

PROJECT REPORT SUMMARY

Project nr:	Project number: ZT(2015)1
Subject:	(i) Participation in the 6 th Annual Conference on Medical and Health Sciences Studies, University of Khartoum (UoK), Khartoum, Sudan, and (ii) Providing a 4-days Intensive Training Course on Food Hygiene and Food Safety
Sponsored by:	The University of Khartoum (expenses) and Orange House Partnership (training course development and delivery).
Start and end-dates:	<u>18-22 February 2015</u> : the 6 th Annual Conference on Medical and Health Sciences Studies, Soba Medical Campus, University of Khartoum <u>23-26 February 2015</u> : Intensive Training Course on Food Hygiene and Food Safety, Faculty of Public and Environmental Health, University of Khartoum
Experts involved:	Elrasheed A. Ali (University of Khartoum), Sudan Herman Koëter (OHP), Italy Willem de Wit (OHP & DeWit AgroAdvies), The Netherlands
Background and Objectives:	<p>In the spirit of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (see addendum 1), which describes the intention of the UoK and OHP to provide for a food safety course once a year OHP offered to develop and deliver an intensive food hygiene and food safety course. It was agreed to provide the intensive 4-days training course back to back with an International Conference on Medical and Health Sciences.</p> <p>The objective of the project was to contribute to the development of a national knowledge-based center of food hygiene and food safety. Such a center, when properly staffed with well-educated and well-trained native Sudanese senior staff may well develop into a national food authority and sustainably available and affordable safe food supply.</p>
Meetings:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 6th Annual conference on medical and health sciences studies: keynote lectures given by Prof. Willem de Wit (Microbiology of food) (see addenda 2 and 3) and by Dr Herman Koëter (Food security, safety and quality: do they go hand in hand?) (see addenda 4 and 5) • The 4-days intensive training course on food hygiene and food safety: 13 one-hour lectures, 6 sets of statements for discussion, 3 three-hour work assignment sessions and several general discussions (see addendum 6 for the training course outline). • Informative meeting with the Ambassador of The Netherlands to Sudan: Ms Susanna Blankhart, and the Deputy Head of Mission and Counsellor: Esther Loeffen.
Main Topics and observations:	The <u>6th Annual Conference</u> was held at a brand new location (Medical Faculty campus) outside the city of Khartoum that was not easy to find for attendants. Consequently, the first speaker of the first day at the plenary session on "Health Sciences" (Herman Koeter) could choose to start on time with an audience of 3 or wait for 20 minutes to have the auditorium filled up. He went for the latter but had to shorten his lecture by 10 minutes. Wim de Wit was better off as he could use the full 40

	<p>minutes. Next to these lectures the 2 OHP speakers also co-chaired a session of shorter presentations (20 minutes). The conference covered a broad spectrum of medical and other health issues varying from technical progress in knee replacement to food safety and hygiene to factors contributing to absenteeism among nursing students at the faculty of nursing sciences. For further details see the conference website at: www.uofk.edu</p> <p><u>The OHP Intensive Training Course on Food Hygiene and Food Safety</u> was very well attended by 75 participants (expectation was 40). Participation was very active throughout the course. Work assignments included among others: (i) setting food standards for iodine in iodine-fortified salt taking into account the need to reduce salt intake, (ii) identifying the critical control points in a given work environment where HACCP would apply, (iii) risk assessment of the consumption of fish contaminated with MeHg, (iv) defining good dairy farming practices for each of the 6 objectives of Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) as defined by the FAO. From the onset of the course it was clear that the female attendants were significantly more pro-active than were the males. Attendants who participated for the full 4-day course were handed an OHP/UoK "Certificate of Attendance" together with a CD Rom comprising all lectures, statements, work assignments and</p> <p>Both the UoK representatives and the OHP trainers were of the opinion that the impact of this intensive but rather broad course would be more significant if, within a year, a series of follow-up in-depth training courses could be realised preferably on: (i) food hygiene and quality, (ii) food security and (iii) food surveillance and compliance monitoring including QA/QC approaches. Efforts will be made by both OHP and the Faculty of Public and Environmental Health of the UoK.</p>
<p>Documentation:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addendum 1: Memorandum of Understanding between OHP and the University of Khartoum • Addendum 2: Keynote lecture of Prof De Wit • Addendum 3: abstract of the keynote lecture of Prof De Wit • Addendum 4: Keynote lecture of Dr Herman Koëter • Addendum 5: Abstract of the keynote lecture of Dr Koëter • Addendum 6: Programme Outline Intensive Training Course <p>PDF files of all presentation can be made available upon request to: OHP Information desk at: info@orangeohouse.eu with reference to Project: "ZT(2015)1 training course presentations".</p>
<p>Date:</p>	<p>1st April 2015</p>
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