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We cannot disregard the fact that global food security is at greater risk due to the ongoing challenges and economic and political conditions, as well as the impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19) and climate change. Considering the fact that some Arab countries heavily depend on importing Russian and Ukrainian wheat, oilseeds and fertilizers.

In this regard, AAAID seeks to meet these challenges and continue to operate as per the directives of AAAID's strategic plan for agricultural investments for 2021-2025, which aim to invest in new and existing projects, increase the capital of multiple companies, and rehabilitation and expansion programs for some exiting companies, as well as finance revolving loan programs for small and medium farmers in a number of Arab countries.

In addition, AAAID continue to analyze its investment portfolio in member states on a regular basis, in order to benefit from the portfolio's performance indicators, maximize AAAID's resources in selecting future projects in which it will contribute to, and provide technical and financial support to AAAID's existing companies so as to improve their production and financial performance.

AAAID is also in the process of putting forward an initiative to develop and enhance the performance of its agricultural investment activity in member states. A number of field visits to AAAID's investment projects in the member states were made during the first half-year 2022, which included Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Oman and Algeria. The visits involved conducting meetings with ministers, senior officials and specialists from ministries and relevant authorities, in addition to paying visits to inspect AAAID's existing companies and under establishment projects, as well as reviewing a number of investment opportunities in the agricultural field.

In the context of implementing financing programs for small-scale farmers and producers, an area of 7,000 acres in Al Jazirah state, as part of the West El Manaqil and Central Al Jazirah project, was cultivated with wheat crop for the winter season 2021-2022. This came as part of the revolving loan program implemented in the Republic of Sudan, in which the harvest took place on time, with an average yield of 12 bags per acre, and a total of 14,664 farmers and their families have benefited from the program.

May God grant us success for the good of the Arab nation.



**Mohammed bin Obaid Al Mazrooei**  
President of the AAAID - Chairman of the  
Board of Directors

# The Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development hold its 46th Annual Meeting of the Board of Shareholders

The Joint Annual Meetings of Arab Financial Institutions were held under the patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on April 7, 2022 in Jedda, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which included the 46th meeting of the Board of Shareholders of the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development (AAAID).

During the meeting, His Excellency Mr. Mohammed bin Obaid Al Mazrooei, President and Chairman of AAAID, delivered a speech through which he extended his gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense, as well as the government and people of Saudi Arabia for their generous hosting of the joint annual meetings of the Arab Financial Institutions. H.E. Mr. Al Mazrooei also congratulated Her Excellency Mrs. Nadia Fattah Al Alawi, Minister of Economy and Finance in the Kingdom of Morocco, for being appointed as Chairman of the 46th session of AAAID's Board of Shareholders.

In addition, H.E. Mr. Al Masrooei reviewed AAAID's achieved net profit which amounted to about USD 26.1 million during 2021, while the shareholders' equity increased to about USD 1.01 billion. AAAID's investment program was also presented, which was prepared as per directives of AAAID's strategic plan for agricultural investments for 2021-2025, to invest in new and existing projects, increase the capital of multiple companies, and rehabilitation and expansion programs for some exiting companies, as well as finance revolving loan programs for small and medium farmers in a number of Arab countries.

In terms of AAAID's agricultural investment performance for 2021, the investment value in exiting companies and projects under establishment and implementation has reached about USD 662 million, equivalent to 91% of AAAID's paid-up capital, and include 53 companies specialized in the production of basic food commodities in order to bridge the Arab food gap. Moreover, in regard to development programs and the transfer of modern agricultural technologies, AAAID has implemented about 40 development programs during 2021 which reached around 77,423 beneficiaries, achieved a significant increase of more than 150% in crop productivity due to the use of modern agricultural packages, and contributed to the development and expansion of cultivated areas.

