



## **Press Release: Signature of the rehabilitation water project contract between Italy and Blue Nile Drinking Water Corporation funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation**

Today – June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – the signing contract ceremony for the rehabilitation of hydraulic equipment in El Roseires took place at the DDR Commission between the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation represented by its Director Vincenzo Racalbutto and the Blue Nile Drinking Water Corporation represented by Abdulrahman Mohammed.

The event took place in the presence of the Ministry of Infrastructure of Blue Nile H. E Abdel Muneim Issa, the Ministry of Finance of Blue Nile – as representative of Blue Nile Wali – H.E Adnan Mohammed El Amin, the Commissioner General of DDR H.E General Salah Alyaid and the Director of WES Abdelrahman Mohammed.

The signature of the contract is part of the Technical Agreement signed last April 2018 with the aim of ensuring functional and reliable supply of safe water to communities in Eddamazin and boreholes and water schemes in El Roseries, where the demand of water has increased in the last years of almost 5.000 cubic meter per day.

To guarantee clean water, hygiene and sanitation is our commitment in Sudan - in line with SDG #6 - since we started our cooperation 20 years ago - added the Director of the Italian Agency Vincenzo Racalbutto - and today with the rehabilitation of the water scheme in El Roseires we are witnessing an important step with the aim of improving the living conditions of the most affected communities in particular, women, refugees and IDPs.

The interventions will tackle all the urban area of El Roseires with the refurbishment of water tanks, the dismantling and renovation of the operating room of the Soba Water plant, and the supply and installation of 5 water pumps.

The DDR General Commissioner expressed his appreciation towards the excellent Italian expertise present in the field underlined that this project will benefit communities who suffered from a lack of water.

The Minister of Finance and the Minister of Infrastructure thanked Italy for its continuous support and renewed the invitation to continue this excellent collaboration to respond to the needs of the country as it is going through a process economic strengthening.