Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The State of the Netherlands, represented by the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development, legally represented in this matter by Marieke Wierda, hereafter referred to as the Minister, on the one hand,

and

Association Nabad for Development, established and with offices in Beirut, Lebanon, legally represented in this matter by Hussein Shouman, hereafter referred to as the other party, on the other hand,

WHEREAS:

The Minister is prepared to make a contribution to the other party for the activity "*Enhancing Youth Skills and Livelihood Opportunities in Beirut & Mount Lebanon*" to be implemented by the latter, as described in the proposal of 11 December 2025, which was updated on 16 January 2026;

The other party will be awarded the contribution subject to the following conditions;

HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The activity to be financed from the contribution will be implemented under the responsibility of and at the risk of the other party in the manner described in the above-mentioned letter, consisting of an activity plan and a budget. The budget will reflect both the Minister's contribution and any contributions made by the other party or by third parties. The Minister bears no responsibility or liability whatsoever in respect of a third party as regards the implementation of this agreement. The activity plan and the budget are appended to this agreement together with the above-mentioned letter as annex 1. The contribution has been allocated activity no. 260000019 in the Minister's records.

2. The contribution is awarded subject to the condition that sufficient funds are made available by the budget legislator.

3. The activity will run from 01-01-2026 to 31-12-2027.

4. Any changes in the manner of implementation of the activity and/or in the budget must be submitted in writing to the Minister for approval in advance. If the Minister does not propose any adjustments within eight weeks of receipt of the changes, they will be deemed to have been approved.

5. The other party will notify the Minister immediately in writing if it proves impossible to keep to the original schedule, in which case the other party will propose a revised schedule. The Minister will inform the other party in writing as soon as possible, and in any event within eight weeks of receipt of such notification, of his/her decision on the proposed alterations to the schedule.

6. The other party must notify the Minister immediately in writing if it suspects or has discovered irregularities (such as fraud, a violation of contract award procedures, serious misconduct (including sexual misconduct) or other serious forms of inappropriate behaviour) relating to the implementation of the activities. It must specify the amount of money involved and the measures it has taken. The other party will include a list of all such notifications, financial interests and measures in the annual progress report or final report.

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The other party is responsible for the entire implementation of the activities for which the contribution has been awarded. If the other party works with consortium partners and/or local partners, the other party's responsibility covers these partners too. If the examples of circumstances, mentioned in this article and article 5, indicate that further action is necessary, the other party should discuss this with the Minister.

7. The contribution will not exceed USD 1.042.623,15. The Minister will transfer the funds in an advance payment of up to 12 months not exceeding 95% of the total contribution. The first instalment of USD 517.715,70 will be paid within four weeks of receiving the countersigned agreement to the following bank account:

   BLOM bank - Istiklal Branch
   IBAN: LB70 0014 0000 2102 3531 3295 3072

   The second payment, covering the planned expenditure for 2027, will be disbursed in November 2026.

   The other party will ensure that the contribution from the Minister is clearly visible in the accounts showing the expenditures and revenues connected with the funds allocated.

   The final instalment will be paid after the final reports have been assessed and the definitive amount of the contribution has been determined, as referred to in article 9.

8. During the course of the activity, the other party will supply several plans and reports so that the Minister can monitor progress. Table 1 indicates the type of plans and reports required, when they must be submitted and for what period. They are described in more detail below.

   You should publish the narrative reports to be submitted for this activity as an International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) dataset in accordance with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' IATI Publication Guidelines. The report must comply with IATI principles. In narrative reports, the other party must report on the funded activities in accordance with the BZ/DGIS reporting guidelines (see https://www.government.nl/documents/publications/2015/12/01/open-data-and-development-cooperation).

   For this activity you should include in your IATI publication a reference to the following BZ activity identifier: XM-DAC-7-PPR-260000019.

