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Opening ceremony for the promoted project “Alliance for an Inclusive and Qualitative Early Childhood Education in West Bank” implemented by the Italian NGO Reggio Terzo Mondo.

Ramallah - On April 6th 2016, the three year project “*Alliance for an Inclusive and Qualitative Early Childhood Education in West Bank*” has been launched in the presence of HE the Minister for Education and Higher Education, Dr. Sabri Saidam, the Consul General of Italy in Jerusalem, Davide La Cecilia, the head of the preschool section, Ms. Suhai Awwad, and the representative of the Greek Orthodox School in Beit Sahour, Mr. George Saadeh.

The project – implemented by the Italian NGO Reggio Terzo Mondo (RTM) and funded by the Italian Development Cooperation with a total budget of approximately 1.8 M Euro – targeted 32 preschools in Bethlehem, Jenin, Ramallah and Tulkarem Governorates. The aim of the intervention is not only to provide furniture and educational materials but to foster the spread of the educational philosophy known as Reggio Approach, funded by the Italian teacher Loris Malaguzzi. Considered a point of reference for educators and researchers all over the world, Reggio Approach believes that children are active drivers of their educational experience and that they are endowed with "a hundred languages" through which they can express their ideas.

The ceremony has been the occasion, as underlined by the Consul General, to highlight Italy’s role in supporting Palestinian institutions as a way to preserve the two State solution. The Consul General also highlighted the enhanced role of NGOs in the framework of the new Italian legislation on development cooperation.