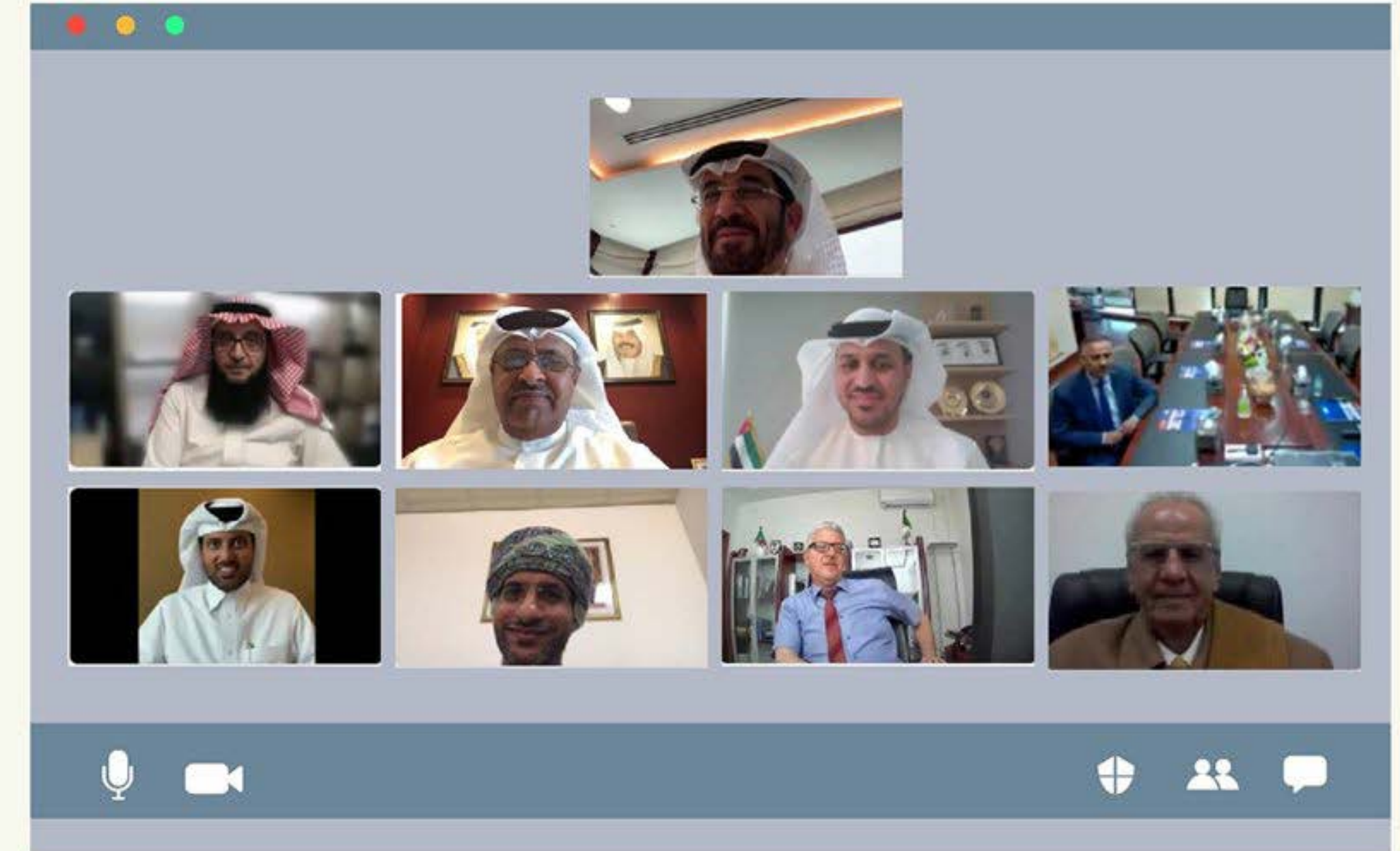
During his speech, H.E. Mr. Al Mazrooei pointed out that a number of events and workshops were organized by AAAID during 2021 in various Arab countries, in an attempt to promote for the available investment opportunities; besides, AAAID also participated in numerous Arab and international conferences, seminars, forums and exhibitions, which resulted in the signing of several agreements and memorandums of understanding.

Lastly, H.E. Mr. Al Mazrooei expressed his appreciation for the support that AAAID receives which plays a role in achieving its goals, besides extending gratitude to both the Republic of Sudan and the United Arab Emirates for hosting AAAID's headquarters in Khartoum and regional office in Dubai, as well as praising the exerted efforts of AAAID's members of the Board of Directors and employees, members of the joint Arab funds, the coordinating committee of the joint annual meetings, and the committees of the Ministry of Finance.



## Board Meetings

AAAID's Board of Directors held two meetings from March to June 2022, during which a number of important matters were addressed in relation to investment, agricultural projects and administrative aspects, while a number of decisions were issued in relation to following up with the condition of some companies.



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The second meeting of the Board of  
Directors for 2022



# AAAID signs two MoUs with Islamic Organization for Food Security and National Center for Agriculture and Education

Two joint memorandums of understanding were signed by The Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development (AAAID) and the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) and the National Agrarian Science and Educational Center on February 21, 2022, at the international conference titled "Prospects for the development of food security of the Republic of Kazakhstan and Central Asia", which was held at the Kazakhstan pavilion at Expo 2020 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

the MoUs signing with the Islamic Organization for Food Security aimed at establishing fruitful cooperation with AAAID, in order to work together on achieving respective objectives related to implementing projects of food and water security, sustainable agriculture and rural development, biotechnology, food reserves, besides promoting co-financing and other cooperative activities in areas of common interest. Through these MoUs, both parties aim to develop a form of joint cooperation in providing financial assistance, in order to develop and achieve food balance and agribusiness projects in countries of common concern, and in cases where emergency and humanitarian aid is needed.

As part of the cooperation with the "National Agrarian Science and Educational Center", the signed joint MoU aimed at collaborating in the implementation of food security, agriculture and rural development projects to achieve common interests in fields of sustainable agriculture, rural development, food and water security, biotechnology, food reserves and agricultural education, in addition to enhancing institutional cooperation, such as expanding channels of information exchange, research, analysis and communication.

Lastly, H.E. Mr. Mohammed Al Mazrooei, President of AAAID, stated, "Through these MoUs, AAAID seek to build successful investment and development partnerships with relevant authorities in order to enhance Arab food security."





## A bilateral meeting takes place at Egypt's Pavilion in Expo 2020 between H.E. the Egyptian Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation and H.E. President of AAAID

A meeting was conducted between H.E. Mr. Mohamed bin Obaid Al Mazrooei, President and Chairman of AAAID, and H.E. Mr. El Sayed El Quseir, Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation in Egypt, on February 20, 2022 at Egypt pavilion in Expo 2020 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. In addition, several topics were discussed regarding AAAID's projects in the Arab Republic of Egypt and the investment opportunities in the agricultural field.

Furthermore, a forum was delivered by H.E. the Minister and attended by H.E. AAAID's President, during which he presented the investment opportunities and challenges in the agricultural sector, as well as the efforts made by Egypt to achieve food security and agricultural renaissance.

