



**Memorandum of Understanding  
Between the Developing 8 Organization for Economic Cooperation  
and the International Youth Foundation**

WHEREAS, the Developing 8 Organization for Economic Cooperation (“D-8”) is a global arrangement among eight developing countries for development cooperation, represented by the D-8 Secretariat located at Maya Akar Center, Buyukdere Cad. 100 – 102, Esentepe 80280, İstanbul, Turkey, and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this aim, the D-8’s objectives are inter alia to improve developing countries’ positions in the world economy, diversify and create new opportunities in trade relations, enhance participation in decision-making at the international level, and provide better standard of living, and

WHEREAS, the International Youth Foundation (IYF) is an independent, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, located at 32 South Street, Suite 500, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, that aims to promote effective and sustainable educational projects in developing countries that prepare young people to be healthy, productive and engaged citizens, and

WHEREAS, IYF works on programs in over 70 countries around the world, including six of the eight member countries of D-8, and the two organizations believe that within overlapping countries of operation there are many possible avenues for partnerships in support of their mutual aims, and

WHEREAS, D-8 and IYF seek to establish a strong relationship through which the organizations may easily undertake such partnerships and each institution can benefit from its complementary activities and strengths,

THEREFORE, D-8 and IYF (the “Parties”) hereby execute this Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) to develop a framework for sustained collaboration between D-8 and IYF, including:

1. IYF Programs. A variety of IYF youth education and employability programs, currently being implemented, designed, or proposed, could potentially benefit from D-8’s participation. As opportunities for possible collaboration arise through these various avenues, the parties will confer with one another about possible partnership possibilities:
  - a. Education and Employment Alliance (EEA): Under its EEA program, IYF seeks to develop new public-private alliances in six countries of which three are D-8 member countries, namely Egypt, Indonesia, and Pakistan. Through these local Alliances, IYF works with partners to design programs, make sub-grants to worthy projects, and monitor and

evaluate their progress. Many of these Alliances and programs may provide specific avenues for D-8 participation, particularly in supporting entrepreneurial-related activities in EEA countries relevant to the remittance program as described in Paragraph 2.

- b. Youth:Work: IYF has recently entered into a new partnership with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) for a global youth employability program called “Youth:Work”. As IYF implements this youth employability program, it will discuss specific avenues for D-8’s participation in its member countries in the Middle East-North Africa region, Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia.
    - c. Other Programs: IYF frequently designs new programs for proposals to multilateral and bilateral donors, often in countries of D-8 membership. Such programs could potentially include the D-8’s commitment to participate in related activity should it be approved for implementation.
  2. Remittances-Related Program Partnership between D-8 and IYF: The Parties are committed to collaboratively designing a new program that encourages migrant workers to use formal channels to send remittances home and invest in agriculture related small and medium enterprises, thereby promoting food security in D-8 member countries. This collaboration will start with the design of a proposed pilot program in Indonesia and Pakistan. Both IYF and D-8 agree to work closely in submitting this important proposal to various donor agencies, financial institutions, program partners and others in a collaborative manner for funding and programmatic support in the coming months.
  3. Further Agreements; Partner Contributions. It is anticipated that for each country program, upon mutual agreement on additional partners, implementation venues and program strategies, the Parties will enter into a separate Partnership Agreement with respect to specific projects, governing the roles, responsibilities and contributions of D-8, IYF and other partners. The following contributions are likely to be specified within such project-specific agreements:
    - a. IYF. IYF is prepared to develop the program proposal in close coordination with D-8, and, as appropriate, to secure participation from IYF partners in mutually agreed upon programs. Subject to acceptance of specific program proposals and signing any partnering agreements that may be required, IYF may also assist in program management, monitoring and evaluation programs, and in other program areas as appropriate.
    - b. D-8. D-8 would contribute to proposal development and marketing phases through its extensive network in member countries and donor agencies. D-8 may also participate in various meetings that IYF will have with potential donor agencies to the extent possible to promote the program idea and share knowledge and expertise in the specific area as appropriate. D-8 would further serve as an advisor to program activities being implemented, and its further role with respect to

implementation of activities would be detailed in the separate Partnership agreement.

4. Additional Commitments; Reporting. The Parties commit to sharing non-confidential information to the greatest extent possible to assist each other in developing proposals, and marketing these to international donor agencies and D-8 member states.
5. Program Evaluation. IYF programs typically include monitoring and evaluation plans that assess the effectiveness of program interventions. The Parties are committed to working together to develop and implement an appropriate monitoring and evaluation plan for each project, and similarly agree to exert best efforts toward improving program effectiveness on an ongoing basis.
6. Non-Binding Expression of Intent. The Parties enter into this MOU to set forth the intentions and understandings with regard to these shared goals. The Parties specifically acknowledge, however, that this MOU is neither an obligation nor a commitment of funds, nor does it constitute a legally binding commitment by either Party.

In acceptance of the aforementioned, the undersigned duly authorized representatives of the Parties execute this MOU as of 1 December 2008.



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