

WORKSHOP ON INNOVATIVE SOCIAL ASSISTANCE STRATEGIES IN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

FINAL COMMUNIQUE

We, the representatives of the relevant ministries of the Member Countries of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the international and regional institutions participated in the Workshop on Innovative Social Assistance Strategies in Poverty Alleviation, held in Ankara, Turkey on 12-14 December 2011,

Acknowledge the importance and the need of well-functioning Capacity Building and training programmes for knowledge sharing and exchanging the best practices in OIC Member Countries,

Agree to establish a knowledge hub and a database for future cooperation among the OIC Member Countries which will facilitate exchanging experts, information, best practices and experiences in various fields related to poverty alleviation,

Welcome the initiative of developing an online Network to follow up the implementation of the outcomes of this workshop and future activities under the coordination of SESRIC,

Express our strong support for SESRIC and IRTI/IDB to have a more active and vital role in coordination of all possible future events, trainings, capacity building programmes, research and other activities under the Poverty Alleviation Programme (PAP) with a view to enhance cooperation and collaboration among the relevant institutions towards initiating strategic alliances with international community,

Commit ourselves to cooperate and collaborate in initiating capacity building in various fields such as women empowerment, child protection schemes, health schemes, rehabilitation of the people with special needs such as mentally retarded and disabled people, application of the best practices that could accelerate the achievement towards MDGs among OIC Member Countries,

Agree to develop capacity building programmes on the areas of knowledge sharing and proven best practices such as Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) programmes, Islamic Microfinance Programmes, Waqfs and Community led development programmes,

Recognize the vital importance of the evaluation of various capacity building and training programmes in order to provide an efficient monitoring and evaluation system for the continuation of these programmes, transparency and accountability matters,

Emphasise the importance of the implementation of utilization of communication including e-learning modalities to have better and timely networking and training, and to raise awareness and cooperation for innovative approaches, techniques and methods to accelerate alleviation of poverty in OIC Member Countries,

Call upon the Member Countries and relevant OIC Institutions to share the best practises and facilitate transferring experiences and expertise through knowledge hub, and other modalities of the online network,

Call upon the Member Countries to cooperate on a multilateral as well as bilateral level to finance projects on social assistance,

Express our thanks and appreciations to the government of Turkey particularly the Ministry of Family and Social Policy, SESRIC and IRTI/IDB for organising the Workshop on Innovative Social Assistance Strategies on Poverty Alleviation.

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