

Memorandum of Understanding
between
The Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)
and
The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

The Economic Cooperation Organization (hereinafter referred as "ECO") and the United Nations Population Fund (hereinafter referred to as "UNFPA");

Motivated by their commitment to the attainment of their objectives as laid down in their respective mandates;

Considering their common interest in the promotion of population welfare as an essential element for sustainable economic development in the ECO region;

Recognizing the need for mutual cooperation at the regional level to enhance the socio-economic well-being of the people in the ECO region.

Have agreed as follows:

Article I
Cooperation and Consultation

1. ECO and UNFPA shall cooperate, to the extent possible, in population matters through mutual assistance and coordination of their activities.
2. The two Organizations, through mutual consultation, may develop and implement joint projects pertaining to population issues with a regional impact within ECO.
3. The modalities of cooperation between the two Organizations may also consist of exchange of personnel, on a short-term basis where desirable, to carry out activities in the field of common interest, in accordance with their respective rules and regulations.
4. Either ECO or UNFPA may, when desirable, request cooperation from each other in areas of joint interest. Each Organization shall endeavour, as far as possible, under its constitutional instruments and decisions of its governing bodies, to respond favorably to such requests for cooperation.
5. The two Organizations would endeavour to undertake joint action to promote research, analysis, policy development in areas of mutual interest such as population and development,

women's empowerment, reproductive health including family planning, income and employment, education, urbanization and migration.

6. Subject to a specific agreement in each case, ECO and UNFPA may jointly organize technical workshops, meetings and seminars in areas of population concerns to share information and experiences within the region.

7. Subject: to specific agreement in each case, ECO and UNFPA may jointly organize training meetings at country/regional levels in different aspects of population concerns such as data collection, information, education and communication in support of population programmes, maternal and child health and family planning, to update the knowledge and skills of personnel working at different levels in government and non-governmental organizations, and in the private sector.

Article II

Exchange of Information and Documents

In their joint activities, ECO and UNFPA will share information and documentation of a general nature on a regular basis and other appropriate information as may be relevant and necessary.

Article III

Representation and Liaison

1. Subject to decisions that may be taken by their respective governing bodies concerning the participation in their meetings, ECO and UNFPA shall invite each other to attend their respective meetings as observers on reciprocal basis.

2. The two Organizations may make such other arrangements as appear desirable in the light of experience, to ensure effective liaison between them.

Article IV

Organizational Matters

1. Being the United Nations lead agency in population matters, UNFPA shall extend to ECO all possible assistance in population related areas. Where appropriate UNFPA's assistance would be supplemented by resources of relevant UN agencies/organizations such as UNICEF, UNDP, WHO and ESCAP.

2. Financial Assistance in respect of the mutually agreed activities will be arranged on a case by case basis through an exchange of letters.

Article V
Implementation of the MoU

The Secretary General of the ECO and the Executive Director of UNFPA shall make necessary arrangements for the satisfactory implementation of this MoU.

Article VI
Termination of the MoU

Either Party may terminate this MoU subject to six months' written notice. If one of the Parties decides to terminate this MoU, the obligations previously entered into through projects implemented under this NOU shall be decided on a case by case basis.

Article VII
Entry into Force

This MoU shall enter into force upon signature by the Secretary General of ECO and the Executive Director of UNFPA.

Article VIII
Language

This MoU has been drawn up in duplicate in English.

Signed at New York on 4 October,1994

For and on behalf of
the Economic Cooperation
Organization (ECO)

Shamshad Ahmad
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For and on behalf of
the United Nations
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