

THE CONSORTIUM PARTNERS

DSPS - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES of UNIPV, has a long and consolidated experience in the field of development and cooperation studies, as well as international relations. It has specific research centers in the field of development and counts numerous experts from different disciplinary fields. DSPS lecturers regularly teach in the Masters of the CDN and collaborates with the CDN CSOs.

CISP - INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLES is a European Non-Governmental Organization, with the headquarter in Rome (Italy), which acts in the international cooperation field and the fight against social exclusion. Since 1983 CISP carries out development, rehabilitation and humanitarian programmes, as well as projects of applied research, in about 30 countries in Africa, Latin America, the Middle East, Asia, and Eastern Europe. Working in Kenya since 1997, CISP supports national and local authorities and institutions to provide quality, equitable and accountable services in various sectors, including higher education, food security and nutrition, child protection, arts and culture. Founding member of the CDN, is the leading agency in the development and implementation of the MECOHD programme.

CDN – COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT NETWORK is a network of post graduate education programs in cooperation and development. Members of the CDN are the 5 Universities hosting the programs, and the UNINORTE Barranquilla, (Colombia), the Institute for Advanced Study of Pavia, the Almo Collegio Borromeo of Pavia (Private University College) and 3 Italian NGOs: CISP, VIS and COOPI. Founded in 1997, it includes 5 masters programs in different continents:

Master in Cooperation and Development (CD), University of Pavia, Italy;
Escuela Latino Americana in Cooperación y Desarrollo (ELACID), Universidad de San Buenaventura, Colombia;
Master in Cooperation and Development (MICAD), Bethlehem University, Palestine;
Master in Cooperation and Development (MICD), Mid-Western University, Nepal;
Master of Economics, Cooperation and Human Development (MECOHD), Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya.

KU - KENYATTA UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS is a public university with technical expertise in research, monitoring and evaluating public and private actions, and provides high quality academic programmes that attract individuals who wish to be globally competitive. Since 2013, is part of the CDN, being the institution hosting and running the MECOHD programme in the School of Economics.

TUC – TANGAZA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE is a Constituency College of the Catholic University of Eastern Africa. It is a *non-for-profit* organization, dedicated to Higher Education, which since 1986 offers various academic programs, from certificate to PhD level; it runs policy-oriented research and is committed in many social programs. The TUC Institute of Social Transformation is specialized in sustainable human development, social transformation, social entrepreneurship and governance.

OTHER PARTNERS

In Kenya the project has involved other important partners:

- **The INGO Amici del Mondo** (*World Friends*), involved in particular in the health research activity.
- **The National Treasury and Planning.**
- **The Ministry of Devolution and ASALS.**



KENYA - ITALY

 **TOGETHER**

TO GET HIGHER EDUCATION & RESEARCH

**COOPERATING IN
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

A RESEARCH
AND HIGHER EDUCATION
PROJECT IN KENYA



PROJECT PRESENTATION

This is a 3-year project co-funded by **AICS (the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation)** and implemented by a consortium of 5 partners: **University of Pavia - DSPS (Department of Social and Political Sciences)**, the lead of the initiative; **CISP (International Committee for the Development of People)**, which coordinate the project implementation, working in collaboration with the local partners the **Kenyatta University** and the **Tangaza University College**, in the framework of the **Cooperation and Development Network**.

WHY?

To **support equitable, sustainable and inclusive human development**, it is important to create training and research opportunities on development policies and practices and to seek to improve their quality and effectiveness.

The goal of the project is to promote inclusive access to research and training initiatives on sustainable human development for students, young researchers and development actors, including public officials and kenyan civil society operators.

BACKGROUND

Kenya is experiencing a complex and contradictory political and social evolution. Sustained economic growth but, despite a decline in the poverty rate, large swathes of the population still live in situations of extreme poverty, social exclusion and inequality.

To support equitable, sustainable and inclusive human development, it is important to improve the quality and effectiveness of development policies and practices, providing development operators with the tools and empirical data to plan and implement development programs with efficacy.

This project supports the enhancement of training opportunities on sustainable human development for Kenyan students, young researchers and development actors, including public officials and civil society operators.

BENEFICIARIES

The project will take place in **Nairobi and other counties in various regions of Kenya**, and will involve the participation of **415 peoples**. In particular, direct beneficiaries of the project activities will be:



Students and development actors (public officials and Kenyan civil society operators) who will participate in the training opportunities, internships, exchanges.



Lecturers and young researchers who will take part to training, strengthened inter-university exchanges and joint research work.



Scholars and community members who will be involved in the research activities.

MAIN COMPONENTS



The enhancement of the Master of Economics Cooperation and Human Development, MECOHD, through the implementation of international lectures, the provision of scholarships, students and teachers exchanges.



The implementation of summer schools, short courses and seminars for public officials and executives of civil society organizations.



Carrying out research activities, in collaboration with the kenyan academic institutions involved, on the subject of sustainable human development, to promote and strengthen the production of joint research works.