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Project Highlights

WEST BANK & GAZA STRIP

“Mitigation of households food insecurity through backyard food production activities targeting vulnerable women and youth in the West Bank and Gaza Strip”

Project code: OSRO/GAZ/104/CAN

Donor: Canada

Contribution: USD 3 012 613 (CAD 2 890 000)

Implementation: 30/03/11 – 30/09/12

Target areas: 7 governorates in the West Bank and 5 governorates in the Gaza Strip

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Objective:

To mitigate household food insecurity in targeted areas of the West Bank and Gaza Strip through emergency support to backyard food production and income-generating opportunities for women and youth in order to protect and enhance their livelihoods.

Key partners:

Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Women's Development Society and Horizon for Sustainable Development.

Beneficiaries reached:

3 569 households (2 011 beneficiary households from the West Bank and 1 558 beneficiary households from the Gaza Strip).

Activities implemented:

- Distributed 1 028 pregnant ewes and 136 beehive units to beneficiary farmers in the West Bank; and 270 chicken units, 360 rabbit units, 139 fodder packages, 139 veterinary kits, as well as beekeeping inputs to 328 beekeepers and aquaculture inputs to 40 households in the Gaza strip.
- Established 141 water cisterns and 35 gray waste water treatment units, in addition to home garden units for 625 beneficiary households across the project area.
- Trained beneficiary households on activities to improve their skills in relation to the inputs they received, as well as trained 19 women's associations on food processing and marketing.
- Set up junior farmer field and life school (JFFLS) programmes in 22 schools, and supplied each school with agricultural inputs, including a drip irrigation system, 10 kg of potato tuber, 5 kg of onion bulb, 0.2 kg of spinach seed and 0.5 kg of pea seed, in order to establish school gardens.
- Linked 330 students to 11 youth clubs to benefit from sheep and beehive production activities carried out through the project.

Results:

- Contributed to household food security through sheep, chicken, rabbit and beehive production.
- Improved the access and availability of water for more than 175 beneficiary households.
- Built the capacity of 700 students and 44 facilitators on agriculture and life skills through the JFFLS programme.
- Diversified household diets and enabled beneficiaries to generate extra income from the sale of surplus.