attended by H.E. Angelina Eichhorst, EU Ambassador to Egypt; H.E. Michele Quaroni, Italian Ambassador to Egypt; and Mr. Tiberio Chiari, Head of AICS Cairo Office.

Discussions focused on aligning cooperative governance with legislation, addressing equipment needs, and identifying value chain opportunities in medicinal and aromatic plants, sunflower, and soybean production. Participants also stressed the importance of climate-smart, sustainable agricultural practices.

H.E. Minister Alaa Farouk emphasized the

project's role as a milestone toward sustainable development in Upper Egypt, aligning with Egypt Vision 2030. He highlighted its contribution to social equity, improving the livelihood conditions of rural communities, and economic empowerment through inclusive development.

H.E. EU Ambassador Angelina Eichhorst welcomed the cooperation and stressed the importance of maximizing the impact of EU-ZIRA3A intervention in rural development and technology transfer.

H.E. Italian Ambassador Michele Quaroni raised the joint efforts and invited the Ministry's technical team to Italy to explore the agricultural cooperative model, which could support the ongoing reform of Egypt's cooperative system. He also highlighted the "Farmers Market" Italian model, to help farmers sell their products, and encourage adoption of this approach by integrating it with agricultural cooperatives.

EU-ZIRA3A Delivers Capacity-Building Workshops to Empower Foreign Agriculture Relations - MALR

Cairo, June - August 2025



As part of its on going collaboration with Egypt's Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (MALR), EU-ZIRA3A has delivered a series of targeted capacity-building workshops under the €1.14 million *EIGS* project for 80 staff members of the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (MALR) from Cairo and targeted governorates.

Implemented by Cairo Center for Development Benchmarking (CDB) and hosted at the American University in Cairo's School of Continuing Education, the training covered advanced data analysis

for project development, monitoring, and evaluation frameworks, data collection, handling and analysis, and understanding proposal writing and creating a productive workplace. The workshops concluded with a closing ceremony attended by representatives from MALR, EU-ZIRA3A, and CDB.

"The true impact of work is reflected in the voices of our trainees. One participant shared:

"The course enhanced my skills in data utilization and analysis using Microsoft Excel, including Power Query and dashboards creation to present data effectively to decision makers. It gave me a solid foundation to start developing business data analysis."

As part of these efforts, MALR's Central Administration of Plant Quarantine staff completed a two-day technical training on pomegranate inspection and sampling. The training combined the orical sessions with field practice at Daltex Farm, where participants applied visual inspection methods, sampling techniques for pesticide residue analysis, and proper documentation procedures.

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Kick-off of the Service Contract under Tender No. 1 – Lot 1 signed with AESA Consortium to Enhance Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services in Upper Egypt



Cairo — July 2025

EU-ZIRA3A has signed a 30-month technical assistance service contract with AESA Agri-consulting to enhance agricultural and livestock extension services.

The inception phase is expected to be concluded by 7th October this year.

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AESA has already held bilateral meetings with MALR's departments of animal production and agricultural extension and engaged in technical coordination with the EU-ZIRA3A PMU and FSUs.

EU-ZIRA3A Highlights Agricultural Education at Agritech Summit



Cairo — 26 June 2025

EU-ZIRA3A took part in the **Agritech Summit**, contributing to discussions on technical and vocational agricultural education, addressing skills gaps, and preparing the workforce for future agricultural jobs. The programme presented

its strategy to collaborate within technical agricultural schools through infrastructure upgrades, teacher training, and hands-on learning aligned with real workplace environments. These measures aim to equip students with practical skills.

Looking Ahead

With every delivery, workshop, and field visit, EU-ZIRA3A, in collaboration with its partners, reaffirms its commitment to joining efforts, sharing know-how, promoting agricultural services, and advancing Egypt's rural development. Stay tuned for more updates in the coming months as the programme continues to expand its impact across Upper Egypt.