



## **Press Release – August 19th 2019: THE FAMILY HEALTH APPROACH IN SUDAN**

On August 19th- a day after the signature of the Constitutional Agreement in Sudan – Italy has launched – in partnership with the Federal Ministry of Health and the Public Health Institute (PHI) – the first workshop on the family health approach in Sudan in the presence of H.E. Suleiman Abdalgabbar Abdullah Bakheit - Undersecretary of Federal Ministry of Health; Mr. Abd Elhakim H. Nugud - Director of the Primary Health Institute, H. E Fabrizio Lobasso, Ambassador of Italy in Sudan and Vincenzo Racalbutto, Director of the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation in Khartoum.

Our goal - stated the Italian Ambassador - is to work together with Sudanese Institution in order to support the development of Health System: Italy is deeply committed in Sudan through a number of initiatives – also funded through the EU Trust Fund initiative - promoting the strengthening of health system in line with the Agenda for Humanity commitment “*Leave no one behind*” and in order to strive for the achievement of the SDG 3 “Ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages” and ensure a real and sustainable development in the long medium-term. Today we are celebrating the kickoff of a new phase aimed at defying a Road Map in order to improve the Family Health strategy as a tool to achieve the Universal Health Coverage.

The Director of the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, Vincenzo Racalbutto, added that through the 5 M Euro initiative Dictorna, the Italian Cooperation is boosting the family Health approach model within the health centers across Kassala, Gedaref, Red Sea and Khartoum States in line with the country's National Strategy focused on extending the coverage of essential health services to the entire population, with particular attention to the most vulnerable groups and marginal areas.

The Undersecretary of Federal Ministry of Health – H. E. Suleiman Abdalgabbar Abdullah Bakheit - underlined the importance of the family health as a people centered holistic healthcare approach that can greatly contribute to strengthening primary health care and improving the health of the population.