It is noteworthy that AAAID's investments in the Republic of Egypt has amounted to about USD 35.4 million, besides AAAID's contribution to three companies including Faiyum Sugar Works Company, Arab Company for Production and Preservation of Crops, and Middle East for Veterinary Vaccines (MEVAC). AAAID's affiliated companies in the Republic of Egypt provides about 73,000 direct and indirect job opportunities, in addition to AAAID's current study of a number of investment opportunities in various regions in Egypt.



# Field visits paid by AAAID's delegation to investment projects in the New Valley Governorate - Egypt

A delegation from AAAID, headed by His Excellency Mr. Mohamed bin Obaid Al Mazrooei, President and Chairman of AAAID, had paid a visit to the New Valley Governorate in the Arab Republic of Egypt, from 16 to 21 January, 2022.

The visit followed the kind invitation of His Excellency Major General Mohamed El Zamlout, Governor of the New Valley, and reflected AAAID's interest to strengthen means of cooperation and create promising investment opportunities with the aim of enhancing Arab food security.

AAAID's delegation was received by H.E. Maj. Gen. El Zamlout at his office, who generously welcomed them to meet with a great number of investors in the Governorate. In addition, H.E. El Zamlout briefed the delegation about the Governorate's capabilities, investment opportunities, and available development projects.

During the visit, a joint memorandum of understanding was signed between AAAID and the Arab Poultry breeders Company Ommat, on January 16, 2022, in the hospitality of H.E. Maj. Gen. El Zamlout at his office. The joint MoU aims to set a framework for cooperation between the two parties in related activities, in order to establish future joint investments in the poultry production field and other agricultural fields in Arab countries.

The parties' cooperation enabled AAAID to review feasibility studies for new investment opportunities present at the Arab Poultry breeders Company Ommat; including Jodoud Project in the Arab Republic of Egypt, Broiler Mother Project in the United Arab Emirates and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Mothers of Broiler chickens in Kuwait. AAAID also reviewed studies that were carried out to expand existing projects, and efficiently exchanged experiences in related fields of work.

AAAID's delegation visited a model palm-farm project at Dakhla, Al Owainat Road, which is established on an area of 3,000 acres, in order to be introduced to the medicinal and aromatic oils production project

that include a farm to plant medicinal and aromatic plants, a greenhouse, and a factory for oil extraction. Furthermore, the delegation supported the non-traditional planting approach, and praised the step taken to achieve local and international production marketing.

A visit was also paid to the "Jinan" Village Development Project, aimed at supporting the youth by providing housing, farm lands and cows. The delegation had also met with a number of Egyptian and Arab businessmen and investors in Sharq Al Owainat, where the Governor confirmed the Governorate's capabilities and the available fertile environment for investments with great included facilitations.

H.E. Mr. Al Mazrooei ensured AAAID's keenness to contribute in enhancing and supporting investment in the Arab countries, and maximizing the economic feasibility of various projects to achieve development. The delegation also toured a number of investment projects affiliated with Egyptian and Arab investors in Sharq Al Owainat, in which the tour included agricultural investment projects for a number of Egyptian and Arab companies that invest in the cultivation of potatoes, citrus, palms and wheat.

The delegation also visited an exhibition of handicrafts and environmental products, and an exhibition of newly cultivated medicinal and aromatic plants that are aimed at maximizing economic feasibility. However, visits were made to the most important investment projects in the governorate, including organic fertilizers production factories, dates production factories, and fodder production factories, in addition to visiting fish farming projects and sericulture laboratories. A visit was also paid to check out the "Good Life" projects in Al Farafra, and the rain-fed irrigation project.

At the end of the visit, H.E. Mr. Al Mazrooei expressed his thanks and appreciation to H.E. Maj. Gen. El Zamlout for his generous hospitality, and expressed how AAAID seeks to build successful investment partnerships with relevant parties in order to enhance food security. He added that AAAID aims to increase its investments in the Arab Republic of Egypt, as well as learn about existing investment projects and new investment opportunities.



# AAAID studies promising investment opportunities in Algeria

In an endeavor to single out investment opportunities in the agricultural field, both plant and livestock sectors, and to introduce AAAID's projects in Algeria, H.E. Mr. Mohammed bin Obaid Al Mazrooei, President and Chairman of AAAID, and his accompanying delegation conducted a series of visits and meetings with the Algerian government's officials and a number of investors and businessmen.

