

AGREEMENT

for the implementation of activities under the project

“STONE - restauro e valorizzazione di Sistemi agricoli Tradizionali per lo sviluppO economico e la coNservazione ambiEntale della Riserva dello Shouf”

AID 11475

between

Al Shouf Cedar Society (ACS), with registered office and operations sedge in Park House, Maaser El Shouf Village Square, Lebanon, registration Nb. 148/A.D., legally represented by **Mr. Charles Noujaim** (hereafter **ACS**). **ACS** is partner of **Istituto OIKOS onlus** (hereafter **OIKOS**), the granted NGO by the Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development, AICS, as lead applicant for the implementation of the project *“STONE restauro e valorizzazione di Sistemi agricoli Tradizionali per lo sviluppO economico e la coNservazione ambiEntale della Riserva dello Shouf”* (AID 11475). **ACS** is in charge of the implementation of the activities of the project and its budget in Lebanon

and

Lebanese University Faculty of Agriculture, Museum Square – Central Administration Building, Beirut, Lebanon, B.P. 14/6573, represented by **Prof. Fouad Ayoub** its President (hereafter **LU**).

The Parties agree among themselves the following:

1. OBJECTIVE OF THE AGREEMENT

The objective of the agreement is to define the allocation of students' scholarship included in the initiative entitled *“STONE - restauro e valorizzazione di Sistemi agricoli Tradizionali per lo sviluppO economico e la coNservazione ambiEntale della Riserva dello Shouf”*, with foreseen duration of 36 months, from 16th April 2018 to 15th April 2021.

In particular ACS will provide to LU, four (4) scholarships for awarded students indicated by LU, as mentioned in the activity 1.1 budget line 5.1.1 of STONE project.

The Parties agree on the pursuit of the purposes set out in the present Agreement and the execution of the specific obligations established therein. Namely, they agree on:

Four (4) students of the Faculty of Agronomy of the Plant Protection Department will be awarded scholarships in order to conduct biodiversity monitoring activity in the SBR. Students will be supervised by Prof. Efat Abou Fakhr Hammad and/or Prof. Salwa Wadih Tohmé and their work regarding the collection, sampling and identification, will be performed as detailed below in par. 2 during the period June 2019-October 2019, according to the STONE project chronogram, whereas they will produce their project report or thesis in the year 2020 and 2021 in accordance with their academic plan.

- All data and samples collected will be and remain property of the Shouf Biosphere Reserve and LU jointly.
- A final graduation project report or master thesis will be produced by the awarded students mentioning the STONE project.

Within the framework of the initiative, ACS assigns to LU, which accepts, the task of carrying out the activities specified in this agreement.

2. RESPONSIBILITY OF PARTIES

OIKOS as project leading agency is the sole responsible for the STONE project at both technical and financial level towards the Donor and it is therefore entitled to eventually request at any time, relevant information related to the progress of the project.

Project financial resources will be managed by OIKOS based on the administrative procedures of the donor.

ACS as project implementing partner in Lebanon is responsible towards OIKOS for the project at both technical and financial level and will follow up with the progress of the activities within this agreement.

LU will carry out the following functions within the activity 1.1 of the project:

ACTIVITY R1.1 Implementation of actions for the protection of biodiversity related to mountain terracing

- Inventory and monitoring of flora and fauna species and local agricultural types
- Study of the project impact on agro-ecosystems and ecosystems services
- Based on the above, STONE project will made available scholarships for assigned Lebanese University students supporting local and international experts in research activities. The collected data will be exploited for the production of a scientific publication and of educational material in the framework of the project.
- The LU will be responsible and supervisor of the scholarship procedure and delivering to the awarded students

In particular, the LU and the awarded students, will be responsible for the monitoring, collection, sampling and identification of the insects in the Shouf Biosphere Reserve in selected and agreed sites.

Compliance with relevant law:

ACS and LU shall respect all applicable Lebanese laws in force and relevant to the Project, and any questions relating to validity, interpretation and performance, shall be governed by the Lebanese Court of Law located in Beirut.

3. BUDGET

4.288,80 Euro (4.800 USD at the official changing rate of June 2019, INFOREURO) in order to provide scholarship to 4 awarded students of **1.072,20 Euro** each (1.200 USD at the official changing rate of June 2019, INFOREURO)

Schedule of payments:

Each scholarship will be paid to LU in two (2) tranches of 50% each, **2.144,39 Euro** (2.400 USD at the official changing rate of June 2019, INFOREURO):

- one (1) at signature of this agreement
- a second and last one, upon reception of proof of payment of the scholarship to the selected students:
 1. Hanine Nasser: ID No. at LU is 2834; 1st year Master degree (MS), Plant Protection major as M1 & M2)
 2. Jessica Daoud: ID No. at LU is 2823; 1st year Master degree (MS), Plant Protection major as M1 & M2)
 3. Abed Al Haadi Saab: ID No. at LU is 3088; (3rd year Agriculture student, L3; starting Plant Protection major as M1 & M2)
 4. Ali Taleb: ID No. at LU is 3241 (3rd year Agriculture student, L3; starting Plant Protection major as M1 & M2)



Disbursements from ACS to LU shall be made from the STONE dedicated bank account opened by ACS in Baqaata, Lebanon, for implementing the project's activities to the bank account of LU.

Bank Account Details: Lebanese University

Bank: Banque du Liban

Branch: Hamra - Beirut

Account Number: 01- 716051112

Currency: Lebanese Pound

IBAN: LB 92 0999 0000 0001 0017 1605 1112

SWIFT: BDLCLBBXXX

LU will transfer the above mentioned amount to the in-charged Coordinator Prof. Efat Abou Fakhr Hammad / Prof. Salwa Wadih Tohmé that in turn will transfer to the awarded students. Prof. Efat Abou Fakhr Hammad / Prof. Salwa Wadih Tohmé will provide, the proof of the payments of the agreed amount to each student, to ACS.

The financial resources will be managed by ACS according to the administrative procedures of the donor AICS, The Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development.

4. DISPUTES

The Parties shall endeavour to settle amicably all and any dispute, even technical ones that may arise out or from the interpretation, validity and performance of the agreement.

In case the Parties fail to reach an amicable settlement, such dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in the Republic of Lebanon, Court of Law in Beirut.

In case of non-fulfillment of the assignment, for any reason attributable to LU, nothing will be due to LU.

5. DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT

The current Agreement is concluded for a fixed term. It enters into force on signature of it and will expire on 15th October 2021, deadline for delivery to the Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development (AICS - Agenzia Italiana per la Cooperazione e lo Sviluppo) of technical and financial reports relating to the project, in addition to any extensions.



If the execution of this Agreement is made impossible for reasons of force majeure or for reasons resulting from war or extreme political disorders, each party is entitled to terminate the agreement.

In the event of a termination before the expiration of the agreement, any advances made by ACS using the funds made available by ACS must be returned within 3 (three) months of the date of the early termination.

6. Communication:

Any official communication concerning this Agreement shall be written in English and shall be addressed to Mr. Nizar Hani, Manager of Shouf Biosphere Reserve / **Al-Shouf Cedar Society (ACS)**, Park House - Maasser el Shouf – Lebanon

Any variation, addition, amendment or cancellation of the current Agreement must be made only in written and signed by both parties.

Done in duplicate having the same probative force.

Beirut, 10/06/2019.

Charles Noujaim

Legal representative of ACS



Faculty of Agriculture
The Dean

Samir Zakhia Medawar


Samir Mdawar

**Dean of Faculty of Agriculture & Veterinary
Sciences, Lebanese University**


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President
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