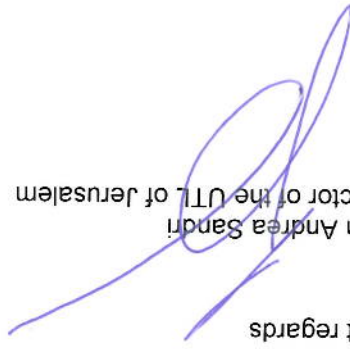


Cc Gian Pietro Testolin
Emergency Programmes Coordinator

Gian Andrea Sandri
Director of the UTL of Jerusalem



Best regards

By the present letter, the Italian Cooperation endorses the collaboration between the Italian NGO *Differenza Donna* and the UNDP in the implementation of the project *"Zorha, implementation and strengthening of the three counselling spots for women and children in difficulty or victims of violence in Hebron Governorate"* in the sector of social policies and gender based violence in West Bank.

The Italian NGO *"Differenza Donna"* (D.D.) has been working since 1989 in the field of contrasting the phenomenon of gender based violence. In 20 years of activity it has acquired a specialized competence in developing policies, training field workers and in managing anti-violence centers and works in different countries such as Albania, ex-Yugoslavia, Bangladesh, Nicaragua, Mozambique.

Since 2001 DD works in Palestine and its first commitment has been the realization of the Mehwar Center in Bethlehem for the protection and empowerment of women and families, project funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in trans-fund with the World Bank. DD developed strategies and policies, transferred its know-how, trained the local staff and since 2008 it provides technical assistance to the Center in collaboration with UNIFEM.

Furthermore, DD has been carrying out three DAPHNE projects funded by the European Commission, to develop innovative measures to combat and prevent stalking and domestic violence and three TACIS projects in Russia and Kazakhstan, funded by the EU.

For the expertise, professionalism and reliability shown in the management of the project funded by the Italian Cooperation *"Initiative for the protection of women and children's rights and dignity in West Bank"* in which 3 anti-violence spots have been established in the Hebron Governorate, we endorse *Differenza Donna* as a reliable partner for implementing a project in gender sector.

Dear Mr Valent,

Subject: endorsement letter for the Italian NGO Differenza Donna

19th November 2009

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