

CONSOLIDATED APPEALS 2008: WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP

PROPOSALS: FAO EMERGENCY AND REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE

Total funding required: US\$7 335 000

Agriculture sector coordination and food security monitoring	
Objectives:	To improve evidence-based and decentralized coordination and harmonize the effectiveness of interventions in the field of agriculture and food security.
Activities :	Support FAO interventions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, focusing on coordination and support services, as well as providing technical expertise to national and local authorities at the government level and local NGOs at the community level. Specifically, the project aims to promote a comprehensive socio-economic monitoring system together with providing basic training in food security among national and international actors through decentralized courses.
Beneficiaries :	Poor farmers and individuals suffering from food insecurity in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Palestinian Authority Ministries , PCBS, donors , NGOs and UN agencies .
Implementing partners :	PCBS, Palestinian Specialized Consultants .
Duration:	January 2008 – December 2009 .
Funds requested:	US\$684 000.

Protection of farmers' livelihoods in the Jordan Valley through emergency agricultural interventions	
Objectives:	To improve the food security of farmers by increasing and diversifying agricultural production through improved irrigation and farming practices.
Activities :	Support selected beneficiaries through the rehabilitation of groundwater wells ; irrigation systems; water storage ponds; provision of palm date seedlings and fertilizer. In addition, technical assistance will be provided to farmers and extension agents in market orientated production approaches.
Beneficiaries :	4 800 (including 3 300 children, 750 women and 750 farmers).
Implementing partners :	Ministry of Agriculture, farmers' associations .
Duration:	January – December 2008 .
Funds requested:	US\$1.2 Million.

Emergency support to needy fishers in Gaza Strip to restore their fishing activities

Objectives:	To restore access to food and improve the livelihoods of the most vulnerable fishers through the rehabilitation of fishing infrastructure, the introduction of aquaculture and technical support.
Activities :	Deliver production inputs and technical devices including fishing equipment, packaging and storage facilities paving the way for the resumption of fishing operations. Provision of technical assistance to ensure high product quality and profitability. Restoration of fishery production in the Gaza Strip through the introduction of aquaculture activities .
Beneficiaries :	1 000 fishers in southern (Khan Younis and Rafah) and central (Deir al Balah and Gaza) areas .
Implementing partners :	Ministry of Agriculture, NGOs, cooperatives .
Duration:	January – December 2008 .
Funds requested:	US\$1.5 million.

Emergency support to small ruminant (sheep and goats) farmers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to maintain the productivity of their flocks

Objectives:	To support livestock farmers to improve their livelihoods through emergency interventions in animal hygiene, veterinary services, health and feeding.
Activities :	Support small ruminant farmers and breeders with farm inputs, particularly animal feed, medicines and veterinary kits. Promote local feed production in order to reduce dependency on purchased inputs. Strengthen technical skills of the Ministry of Agriculture through technical expertise, particularly extension to deliver up-to-date knowledge regarding animal husbandry practices.
Beneficiaries :	650 farming households .
Implementing partners :	Ministry of Agriculture, local authorities, NGOs, local community-based organizations.
Duration:	January – December 2008 .
Funds requested:	US\$1 398 000.

Building the capacity of women farmers in the Jordan Valley (joint project with United Nations Development Fund for Women - UNIFEM)

Objectives:	To improve household income in beneficiary localities in the Jordan Valley through the provision of agricultural tools, awareness raising and training.
Activities :	Provide women with agricultural tools, equipment and training for the processing of milk according to hygienic standards. Facilitate farmers' access to local markets, through the creation of a network between women's cooperatives and marketing institutions.
Beneficiaries :	2 800 individuals (2 400 vulnerable household members and 400 women).
Implementing partners:	Local community-based organizations.
Duration:	January – December 2008 (or 12 months upon funding).
Funds requested:	US\$253 000.

Protecting agricultural production by vulnerable farmers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip during emergencies using quick response plans

Objectives:	To ensure the restoration of agricultural production and improve resilience in the event of economic shocks and adverse climatic conditions.
Activities :	Strengthen monitoring and response capacities to sudden economic or natural shocks within the framework of risk mitigation schemes. Rehabilitate farms and provide production inputs for horticulture and livestock. Improve skills of beneficiary farmers enabling them to adapt to future economic shocks and extreme climatic events. Empower the services of the Ministry of Agriculture through tailored training.
Beneficiaries :	6 500 individuals (4 500 children, 1 000 women and 1 000 farmers).
Implementing partners:	NGOs, communities, farmers' associations.
Duration:	January – December 2008.
Funds requested:	US\$1.0 million.

Emergency support and employment generation for female-headed households through backyard farming and cottage industry in the West Bank and Gaza Strip

Objectives:	To enable vulnerable rural households to improve their food security status, nutrition and income through backyard farming and small cottage industry.
Activities:	Assist vulnerable female-headed households by encouraging backyard food production through the provision of vegetable seedlings, fertilizer, ewes, goats and honey bee hives. Provide tools and equipment to beneficiary families (mainly female-headed) for cottage processing of dairy products, fruits vegetables and meats. Deliver training exercises for women on packaging, labelling, advertising, book keeping and cost-benefit analysis.
Beneficiaries:	600 families (approximately 4 200 beneficiaries) including female-headed households, disabled persons and households lacking resources.
Implementing partners:	Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Women's Affairs, NGOs, agricultural grassroots movements, women associations and cooperatives in project areas.
Duration:	January – December 2008.
Funds requested:	US\$800 000.

Food security assessments in 2008 (joint project with WFP)

Objectives:	To support the coordination of activities and improve the effectiveness of interventions in the field of agriculture and food security.
Activities:	Conduct food security assessments to gauge changing beneficiary needs and collect information on food acquisition and consumption levels. Analyse food insecurity and socio-economic indicators, determinants and trends. Disseminate the assessment findings through publications, workshops, briefings and meetings. Extend basic knowledge in food security among national and international actors through decentralised courses.
Beneficiaries:	Vulnerable and food insecure Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, PA Ministries, PCBS, donors, NGOs and UN agencies.
Implementing partners:	PCBS, Palestinian Specialized Consultants.
Duration:	January – December 2008.
Funds requested:	US\$500 000.