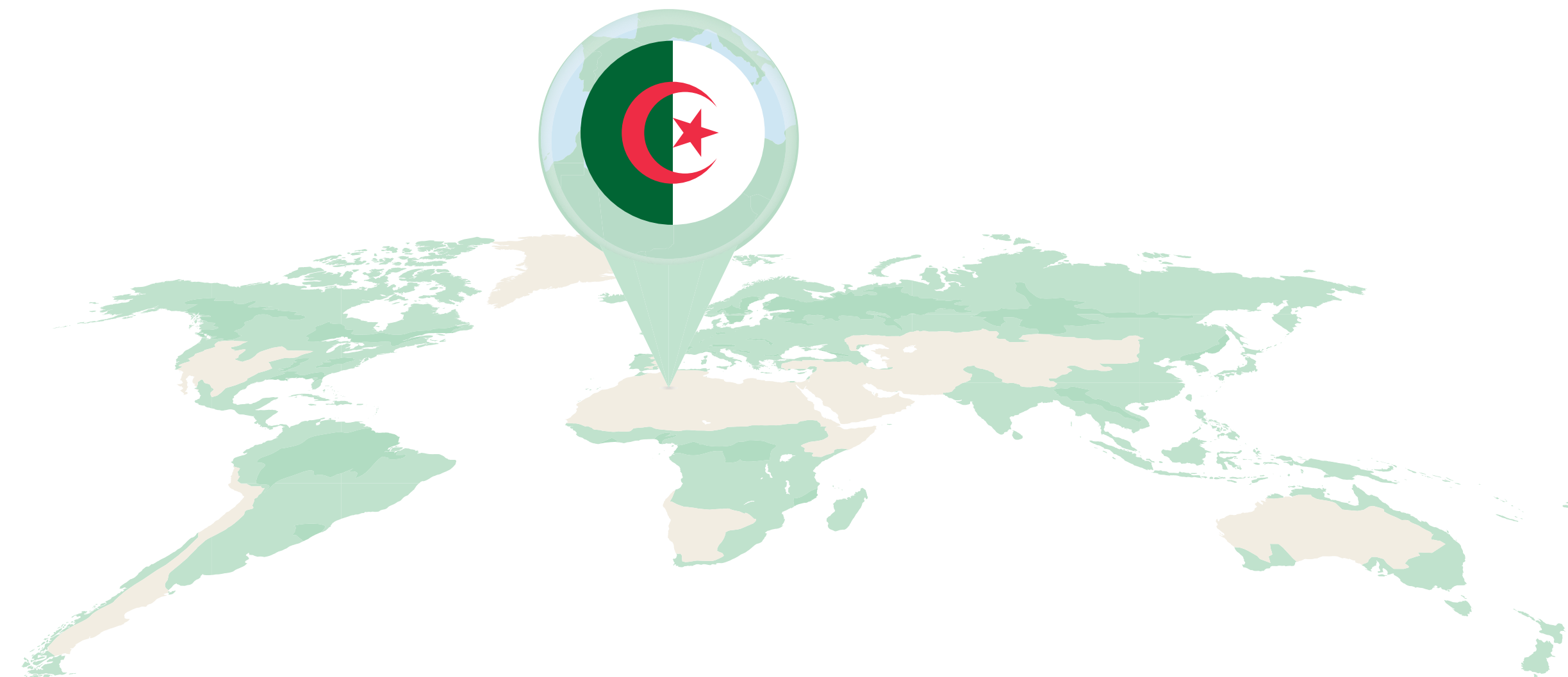
The visits were made during 9-13 May 2022, to H.E. Mr. Abderrahmane Raouya, Minister of Finance and Representative of Algeria for AAAID's Board of Shareholders, H.E. Mr. Muhammad Abdel Hafeez Hani, Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Fisheries, H.E. Prof. Hisham Sofiane Sallouchi, Minister of Maritime Fishing and Fishing Products, H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Khalaf, the Advisor to the President of Algeria, and H.E. Mr. Mohamed Amin Darmachi, Governor of Tiaret Province.

H.E. AAAID's President expressed his gratitude for setting these meetings with the ministers, and gave an introductory about AAAID, its vision, objectives and investments; reviewing its projects in the Arab countries and Algeria in particular, besides illustrating AAAID's work sectors and its strategy for 2020-2022 as per the investment climate and promising investment opportunities in the Arab region.

For their part, the ministers extended their appreciation, and promised full cooperation and support to overcome challenges that AAAID may face in its future projects in the agricultural and fishing fields, as well as related investments in Algeria, where it is rich with many fish types that are fit for human consumption. Additionally, it was pointed out that about 100,000 tons of traditional fishing are annually produced in Algeria, besides its aim to launch 200 investment projects dedicated to fish farming until 2024 in order to reach a production of 40,000 tons.

A visit was also paid to the Algerian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, where an agreement was made with the Director General to set an investment meeting between AAAID and Algerian investors, in order to put forward ideas and promising projects in the field of agriculture and agro-industry. AAAID's delegation also visited the National Chamber of Agriculture in the Algerian Capital to meet with the Chamber's Chairman, H.E. Mr. Mohamed Yazid Hambli, who expressed warm welcomes and promised cooperation to provide AAAID with a set of promising ideas and projects in the agricultural field, as well as programs for small farmers and breeders in Algeria.

It is noteworthy that AAAID is conducting studies in Algeria to contribute to an agricultural project by 40% of the capital of Sanabil Alarabia Project, which is an under-establishment project aimed at producing strategic crops such as grains, fodder and olives in an area of about 5,015 hectares in



Tiaret. According to the preliminary study, the project's investment costs were estimated at about 3.6 billion Algerian dinars (USD 2.46 million); meanwhile during the visit, AAAID's delegation inspected the initial experiment of cultivating wheat, barley and olive trees that was carried out on the project's land in Tiaret.

Moreover, current studies are conducted by AAAID on a number of projects, including the expansion project of a feed company, an agricultural project for olives and fodder production, an olives production project, an integrated agricultural complex project, grains production project, fisheries project and broiler grandparent project.

During participation in the activities of the African Investment and Trade Forum hosted by the Algerian Capital, H.E. Mr. Al Mazrooei called for promoting the search for investment opportunities between Arab and African countries in all areas, particularly in agriculture and trade sectors, in order to scale-up investment. In addition, H.E. explained that AAAID is working on increasing agricultural investments in a way that enables optimal use of agricultural and financial resources, as well as scientific competencies to be exploited for the benefit of Arab and African people.

H.E. Mr. Al Mazrooei called upon all African and international investors, as well as development and financing institutions to discuss the available investment opportunities in fields that serve the agricultural sector, and enhance trade exchange between Arab and African countries. H.E. also pointed out the key role that Algeria plays in the activities of AAAID, and the achievements made through its membership in the Board of Shareholders and its representative in the Board of Directors. Moreover, H.E. praised Algeria's potential as the largest African country in terms of area, the availability of the world's largest groundwater storage, its strategic geographical location where

climate and agricultural crops are diversified, in addition to the great attention paid by the government to agriculture as a strategic sector.