   The other party should submit these documents as PDF files to AMM-REGIO-CONTROLLER@minbuza.nl with a cc to the contact named in article 23.

   Table 1.

Type of report	**Period covered**	**Deadline**
Annual plan and annual budget (including liquidity request)	01-01-2027 to 30-12-2027	01-11-2026
Combined narrative and financial progress report	01-01-2026 to 31-12-2026	01-04-2027
Combined final narrative and final financial report	01-01-2026 to 31-12-2027	01-04-2028

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8.1. Annual plan/annual budget

8.1.1. Initial budget

For the first period from 01-01-2026 to 31-12-2026, the plan and budget submitted with the above-mentioned application will form the basis for the activities to be implemented by the other party.

8.1.2 Annual plan/annual budget

The annual plan must contain an overview of the activities and the intended results, and list the human and material resources needed.

The annual plan/annual budget must contain an overview of the other party's estimated revenue (e.g. the contribution, the other party's own contribution, funds provided by third parties and interest accrued) and expenditure, in so far as they relate to the funded activities. As a rule, the budget should balance. An explanation must be provided for each budget item that differs from the original budget.

8.2. Progress reports

8.2.1. Annual narrative progress report

The annual narrative report must include an aggregate overview of the activities carried out and the results achieved, as set out in the annual plan, and an explanation of any discrepancies.

8.2.2. Annual financial progress report

The annual financial report must include an aggregate overview of all the other party's estimated and actual revenue and expenditure, in so far as they relate to the activities being funded, and an

Overview of prepayments made by the Minister. The financial report must use the same currency as that in which the funds were supplied. An explanation must be provided for each budget item that differs substantially from the original budget.

8.3. Final narrative report

A final narrative report must contain an aggregate overview of the activities carried out and the results achieved, as set out in the activity plan, together with an explanation of any discrepancies vis-à-vis the intended results. It must link up with the final financial report so that it can be seen whether human and material resources have been used efficiently.

8.4. Final financial report

The final financial report must contain the information needed to determine the definitive amount of the contribution. It must contain an aggregate overview of all estimated and actual revenue (including the contribution, the other party's own contribution, funds provided by third parties and interest accrued) and expenditure, in so far as they relate to the funded activities, and an overview of the prepayments provided by the Minister. The report must cover the entire project period and be laid out in the same way as the budget. An explanation must be provided for each budget item that differs substantially from the budgeted revenue and expenditure.

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9. After receipt of the final reports referred to in article 8, the Minister will determine the definitive amount of the contribution within three months. On this basis, accounts will be settled with the other party. Funds made available by the Minister which remain unspent after determination of the definitive amount must be repaid immediately and unconditionally to the Minister.

10. Any interest accrued on the funds made available by the Minister must be used to finance the activities to be carried out in connection with this agreement and must be included in the financial statement. No funds or interest on funds will be used for capital formation.

11. The other party is responsible for ensuring sound management and keeping proper accounts. Any agreements with third parties regarding the implementation of the activity to be financed from the contribution will be laid down in writing. The policy adopted by the other party's organisation regarding prefinancing of implementing organisations will be applied.

12. The other party is required to keep records of the following: The rights and obligations relevant for determining the definitive contribution amount, and the outputs delivered OR revenues and expenditures. The records and accompanying documentation must be retained for seven years after the definitive contribution amount has been determined, as referred to in article 9.

13. The other party must keep an inventory of items purchased partly or entirely with the funds made available by the Minister. When purchasing goods and services, the other party will consistently aim to obtain the best price-quality ratio and, where practicable, call for competitive tenders in which all candidates are treated equally in similar cases.

14. The other party is liable for all customary taxes and levies.

15. The Minister may inspect or instruct others to inspect the activities carried out in connection with this agreement, including the other party's reports and financial accounts. The other party must render every assistance to the official or officials appointed by the Minister to carry out such an examination and allow them access to the documents relating to the activity. The costs of any such examination will be borne by the Minister.

