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Key data

Activity basics

Type	Standard
Short name	Water Sector Scan
Contract party	Stichting Netherlands Water Partnership NWP (30011745)
ODA	Yes
Amount EUR	104059
Start date	22-05-2026
End date	31-10-2026
Full name	Water Sector Scan
Summary	NWP will carry out a Water Sector Scan for the Dutch Embassy's water portfolio in the next 3–5 years. The Water Sector Scan shall offer guidance on relevant themes, implementing partners and key stakeholders to engage within Egypt's water sector, while aligning with Dutch and Egyptian priorities and policies, and drawing on Dutch expertise. A limited bidding process has been conducted to choose the best consultant to conduct this assignment. The terms of reference has been sent out to 5 candidates, out of which 2 submitted quotations: Rebel Group, and Netherlands Water Partnership foundation in collaboration with consultant Rob Steijn. After assessing both quotations based on qualitative, team composition and pricing criteria, the winning bid is by NWP (in collab. with Rob Steijn).

Activity details

Date of receipt of proposal	21-04-2026
Proposal's reference number	MINBUZA-2026.167746
Budget holder	Ambassade Caïro (8251KAI)
Limit access	No
Related activity	

Accounting data

SAP application number	
Main funds center	Water deleg: integrated water management (1702U0203)

Policy data

Cooperation modality	Project support
Technical assistance	0% of the activity budget
CRS code	14010 Water sector policy and administrative management
Policy Keywords	
Refugees & host communities	No
Team Europe Initiative	No
Policy Markers	
__Trade & The Economy	Not targeted
_Security & Stability	Not targeted
Biodiversity	Not targeted
Climate change: adaptation	Not targeted
Climate change: mitigation	Not targeted
Desertification	Not targeted
Equality between men & women	Not targeted
Migration	Not targeted
Drinking water and sanitation	Principal
Integrated water management	Principal
Explain your choices	The Water Sector Scan shall provide an up-to-date and forward-looking strategic overview and recommendations on the following: a. Themes/ activities in the water sector, where the Netherlands has an added value b. Themes/ activities in the water sector, that can contribute to Dutch business opportunities and earning capacity of the Netherlands c. Themes/activities that align with Dutch water policy and interests and with Egyptian needs and interests This means that the scan will guide KAI towards activities that support trade, security and stability, and migration. The scan will focus on three main pillars: coastal protection, irrigation for agriculture and WASH sectors. This directly addresses drinking water and sanitation needs, integrated water management and food security needs of Egypt, as well as climate adaptation.

Beneficiary location

Beneficiary location	Country
Country	Egypt
Location type	Territory
Specific location	

Policy Appraisal

Policy relevance

- What policy objectives, as set out in the annual plan, policy notes etc., will this activity contribute to?

The Netherlands' delegated water budget has been substantially increasing and Dutch priorities in international development have shifted toward Trade & Economy, Migration, and Security & Stability. The water scan has been commissioned to inform the planning of the Dutch Embassy's water portfolio in this context and to offer guidance to KAI on relevant water themes, implementing partners and key stakeholders to engage within Egypt's water sector. The water scan will focus on KAI's water pillars: coastal protection, irrigation for agriculture and WASH sectors, as prioritized in our annual plan.

Rationale

- What issue/problem will be addressed by the activity

  Egypt, classified as a water-stressed and arid country, faces escalating water-related challenges, making it highly vulnerable to climate change. Available water resources are currently less than 500 m^3 per capita, placing Egypt below the UN's water poverty line. Water security is considered one of the biggest current and future challenges facing Egypt, driven by a rapidly increasing population and climate change impacts.

  Egypt's need to address its water challenges has increased, alongside a growing interest from the Netherlands in supporting Egypt's water sector. Starting in 2027, the Netherlands' delegated budget for water projects in Egypt will substantially increase. At the same time, Dutch priorities in international development have shifted toward **Trade & Economy, Migration, and Security & Stability**. Within this historical and policy context, the embassy seeks to commission a *Water Sector Scan* to inform and guide its future water cooperation with Egypt.
- Why does the activity help to address the issue/problem?