The conference witnessed participation of the Algerian, African and Arab employer organizations, representatives of various ministerial sectors, chambers of commerce and industry, economic operators and experts in economy and finance fields, as well as representatives of regional organizations, banks, national and regional financial institutions, and a number of ambassadors and parliamentarians.



Visit to H.E. Mr. Abderrahmane Raouya - Minister of Finance



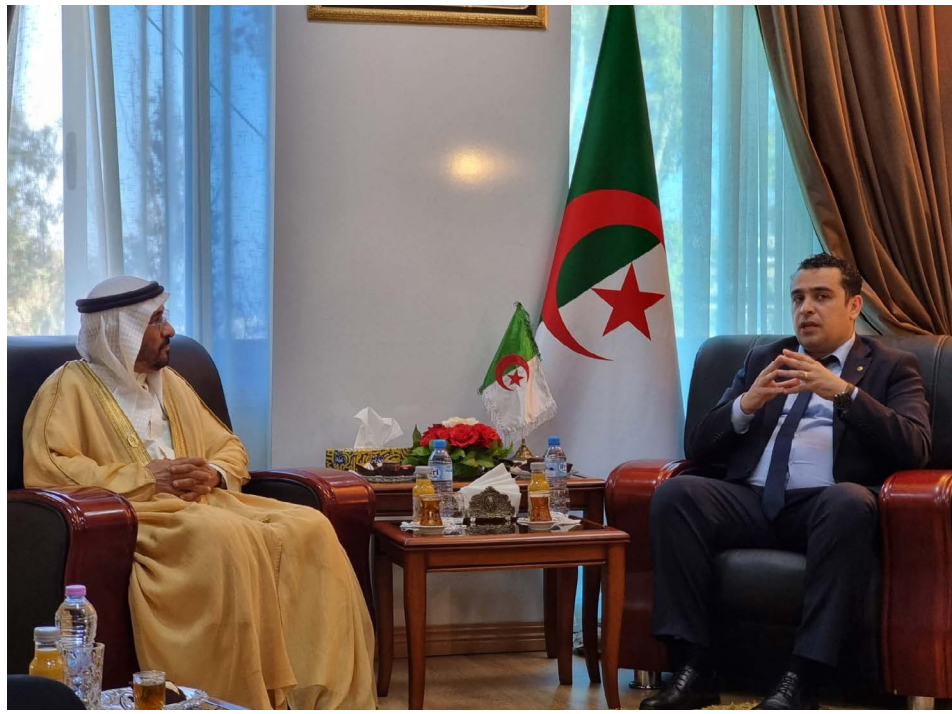
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Visit to H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Khalaf - Advisor to the President of Algeria



Visit to Vice Chairman and Director General of the Chamber



A field visit to the Sanabil Alarabia Project



Meeting with H.E. Mr. Said Boumaza - Resident Representative of the International Finance Cooperation - IFC



Meeting with H.E. Mrs. Saida Naghza - President of the General Confederation of Algerian Enterprises

# Oman provides attractive investment opportunities and pioneering projects for AAAID

A number of visits and meetings were conducted by H.E. Mr. Mohammed bin Obaid Al Mazrooei, President of AAAID, and his accompanying delegation with government officials, investors, and AAAID's companies in the Sultanate of Oman during 5-8 June, 2022. The held visits reflected AAAID's aim to increase and develop its agricultural investments in the Arab countries, identify opportunities of agricultural investments, introduce its projects and discuss future avenues of cooperation in projects of common interests.

The visits began with meeting H.E. Dr. Saud bin Hamoud Al Habsi, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries Wealth, and Water Recourses, in which they discussed future means of cooperation in fields of agriculture, fisheries, water resources, and projects that serve common interests to expand agricultural investment in Oman, which in turn contribute in enhancing Arab food security. For his part, AAAID's President praised Oman's exerted efforts to support and develop the agricultural and fisheries sector, as well as its great interest in the various fields of agricultural investment.

A meeting was also held between H.E. the President of AAAID and his accompanying delegation, and H.E. Dr. Sultan bin Salem Al Habsi, Minister of Finance, with an aim to brief about AAAID, its agenda and its investment policy, as well as give an overview of the projects which AAAID contribute to, and the available investment opportunities in Oman.

AAAID's delegation also met with H.E. Mr. Mohammed Suhail Al Shanfari, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Osool Poultry Company, and H.E. Mr. Nasser Al Harthy, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Fisheries Development Oman Company. In addition, field visits were carried out to a number of AAAID's companies to review activities and performance of the companies' projects in various governorates of Oman.

In addition, AAAID's delegation participated in the signing ceremony of a partnership contract and two MoUs between the National Veterinary Vaccines Company, one of its companies, and the Indian company TechInvention, Indian Immunologicals for Animal Vaccine, and Malaysian Vaccines and Pharmaceuticals Company, in an attempt to cooperate in the field of veterinary vaccines production and veterinary and human biology.

AAAID contributes to the National Veterinary Vaccines Company with 50%; which has a capital of OMR 200,000, and established with the aim to contribute to the demand in Arab countries for essential, commonly used vaccines, such as those for livestock foot-and mouth disease, bird flu and Newcastle disease, among others. The project was implemented according to two phases; the first is targeting the aseptic filling and production of 114.5 million doses of different vaccines over an expansion plan period of five years, while the second phase is the production of 144 million doses of different vaccines from year 5 onward.

