

Joint Program Document

UNDAF Objective(s):	To Promote a systematic and coherent action from all stakeholders to address the issue of gender disparity reduction in Egypt and EFA goals
Expected Outcome(s):	Girls' Education Action Plan Implemented
Expected Output(s):	Girls' Education Secretariat Operational.
(Sub-) National Partners(s):	National Council for Childhood and Motherhood

Executive Summary

The purpose of the joint Program is to support the NCCM in planning, monitoring and evaluating the GEI project through enhancing the capacity of the GEI Secretariat. The program will support, as well, the seven local NGOs in the targeted 7 governorates, namely, Giza, Assiut, Sohag, Minya, Beni Suef, Beheria and Fayoum to mobilize communities, monitor quality of learning and organize training.

The project document includes the outputs, activities, and budgets of the UN team for the period January 2006 – December 2006. The Contributions, both in cash and in kind, are as follows:

UNICEF: US\$ 149,000 (L.E 853,770) plus on-the-job coaching for secretariat staff,
WFP US\$ 599,900 (L.E. 3,437,427) - in kind
UNFPA US\$ 15,000 (L.E. 85,950),
UNESCO US\$ 3,000 (L.E. 17,190) plus training NGOs on provision of literacy classes,
UNDP US\$ 5,000 (L.E. 28,650) plus collaboration with "Think Twice" Program

**Program Title: Girls' Education
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**Program Duration:
(Start/ end date): January 2006 –
December 2006**

**Fund Management Option (s): Parallel
(Parallel, Pooled, Pass Through,
Combination)**

Estimated Budget	US\$ 771,900
	L.E 4,422,987
Regular Resources	
• UNICEF	149,000 USD 853,770 L.E.
• WFP	599,900 USD 3,437,427 L.E.
• UNESCO	3,000 USD 17,190 L.E.
• UNFPA	15,000 USD 85,950 L.E.
• UNDP	5,000 USD 28,650 L.E.

Target Groups

- Primary school girls ages 6-12 in the deprived hamlets of the seven governorates
- Information experts and data gatherers
- The poorest of the poor families in deprived hamlets
- Voluntary community workers on the hamlet, village, and governorate levels
- Policy makers at all levels
- Teachers/and facilitators as well as unemployed women trained to become teachers
- Non government organizations

Project Strategy and Management:

In 2001 the first contribution agreement was signed between the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM) and Seven UN agencies to support the planning phase of the UN Girls' Education Initiative (UNGEI). During this first phase the six UN agencies entering into partnership with NCCM with the leading position of UNICEF were: UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA, ILO, UNIFEM and WB. Also during this first phase a National task force for Girls Education was established which included the UN agencies and 18 government partners, including 16 Line ministries, the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics CAPMAS and the Information for Decision making Support Center IDSC. Partnership also includes NGOs such as CARITAS, Hawaa Al Mostaqbal Association (The Future Eve), The Women and Society Association, The Association for Upper Egyptian Schools, and Several Associations at the sub-national level. The WFP joined the team in 2004.

The Girls Education Initiative Project is nationally executed by the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood which is responsible for the overall management of the project along with the assumption responsibility and accountability for the use of UN resources and for the production of outputs and the achievements of project objectives. UNICEF is the lead UN agency and is providing technical and expert guidance to project implementation. Within NCCM, the project established a Technical Secretariat composed of one coordinator, experts and advisers to follow up and facilitate the process for the preparation of the draft national plan of action for girls' education.

The project adopts a participatory/consultative approach to produce the national plan for girls' education. Seven governorates; namely Fayoum, Beni Suef, Giza, Menia, Beheira, Assiut, and Sohag, have been identified as most at risk and are targeted in the first phase of the plan.

Outcomes of the First Phase – Planning phase – (2001 - 2002)

- A national task force established
- A Girl's Education Secretariat formed in NCCM
- Seven governorate local task forces established
- A comprehensive vision developed
- Seven action plans developed
- Information systems consolidated
- 157 million Egyptian pounds earmarked by GOE for GEI in the 5 year national plan

3- In Kind Contribution	Rice & Oil or alternate commodity (as per availability) to be distributed on monthly basis as take home ration to all children regularly attending school in 3 governorates NGOs support				WFP NCCM	WFP	3,437,427

³ State the outputs that the programme is expected to achieve/contribute to. Include relevant indicators/benchmarks

⁴ List monitoring activities such as Field Monitoring Visits, Technical backstopping missions, Evaluations, Annual Programme Reports.