  For ODA activities over EUR 250.000, please explain the Theory of Change

  The Water Sector Scan will inform the planning of the Dutch Embassy's water portfolio in the next 3–5 years. It will offer guidance on relevant themes, implementing partners and key stakeholders to engage with in Egypt's water sector, while aligning with Dutch and Egyptian priorities and policies, and drawing on Dutch expertise.

Contextual analysis

- Who is/are the target group(s) and why?

  The scan targets guiding the embassy's team towards effective water portfolio planning and management.
- Who are the other main stakeholders?

Main stakeholders include public authorities, companies, knowledge institutes, and international organizations.

- To what extent have stakeholders been involved in formulating the proposal?

Main contacts of the embassy in the Egyptian Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation are aware that the embassy is conducting a water sector scan. However, the scan is targeted primarily for the embassy team, thus, different embassy members have been involved in formulating the ToR for the scan to ensure it is at the end a comprehensive, useful document.

- Is the intervention aimed at a specific geographical location, and if so, why?

Egypt in general

Additional remarks (if applicable)

Results

Water

3.3. Knowledge development and research (knowledge for policy)

Indicators
3.3. What has been achieved by this activity on knowledge development and research?
Measurements:

Monitoring and evaluation

Monitoring

- Specify what reporting information is required for this activity, based on the activity analysis decision tree (see Help).

Throughout the whole project duration, biweekly meetings will be conducted to monitor progress.
During the 2nd-3rd week of August, 2026 the draft report shall be submitted. During the 2nd week of September, 2026 a workshop will be conducted by the consultant in Cairo, Egypt to discuss and validate the key findings and recommendations of the study. The final *Water Sector Scan* report shall be submitted to the embassy's focal point by the 30th of September 2026.

For Impact only the final report will be the basis of approval of the project/payment.
This report is due 30.09.2026.

Finance

Budget breakdown

- Include an overview of the activity budget, including overhead costs.

This is the budget overview of NWP quotation (**fixed sum**)

	Amount	Fee (excl.VAT)	Total
An hourly rate for a Dutch consultant (team) including an estimated of the hours that will be spend;	512	€ 130,00	€ 66.560,00
an hourly rate for a local consultant including an estimated of the hours that will be spend;	400	€ 30,00	€ 12.000,00
Travel and accommodation costs of Dutch consultant to Egypt (2 trips);	2	€ 2.000,00	€ 4.000,00
The cost for a validation Workshop (planning, venue, accommodation, printables, catering etc.).	1	€ 3.439,00	€ 3.439,00
		excluding VAT	**€ 85.999,00**

- Is the budget arithmetically correct?

Yes

- Are the amounts/rates in the budget acceptable?

Yes

- Briefly explain the structure of the budget.

The budget includes:
- Hourly rates and number spent on the assignment for 2 Dutch consultants and one local consultant
- Travel and accommodation of Dutch consultant for 2 trips
- Cost of Validation workshop

- Are overheads proportional to outputs? What is included? What is recharged?
  The project consist mainly of hours made by consultants.
- Is implementation conditional on the budget being amended in an inception phase? (Specify the requirements that the budget must satisfy and the date by which the budget must be amended)

Earmarking

- Is the Dutch contribution to the programme earmarked (i.e. reserved for a specific purpose)? If so, specify the reasons why.

It is an assignment by EKN. There are no other parties involved. Budget is in accordance with the ToR of the tender.

Prepayments

- Based on the prepayment decision tree (see Help), do the payments need to be entered as prepayments and why? In the case of a lump sum, assess this against the applicable criteria and give the reasons for your choice.
- What is the maximum percentage that can be paid as prepayment, and why?
- Which are the reporting obligations on the basis of which prepayments can be closed?

Payment will be on invoice. We expect an invoice for an advance. The advance can be around 80% (EUR 68.800) and will be recorded as advance. The final payment will only be done after approval of the end report.