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## Project Highlights

# WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP

**“Protection of livelihoods of small ruminant herders and promotion of better herd management in the West Bank and Gaza Strip”**

**Project code:** OSRO/GAZ/003/CAN

**Donor:** Canada

**Contribution:** USD 1 590 931

**Implementation:** 01/04/10 – 30/09/11

**Target areas:** Jenin, East Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron and the Gaza Strip.

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**Objective:** To provide a range of sustainable services and inputs to both small ruminants herders and vulnerable farming households in the WBGS in order to mitigate the impact of severe conditions on their livelihoods.

**Key partners:** The Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), Palestinian Livestock Development Center, Young Men's Christian Association, Union of Agricultural Work Committees and Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development.

**Beneficiaries reached:** 1 953 households (11 718 individuals).

**Activities implemented:**

- Distributed artificial insemination (AI) equipment and relevant training to 178 herder households and milk processing units to 513 households.
- Provided 1 520 tonnes of mixed fodder to 784 households and various fodder production inputs for growing shrubs in MoA nurseries.
- Provided 71 tonnes of drought tolerant cereal and legume seeds to 513 households.
- Provided veterinary kits to 200 livestock-rearing households.
- Rehabilitated/constructed 20 water cisterns for 60 households and provided 50 communal water reservoirs to 163 households.

**Impact:**

- Fodder distribution has resulted in improved animal health and productivity.
- AI activities have led to increased livestock reproduction and an over increase in the adoption of AI practice in the project areas.
- Improved access to water improve the economic condition of herder households who no longer needed to by tinkered water.