



## Note to the File

Subject	Signature of Cooperation Agreement with the University College of Applied Science (UCAS)
Project	Italian Funded Disabled Support
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Reference is made to the project agreement between UNDP/PAPP and the Italian cooperation to implement the Disabled Support Project in the Gaza Strip. Whereby, the attached cooperation agreement refers to the selection of the UCAS as an implementing partner to carry out the project activities as per the original project document. UCAS is amongst the few registered community based colleges in the Gaza Strip specialized in the field of disabled support. Besides UCAS, the Red Crescent College in Khan-Younis is the only other college that obtains similar registration and specialization status. Through the nomination and assessment processes, UNDP/PAPP approached both colleges with call of proposals (Action Plans). The Red Crescent College in Khan-Younis failed to respond to UNDP/PAPP's call due to operational limitations and problems with the De-Factor Government. As for UCAS, the college has managed to provide UNDP/PAPP with a full action plan to carry out the project activities according to the project document. UNDP/PAPP team has discussed the implementation arrangements of the project with UCAS and requested further information and verifications to ensure that the college obtains the legal status and capacity to implement the project. In return, the college has successfully answered UNDP/PAPP's queries based on the following criteria:

- UCAS provided sufficient legal documents related to its registration, specialization, and legal status.
- The institution has submitted sufficient evidences relevant to its current operational and technical capacities to implement the project.
- The institution is an academic based one and carries its operations in a neutral conduct with its stakeholders.
- The college obtains the necessary facilities and equipments to carry out the project.

For detailed information on the project activities and budget, please refer to the attached project document.