## **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**



## Project Highlights WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP

"Emergency support to protect agriculture-based livelihoods in the pastoral areas of West Bank"

Project code: OSRO/GAZ/008/ITA

**Donor:** Republic of Italy

**Contribution:** EUR 1 600 000 (USD 2 196 160)

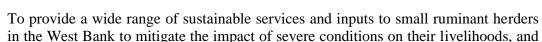
**Implementation:** 1/10/10 - 28/03/12

**Target areas:** Bethlehem, Jericho, East Jerusalem and Tubas districts

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**Objective:** 

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to empower the farmers' associations with access to high quality services and inputs.

Key partners: Ministry of Agriculture, Oxfam Italia, Gruppo di Volontariato Civile, Associazione di

Cooperazione e Solidarietà and Palestinian Livestock Development Center.

**Beneficiaries reached:** Small ruminant herders

**Activities implemented:** • Provided 1 123.76 tonnes of animal fodder to targeted feed centres.

- Established a reproduction centre for small ruminants, and procured eight rams to conduct artificial insemination.
- Set up irrigation systems, constructed a grey wastewater treatment plant, and established two rainwater harvesting cisterns in the project area.
- Established a mobile veterinary clinic in East Jerusalem.
- Set up 148 home gardens.
- Trained project beneficiaries on home gardening, organic farming, integrated pest management, water management, composting production, dairy production and marketing.
- Conducted a desk review of previous assessments and formulated ten project profiles, and held a workshop to present the results of the study and project profiles to key stakeholders.
- Helped herders recover from crop losses.
- Ensured the reproduction of small ruminants continues to be monitored regularly, improving the general health and increasing productivity levels of small ruminants.
- Increased access to veterinary services and enhanced preventative monitoring of epidemic spots in the West Bank.
- Rehabilitated a total of 100 dunums of rangeland and enabled beneficiaries to reuse a significant amount of water for agricultural purposes.
- Decreased food expenses of farming families, allowing them to rely on their own vegetable production.



**Results:**