

Press Release: Launching of the Italian Project TADMEEN – Social Inclusion, Human Capital Development and protection of vulnerable groups within migrants, refugees and host communities

On May 7th, the launching of the three year Italian Project TADMEEN – *Social Inclusion Human Capital Development And Protection Of Vulnerable Groups Within Migrants, Refugees And Host Communities* funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation took place in Khartoum in the presence of H.E. Mashair Ahamed Alamin Aldwalab, Minister of Security and Social Development, H.E. Sayed Idries Suleiman Yousif Mustafa, Minister of International Cooperation, H.E. Ambassador Mubarak Rahamtalla, the Italian Ambassador Fabrizio Lobasso and the Italian Agency Representative in Khartoum Vincenzo Racalbuto.

The initiative aims to promote gender equality and the social inclusion and protection of children and persons with disabilities to have equal access to goods and services by increasing resilience through activities of poverty reduction, shared prosperity and human rights in line with SDGs # 4 - # 5 – # 8 and # 10 for an equitable education, participation, and economic growth.

Italy joins its forces with the Sudanese institutions and the civil society for the promotion of the rights and of the socio-economic inclusion of persons with disabilities and the most vulnerable groups, and Italy is committed in Sudan since its very early days in implementing projects aimed at straightening the resilience of the most vulnerable groups, included migrants, refugees and host communities. With these words the Italian Ambassador – Fabrizio Lobasso - underlined the Italian Sudanese joint partnership and added that we are witnessing a real NET, in the sense of a conjunction of virtues and values of whom Sudan is an example.

“Sudan has a good potential for achieving development and social justice and social inclusion with the ongoing cooperation with Italian partners and national organisations of persons with disabilities, organisations for the protection of children and women's groups”, added the Minister Mashair Ahamed Alamin Aldwalab Security and Social Development, highlighting the importance of partnership and consultation of civil society organisations representing and advocating for the rights of the most vulnerable groups in inclusion-related matters in Sudan.

Today is a very important day for the Italian Sudanese Cooperation. This project is a demonstration of the Italian Government commitment towards the Sustainable Development Goals and the launching of today - highly appreciated by the MSSD – tackle three major dimensions namely Child protection – Women Empowerment and Person with disabilities which are the priorities of the ministries, commented H.E. Ambassador Mubarak Rahamtalla

The Director of the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation in Khartoum – Vincenzo Racalbuto – recalled that at the moment Italy is implementing a number of projects promoting social inclusion of the most vulnerable for a total budget of 6.7 M Euro over a total budget of approximately 73 M Euro in line with the Gender Equality Guidelines and the disability Guidelines, newly approved, aiming at mainstreaming disability and gender in every phase of development policies and practices.