16. The Parties will not offer to third parties or seek or accept from or be promised by third parties, for themselves or for any other party, any gift, remuneration, compensation or benefit of any kind whatsoever, if this could be interpreted as an illegal or corrupt practice. Such practices may provide grounds for dissolution of this agreement or part of it.

17. When spending the contribution and during the activities for which this contribution has been awarded, the other party must refrain from conduct that is punishable and/or prohibited under Dutch law, including sexual and other forms of harassment. Such conduct may provide grounds for dissolution of this agreement or part of it.

18. The Minister is entitled to make free use, worldwide, of all products produced in connection with the present contribution which may be subject to copyright or any other intellectual property rights. He/she may do so free of charge.

19. If the Minister is of the opinion that the specific way in which the activity plan is implemented or changes in circumstances have led to a situation in which the financing of an activity is incompatible with the foreign policy of the Government of the Netherlands, he/she will initiate consultations with the other party. On the basis of such consultations, the Minister may give further written instructions regarding the implementation of the activity plan.

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20. The other party must take account of the fact that the Government of the Netherlands may be held responsible under international law for the implementation of the activity plan. With this in mind, the other party must refrain from supporting activities whose aim is to undermine the political autonomy of a state or to bring down a lawful government by unlawful means. In this regard, lawful or unlawful will be determined not only by the views of the government of the country in question, but also in accordance with international (or international law) standards.

21. All items purchased using the Minister's contribution will be assigned at the end of the activity to a relevant purpose. The other party will submit proposals on this matter to the Minister for approval. In the final report the other party will account for the purpose to which items have been put.

22. The Minister reserves the right to reduce or prematurely terminate the funding for this activity, suspend the transfer of instalments or demand repayment of all or part of the funds already transferred if the other party fails to fulfil its obligations under this agreement, or fails to fulfil them on time, or uses the resources for a purpose other than that for which the Minister made them available, or if a third party has provided cofinancing for the same activities without the Minister's prior knowledge, the consequences of which for the budget have not been approved. The Minister will reduce or prematurely terminate his/her contribution only after consultation with the other party, after which accounts will be settled on the basis of the costs incurred and taking into account any commitments reasonably entered into for the future.

23. For the purposes of this agreement the following persons are responsible for liaison:

For the Minister	For the other party
Alain Waked Policy Officer EKN Lebanon	Lilian Hammoud, Program Manager Nabad

Unless this agreement expressly stipulates otherwise, all correspondence relating to this agreement will be drawn up in English and addressed to the above-mentioned representatives.

24. This agreement enters into force on the date of signature. Any changes or additions to this agreement are valid only if agreed in writing by both parties.

25. In case the organisation experienced inappropriate behaviour by an employee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (BZ), this can be reported this to the ministry's integrity coordinator via seah-expertisepunt@minbuza.nl. When your organisation would like to receive confidential advice and assistance first before filing the report, the external support officer can be contacted.
https://www.government.nl/ministries/ministry-of-foreign-affairs/contact/inappropriate-behaviour-what-should-you-do

26. In the event of plausible suspicions or actual instances of fraud, corruption or other irregularities that have (or may have) a bearing on the implementation of the activities, I may have these irregularities investigated. If such an investigation establishes that there are irregularities, I may share the main elements of the investigation's conclusions with (i) other donor countries that are at that time also financing or intending to finance your organisation, or (ii) organisations that are at that time also financing or intending to finance your organisation using funds originating from the ministry. I will give you prior notice of my intention to do so.

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27. This agreement is governed by Dutch civil law. Any disputes arising from this agreement will be referred to the competent court in The Hague.

Agreed and signed in duplicate

in Beirut on ..04/02 2026	in Beirut on ...04/2/2026
For the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development	For the other party
Marieke Wierda Head of Development Cooperation Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Lebanon	Hussein Shouman Executive Director Nabad for Development

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