Along the project of the National Veterinary Vaccines Company, AAAID has a number of existing and under-establishment projects, including the Omani Euro Food Industries with a capital of OMR 2 million and a 17.19% of AAAID's contribution, Osool Poultry Company with a capital of OMR 28.86 million and a 20.58% of contribution, and Al Bashayer Meat Company with a capital of OMR 24.5 million and a 20% of contribution. In addition to the project of Al Murooj Dairy Company, which AAAID contributes in by 20% of its total capital of OMR 10 million, and is aimed at establishing points for the collection, manufacturing and marketing of dairy cows and camels from breeders. The company also operates on manufacturing juices, and establishing milk cooling centers to produce raw milk and its by-products to meet local needs, with a capacity of 53,000 liters/day of cow milk, a 12,000 liters/day of camel milk, and factory's production capacity of 120,000 liters/day (90,000 liters pasteurized milk + 30,000 liters sterile milk and juices).



Meeting with H.E. Mr. Nasser Al Harthy - Chairman of the Board of Directors



Visit to H.E. Dr. Sultan bin Salem Al Habsi - Minister of Finance



Meeting with H.E. Dr. Saud bin Hamoud Al Habsi - Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries Wealth, and Water Recourses in Oman



Signing ceremony of a partnership contract between the National Veterinary Vaccines Company, one of AAAID's companies, and the Indian company TechInvention



Signing ceremony of two memorandums of understanding (MoUs) between the National Veterinary Vaccines Company, one of AAAID's companies, Indian Immunologicals for Animal Vaccine, and Malaysian Vaccines and Pharmaceuticals Company



Meeting with H.E. Mr. Mohammed Suhail Al Shanfari - Chairman of the Board of Directors of Osool Poultry Company



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# AAAIID's investment companies and projects

## Kenana Sugar Company

Republic of Sudan

- The company was established in 1975, in which AAAID contributes with 5.59%, and the Governments of Sudan, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia respectively contribute with 35.33%, 30.64%, and 10.97%, in addition to a group of banks and financial institutions contributing with 17.47% of the company's capital.
- The company's project is located near Rabak City on the eastern bank of the White Nile, 250 km south of Khartoum. The project owns an agricultural area of 168,000 acres, equivalent to about 71,000 hectares, for the cultivation of sugar cane.
- The company's objective to the production and marketing of refined sugar, the provision of technical and engineering services, and animal production.
- The company's project consists of a cane farm, a sugar factory with a capacity of 400,000 tons / year, a feed production factory with a capacity of 80,000 tons / year, an ethanol factory with a capacity of 65 million liters / year, the production of 115 megawatts of electricity / hour, and a poultry project of 3,000 tons of poultry meat, as well as a productivity farm and forests.
- The company's market share exceeds 52% of the total local production in the Republic of Sudan.
- In view of the company's plan to expand and



diversify sources of income, a number of new projects related to sugar production were implemented in order to diversify the company's products, and export some of them:

1. Expansion of ethanol production using sweet potatoes to meet the shortfalls of molasses in order to produce 65 million liters of ethanol annually.
2. Biofuel production project using ethanol waste to benefit from the produced energy, water and sediments in organic fertilizers, as well as preserve the project's environment.
3. The annual production of about 200,000 tons of organic fertilizer through the use of industrial and agricultural waste.
4. In addition to the expansion of animal and agricultural production, which include the expansion of broiler chickens and table eggs production, and expansion of the calves fattening project and fruit production.



## Arab Sudanese Seed Company

Republic of Sudan

- The Arab Sudanese Seed Company was established in 1997 with a capital of USD 12 million, in which AAAID contributes with 34.93%, the Government of the Republic of Sudan with 51.55%, government and banking institutions with 13.52%.
- The company owns six production plants in different regions in the Republic of Sudan to produce seeds of the most important strategic crops, such as maize, peanuts, wheat, sunflower, sesame and millet.
- The company follows a direct production method in its own areas, and the method of contracting with private farmers to grow seeds under the technical supervision of the company.
- The financial statements indicate that the company maintained its profits throughout the period from 2015 to 2021, and achieved net profits in 2020 of about 285 million pounds, with an increase of 247% from 2019.
- The company has prepared a strategic plan aimed at developing its performance by rehabilitating its assets, introducing modern technologies for seed production processes, moving towards the production of hybrid seeds, expanding the field of contracting with farmers, and increasing the geographical area of seed distribution.





## Arab Company for Drugs Ltd

Republic of Sudan

- The company was established in 2007 with a capital of USD 51 million, in which the Arab Company for Pharmaceutical Industries (ACDIMA) contributes by 40%, AAAID by 29.92%, the Arab Company for Industrial Investments by 17.58% and the Industrial Development Bank by 7.17%, the Veterinary Supplies Corporation by 3.44%, and the Government of South Darfur State by 1.89%.
- The company's project is located in Soba, Khartoum State, on an area of 12,989 square meters.
- The company aims to produce, manufacture and market human and veterinary medicines through three production lines:
  1. Vial line (injection) 900,000 liters/year
  2. Oral fluid line 1,800,000 liters/year
  3. Powder and tablet line 180,000kg/year
- During 2017, the manufacture of human medicines was added to the company's objectives.
- The company obtained approval from the Ministry of Commerce for importing in order to expand the company's activity of producing and distributing human medicines, while currently working on introducing equipment for the manufacture of human medicines, as well as registering a total of 7 preparations for human medicines.



