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Project Highlights WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP

"Support to reduce the impact of food insecurity for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip"

Project code: OSRO/GAZ/010/NOR

Donor: Norway

Contribution: NOK 4.6 million (USD 776 502)

Implementation: December 2010 to December 2011

Target areas: Ramallah, Jericho and Gaza Strip.

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Objective:

To improve the food security and livelihoods of targeted vulnerable households through the provision of increased opportunities to generate income and future employment for women and youth.

Key partners:

Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Women's Affairs, selected women's associations, schools and youth clubs and other rural community service providers.

Beneficiaries reached:

420 vulnerable rural youth and 28 Junior Farmer Field and Life School facilitators.

Activities implemented:

- Strengthened local capacities to meet the development needs and priorities of 420 Palestinian youth.
- A total of 28 facilitators were selected and trained, including teachers, youth club personnel and technical experts.
- Improved evidence-based coordination and institutional capacity building in the agriculture and food security sector.
- Supplied ten schools with agricultural tools, soil and seeds needed for implementing the project, as well as an irrigation system and a water tank.

Impact:

- Participating students acquired a number of life skills such as teamwork, planning, cooperation, communication, positive competition, time management, effective dialogue and health awareness.
- Improved students' skills and capacity to carry out income generating activities in rural areas and to improve food production.
- The training for new facilitators provided them with new teaching skills which in turn benefitted the students.
- Women who participated in income generating activities were empowered through the project.