ANNEX V ABOUT THE COLLABORATING PARTNERS

SARDC (Southern African Research and Documentation Centre)

SARDC is an independent regional information resource centre, which seeks to enhance the effectiveness of key development processes in the SADC region through the collection, production and dissemination of information and enabling the capacity to generate and use information.

WIDSAA (Women in Development Southern Africa Awareness)

Women in Development Southern Africa Awareness (WIDSAA), is the gender programme of SARDC. WIDSAA is a regional program established within SARDC in 1992 to serve as a catalyst and information service to the SADC region's governments, parliamentarians, NGOs and agencies, the media and the public in the formulation of policies affecting women in the southern African region.

NGOCC (Non-Governmental Organisations' Coordinating Council) for Gender and Development

NGOCC is an umbrella organization of member NGOs/CBOs active in addressing gender and development challenges and is committed to coordinating and strengthening these organizations to enhance their effectiveness in empowering women.

HIVOS (Humanist Institute for Co-operation with Developing Countries)

HIVOS is a Dutch non-governmental organization, which operates on the basis of humanist values. HIVOS aims to contribute towards a free, just and sustainable world. The organization is committed to the poor and marginalized – and to the organizations that promote their interests – in countries in the South and in South-East Europe.

UNIFEM (United Nations Development Fund for Women)

UNIFEM promotes women's empowerment and gender equality. It works to ensure the participation of women at all levels of development planning and practice, and acts as a catalyst with the UN system, supporting efforts that link the needs and concerns of women to all critical issues on the national regional and global agendas, UNIFEM focuses its work at the country level with the context of the United Nations Resident Coordinator system.