- The company is working to obtain a certificate of conformity of its factory on principles of good manufacturing practice, and it is expected to obtain the official certificate from competent authorities in the near future, which will support the company's activity and enable it to export to neighboring markets.
- The company started its commercial activity in the second quarter of 2019, and 95% of the pharmaceutical files to be manufactured have been completed, while a contractual manufacturing agreement was signed between the company and ACDIMA company for 11 products and 6 technical files for other products were purchased. The company was able to register the first batch of 8 veterinary medicines, and 4 other products are awaiting registration.



## Arab Iraqi Dairy Production Company

Republic of Iraq

- The company was established in 1986, with a capital of about 11.4 million Iraqi dinars (equivalent to about USD 7.7 million), in which the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development and the Government of the Republic of Iraq contributes by 50% of each.
- The company's project is located 75 km southeast of Baghdad, with an area of 2,250 hectares in Ka-seeba area of Al Suwaira province.
- The company is engaged in raising cows, producing and processing milk and producing strategic field crops. The company aims to meet the local needs of milk and its derivatives and contribute to providing national and Arab food security.
- The company's capacities are represented in raising 2,000 heads of Friesian cows, producing milk and its derivatives with a capacity of 50 tons/day, and producing strategic crops in an area of 2,250 hectares.
- The company has a long experience in the field of cattle breeding, milk production and manufacturing, and great reputation of the company's products, besides the availability of local markets for its dairy products, and the provided government support for agricultural products and for all production inputs in Iraq.





## Osool Poultry Company

Sultanate of Oman

- The company was established in 2016 in the Sultanate of Oman, Hima State, Al Ghaftain, with a capital of 28.86 million Omani Riyals, in which the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development contributes by 20.58%, the Gulf Investment Corporation by 26.68%, A'Saffa Food Company 23.46%, A'Namaa Poultry Company by 14.35% and Atyab Investment Company by 9.93%, in addition to the Internal Security Service Pension fund by 05.00%.
- The company aims to produce 150 million hatchery eggs per year to meet the needs of the project's shareholders and bridge the gap in the Gulf market.
- Osool Poultry Company is one of the largest projects in the Middle East, specialized in broiler breeders and producing hatchery eggs.
- The company consists of 12 breeding farms, each containing 12 sheds with a total of 144 sheds to produce 150 million hatchery eggs, in addition to a milling factory with a capacity of 20 tons / hour and a small slaughterhouse with a capacity of 180,000 birds / month attached to a waste treatment unit.
- The commercial operation of the company's project has started in July 2021, while its expected market share is estimated at 8.5% of the total market demand in Oman and Gulf countries.





## Al Marga for Cattle and Agricultural Development Company

Republic of Tunisia

- The company was established in 1982, and the paid-in capital is about 10.5 million Tunisian dinars, equivalent to about (USD 4.33 million), in which the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development contributes by 63.33%, STUSID Bank by 30% and a number of other shareholders by 6.67%. The company aims produce milk as a basic commodity, and produce fodder and wheat crops.
- The company's production capacities are about 12 million liters of milk per year.
- During 2016 - 2021, profits were achieved by the company and distributed among shareholders.
- The company aims to continue rehabilitating its components after the first phase has been implemented, implementing investment programs of the second phase, and completing the transfer of cows from the first station (Al Marga 1) to the second cow station (Al Marga 3).
- The company also aims to improve grain production in quantity and quality by provision of agricultural production methods and modern mechanization, along with application of the required technical packages.



# Analysis of AAAID’s portfolio of contributions to companies’ capital and provision of technical and financial support to companies in which AAAID contributes

AAAID’s management continuous to analyze its investment portfolio in member states on a regular basis, in order to benefit from the portfolio’s performance indicators, maximize AAAID’s resources in selecting future projects in which it will contribute to, and provide technical and financial support to AAAID’s existing companies so as to improve their production and financial performance, as follows:

First: AAAID supports its companies by contributing to increasing their capital in order to implement rehabilitation and expansion programs, diversify activity and provide an operating capital, so as to diversify their products and benefit from the full production capacities available in these companies. AAAID’s Board of Directors has agreed to contribute to the capital increase of the following companies:

- 1. The Arab Company for Drugs Ltd: The company’s capital was increased by USD 5 million, and AAAID’s subscribed the capital increase according to its current contribution rate of 29.92%.
- 2. The Arab Sudanese Vegetable Oil Company: the company’s capital was increased by USD 6 million to finance the expansion plan, and AAAID’s subscribed the capital increase to about USD 5.3 million.
- 3. The Arab Qatari Agricultural Production Company: AAAID’s Board of Directors approved an increase in the company’s capital by 10 million Qatari riyals, and AAAID’s subscribed the capital increase of its 50% share by 5 million Qatari riyals, equivalent to about USD 1.38 million, in order to support the company’s five-year plan for 2022-2026 to develop and cultivate 4 hectares of greenhouses, which showed good financial indicators.

Second: Provision of operational loans to a number of companies such as the Arab Fisheries Company in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Arab Sudanese Blue Nile Agricultural Company (Agadi), the Arab Sudanese Vegetable Oil Company (ASVOC), the Arab Sudanese Seed Company and Domaine Youssef, in addition to providing guidance and technical support for them.

Third: In light of benefiting from the investment opportunities available in companies in which AAAID contributes and which features high financial feasibility, AAAID’s Board of Directors has approved the following:

- 1. Purchasing 50% of the shares of Al Namaa Company in Osool Poultry Company, with a value of USD 2.11 million, so that AAAID’s share becomes 20.58% instead of 17.76%.
- 2. Approval of the purchase of shares of some shareholders in the Arab Company for Production and Preservation of Crops who wish to sell their shares.

# Development and Applied Research Programs

## Small-scale farmers and producers financing programs:

In the context of implementing financing programs for small-scale farmers and producers, an area of 7,000 acres in Al Jazirah state as part of Al Jazirah project, areas of West El Manaqil and Central Al Jazirah, was cultivated with wheat crop for the winter season 2021-2022, with a total funding amount of 910 billion Sudanese Pounds. The harvest took place on time, with an average yield of 12 bags per acre. The program benefited 2,444 farmers out of a total of 14,664 beneficiaries.

In addition, a field visit was organized by AAAID's joint team and the United Capital Bank (the shareholder of financing portfolio for the agricultural season for 2021/2022) to El Manaqil area, in order to meet with the heads of farmers community in the West El Manaqil area to determine productivity, inspect the crop, and assist in addressing the challenges facing farmers such as means of shielding the crop from rain until it is received by the Agricultural Bank. However, an agreement was made with Wad Madani stores in El Manaqil area to store and preserve the crop.

## Applied research programs:

In the field of applied research programs, AAAID has implemented two research experiments at Al-Baqir Research Station for the cultivation of vegetable (tomatoes, eggplant, melon) in an area of 0.5 acres, and field crops (Maize) on an area of 0.5 acres, during winter season 2021-2022. The experiments were carried out as part of the cooperation with Tala agricultural company, under a signed memorandum of understanding with AAAID, in which the company provided the required seeds for the planned areas, in addition to providing technical support of guidance for the success of the experiments.



# AAAID as the Arab Agricultural Investment Partner of the Middle East Poultry Expo in KSA

Highlighting the importance of the poultry sector that majorly contribute to enhancing food security in Arab countries, it was notable that until 2019, the annual poultry production has reached about 4.9 million tons across these countries; while annual poultry imports were about 2.6 million tons.

Referring to the great and long experience which AAAID has in the field of poultry production, plentiful contributions has been made by AAAID across the years to a number of companies and existing and under establishment projects that operate in the poultry production field. The investment value was about 427.5 million US Dollars, representing AAAID's investments in Osool Poultry Company in Sultanate of Oman, Emirates National Food Company in the United Arab Emirates, Arabian Cooperative Company in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Arab Poultry Production and Processing Company in the Republic of Sudan, the Poultry Meat Production project in Kuwait, the Arab Mauritanian Company for Poultry project, and the Broiler Chicken Production project in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

On that account, the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development (AAAID) participated as the Arab agricultural investment partner in the first edition of the Middle East Poultry Expo 2022, that was held under the patronage of His Excellency Engineer/ Abdulrahman Al-Fadhli, Minister of Environment, Water and Agriculture, on 14-16 March, 2022 in Riyadh – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

AAAID's participation in the Middle East Poultry Expo 2022 was presented by the joining of several affiliated companies in its pavilion including, the Arab Poultry Production and Processing Company, which is one of AAAID's largest companies in the Republic of Sudan, and established with the aim of contributing to local demand with the potential to export poultry meat, table eggs, fodder and day-old chicks.

Additionally, Emirates National Food Company from the United Arab Emirates was also one of AAAID's companies to take part in the exhibition, which operates in producing premium quality chicken and processed poultry products, through applying the highest international quality and safety standards to produce fresh whole chicken, chopped and frozen chicken products. During the ongoing events of the exhibition, AAAID has also successfully organized a discussion panel titled "Investments of AAAID and its role in enhancing Arab food security".

The Middle East Poultry Expo 2022 has successfully managed to shed light on the poultry sector's security and sustainability, discuss the latest global trends and consequent challenges facing the industry, put forward solutions and innovations, and reflect the great efforts made by KSA in this field; in addition to highlighting the public and private sectors' efforts in expanding investment operations to increase production, by linking local and international companies in order to achieve self-sufficiency, increase the macroeconomy size, attract investors to KSA, create diverse job opportunities and achieve rural development.



# AAID celebrates its distinguished employees for the year 2021

Upon AAID's keenness to encourage employees to continuously develop their performances and skills, the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development (AAID) celebrated its annual employee rewards and recognition ceremony for the seventh year in a row, by honoring distinguished employees for the year 2021.

Following the safety measures and regulations to limit the spread of Covid-19, the ceremony was virtually organized for its employees in the Headquarters and regional office, on 16 February, 2022.

During the ceremony, His Excellency Mr. Mohammed bin Obaid Al Mazrooei, President and Chairman of AAID, delivered a speech welcoming the attendees and thanking them for accepting the invitation. H.E. Al Mazrooei congratulated the honored employees of various departments and units of AAID, praising the continuity of the ceremony for the 7th year, which contributes in bringing out the creativity and competitiveness for achievements.

H.E. Al Mazrooei expressed his wishes that the coming year would witness more achieved successes and creative initiatives that would be in the interest of AAID and its employees. During the ceremony, H.E. Al Mazrooei honored one of the scientists who worked for AAID, Professor Ahmed Ali Geneif, scientist and expert in the crop production field, and known for taking part in formulating agricultural investment strategies and evaluating a number of feasibility studies in agricultural investments field.

Prof. Geneif had also monitored AAID's companies with the aim of improving their performance, and represented AAID in a number of regional and international conferences and meetings, in regards of investment and agricultural development. Additionally, he was a member of the Advisory Committee of AAID's Applied Research Department, and a member of the editorial board of the agricultural investment journal.

The Financial Investment Unit won the distinguished management award among AAID's departments, and its director and employees were honored, as well as distinguished employees of every department in AAID.

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## Career Excellence 2021

